

Ag and Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council
10:00 AM September 1, 2022
Minutes

Location: Meeting was recorded and posted [online](#).

Subcommittee Members Present: Abbie Corse, Billy Coster, Judy Dow, Alissa White, Ryan Patch, Jake Claro

State Agency Staff Present: Marian Wolz, Jane Lazorchak, Marli Rupe, Judson Peck, Megan O'Toole, Collin Smythe

Minutes by: Billy Coster

10:00 AM Greeting, Review and Approval of Agenda and 3/25/22 Minutes.

- *Agenda and minutes approved.*

10:05AM Review and Approve draft Agricultural Emissions RFP

- *Task group members provide overview of draft RFP.*
- *Subcommittee discussion of RFP, including potential changes to timeline for deliverables and the needs for specifics in the RFP regarding differences between the current inventory methodology, the EPA SIT and IPCC Standards.*
- *Point made that Biomass Task Group have tabled a number of Ag Ecos draft recommendations.*
- *Subcommittee endorse RFP with the revisions discussed above.*

10:35 AM VCC Budget/Ag Ecos Funding Priorities Discussion

- *Discussion of where VCC stands in its overall process and work schedule.*
- *Initial budget proposal to Governor by early/mid-October, including both one time to support further analysis and ongoing operational needs.*
- *Significant amount of one-time funding may be available in FY24, funding for ongoing programs or activities may be less available, but its good for group to think about both.*
- *Subcommittee members will provide co-chairs via email their priority action items for funding; Subcommittee will meet again later in September to review a consolidated list of priorities and finalize a final recommendation in advance of the VCC October meeting.*

11:00 AM Meet new Subcommittee Youth Member Sonja Reily

- *Sonja joined the meeting, introduced herself, and subcommittee members shared a bit about themselves.*

11:15 AM Biomass Task Group update

- *Discussion of what Ag Ecos draft recommendations were pursued by Task Group and which are currently tabled.*
- *Discussion of the need and plan for additional speakers/information to inform Task Group recommendations.*
- *Discussion of process to engage impacted community around the McNeil plant.*
- *Discussion of non-woody biofuels, and how that topic does or does not fit into the work of the Task Group and/or the full Ag Ecos subcommittee or an additional, focused group.*

11:30 AM Open Subcommittee discussion/topics of interest

- *No topics raised.*

11:35 AM Public Comment

- *Annetee Smith and Cheryl Joy Lipton provided public comment.*

12:00 PM Adjourn

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