

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting date: January 27, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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

☒ 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 read by Council Member Wulff.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by CM Jenkins, seconded by CM Lindstrom to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

Consent Business Adopted (Item 2026-28 SW)

1. **2026-28 SW: Amendment Three to Contract 21P247 - Mechanical Pipefitting Services for all Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) Facilities** (John Tierney, 651-602-8307) Proposes that the Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Amendment Three to Contract 21P247 with Corval Constructors Inc. to provide pipefitting services in an amount not to exceed \$9.3 million (an increase of \$500,000).

It was moved by CM Carter, seconded by CM Lindstrom.

Discussion

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. **2026-25: Adoption of Facility Plan for the Interceptor 8253-327 Forcemain Improvements Phase 2, Project 802806 Dan Fick, Principal Engineer, Interceptor Engineering, (Dan Fick, 651-602-1061)**

It was moved by CM Carter, seconded by CM Lee, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for the Interceptor 8253-327 Forcemain Improvements Phase 2, ES Project No. 802806, per the attached Resolution No. 2026-2.

Discussion

CM Carter asked: How many redundance foremains do we have on the system?

Staff responded: I am not sure, it is something we are doing more often now due to large flows on our large diameter pipes because it is difficult to set up trucking or other temporary means. If we have some type of outage we can maintain service and minimize any spillage.

Motion carried.

2. **2026-26: Disposition of Property at Lift Station L65 in South Saint Paul (Dan Fick, 651-602-1061)**

It was moved by CM Jenkins, seconded by CM Lindstrom, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to reconvey property that was part of the original South Saint Paul Wastewater Treatment Plant site to the City of South Saint Paul, at no cost, in accordance with the original acquisition agreement.

Discussion

CM Carter asked: When the land is reconveyed back, will there be a payment?

Staff responded: No, the terms of the original acquisition agreement are that if we no longer need it for the regional collection system that the land reverts back to the city at no cost.

CM Lindstrom: Are they proposing to build a community garden there or is there one already existing?

Staff responded: Yes, there are existing community gardens out there. The city also has a composting site.

Motion carried.

3. **2026-27: Interceptors 9208 and 9701 Maintenance Hole Improvements, Real Estate Property Acquisition and Condemnation (Jeff Schwarz, 651-325-6378)**

It was moved by CM Jenkins, seconded by CM Carter, that the Metropolitan Council adopt resolution 2026-3 authorizing the acquisition and condemnation of real estate property for Interceptor 9208 and 9701 Maintenance Hole Improvements, ES Project No. 80951.

Discussion

CM Jenkins asked: In the Rosemount section, is the L75 part of the intergovernmental agreement we did with them last year?

Staff responded: That would be in a different area of the community and wouldn't effect this project.

Motion carried.



Information

1. **Sacred Water Shared Future, 2026 Mississippi River Campaign** (Casandra Champion 651-602-8745, Eleanor Hohulin 651-602-1053, Alicia Uzarek 651-602-1042, Laurie Moberg)

Staff presented the Sacred Water Shared Future, 2026 Mississippi Campaign. Staff provide a high-level overview of the campaign. They discussed planning collaboration and timelines, partnering campaign plans, and the Art Shanty. Staff concluded with future plans on how Environmental Services (ES) plans to continue progress in engagement, outreach, and collaboration with Sacred Water

Reports

1. Chair
2. Committee
3. General Manager

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of January 27, 2026.

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