Minutes

Environment Committee

Meeting date: May 12, 2026 **Time**: 4:00 PM **Location:** 390 Robert Street

Members present:

☒Chair, Gail Cederberg, D11
E Vice Chair, Wendy Wulff, D16
☒ Tyronne Carter, District 3
☒Diego Morales, District 9
☒Peter Lindstrom, District 10
☒ Mark Jenkins, District 12
☒Chai Lee, District 13
☒ = present, E = excused

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Cederberg called the regular meeting of the Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Council Member N/A.

Agenda approved

Council members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by CM Moreles, seconded by CM Lindstrom to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried**.

Consent business

Non-consent business

1. **2026-94**: **Orono Interceptor 7113 Improvements, Contract 25P335**

   It was moved by CM Carter, seconded by CM Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 25P335 with Meyer Contracting Inc. for the construction of the Orono Interceptor 7113 Improvements in an amount not to exceed $25,657,165.46.

   Discussion

   Discussion about the age and pipe material and how that will inform pipe material used for construction on the new forcemain. Dan Fick explained why the new pipe is being constructed on a new alignment, away from old pipe's alignment along the lake shore and county road 15.

   Motion carried.

2. **2026-95 SW**: **Awards for the 2026-2028 Water Efficiency Grant Program**

   It was moved by CM Moreles, seconded by CM Lindstrom, that the Environment Committee approve Business Item 2026-95 SW and recommend that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute the 2026-2028 Water Efficiency Grant Program awards up to the recommended award amount in Attachment A to the total amount of $1,399,000. And that any remaining or returned funds will be redistributed to participating municipalities at staff's discretion.

   Discussion

   Henry explained why the one city that was denied a grant was determined to not meet the criteria of the program and how they were informed of the decision. Chair Cederberg inquired about how many new cities applied for the grant program.

   Motion carried.

Information

Reports

Chair Cederburg thanks ES staff for their services as last week was council appreciation week.

CM Lindstrom presented to a group of senior citizens in Roseville about the Met Council last week.

GM Thompson gave a report about ES budget meetings with community partners and the ES budget timing.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of May 12, 2026.

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