

# Minutes

Environment Committee



**Meeting Date:** January 28, 2025

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Steet

## Members Present:

Chair, Peter Lindstrom, D10  
 Vice Chair, Wendy Wulff, D16

Tyronne Carter, District 3  
 Yassin Osman, District 7  
 Anjuli Cameron, District 8

Diego Morales, District 9  
 Gail Cederberg, District 11  
 = present, E = excused

## Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lindstrom called the regular meeting of the Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

## Agenda Approved

It was moved by unanimous consensus to approve the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

## Approval of Minutes

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Morales to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 2025-39)

1. **2025-39: Solid and Industrial Waste for Environmental Services Facilities, Contract 24P149** (John Young, 651-602-8281) proposes that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P149 with Waste Management of Minnesota, LLC to provide solid waste services for the Council in an amount not to exceed \$4,772,250.

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Morales.

**Motion carried.**

## Non-Consent Business

1. **2025-25: Metropolitan WWTP Polymer Procurement, Contract 24P127** (Joe Ward, 651-602-8302)

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 24P127 with Polydyne, Inc., to provide polymer to the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$24,025,000.

**Motion carried.**

2. **2025-3 JT: Advance the 2050 Water Policy Plan for Council Final Adoption** (Jennifer Kostrzewski, 651-602-1078)

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Osman, that the Environment Committee recommends to the Metropolitan Council to accept the public comment report for the 2050 Water Policy Plan and adopt the 2050 Water Policy Plan and the 2050 Metro Area Water Supply Plan as a component of the Imagine 2050.

#### Discussion

Staff noted: An amendment in the proposed action to include, "and the 2050 Metro Area Water Supply Plan as components of the Imagine 2050."

Staff stated: This week is Winter Salt Awareness Week. It is a collaboration of governmental and non-governmental organizations across the United States and Canada. A series of webinars will be offered to explore the impacts of and alternative solutions to chloride in the environment.

Link: (<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/events-and-meetings/winter-salt-week-2025-01-2731>).

**Motion carried.**

## Information

1. **2024 Residential Wastewater Rates** (Matt Gsellmeier 651-602-1802, Aaron Boaitay 651-602-1426)

Staff from Environmental Services Finance & Revenue department presented the 2024 Residential Wastewater Rates. They reviewed key findings, regionwide wastewater costs, national comparisons and projected rate trends.

## Reports

**General Managers Report:** Assistant General Manager, Sam Paske, noted that the US Water Alliance and One Water Summit is opening for registration in early July. This year it will be held in Pittsburg.

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of January 28, 2025.

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