

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting date: August 26, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

E 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 Wulff 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 Wulff.

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 July 08, 2025, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

None at this time.

Non-consent business

1. **2025-198 SW: White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan, Contract 24P056-Amendment 1** (Judy Sventek, 651-602-

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Lindstrom, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute an amendment for contract 24P056A-C that

will add \$450,000 for water supply studies and technical analyses for the White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan as follows:

| Contractor | Contract Number | Current Contract Amount | Contract Amendment Amount | Revised Contract Amount |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Barr Engineering | 24P056A | \$500,000 | \$250,000 | \$750,000 |
| Kimley-Horn | 24P056B | \$500,000 | \$100,000 | \$600,000 |
| SEH | 24P056C | \$500,000 | \$100,000 | \$600,000 |

Discussion

- CM Jenkins asked: How does this connect with Project 1007?
- Staff responded: The 3M Settlement agreement requires the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to conduct a source assessment and feasibility study regarding the role of Project 1007 in the conveyance of PFAs in the environment. The results of the study will help evaluate the potential actions to address PFAs. This study is being looked at to determine if the treated water could be reused in the East Metro Area which needs to be considered with the other options we are looking at for the White Bear Lake Project.
- CM Lindstrom asked: Will this additional funding be used to fund additional studies or complete the current ones?
- Staff responded: These will be funding some new studies but will also be needed to finalize and complete some of the currently proposed studies.

Motion carried.

2. 2025-210: Master Contracts for Sustainability Services, Contract Project No. 24P275

It was moved by CM Jenkins, seconded by CM Carter, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts 24P275A-D for technical consultant services that will support Environmental Services Water Sustainability program in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 as follows:

| Contractor | Contract Number | Contract Amount |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Barr Engineering | 24P275A | \$1,100,000 |
| Kimley-Horn & Associates | 24P275B | \$1,100,000 |
| HDR Engineering | 24P275C | \$1,100,000 |
| Carollo Engineers | 24P275D | \$700,000 |

Motion carried.

Information

1. Intern Presentations (Alison Wayman, Evan Lesser, Peter Miller, Faizan Bhutto, Lucy Jones)

Staff from Workforce & Equity introduced the 2025 Environmental Services intern capstone presentations. The Metropolitan Council's Internship Program offers an assortment of



opportunities for interns to partner with Met Council employees from various departments and job sites. The program is designed to provide mentorship and professional development through on-the-job training.

- Alison Wayman, Wastewater Planning and Community Programs Intern, Municipal Wastewater Charge (MWC) Data Analysis
- Evan Lesser, ES-OSS-PERDAQ Intern, Sludge Dewatering Optimization
- Peter Miller, Water Policy and Planning Intern, Streamlining Water Resources
- Faizan Bhutto, Business Analyst Intern – Asset Management, SCADA + WAM Integration
- Lucy Jones, Wastewater Process Engineering Intern, PERDAQ, R&D: Blue Lake Phosphorus Removal Optimization & Seneca Chlorine Demand

2. **2026 Capital Program** (Kyle Colvin 651-602-1151, Rene Heflin 651-602-1077, Adam Gordon 651-602-4503)

Staff from the Wastewater Planning and Community Development team presented the 2026 Capital Program. The presentation begun with a program overview. It included detailed information on wastewater system planning, water resource recovery facility projects, and interceptor projects. The presentation concluded with a projected schedule and Q&A for committee members.

Reports

Chair

Committee Members

General Manager

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:52 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 26, 2025.

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