

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

#### Committee Members Present:

Peter Lindstrom, Chair; Kris Fredson; Phillip Sterner; Susan Vento, Wendy Wulff, Vice Chair; Raymond Zeran

#### Committee Members Absent:

None

#### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lindstrom called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 with the following roll call:

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran  
Absent: 0

Chair's statement was read at the beginning of the meeting as follows:

**NOTICE:** The Metropolitan Council Chair has determined it is not practical or prudent to conduct in-person meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, committee members will participate in this meeting via telephone or other electronic means and the meeting will be conducted under Minnesota Statutes section 13D.021 at the date and time stated above. We encourage you to monitor the meeting remotely. If you have comments, we encourage members of the public to email us at [public.info@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:public.info@metc.state.mn.us). We will respond to your comments in a timely manner.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Without objection the agenda was approved.

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 regular meeting of the Environment Committee.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran  
Nay: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: 1 Vento

**Motion carried.**

#### BUSINESS

**2021-230:** Interceptor Chemical Odor Control System - Contract #20P215A and #20P215B

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Fredson, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute two contracts simultaneously with Rice Lake Construction: contract 20P215A for design-build of an interceptor chemical odor control system in an amount not to exceed \$6,629,950, and contract 20P215B for operations and maintenance services in an amount not to exceed \$35,652,665.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Vento

**Motion carried.**

**2021-231:** Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Renewal – Phase 3, Project 808916  
It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Zeran, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 21P087 with Total Construction & Equipment, Inc. for construction of Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Renewal – Phase 3, Project 808916 in an amount not to exceed \$47,100,000.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1 Vento

**Motion carried.**

**INFORMATION**

1. 2022 Capital Program

Staff presented the proposed Environmental Services 2022 Six Year Capital Program which plans for investing \$1,693,942,525 into the Council’s wastewater treatment plants, interceptors and facilities. The foundational documents for the ES Capital Program are the 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan and the ES Customer Level of Service. The objectives of the capital program are to preserve assets, meet capacity needs and improve the quality of the regional system by responding to more stringent regulation, reusing reclaimed wastewater, increasing system reliability and making ES facilities more energy efficient. The planned program anticipates that about 62% of the investments are in asset preservation, while 15% will be projects to meet capacity needs and 22% will be for projects to improve quality. About 55% of the planned expenditures will be in the wastewater treatment plants and the remaining 45% in the interceptor system.

The 2022 program, estimated at \$227 Million, will be financed using loans from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, Council General Obligation Bonds and Pay-Go. Revenue to pay for debt associated with the ES Capital Program is derived from Municipal Wastewater Charges and Sewer Availability Charges.

Comments and Questions:

Committee Member Sterner asked if the compliance records of existing plants are affected when a new plant goes on-line. General Manager Thompson stated the compliance track record is tied to the permit for the specific plant. Each existing plant retains their compliance record and the new plant starts at the beginning of their permit.

Committee Member Wulff thanked staff for the great work and presentation.

Chair Lindstrom asked for staff to keep the Committee aware of the Scott County project.

2. General Manager Report

No report at this time.

If Committee members have items they would like brought before this committee, please let [leisa.thompson@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:leisa.thompson@metc.state.mn.us) know.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee Meeting of August 24, 2021.

Susan Taylor  
Recording Secretary