

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting Date: April 12, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Members Present:

- Chair, Peter Lindstrom D11
- Vice Chair, Wendy Wulff D16

- Raymond Zeran, District 9
- Susan Vento, District 11

- Kris Fredson, District 14
- Phillip Sterner, District 15
- = present

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lindstrom called the regular meeting of the Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on the following roll call.

Present	6	Lindstrom, Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran
Absent	0	

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

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 interactive technology 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.

Agenda Approved

Without objection the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried** on the following roll call vote.

Aye	5	Fredson, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran
Nay	0	
Absent	0	
Abstain	1	Lindstrom (absent from prior meeting)

Consent Business

None at this time

Non-Consent Business

1. 2022-96: Water Supply Technical Analyses & Outreach for Engineering Services, Master Contract 21P230

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Zeran, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute master contracts 21P230A for \$266,666

with Barr Engineering, Inc., 21P230B for \$266,666 with HDR, Inc., and 21P230C for \$266,666 with Kimley-Horn, Inc. to provide engineering support for water supply planning for a total not to exceed procurement value of \$800,000.

Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

Information

None at this time.

Reports

General Manager Report

Our budget cycle for 2023 is underway and we have a few dates to share with you:

May 10 – Preliminary Budget presented to the Environment Committee

May 26 – Online/Virtual Customer Forum and Open House – Intro by Chair Zelle

June 7 - Online/Virtual Customer Forum and Open House – Intro by Chair Lindstrom

July 12 – Share feedback from customer forums with EC and EC approve ES Rates and Charges

July 27 – Met Council approve ES Rates and Charges

In addition, our Council offices will be reopening to the public on April 25 as well as in person Council meetings. The Environment Committee meeting on April 26 will be held in Chambers at Robert Street. We look forward to seeing everyone in person after 2-years of virtual meetings.

Recommendations for future information items requested by Committee Member Vento include:

1. Water level in White Bear Lake
2. PFAS in the Metro area as well as other areas of Minnesota

Chair Lindstrom commented that the 2021 Performance Report has been posted to the Council's external website. Committee Members and members of the public are encouraged to review the report which is posted at <https://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water/Planning/Report-2021.aspx>.

Chair Lindstrom mentioned a student at Eden Prairie High School who recently won honorable mention in a C-SPAN competition regarding PFAS, would be another addition for future consideration and presentation.

General Manager Thompson will follow up with staff to determine potential presentation dates.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:32 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 12, 2022.

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