Vermont Climate Council Steering Committee Meeting April 4, 2022 – Minutes

Zoom Virtual Meeting – Meeting was recorded and <u>posted online</u> Steering Committee Members Present: Kristin Clouser, Jared Duval, Chris Campany, Julie Moore, Lauren Oates Staff members present: David Plumb, Jane Lazorchak, Marian Wolz Minutes by: Marian Wolz

- 11:30 AM Welcome/Overview of Agenda/Approval of Minutes from 2/14 and 2/16
 - Staff reviewed the agenda for the meeting.
 - Minutes were not approved and will be reviewed at the next Steering Committee meeting.

11:35 AM Finalize decision on <u>technical analysis</u> funding

- Staff provided an overview of the <u>pending technical analyses</u> needed to support climate work.
- Staff noted that the projects listed in the overview reviewed are not inclusive. They represent those projects that have had significant work completed that can advance contractual work.
- Councilors asked clarifying questions on funding available for public engagement and where net emissions accounting falls in the technical analysis components discussed.
- Steering Committee members unanimously supported allocating the remaining \$100,000 available in the GWSA budget to the lifecycle analysis RFP.

12:00 PM Update on public engagement

- Staff reviewed the draft <u>agenda</u> for the public engagement forums scheduled for next week, April 12th and 13th.
- Steering Committee members suggested different approaches for who should present the CAP overview at the public forums next week.
- Steering Committee agreed to have staff work with the Public Engagement Task Group to select presenters for the public forums.

12:35 PM Proposal for youth engagement

• Councilor Iris Hsiang provided an overview of a <u>proposal</u> to support youth on the Council. The proposal includes support from Vermont Energy Education Program (VEEP) to youth members appointed to subcommittees and the council.

- Steering Committee members asked questions regarding participation in VEEP college credit programs and the implications on the ability of council and subcommittee members in requesting per diem.
- A question was raised around youth meeting outside of Council meetings and if that would be considered a public meeting.
- Steering Committee members asked that this be shared further with other youth groups to solicit a broad range of youth nominees.
- The Steering Committee noted support of the overall initiative; outlying questions will be followed up on and the final proposal will be shared at the next Council meeting for review.
- 12:45 PM Public Comment
 - No public comment provided.
- 12:50 PM Adjourn

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