

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting date: September 23, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

☒ Chair, Gail Cederberg, D11
☒ Vice Chair, Wendy Wulff, D16

☒ Tyronne Carter, District 3
☒ Diego Morales, District 9
E Peter Lindstrom, District 10

☒ Mark Jenkins, District 12
E Chai Lee, District 13
☒ = present, E = excused

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

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

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was acknowledged by Council Member Cederberg.

Agenda approved

Chair Cederberg noted a change in order of the information items, confirming that items 1 & 3 would switch in order. Council members did not have any objections. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Carter to approve the minutes of the August 26 2025, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

None at this time.

Non-consent business

1. **2025-212: Lift Station L32A Real Estate Property Acquisition and Condemnation** (Tim Wedin, 651-602-4571)

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council adopt resolution 2025-22 authorizing the acquisition and condemnation of real estate property for the New Lift Station L32A, ES Project No. 809400.

Discussion

CM Jenkins asked: Are we asking permission of the property owner for the use of the property?

Staff responded: We are working with the property owner to acquire rights to access that location. The easements will provide permission to work in that area.

CM Cederberg asked: Are you removing some of the trees out and how are you working with the owner for replacement?

Staff responded: The project will include the removal of some trees in the area. The project will include replanting of some trees and other vegetation in the affected area.

Motion carried.

2. **2025-213: Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing on the Draft Facility Plan for the Interceptor 8253-327 Forcemain Improvements Phase 2** (Dan Fick, 651-602-1061)

It was moved by CM Carter, seconded by CM Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing to be held in December 2025 to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the Interceptor 8253-327 Forcemain Improvements, Phase 2, ES Project No. 802806.

Discussion

CM Carter asked: How far back does the history of high flows go in this area?

Staff responded: I can't answer that question specifically. But, generally, with water conservation, base flows have been dropping; while, with the trend toward more heavy rainfall, the peak flows are becoming higher. However, this project is not driven by capacity issues.

CM Wulff asked: Is the public hearing going to be held nearby the project?

Staff responded: It will be in the neighborhood of the project. The exact location hasn't been set yet.

Motion carried.

3. **2025-214: Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP) with University, Interagency Agreement 14I007, Amendment Six** (Greg Johnson, 651-602-1016)

It was moved by CM Jenkins, seconded by CM Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute the contract amendment for the contract with the Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP) at the University of Minnesota. This amendment will increase the contract value from \$1,062,500, by \$225,000, for a new total contract not-to-exceed value of \$1,287,500. Amendment 06 also extends the Interagency Agreement by two years, changing the end date from 12/31/2025 to 12/31/2027. The University of Minnesota's proposed funding request is attached to this memorandum.

Discussion

CM Wulff asked: Is there any way to get an idea of what industries have done overtime? It would nice to know what has been implemented over the first year.

Staff responded: We receive a quarterly report from the U of M that we can share with you.
CM Jenkins asked: Have any of the interns worked for us or any of our partners in the region?
Staff responded: I am unsure but can get that info to you.

Motion carried.

Information

1. **Imagine 2050 Outcomes Measurement Program – 2050 Policy Outcomes Measurement** (Maureen Hoffman 651-602-8026, Steve Kloiber 651-602-1616, Jen Kostrzewski 651-602-1078)

Staff presented the 2050 Water Policy Plan. The presentation included a recap of the Water Policy Plan, local policy alignment, and the measurement outcomes program. The presentation concluded with next steps.

2. **Interceptor System Condition Assessment Program** (Adam Gordon 651-602-4503)

Staff presented the Interceptor System Condition Assessment Program. The presentation included condition assessments/prioritization as well as updates on each program; meter, odor control, lift station and pipeline assessment.

3. **Regional System Capacity Planning** (Kyle Colvin 651-602-1151)-(This items was moved to the 10/14/25 meeting)

Reports

1. Chair
2. Committee
3. General Manager

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of September 23, 2025.

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