

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA WATER SUPPLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

#### Committee Members Present:

Sandy Rummel, Chair, Barry Stock, Dean Lotter, Georg Fischer, Jamie Schurbon, Jeff Berg, Julie Ekman, Katrina Kessler, Mark Daleiden, Patty Acomb, Todd Gerhardt

#### Committee Members Absent:

Chuck Haas, Glen Gerads, Lisa Vollbrecht, Michael Robinson, Randy Ellingboe, Steve Schneider, Susan Morris

#### CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Sandy Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee to order at 10:06 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

Those present introduced themselves.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Jamie Schurbon, seconded by Mark Daleiden to approve the agenda of the September 16, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Barry Stock, seconded by Mark Daleiden to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried.**

#### APPROVAL OF MASTER WATER SUPPLY PLAN, Lanya Ross, MCES

Lanya Ross, Principal Environmental Scientist, indicated today's meeting was to seek approval of the Master Water Supply Plan. Work has been done over the past month to incorporate all of the public comments received, which have been included in the newly revised Master Water Supply Plan since the last meeting. An updated report on public comments was provided to the committee with exception of all of the letters for size reasons but were provided to the committee in the prior version received. Yellow and green highlights were seen in the online version and were clarified as areas where changes were made.

No questions were asked by the Committee on changes.

#### Committee Member Comments and Questions:

I want to complement the staff on how they did take in to account all the recommendation received from the various cities, counties and private individuals and made the plan more comfortable and friendlier to work with for everybody. I think they did a great job. *Mark Daleiden, Wright County*

We noted at Environment Committee at the caliber of the comments from the cities, counties, and agencies took the time to read carefully and pick up things that were nuanced but other times were clarifications that needed to be said. Staff was responsive to the comments and to the people who need to use it. I too was impressed with that. *Sandy Rummel, Metropolitan Council District 11*

I was the only member here today who was on the Committee since the beginning of the process and remember the 2010 plan. I felt it was a fairly good plan, but not as all-inclusive as this plan. I commend the staff and have been through a lot of review processes. I have not seen a review process that has had so much opportunity for public input, comment and review and how receptive the committee and staff has been to including all of the comments in to the plan which, as Mr. Daleiden stated, makes it a much more friendly version that has buy in from all of the partners. *Barry Stock, City of Savage*

It was moved by Barry Stock, seconded by Mark Daleiden to approve the 2015 Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Master Water Supply Plan, which updates the plan adopted in March 2010; and recommend that the Metropolitan Council Environment Committee and full Council adopt the plan. **Motion carried.**

Chair Rummel thanked everyone who has helped work through the Plan. It has been a long process and everyone has hung together and because of you it is a better product and will be useful for all of us.

Ali Elhassan addressed the committee members stating, "Committee members I would like to commend you on approving the updated Master Water Supply Plan and thank all of you for the support and contribution for the success of the update of this plan. It has been a two year journey of continuous effort from all of you that entailed dedication and hard work to ensure that we are on the right path for sustainable water supplies for generations to come in the metro area. Through your thoughtful discussions and guidance, my staff and I were able to develop a plan that is accepted by the region and will support sustainable development and prosperity of the region.

The plan is a living document that needs to adapt to continuous physical, political and regulatory changes in our water systems; it is the start of an even longer journey toward sustainability. With the new responsibilities that the legislature directed MAWSAC to take, your future contributions in shaping water supply policies in the region will be very valuable. My staff, Environmental Services and the Council are in debt for your leadership and dedication and we are looking forward to continue working with you in the future. Future generations can count on safe, affordable and abundant water through our collaborative work."

A meeting will be scheduled in October to begin formulating bylaws according to the new requirements of the Minnesota Statute. Following that, in early 2016, meetings will be focused on formatting and selecting the Community Technical Work Group that will assist MAWSAC perform its duties.

The helpfulness received from the community and region has been immense on this project. It is the beginning of working together towards the strategies and will make this become real. We want to continue to nurture that as we move forward. *Leisa Thompson, MCES General Manager*

Chair Rummel stated a new copy of the Master Water Supply Plan was provided in the materials to Committee members today as well as a summary of the discussion held during the September 9, 2015 meeting on how we arrived at the decision to accomplish today's meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Susan Taylor  
Recording Secretary