

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Committee Members Present: Vice-Chair Russ Susag, Kirstin Beach, Roger Scherer, Lynette Wittsack,
Daniel Wolter

Committee Members Excused: Chair Peggy Leppik

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Vice-Chair Susag called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:03 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2008.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Beach to approve the amended agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Scherer to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2007 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2008-11 Union Pacific Railroad Abandonment, Carver and Scott Counties (Bryce Pickart, 651-602-1091)

Council Member Scherer asked that an information item on this topic be provided to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to take appropriate action on behalf of the Council to facilitate a response to the railroad abandonment process on the Chaska Industrial Lead, Union Pacific Railroad [STB Docket AB-33 (Sub. No. 255)] and to begin negotiation of public and private use of the railroad corridor with appropriate public entities and Union Pacific Railroad.

Motion carried.

2008-12 Authorization to Award Construction Contract for Elko-New Market Interceptor, New Market-Eureka Gravity Phase

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the Elko New Market Interceptor – Scott/Dakota Gravity Segment, Project No. 801613, Contract 07P087, with S. M. Hentges and Sons for their low bid of \$11,832,173.

Motion carried.

2008-13 Increased Delegated Construction Contract Change Order Authority for 6901 Diversion, MCES Project No. 802310

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Scherer that the Metropolitan Council increases the delegated construction contract change order authority of its General Manager, Environmental Services, from \$628,553 to \$948,553 for the Interceptor 6901 Diversion, MCES Project No. 802310, Contract No. 05P071.

Motion carried. Placed on the Council Consent Agenda.

INFORMATION

2007 Performance Report

Leisa Thompson, Deputy General Manager, and Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager, provided highlights of the achievements of Environmental Services during 2007.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary