

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting date: October 28, 2025

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

- E** 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 recognized 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 Wulff, seconded by CM Morales to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

None at this time.

Non-consent business

1. **2025-211: Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Rosemount, Contract 25I084**
(Chad Davison, 651-602-4031)

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Lee, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute an interagency agreement #25I084 for a cooperative construction project with the city of Rosemount for an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

Discussion

CM Cederberg asked: How often will this get accessed?

Staff responded: Three to four times a year.

Motion carried.

Information

1. **Regional Flow Cost and Allocation** (Kyle Colvin, 651-602-1151)

Staff presented Regional Flow Cost and Allocation. A summary of the presentation was as follows:

- Regional approach provides uniform cost methodology for every community connected to the regional system.
- A community's cost is determined by their proportionate share of the regional wastewater treatment service costs.
- Challenging for some to shift cost allocation paradigm from rate based to proportional share concept.
- A community's proportionate share is in large part driven by their flow contribution which they have some control over. It can be difficult to understand that lower flow can still result in higher cost.
- Strength charges addressed at sources (Industries) versus community wide thus eliminating need for complicated MWC adjustments.
- Potential opportunity to address fluctuating year to year flow/costs by averaging rolling multiple year periods. Disincentive for I/I mitigation work and flow from growth adjusted down by average.

Reports

1. Chair
2. Committee
3. General Manager

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:11 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 28, 2025.

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