

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

None

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, April 13, 2021 with the following roll call:

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

Governor Walz notice was read at the beginning of the meeting as follows:

NOTICE: Governor Walz has declared a peacetime emergency (Emergency Executive Order 20-01) in response to COVID-19 and the Metropolitan Council Chair has determined it is not practical or prudent to conduct an in-person meetings for reasons stated in the Governor's Emergency Executive Order. 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 agenda was approved.

It was moved by Sterner seconded by Vento to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021, regular meeting of the Environment Committee.

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

CONSENT BUSINESS

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Item 2021-67 JT)

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

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

1. 2021-67: City of Savage 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22423-1

Requests that the Metropolitan Council the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Savage’s Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Direct Council staff to initiate discussions with the City related to the acquisition of the trunk sewer system that is to provide service to Credit River within 12-months after the local adoption of its comprehensive sewer plan.
3. Require the City to:
 - a. Submit to the Council a copy of the Big Sky Lift Station Feasibility Study.
 - b. Submit to the Council a copy of the intercommunity service agreement between the City and Credit River, once executed, that clearly define how costs associated with the municipal wastewater charges are to be collected or reimbursed by the two communities.

NON-CONSENT BUSINESS

2. 2021-89: Metro Lime Kiln Dust, Contract 20P299

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Vento that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract to Omni Materials Inc. for lime kiln dust delivered to the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant. This contract will be for a period of four years with a total procurement not to exceed \$1,476,000.

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
 Nay: 0
 Absent: 0

Motion carried.

3. 2021-90 SW: Minneapolis East Interceptor Control Gate Structure Rehabilitation Contract, Contract 20P291

It was moved by Fredson, seconded by Zeran that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for Minneapolis East Interceptor (MEI) Control Gate Rehabilitation Project 807643, Contract 20P291, to PCiRoads, LLC for the rehabilitation of six underground flow control facilities in an amount not to exceed \$13,999,225.

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
 Nay: 0
 Absent: 0

Motion carried.

4. 2021-91: Authorization to Acquire Real Property Along Third Street and Commercial Street

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Fredson that the Metropolitan Council authorize the acquisition of all easements and fee interests necessary for the ongoing maintenance of the 1-MS-100 interceptor sewer, liquid waste receiving operations and future construction to rehabilitate the

interceptor and associated facilities in the vicinity of Third Street and Commercial Street in the City of Saint Paul, and adjacent to the Bruce Vento Regional Trail and Nature Sanctuary (Subject Area).

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

Motion carried.

5. 2021-92: Adopt Facility Plan for the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, MCES Project No. 809700

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Vento that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, MCES Project No. 809700 per Resolution No. 2021-15.

Aye: 6 Lindstrom, Fredson, Vento, Sterner, Wulff, Zeran
Nay: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. General Manager Report

COVID cases are spiking in Minnesota. 1st quarter of 2021 MCES had 6 positive cases. For the month of April there have been 9 cases.

Vaccine Update: Vaccination opportunities have been offered to our wastewater staff who were identified as 1B in vaccination priority. There was one event in partnership with Dakota County held April 5th and another opportunity this week, sign up information was sent to employees. A non-scientific voluntary information from employees shows that we have roughly 35% of our frontline wastewater staff vaccinated or in the process of being vaccinated.

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 4:50 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee Meeting of April 13, 2021.

Susan Taylor
Recording Secretary