

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Committee Members Present:

Sandy Rummel, Chair, Karla Peterson, Todd Gerhardt, Phil Klein, Susan Morris, Catherine Neuschler, Michael Robinson, Jamie Schurbon

Committee Members Absent:

Patty Acomb, Jeffrey Berg, Mark Daleiden, Jeanne Daniels, Georg Fischer, Glen Gerads, Dean Lotter, Steve Schneider, Lisa Volbrecht

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was not present. Committee Chair Sandy Rummel began the regular meeting of the Council's Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee 10:08 a.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2018.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

A quorum not being present, the agenda was not approved.

A quorum not being present, minutes were not approved and will be carried forward to the next regular meeting of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee for consideration and approval.

FOLLOW UP FROM AUGUST 21, 2018 MEETING

Letters to Legislative Water Commission:

Ms. Ross updated the committee regarding the process to provide input to the Legislative Water Commission on their draft recommendations for groundwater and drinking water strategies. The final letters were available for members to review.

LUAC/MAWSAC Coordination:

An update was provided regarding the Land Use Advisory Committee's (LUAC) interest in committee collaboration, including LUAC's response to a presentation on source water protection. Areas of shared MAWSAC-LUAC interest and responsibilities were shared.

Source Water Protection Policies:

Ms. Ross shared information about Council's existing source water protection-related policies, supporting strategies, and desired outcomes.

Discussion:

Metropolitan Council staff led the Committee in a discussion of lessons learned in the process to develop letters to the Legislative Water Commission. It was followed by a discussion of source water protection.

RESOURCES FOR FUTURE WORK: 2019-2020 CLEAN WATER FUND REQUEST:

Water Efficiency Overview - Dave Brown, Metropolitan Council

Mr. Brown shared information about water efficiency goals and work to achieve them. Local examples were highlighted.

2019-2020 Metropolitan Council Clean Water Fund Request – Ali Elhassan, Metropolitan Council

Mr. Elhassan shared information about the Clean Water Fund appropriation request development and approval process, along with details about the Metropolitan Council's 2019-2020 Clean Water Fund request to support regional water supply sustainability.

Discussion

Metropolitan Council staff led the Committee in a discussion regarding water efficiency efforts and MAWSAC support for the Metropolitan Council's Clean Water Fund request.

UPCOMING MAWSAC MILESTONES:

- Opportunities for input to LUAC meetings
Council Member Commers, chair of the Land Use Advisory Committee shared with the Committee that LUAC has been having high level dialogue about concerns related to water supply as it has been one of the strongest themes in LUAC conversations. There has been good work done with both MAWSAC and LUAC. LUAC desires to continue working together. Lanya Ross and Debra Detrick, staff supporting MAWSAC and LUAC, will continue to support collaborative efforts.
- Committee member interviews in lieu of next meeting
Staff is compiling information for new Council and Committee members. Is there anything that should be included that would be representative of MAWSAC? Committee members should forward ideas to lanya.ross@metc.state.mn.us.

UPDATES FROM MEMBERS

MAWSAC members are provided an opportunity to share updates of activities they are involved in that other members should be aware of.

Shared updates included:

- Comprehensive plans are being worked on.
- No other activities were shared at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting concluded at 12:46 p.m.

Susan Taylor
Recording Secretary