

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting date: September 22, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- ☒ Chair, Gail Cederberg, D11
- ☒ Vice Chair, Wendy Wulff, D16

- E Tyronne Carter, District 3
- E 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 noted by Council Member Cederberg.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Jenkins to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2026, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

None at this time.

Non-consent business

1. **2026-174: Authorization to Hold Public Hearing on Draft Facility Plan for the 1-MH-401 River Crossing, Project Number 809526** (Chad Davison, 651-775-5108)

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Lee, that the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the 1-MH-401 River Crossing, Project Number 809526.

Discussion

The Committee received an overview of the proposed 1-MH-401 River Crossing Facility Plan, which addresses the need to maintain regional wastewater conveyance capacity and reliability. The existing river crossing is heavily corroded, lacks redundancy, cannot be adequately cleaned or inspected, and has insufficient capacity for future flows; the project proposes installation of three new siphon barrels crossing the Mississippi River. Staff outlined the anticipated public hearing process, with a hearing expected November 30, 2026 or later and final Facility Plan adoption anticipated in January 2027.

Motion carried.

2. **2026-175: Authorization to Hold Public Hearing on Draft Facility Plan for the Maple Plain 8352 Forcemain Improvements, Project Number 802803** (Chris Remus, 651-602-4538)

It was moved by CM Jenkins, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the Maple Plain 8352 Forcemain Improvements, Project Number 802803.

Discussion

The Committee received an overview of the proposed Maple Plain 8352 Forcemain Improvements, which are intended to maintain regional wastewater conveyance capacity and improve system reliability. The project includes installation of approximately 7,100 linear feet of 16-inch pipe in the west segment and 8,400 linear feet of 16-inch pipe in the east segment, with design and construction funding planned in the 2026 Capital Program. Staff outlined a public hearing process beginning with anticipated authorization on October 14, 2026, followed by a public hearing and final Facility Plan adoption.

Motion carried.

3. **2026-176: Chanhassen Interceptor 8253-327 Improvements - Real Estate Property Acquisition and Condemnation** (Dan Fick, 651-602-1061)

1. It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Lee, that the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2026-12 authorizing the acquisition and condemnation of real estate property for the Chanhassen Interceptor 8253-327 Improvements Phase 2, ES Project No. 802806.

2. Discussion

3. The Committee reviewed the Chanhassen Interceptor 8253-327 Improvements, including construction of a full-length, full-capacity redundant forcemain and rehabilitation of existing structures and the existing forcemain as needed. Additional improvements include new meters at L21 and interconnect and flow-rerouting facilities, with approximately 47 temporary and 17 permanent easements anticipated.

Motion carried.

4. **2026-177: Forest Lake 7029 Rehabilitation, Contract 25P345** (Paul Herubin, 651-602- 4518)

It was moved by CM Lee and seconded by CM Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 25P345 with SAK Construction for the construction of the Forest Lake 7029 Rehabilitation in an amount not to exceed \$13,765,683.



Discussion

The Committee reviewed the Forest Lake 7029 Rehabilitation project, which addresses deterioration of the interceptor originally constructed in the early 1970s and serving the City of Forest Lake and Columbus Township. Improvements include Cured-in-Place Pipe rehabilitation of approximately 12,000 feet of 36-inch interceptor, rehabilitation of 23 manholes, replacement of 66 feet of 36-inch FRP pipe, and reconstruction of six manholes. Four bids were received, with SAK Construction submitting the low responsive and responsible bid of \$13,765,683.00, and construction is anticipated to begin in winter 2027 with final completion in fall 2029.

Motion carried.

Information

1. **Environmental Services (ES) Interns Project Showcase** (Othman Zaimi, 651-602-8368)

The Summer Internship Cohort was conducted in collaboration with the Workforce Development Team and included 17 Environmental Services interns. Eight interns were extended for an additional six months to one year, and six interns presented their project showcases to the Committee. The presenting interns were Lucia Zuvela (Surface Water Planning), Sabrina Thompson and Damien Blake (Technical Writing), Katie Polik (Surface Water Data Analysis), Lunetta Osterhaus (Water Supply Planning), and Shayle Magdziarz (Facility, East Business Unit).

Reports

1. Chair
2. Committee
3. General Manager

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at -5:39 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of September 22, 2026.

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