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Executive Committee Meeting September 17, 2024

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Wayland “Bud” Gladstone.

Members Present:	Wayland “Bud” Gladstone, Chair	Fred Huneke
	Tom Hutson, via Teams	Marilyn Wyman, via Teams
	Jennifer Grossman, via Teams	Karl Gockel
	Shilo Williams, NYC DEP, via Teams	

Others Present:	Ryan Naatz	Amy Faulkner
	Carol Bishop	Connor Young
	Steve Reed, via Teams	
	Michael VanderWerff, NYC DEP, via Teams	
	Dudley Harris, NYC DOI, via Teams	

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 12 and September 3, 2024 meetings, as presented.

Motion: Fred Huneke

Second: Tom Hutson

Approved

III. Executive Director’s Report

Ryan had nothing to report in public session, his report will be given in Executive Session.

IV. Chair’s Report

Bud received an email from the City’s contracting system requesting his signature on the contract SWP-118 document; this is an initial acceptance that WAC is approving the contract language as submitted, this is not the final signature on the contract.

V. Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session.

Motion: Karl Gockel

Second: Fred Huneke

Approved

Motion to come out of Executive Session.

Motion: Karl Gockel

Second: Jennifer Grossman

Approved

A. Human Resources Report:

The Committee reviewed the Exit Interview Summary in Executive Session and discussed

the feedback in detail. The Committee expressed appreciation of the insight provided by the exit interview process. Jennifer would like to further discuss, perhaps at the 2024 Directors Only Meeting, the way that WAC and specifically the EOH program, interfaces with the other opportunities like the Climate-Smart Commodities and other potential partnerships and ventures.

B. Agricultural Program Participant Termination

The Committee considered the termination in Executive Session. The Committee agreed with the termination as presented but requested that the requirement of payback reflect the prorated amount of the BMPs not including the milkhouse repairs.

Upon the recommendation of the Agricultural Committee, motion to approve the termination of farm DEC-085 from the Agricultural Program. The participant will be offered 30 days to appeal the termination by delivering on all expectations as outlined in letter to be sent by Connor Young, Agricultural Program Manager.

Motion: Karl Gockel

Second: Fred Huneke

Approved

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by common consent at 11:17am.