

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Roger Scherer, Lynette Wittsack, Daniel Wolter

Committee Members Absent: Russ Susag

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, and Committee Chair Leppik being delayed, Committee member Scherer nominated Committee member Wittsack as Acting Chair. Committee member Wolter seconded. **Motion passed.** Acting Chair Wittsack then called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2007.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wolter to approve the amended agenda and the minutes of the March 13, 2007 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS - CONSENT LIST - None

BUSINESS - NON-CONSENT LIST

2007-130 Ratification of Declaration of Emergency to Repair 1-MN-320

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached *Justification for and Declaration of Emergency* to rehabilitate Interceptor 1-MN-320.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2007-131 Authorization to Negotiate and Enter into Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Columbia Heights for the Hilltop Interceptor 4-HT-100 Improvements, MCES Project No. 809025

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Columbia Heights for the Hilltop Interceptor Improvements, MCES Project No. 809025.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2007-132 Increase of Delegated Change Order Authority for Brooklyn Park Interceptor Rehabilitation, MCES Project No. 803400, MCES Contract No. 04P049

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council increases the delegated change order authority of its General Manager, Environmental Services, from \$312,019 to \$1,082,019 for Brooklyn Park Interceptor Rehabilitation, MCES Project No. 803400, MCES Contract No. 04P049.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

2007-133 Authorization to Purchase Process Chemicals for MCES

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to issue purchase orders to the following companies: Hawkins Chemicals, Inc. for the procurement of Chlorine (1-Ton Cylinders) and Ferric Chloride; DPC Industries for Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach) and Liquid Sulfur Dioxide (1-Ton Cylinders); K.A. Steel Chemicals, Inc. for Sodium Hydroxide Solution (Caustic Soda); C&S Chemicals, Inc. for Aluminum Sulfate; and PVS Chemical Solutions, Inc. for Sodium Bisulfate.

Motion carried. Placed on Council Consent Agenda.

INFORMATION

2006 Lake Water Quality Summary for Metropolitan Area Lakes

Judy Sventek, Planning Analyst, explained that monitoring of the metropolitan area lakes is performed by Council staff and community volunteers, and that the data is used to support regional planning efforts and identify pollution problems. All of the Council's lake monitoring data can be accessed online at

<http://es.metc.state.mn.us/eims>.

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Update on Long-Term Wastewater Service Area in Northern Anoka County

Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager of Technical Services, reviewed the 2030 Water Resources Management Policy Plan designations, the status of the comprehensive plan updates and wastewater services for East Bethel, Ham Lake, Oak Grove, and Andover.

Counties Wind Project / Renewable Energy Agency

Jason Willett, Environmental Services Finance Director, explained that the Counties Wind Project (CWP) is a joint effort of the Rural Minnesota Energy Board (RMEB) and Metropolitan Counties Energy Task Force (MCETF) to develop wind energy projects that will meet a portion of the electricity needs of the counties. The CWP would be carried out by a new organization formed by interested members of the RMEB and MCETF. One proposal would seek to use existing authority to create a joint powers entity; the other would seek changes in state law to create a Renewable Energy Agency (REA). Mr. Willett reviewed start-up costs, risks of joining the CWP, and financing. The following tasks are planned for 2007: Evaluate business concept; conduct additional financial analysis; create business plan; analyze locations for siting wind turbines; form CWP governing entity in late 2007 with interested members from MCETF and RMEB.

Chair Leppik adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary