

# **Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

**Committee Members Present:** Sandy Rummel–Chair, Harry Melander, Edward Reynoso, Lona Schreiber, Gary Van Eyll

**Absent:** Wendy Wulff–Vice-Chair, John Đoàn

## **CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:03 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2013.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Melander, to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Van Eyll, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2013 regular meeting of the Committee. **Motion carried.**

## **OTHER**

### **CenterPoint Rebate**

Carol Mordorski, Principal Engineer, provided background on the Blue Lake WWTP anaerobic digester system and details on biogas as renewable energy. The biogas system replaces the need for natural gas to power the Blue Lake facility and saves approximately \$500,000/year that would otherwise be spent on natural gas. CenterPoint Energy presented staff with a \$150,000 rebate check.

## **BUSINESS**

### **2013-191 Authorization to Execute a Power Purchase Agreement and Land Lease for Solar Energy at Blue Lake WWTP**

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and Land Lease with Oak Leaf Energy Partners, LLC (Oak Leaf), contingent on staff providing additional information prior to the July 24 Council meeting regarding using Minnesota-manufactured solar panels, utilization of DBE firms and local labor, and payment of prevailing wages.

**Motion carried.**

### **2013-192 Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for Metro Trailer Holding Building Renovation; Metro MCC Room HVAC Rehabilitation; Metro F&I No. 1 Building Demolition and Double Barrel Phase 2; Elevator Upgrades at Metro, RMF and Seneca; and Metro Water System Improvements; MCES Project Nos. 805997, 805931, 800719, 805992, 805924, 806960 and 805962, Contract No. 13P033**

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a Construction Contract for Contract No. 13P033, with Rice Lake Construction Group for its low, responsive bid of \$15,877,000.

**Motion carried.**

### **2013-193 Adoption of Facility Plan for Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Processing Improvements, MCES Project No. 807400, Resolution No. 2013-9**

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Improvements, MCES Project No. 807400, by formal Council resolution 2013-9.

**Motion carried.**

#### **2013-194 Authorization to Award and Execute Construction Inspection Contracts**

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute five-year contracts for construction inspection services, in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 each, with HR Green, Stantec, Bolton & Menk, TKDA, and Foth Infrastructure & Environment.

**Motion carried.**

#### **2013-195 Authorization to Award and Execute Construction Contract 12P079B for East Bethel Reclaimed Water Distribution System, Project Number 801623**

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the East Bethel Reclaimed Water Distribution System, Project Number 801623, Contract 12P079B, with S.M. Hentges and Sons Inc. for its low responsive bid of \$8,162,824.07.

**Motion carried.**

#### **2013-196 Authorization to Acquire Permanent/Temporary Easements and File Condemnation Petitions, Minneapolis 1-MN-341 and 1-MN-344 Interceptor Improvements, Resolution 2013-10**

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Reynoso, that the Metropolitan Council pass Resolution 2013-10 that authorizes acquisition of permanent/temporary easements necessary for the Minneapolis 1-MN-341 and 1-MN-344 Interceptor Improvements; and authorizes Council legal staff to initiate condemnation proceedings for those parcels staff cannot acquire by negotiation.

**Motion carried.**

#### **2013-197 Adoption of MCES 2014 Wastewater Rates and Charges**

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council adopts the following wastewater rates and charges to be effective January 1, 2014:

- Metropolitan Wastewater Charge (total of municipal wastewater charges) of **\$184,188,000**,
- Sewer Availability Charge (SAC): **\$2,485** per Residence or Residential Equivalent Capacity,
- Temporary Capacity Charge: **\$1.25** per thousand gallons,
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.185** per excess pound of TSS (total suspended solids),
- Industrial Strength Charge: **\$.0925** per excess pound of COD (chemical oxygen demand),
- Standard Load Charge: **\$54.71** per thousand gallons,
- Holding Tank Load Charge: **\$9.60** per thousand gallons,
- Portable Toilet Waste Load Charge: **\$70.26** per thousand gallons,
- Collar County Load Charge: **\$69.71** per thousand gallons,
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge: **\$.373** per excess pound of TSS,
- Strength component of Industrial Load Charge: **\$.1865** per excess pound of COD,
- Out-of-Region Load Charge Component for hauled waste: **\$15.00** per thousand gallons, and
- Industrial Permit Fees as shown on Attachment A.
- I/I Surcharge Exceedance Rate: **\$407,000** per million gallons /day (rate of measured flow).

Further, that the Metropolitan Council un-designates the \$11 million in wastewater operating reserves currently designated for potential SAC shift.

**Motion carried.**

#### **2013-198 Direction to Hold Public Meeting on a Proposed Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) Grant Program Design**

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Environment Committee directs staff to hold a formal public meeting to gather input and discuss the proposed grant program design for a \$1 million Infiltration/Inflow Grant Program..

**Motion carried.**

## **INFORMATION**

### **General Manager's Report**

Leisa Thompson announced that the July 23, 2013 Environment Committee meeting will be canceled.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Susan Harder, Recording Secretary