Minutes

Environment Committee

Meeting date: October 27, 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
- E 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 Carter to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2026, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried**.

Consent business

None at this time.

Non-consent business

1. **2026-191: Interceptor 1-MN-346 Rehabilitation–Phase 2, Contract 26P083** (Jeff Schwarz, 651-325-6378)

   It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 26P083 with Minger Construction Companies, Inc. for the construction of Interceptor 1-MN-346 Rehabilitation – Phase 2 in an amount not to exceed $22,226,315.

   Discussion

   The presentation covered the proposed award of a $22.23 million contract to Minger Construction Companies, Inc. to replace a sagged interceptor segment in Minneapolis that restricts wastewater flow and address related sewer capacity issues. Four bids were received, with Minger identified as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The project will restore regional wastewater capacity and improve system reliability, supporting the Council's stewardship and sustainability goals.

   Motion carried.

2. **2026-196 SW: Metro WRRF EPS Electrical / EPS & WSE2 Buildings Improvements, Contract 26P103** (Rene Heflin, 651-602-1077)

   It was moved by CM Carter, seconded by CM Wulff that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to reject all bids for contract 26P103, for construction of Metro WRRF EPS Electrical / EPS & WSE2 Buildings Improvements, Project Number 808928 and 808936.

   Discussion

   The presentation covered the proposed rejection of bids for the Metro WRRF EPS Electrical / EPS & WSE2 Buildings Improvements project after the sole bid of $41.76 million exceeded the engineer's estimate by approximately 32%. Council members asked whether rejecting the bid would negatively affect the project and why additional bids were not received. Staff indicated there is no expected negative impacts of rejecting the bid and noted that the number of submissions may have been limited due to market conditions and timing, as several other construction projects are underway. Staff plans to re-bid the work using separate contracts. The project will rehabilitate and upgrade critical infrastructure at the Metropolitan Water Resource Recovery Facility (Metro WRRF).

   Motion carried.

Information

None at this time.

Reports

1. Chair
2. Committee Members
3. General Manager

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Certification

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

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