

Minutes

Environment Committee



Meeting date: March 24, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- Chair, Gail Cederberg, D11
- Vice Chair, Wendy Wulff, D16

- E** 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 acknowledged 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 Jenkins, seconded by CM Morales to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026, regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 2026-57)

1. **2026-57: Contract 25P150: Scaffolding System Services for All Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Water Resource Recovery Facilities (WRRFs) (John Tierney, 651-602-8307)** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 25P150 with Gagnon Inc. to provide Scaffolding Systems Services for

MCES facilities in an amount not to exceed \$3,306,908.

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

Motion carried.

Non-consent business

1. **2026-54: Purchase of Bulk Bisulfite Chemical, Contract 25P269** (Joe Ward, 651-602-8302)

It was moved by Cm Lindstrom, seconded by CM Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 25P269 with Hawkins, Inc. to provide bulk bisulfite chemical at MCES Wastewater Treatment Plants in an amount not to exceed \$2,469,390.58.

Discussion

- CM Wulff: How does this cost compare to the previous contracts?
- *Staff's updated response: Based on delivery option, contract bid price is closer to an increase of approximately 40% from the 2022 contract price.
- CM Lindstrom asked: Is there just one company in the area that can provide this amount of service?
- Staff responded: Historically there have been a few companies capable of providing bulk delivery bisulfite to council facilities including Hydrite (Brookfield, WI), PVS Chemicals (Detroit, MI), DPC Industries (Cleburne, TX) and Hawkins, Inc. (Roseville, MN).
- CM Cederberg asked: Is this cost the yearly amount or for 4 years?
- Staff responded: The amount is for 5 years.

Motion carried.

2. **2026-56: Lift Station L32A, Construction Engineering Services, Contract 20P210 – Amendment 2** (Tim Wedin 651-602-4571)

It was moved by CM Morales , seconded by CM Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to contract 20P210 with Brown and Caldwell that will add an amount of \$7,500,000 to provide engineering construction services for the design of the new Lift Station L32A, for a total contract value not to exceed \$14,066,704.00.

Motion carried.

3. **2026-60: Ratification of Declaration of Emergency Repair of Minneapolis Interceptor 1-MN-344** (Chris Remus 651-602-4538, Tiffany Troutt 651-602-4308)

It was moved by CM Morales, seconded by CM Lee, that he Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for repairs to Interceptor 1-MN-344 in Minneapolis in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Discussion

- CM Lee asked: Does it usually take over a month to find inflow issues?
- Staff responded: Typically on a smaller system it would be easier to find but due to the length and our meters being farther downstream there wasn't any easy place to pinpoint it. This is why it took a bit longer to find.
- CM Wulff asked: Has it been fixed or are we just authorizing that it is fixed?
- Staff responded: The maintenance hole is sealed up and we are replacing the city



connection currently. The inflow issue has been resolved.

- CM Lindstrom asked: Do you think it's a catastrophic failure or did it happen over time?
- Staff responded: The void we saw was significant so we believe it had been pooling. We couldn't pinpoint it due to the amount of flow.

Motion carried.

Information

None at this time.

Reports

1. Chair
2. Committee
3. General Manager

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Environment Committee meeting of March 24, 2026.

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