

**RESOLUTION**

**Public Works Committee**

**RESOLUTION: 24-0419**

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At a meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners on 10/29/2024, a motion was made by , seconded by , that this Resolution be adopt. The motion passed.

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan 2022-2042 establishes the framework for managing the Twin Cities metropolitan area’s solid waste for the next 20 years in accordance with the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 473.149, guides the development and activities of solid waste management which must be followed by the counties in the metro area, and supports the goals of the Waste Management Act hierarchy, improving public health, reducing the reliance on landfills, conserving energy and natural resources, and reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 473.803 requires metropolitan counties to prepare solid waste management plans every six years that implement the state’s Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan and that includes strategies for complying with the recycling requirements of Minnesota Statute § 115A.551; and

WHEREAS, the county is committed to achieving a zero-waste future and has defined zero waste as preventing 90% or more of all discarded materials from being landfilled or incinerated; and

WHEREAS, the county’s Climate Action Plan set one of the most ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets among climate leaders and included bold strategies on preventing food waste, tackling plastics pollution, and advocating for state leadership on zero-waste policies; and

WHEREAS, the Plan to Reinvent Hennepin County’s Solid Waste System and Zero Waste Plan identify the highest impact actions, provide a roadmap for implementation, accelerate progress toward zero waste and closure and repurposing of the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC), establish a dashboard with criteria to be met to responsibly close HERC, and serve as the foundation of the 2024 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the county’s Solid Waste Management Plan far exceeds the minimum requirements of the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan; therefore

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024-2029 Hennepin County Solid Waste Management Plan be adopted.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 10/29/2024

The question was on the adoption of the resolution with the votes as follows:

**Aye:** 6 Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

**Absent:** 1 Commissioner Greene

**Maria Rose**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Rose" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Maria Rose