

Minutes

Joint Meeting of Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee
and Metropolitan Area Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee



Meeting date: December 11, 2024

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: 101 East 5th St.

MAWSAC members present:

- ☒ Chair, Wendy Wulff, Met Council
- ☒ Annika Bankston, City of Minneapolis
- ☒ Jeff Berg, Dept of Agriculture
- ☒ Sandeep Burman, MDH
- ☒ Tiffany Determan, Isanti County
- ☐ Rich Hibbard, St. Paul Regional Water Services

- ☒ Mike Huang, City of Chaska
- ☐ Julie Jeppson, Anoka County
- ☒ Pooja Kanwar, Dept. of Natural Resources
- ☒ Phil Klein, City of Hugo
- ☒ Brad Larson, City of Savage
- ☐ Xp Lee, City of Brooklyn Park

- ☒ Valerie Neppl, Dakota County
- ☒ Erik Smith, MN Pollution Control Agency
- ☐ Kevin Watson, City of Vadnais Heights

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TAC members present:

- ☒ Chair, Scott Anderson, City of Bloomington
- ☒ Kristin Asher, City of Richfield
- ☐ John Dustman, Summit Envirosolutions
- ☒ Robert Ellis, City of Eden Prairie

- ☒ Dale Folen, City of Minneapolis
- ☒ Elizabeth Kaufenberg, MPCA
- ☒ Karla Peterson, MDH
- ☐ Matt Saam, City of Apple Valley
- ☒ Jim Stark, USGS & Legislative Water Commission

- ☒ Seng Thongvanh, City of Savage
- ☐ Tom Wesolowski, City of Shoreview
- ☐ Jim Westerman, City of Woodbury
- ☒ Ray Wuolo, Barr Engineering

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Call to order

A quorum being present for MAWSAC and for TAC, Committee Chair Wulff called the joint meeting of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee and its Technical Advisory Committee to order at 12:06 p.m.

The oath of office was administered to MAWSAC members Determan, Kanwar, and Smith by committee chair Wulff.

Agenda approved

Committee Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Klein, seconded by Huang to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024, joint meeting of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee and its Technical Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

Information items and committee work

1. 2024 Year-end accomplishments and evaluation (Lanya Ross 651-602-1803)

Committee members introduced themselves, the organizations they represent, and their motivation for serving on the committee. Ross summarized the past year's accomplishments and committee members added their thoughts on notable committee accomplishments and areas of importance to focus on for the future.

2. Scoping Metro Area Water Supply Plan implementation survey results (Greg Johnson 651-602-1016)

Johnson summarized the survey results. Committee members participated in an activity to share their perspectives and reasons for ranking the projects as they did on the survey. Committee members then made suggestions to adjust priorities of several projects, advised on how to sequence several projects, and shared some ideas to consider as project scopes are drafted. This information will be used by staff to further prioritize and bring an updated proposed project plan to the February 26, 2025, meeting.

Business items

1. 2024-05: Approve Metro Area Water Supply Plan (Lanya Ross 651-602-1803)

Ross provided an overview of the changes made in response to public comments received for the draft Metro Area Water Supply Plan.

It was moved by Klein, seconded by Huang to approve the Metro Area Water Supply Plan for inclusion in the 2050 Water Policy Plan. **Motion carried.**

2. 2024-06: Approve 2025-2027 Work Plan (Lanya Ross 651-602-1803)

Ross summarized the proposed work plan and upcoming committee actions and schedule. The committees provided feedback on meeting days and times.

It was moved by Klein, seconded by Huang to approve the 2025-2027 Work Plan. **Motion carried.**

Updates and appreciation

1. Recognizing outgoing committee members (Wendy Wulff 952-484-3353)

Outgoing committee members Klein and Huang were recognized and thanked for their contributions to the committee and region through their service. Certificates of appreciation were presented by Chair Wulff. Klein and Huang shared their thanks and parting words.

2. Government affairs and legislative updates (Judy Sventek, 651-602-1156)

Sventek noted that the legislative session would open on January 14, 2025. Staff will be ramping up efforts to secure funding and she noted that she's received many letters of support of the programs from committee members.

3. MAWSAC Chair's Update (Wendy Wulff 952-484-3353) and TAC Chair's update (Scott Anderson 952-563-4867)

Anderson noted that TAC is looking forward to implementing the projects that have been discussed during this planning process. He noted that AWWA Water Utility Council will be meeting on December 19 from 10-11am and the meetings give good insight into legislative activities and are open to anyone. Contact Scott Anderson or Annika Bankston to get a link to the Zoom meeting.



Next steps

1. Next meeting: Joint meeting of MAWSAC and TAC on February 26, 2025
2. Bylaws update
3. Water Policy Plan is up for approval by the Metropolitan Council with the rest of Imagine 2050 on February 12, 2050.
4. Fill vacant committee positions
5. Resume subregional engagement efforts

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee meeting of December 11, 2024.

Approved this 10th day of December 2024.

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