

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting date: April 28, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- Chair, Gail Cederberg, D11
- 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 Jenkins.

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 Morales to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2026, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 2026-80)

1. **2026-80: Electrical Maintenance Services for all Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Water Recovery Facilities, Contract 25P283** (Charles LaPierre, 651-602-8214) proposes that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract 25P283 with Premier Electric Corporation to provide electrical maintenance services for MCES facilities in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000.

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. **2026-76: Master Contract for Crow River Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF and Other Design and Construction Phase Support** (Mark Lundgren, (651) 602-1868)

It was moved by CM Lee, seconded by CM Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute master contracts 25P162 A-C for Crow River Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and other design and construction phase support with not to exceed amounts as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
HDR	25P162 A	\$16,000,000
Hazen and Sawyer	25P162 B	\$16,000,000
HR Green	25P162 C	\$16,000,000

Discussion

Staff and Council members discussed how engineering firms were selected for this contract, possible risks and procurement goals. Timelines and highlights were also discussed.

Motion carried.

2. **2026-83: Declaration of Emergency Repair of Interceptor 1-MH-401C Lilydale Siphon** (Jeff Schwarz, 651-325-6378)

It was moved by CM Jenkins, seconded by CM Morales, that the Metropolitan Council ratify a modified Emergency Declaration for repairs to Interceptor 1-MH-401C Lilydale Siphon in Saint Paul to add \$3,000,000 for additional emergency work for a total not to exceed amount of \$10,000,000.

Discussion

Staff and council members discussed what additional funds would cover under the emergency declaration to repair interceptor 1-MH-401C. They also discussed the configuration and logistics of the pipes.

Motion carried.

Information

1. **Forcemain Inspection Program** (Jeff Schwarz, 651-325-6378)

Staff presented Forcemain Inspection Program. Staff defined forcemains, discussed their inventory, locations, rates as well as inspections. Staff concluded the presentation with survey results and projected inspections.

Reports

1. Chair
2. Council Members
3. General Manager

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:59 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 28, 2026.

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