

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting date: October 14, 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
- ☒ Peter Lindstrom, District 10

- ☒ Mark Jenkins, District 12
- ☐ 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 read by Council Member Cederberg.

Agenda approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Carter to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2025, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

None at this time.

Non-consent business

1. **2025-265: Programmable Logic Controller Procurement – 25P004** (Mark Lundgren, 651-602-1868)

It was moved by CM Jenkins, seconded by CM Morales, that the Metropolitan Council

authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 25P004 with Border States Industries, Inc. to provide programmable logic controller components for Environmental Services Water Resource Recovery Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$1,024,667.89.

Discussion

CM Lindstrom asked: Was Border States the recipient of the contract in the previous year? Why was there only one bidder on the contract?

Staff responded: Yes, they were the recipient of the previous contract. The amount of parts we order at one time is quite large. Border States has the ability to fulfill an order of this size. Jody Jacoby, Chief Procurement Officer clarified that Council is able to solicit competitive quotes from multiple distributors. Border States, one of the known distributors, is one of many plan holders for this solicitation. When procurement contacted other plan holders as part of the competitive determination analysis, some indicated that they chose not to submit a proposal because they did not think they could compete based on tiered pricing they had received.

CM Jenkins: Are there any upgrades to the equipment we are replacing?

Staff responded: Yes, they are smaller and more powerful than the equipment they are replacing.

CM Carter asked: What is the projected lifespan for the replacements?

Staff responded: They will last another 15 years.

Motion carried.

2. 2025-266: High Strength Waste Hauling, Contract 25P064 (Heidi Hutter, 651-602-1026)

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P064 with Schlomka's Vac Truck Services, Inc. for hauling high strength waste from Kemps LLC to either the Empire or the Metropolitan Water Resource Recovery Facility in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

Discussion

CM Cederberg asked: Are we neutral on the finances of this agreement?

Staff responded: Yes, it was financially advantageous for us to enter into this agreement.

CM Jenkins asked: Is this a new agreement or a renewal?

Staff responded: This is a renewal.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Regional System Capacity Planning (Kyle Colvin, 651-602-1151)

Staff from Wastewater Planning and Community Programs presented Regional System Capacity Planning. This presentation included updates on State Statute and Met Council policies, requirements to be served by the Regional Wastewater System, availability of regional system capacity, as well as system capacity enhancements in its Regional Wastewater System Capital Program to address capacity needs.

Reports

1. Chair
2. Committee
3. General Manager

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of October 14, 2025.

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