

# Minutes

## Environment Committee



**Meeting date:** January 13, 2026

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Street

### Members present:

☒ 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 Jenkins.

### Agenda approved

Committee Chair Cederberg noted that the agenda was amended. Business item 2025-311 was removed from the agenda to be brought forward at a later date. Members did not have any additional comments or changes to the agenda. The agenda was approved.

### Approval of minutes

It was moved by CM Jenkins, seconded by CM Wulff to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2025, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

### Consent business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 2026-1JT)

1. **2026-1JT: 2026 January Budget Amendment** (Christine Dwyer 651-602-1115, Ward Brown 651-602-1263) proposes that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the amendment of the 2026 Unified Budget to modify the 2023 Operating Budget as indicated in Attachment A, Table B-1 by transferring \$2.516M from Planning to Support Services.

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

**Motion carried.**

## **Non-consent business**

1. **2025-305: Ratification of Declaration of Emergency Repair of Plymouth Interceptor 7027-1** (Chris Remus, 651-602-4538)

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Carter, that the Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for repairs to Interceptor 7027-1 in Golden Valley in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

### Discussion

CM Carter: Is there a protective cap on there now?

Staff responded: That's correct.

**Motion carried.**

2. **2026-11: Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Hastings** (Chad Davison, 651-602-4031)

It was moved by CM Jenkins, seconded by CM Carter, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Construction Agreement with the City of Hastings for the installation of new trunk sewer pipes associated with providing a future new sewer service point for Hastings, ES Project No. 809530, for an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.

### Discussion

CM Lindstrom asked: What is the disposition of the plant in Hasting?

Staff responded: The initial plan was for it to be decommissioned. We are no longer moving forward with that plan for that site south of Hastings. The current plant downtown is part of the city's vision for making use of the riverfront area along the Mississippi, which is fully supported by the Council. In order to get new treatment capacity up and running to serve Hasting and the southeast part of the metro area we need to configure conveyance to the new treatment. It is still being determined. Today's presentation is the initial step that puts us in a position to connect Hastings to that future site.

CM Jenkins: Highway 61's reconstruction went through the TIP process. Are we looking at 2028 for this project as part of that reconstruction?

Staff: Yes, 2028 is the scheduled duration of the reconstruct project.

**Motion carried.**

## **Information**

1. **Metropolitan Urban Service Area (MUSA) Implementation Guidelines** (MacKenzie Young-Walters, 651-602-1373)

Staff presented the Metropolitan Urban Service Area Implementation Guidelines Update. The presentation included background information, current guidelines, proposed changes and next steps

2. **Federal Fiscal Year 2025 EPA Report Summary for Environmental Services** (Rajan Nayar 612-349-7161, Ashanti Payne 612-349-7660)

Staff presented the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 EPA Report Summary for Environmental Services. The presentation included DBE Utilization on ES projects, payment breakdowns, yearly comparisons and highlights.

## Reports

1. Chair
2. Committee
3. General Manager

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of Month 00, 2026.

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