

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting date: February 10, 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
E 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 Lindstrom, seconded by CM Wulff to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2026, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 2026-42)

1. **2026-42: Contract 25P082, Mechanical Pipefitting Services for all Metropolitan Council Environmental Services at all Water Resource Recovery Facilities (WRRF) locations (John Tiereny, 651-602-8307)** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award, Negotiate and execute contract 25P082 with Corval Constructors Inc. to provide Mechanical Pipefitting Services for MCES facilities in an amount not to exceed

\$12,000,000.

It was moved by CM Jenkins, seconded by CM Morales.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. **2025-311: Ratification of Emergency Declaration for Red Dye Release and Roadway Remediation at Metro WRRF** (Amanda Cerne 651-602-8296, Craig Edlund 651-602-8383)

It was moved by CM Jenkins, seconded by CM Morales, that the Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for the red dye material release and subsequent roadway remediation at the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$288,671.78.

Discussion

CM Carter: Were you able to identify what company caused this?

Staff responded: Yes and we fully intend to recover cost.

CM Carter asked: Is this the same red dye they use tracing water flows?

Staff responded: No this is a cement dye.

CM Wulff asked: Did this disrupt our treatment processes at all?

Staff responded: It caused concern. We adjusted the process as necessary. There was no visible change to the Mississippi river and none of our permit parameters were exceeded.

CM Lindstrom asked: You mentioned that it's non-toxic and what could this iron oxide do both for our plant processes and Mississippi river?

Staff responded: We are prohibited from causing destruction to the river. We immediately contacted the Department of Health so they could notify the drinking water people downstream. We also have a stormwater permit that prohibits us from discharging spills to the river. In addition to protecting the water we have a lot of assets. This dye could have affected millions of dollars in assets if we didn't clean it up.

Motion carried.

2. **2026-34: Master Contract for Electrical Distribution & Facilities Improvement Services** (Heidi Hutter, 651-602-1026)

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute master contracts 25P057 A-C for electrical distribution and facilities improvement services with not to exceed amounts as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Black and Veatch	25P057A	\$6,000,000
SEH	25P057B	\$2,000,000
TKDA	25P057C	\$2,000,000

Discussion

CM Cederberg asked: Is this a multiyear contract?

Staff responded: Yes, this is a 5-year contract.

Motion carried.

3. **2026-35: Master Contracts for Interceptor Engineering Services, Contract 25P156 A-K**
(Chris Remus, 651-602- 4538)

It was moved by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Lindstrom, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute contracts 25P156A-K for interceptor engineering services with cumulative not to exceed amount of \$68,000,000 as follows:

Organization	Contract Number	Contract Amount
Brown and Caldwell	25P156A	\$7,600,000
Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC. *	25P156B	\$5,500,000
Black and Veatch *	25P156C	\$6,200,000
SEH, Inc.*	25P156D	\$6,900,000
Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.*	25P156E	\$10,300,000
CDM Smith, Inc.	25P156F	\$5,000,000
TKDA and Associates, Inc.	25P156G	\$6,100,000
HDR Engineering, Inc.	25P156H	\$5,200,000
Bolton & Menk, Inc. *	25P156I	\$7,700,000
Donohue and Associates	25P156J	\$6,000,000
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. ***	25P156K	\$1,500,000

*A&E plus Construction contract

***Construction contract only

Motion carried.

4. **2026-36: Intergovernmental Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation** (Tim Wedin, 651-602-4571)

It was moved by CM Carter, seconded by CM Wulff , that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Construction Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to replace the portion of interceptor 1-SP-230 that is within MnDOT’s construction limits for the Highway 3/Robert Street reconstruction project, ES Project No. 809518, for an amount not to exceed \$13,000,000.

Motion carried.

5. **2026-44: Master Contracts for Wastewater System Planning Services, Contract 25P170**
(John Chlebeck, 651-602-4527)

It was moved by CM Morales seconded by CM Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts 25P170A-C for Wastewater System Planning Services for a cumulative amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 as follows:

Organization	Contract Number	Contract Amount
Carollo Engineers, Inc.	25P170A	\$2,000,000
HDR Engineering, Inc.	25P170B	\$2,000,000
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.	25P170C	\$2,000,000



Motion carried.

Information

None at this time.

Reports

1. Chair
2. Committee
3. General Manager

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of February 10, 2026.

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