

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Peter Lindstrom, Chair; Kris Fredson; Phillip Sterner; Wendy Wulff, Vice Chair; Raymond Zeran

Committee Members Absent:

Susan Vento

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lindstrom called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:01 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 with the following roll call:

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
Absent: 1 Vento

Chair's statement was read at the beginning of the meeting as follows:

NOTICE: The Metropolitan Council Chair has determined it is not practical or prudent to conduct in-person meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, committee members will participate in this meeting via telephone or other electronic means and the meeting will be conducted under Minnesota Statutes section 13D.021 at the date and time stated above. We encourage you to monitor the meeting remotely. If you have comments, we encourage members of the public to email us at public.info@metc.state.mn.us. We will respond to your comments in a timely manner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Without objection the agenda was approved.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Sterner to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 regular meeting of the Environment Committee.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1 Vento

Motion carried.

CONSENT BUSINESS

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Item 2021-286 SW JT, 2021-287)

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Fredson to approve the consent agenda business items.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 Vento

Motion carried.

2021-286 SW: Janitorial Services at the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant, Contract 21P196

Requests that Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 21P196 with FBG Service Corporation (FBG) to provide janitorial services for the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$718,673. This is a same week request for approval due to the current contract extension terminating at the end of the month.

2021-287: Municipal Solid Waste and Industrial Waste for Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Facilities, Contract 20P289A

Requests that Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 20P289A with Waste Management of Minnesota, Inc. to provide solid waste services at MCES facilities for an amount not to exceed \$2,381,085.

NON-CONSENT BUSINESS

2021-285 SW: Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Sheetmetal Services at MCES Facilities, Contract 21P273

It was moved by Zeran, seconded by Sterner, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 21P273 with UHL Company to provide Heating, Ventilation, & Air-Conditioning (HVAC) as needed services for MCES facilities in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. This is a same week request for approval due to the current contract extension terminating at the end of the month.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 Vento

Motion carried.

2021-288: Turfgrass Irrigation Efficiency Project with University of Minnesota Turfgrass Science Program, Contract 15I103, Amendment Four

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Zeran, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute the contract amendment for contract 15I103 with the University of Minnesota for continuation of educating citizens of the Twin Cities metro area about lawn water conservation by reinforcing current outreach efforts and creating new educational materials for homeowners in the form of online videos, signs, pamphlets, and in-person workshops. This amendment will be in the amount of \$378,745, for a total contract not to exceed value of \$969,950.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 Vento

Motion carried.

2021-289: Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing on the Draft Facility Plan for the Hastings Wastewater Treatment Plant, MCES Project 809800

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Zeran, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes a Public Hearing on January 5, 2022 to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the Hastings Wastewater Treatment Plant, MCES Project No. 809800.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 Vento

Motion carried.

2021-290: Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Final Stabilization Facility and Solids Renewal, Project 807858

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Sterner, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 21P189 with Pioneer Power for Construction of the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Final Stabilization Facility and Solids Renewal in an amount not to exceed \$4,622,202.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 Vento

Motion carried.

2021-291: Lift Station L24 Renovation and Forcemain 7020 Replacement, Waconia Forcemain 7508 Phase 3, Contract 21P009

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Zeran, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 21P009 with Geislinger and Sons, Inc. to construct the Lift Station L24 Renovation and Forcemain 7020 Replacement, Waconia Forcemain 7508 Phase 3, in an amount not to exceed \$19,059,145.54.

Aye: 5 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 Vento

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan Update

Staff presented an update on efforts regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluations conducted from June 2019 to December 2019. The evaluation reviewed all Council facilities for compliance with the ADA design standards for physical accessibility which included parking lots, tour routes, building entrances, and bathrooms. The Council created an ADA Transition Plan to detail its efforts to address the findings.

Comments and Questions:

Chair Lindstrom stated sounds like progress is being made.
Committee Member Sterner appreciates the work being done for citizens of the region.
Staff stated work will continue on this project for some time to continue addressing needs.

2. General Manager Report

Agenda was packed with a great deal of work being done addressing our strategic goal areas of sustainable communities, sustainable services, and sustainable infrastructure. Information was shared about how we are working with our partners to conserve and utilize the region's groundwater and surface water in ways that protect public health and support economic growth and development. In addition, information was shared on how we are ensuring we will have reliable,

affordable wastewater infrastructure. It provides the best long term, regional value these projects are going to be pretty exciting to see unfold. The Hastings plant has been discussed for some time and it will be good to move the project forward.

We look forward to providing further updates on our strategic goal accomplishments after the first of the year to keep you apprised of the great work that is occurring.

If Committee members have items they would like brought before this committee, please let leisa.thompson@metc.state.mn.us know.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed the meeting adjourned at 5:12 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 26, 2021.

Susan Taylor
Recording Secretary