

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Committee Members Present: Chair Sandra Rummel, John Đoàn, Harry Melander, Edward Reynoso, Lona Schreiber Gary Van Eyll, Vice-Chair Wendy Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:02 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Van Eyll, to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Wulff, to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2011 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2011-289 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of 1-MN-310 Tunnel Rehabilitation at West River Parkway, MCES Project 809020, Contract 11P151

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the 1-MN-310 Tunnel Rehabilitation at West River Parkway Project, MCES Project 809020, Contract 11P151, with Engineering & Construction Innovations, Inc. for their low bid of \$1,499,600. **Motion carried.**

2011-290 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Architectural / Engineering Services Agreement, 1-GV-461 Relief Lift Station and Force Main, MCES Project No. 805700, Contract No. 11P123

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Reynoso, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an architectural / engineering services agreement with Foth Infrastructure and Environment LLC (Foth) in the amount of \$1,771,443, for Contract 11P123, Project No. 805700.

Motion carried.

2011-291 Authorization to Award and Execute a Purchase Order for MWWTP Baghouse Covers Fabrication and Procurement; MCES Project No. 805945, Contract No. 11P122

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Đoàn, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to execute a Purchase Order for MWWTP Baghouse Covers Fabrication and Procurement; MCES Project No. 805945, Contract No. 11P122, with SPE-Amerex in the amount of \$992,950.59. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION

1. Minnesota Water Sustainability Framework

Deborah Swackhamer, Ph.D., Co-Director, University of Minnesota Water Resources Center, explained that the Minnesota Water Sustainability Framework is a 25-year plan to protect, conserve, and enhance the quantity and quality of the state's groundwater and surface water. Issues, strategies, and recommendations were

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discussed. Council Member Melander suggested that the Environment Committee focus on this topic. Council Member Wulff expressed concern about new regulations, bureaucracy, and cost benefits.

2. Xcel Energy Award

Scott Getty, Xcel Energy, explained that the Process Efficiency Program was launched in 2007 as part of the Xcel Energy's Conservation Improvement Program and is a long-term partnership that results in sustainable energy-efficient strategy on an ongoing basis from year-to-year. MCES has received Xcel Energy's 2011 Gold Award for achieving the highest electrical savings of all of Xcel Energy's large commercial and industrial customers over the past 18 months. Projects contributing to achieving this goal were reviewed. Xcel Energy is developing a case study on MCES' success to share with wastewater treatment plants in the eight-state service area.

3. General Manager's Report – no report

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary