

Agricultural Chemical Cleanup Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 16, 2025

The ACCC meeting was convened at 9:18 a.m.* (in Conference Room 266 at the Prairie Oak State Office Building on Tuesday December 16, 2025 and on Microsoft Teams Webinar.

*Technical difficulties with CR TV, two IT staff also called down to help us.

Council members present on Microsoft Teams: Arch Morton Jr., Joe Sikora, Jennifer Wickman, Tom Culp, and Bill Whitworth. Kevin Solum was absent.

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection employees attending in person: Mark McColloch and Sally Ballweg. Alan Hopfensperger and Ryan Berzinski joined on Microsoft Teams Webinar.

ACM / ACCP Update and Discussion

Ryan Berzinski:

Just a few updates for today. We still have two vacancies in our compliance section, Art Fonk's position remains vacant and our Compliance Section Manager. Due to budgetary constraints, not sure when those positions will be posted.

We did have Zach Snoble move into Kevin Brey's prior position. Zach will take on an increased training component, primary for our field staff and acting as a go between with the program staff and the field inspectors to help bring our training up to increase our standardization. Quality control efforts primarily for consistency.

CRM is not quite full force, but it is large scale adoption for use in pesticides, fertilizer and feed. We are going through Lime license renewals right now. We encountered some significant issues and difficulties when we did the feed adoption. We have worked through those and everything is going exceptionally well. To the point that our pesticide renewals are 70-80% ahead of where they were last year when we were dealing with primarily paper renewals. If anyone has any input or feedback on how that is working, I would love to hear it. But from what we can tell, besides some challenges with the website or invoices, I think it is a significant increase in efficiency. Any input anyone has that we can do better, I would love to hear it.

ACCP fee balance should be low enough on May 1st, 2026 to increase the fee back to the full amount, as well as the Tonnage fees on July 1st, 2026 should also get increased to the full percent. Fees differ based on each license.

Lastly, ATCP 29, we are pushing through code changes, we are finishing up in the agency and pushing the final changes through to our DATCP Board and then on to the Legislature to finalize.

That is all the updates I have. Does anyone have any questions or concerns? There were none.

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Mark McColloch: no additional updates today.

Next item on the Agenda is approval of the minutes from the last meeting.

Meeting Minutes Approval from September 23, 2025

Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2025 are included as Insert 18 in our Agenda Book. Mark asked if there were any questions, items for discussion or items for repair on the minutes from the previous Council meeting. There were none.

Is there a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from the September 23, 2025 council meeting?

MOTION: Tom Culp motioned, seconded by Jennifer Wickman to accept the minutes of the September 23, 2025 Council meeting. (Motion carried 5-0)

Mark McColloch:

Next item on the Agenda is a summary of Department Decisions from the last meeting.

Post Meeting Memo and Post Meeting Table from September 23, 2025

The post meeting memo and post meeting table are included as Insert 19 in our Agenda Books. Mark noted the Department and Council is in agreement on all decisions made regarding reimbursement amounts from the September 23, 2025 meeting. Mark asked if any comments. There were none.

Mark McColloch:

Next item on the Agenda is scheduling our next Council meeting.

Next Council Meeting

The next ACCC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m. Sally will send a meeting invite.

Mark McColloch:

The following is a summary of the ACCP program progress.

Summary of ACCP Program Progress

- This is the second meeting for FY2026 (which will include four Council meetings between September 2025 and June 2026), and the final meeting for CY 2025.
- So far 7 reimbursement applications were processed for FY 2026 compared to 34 applications for FY 2024 and 29 applications for FY 2025.

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- For this second meeting of FY 2026, 4 applications were processed. The total amount of costs submitted for all applications for this meeting is \$142,492.60.
- Total eligible costs for this meeting are \$141,101.10. Costs totaling \$1,391.50 were identified as ineligible for this meeting.
- The amount proposed for reimbursement for this meeting is \$106,488.58.
- The amount proposed for reimbursement following this meeting will exceed the current fund balance, but additional fees are expected to be collected. Applications will be reimbursed in order of the application completion date as funds are available.
- No discharge sites reviewed for today's meeting exceeded the \$400,000 cap or the \$650,000 cap. (Note: Of the 38 sites that exceeded the \$400,000 cap, 26 have been closed. Eight sites have exceeded the \$650,000 cap, and we expect 2 to 3 more sites to hit the cap within the next year).
- The Luxemburg Milling site at Luxemburg will be closed soon and will have one more application for well abandonment and document submittal costs.
- The Naturescape site at Sturtevant will be closed soon (pending document submittal). There was one prior reimbursement for this case. No more applications are expected for this case.
- There were prior reimbursements for the Provision Partners Cooperative (Allied Cooperative) site at Unity for this case. Groundwater monitoring is on-going.
- The Provision Partners Cooperative (Allied Cooperative) site at Stratford presented at today's meeting is closed. There was one prior reimbursement for this case. No more applications are expected for this case.
- DATCP responded to 32 spills so far in CY 2025, which is about normal.
- Overall, the number of active ACCP cases continues to decline (around 95). Since the last meeting, seven cases were closed, 3 cases were re-opened, and one new case was opened.

Mark asked if any questions or comments. There were none.

Mark McColloch:

Next item on the Agenda is a review of applications.

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Review of Applications

In your agenda books, you will find our proposed reimbursement summary sheets for four applications included as Inserts 21 through 24. Three applications included non-eligible costs, and costs for the remaining application were found to be all eligible.

Applications with non-eligible costs:

The first application with non-eligible cost is for the Luxemburg Milling site at Luxemburg. The reimbursement summary sheet is included as Insert 21 in your agenda book. As shown, an application in the amount of \$26,142.25 was submitted and the department is recommending reimbursement in the amount of \$19,010.68. Costs totaling \$1,280.00 were identified as ineligible by the Department. As shown on the explanation sheet several costs were identified as ineligible because hourly unit rates for consulting service exceeded approved rates (per ATCP 35.14 (28)) on several invoices. Note: The recommended ineligible amount includes double deduction costs.

Mark asked if there was any discussion. There were none.

Is there a motion to accept the Department's decision for non-reimbursement in the amount of \$1,280.00, which will reduce the reimbursement amount to \$19,010.68 as proposed by the department?

MOTION: Tom Culp motioned, seconded by Bill Whitworth to accept the Department's recommendation for reimbursement. (Motion carried 5-0)

The second application with non-eligible cost is for the Provision Partners Cooperative (Allied Cooperative) site at Unity. The reimbursement summary sheet is included as Insert 23 in your agenda book. As shown, an application in the amount of \$32,515 was submitted and the department is recommending reimbursement in the amount of \$24,432.71. Costs totaling \$31.50 were identified as ineligible by the Department. As shown on the explanation sheet a 75-percent request was made for costs that exceeded DATCP budget approval. Note: The Department's recommendation is for no double deduction for the 75% request.

Mark asked if there was any discussion. There were none.

Is there a motion to accept the Department's decision for non-reimbursement in the amount of \$31.50 which will reduce the reimbursement amount to \$24,432.71 as proposed by the department?

MOTION: Jennifer Wickman motioned, seconded by Tom Culp to accept the Department's recommendation for reimbursement. (Motion carried 5-0)

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The third application with non-eligible cost is for the Provision Partners Cooperative (Allied Cooperative) site at Stratford. The reimbursement summary sheet is included as Insert 24 in your agenda book. As shown, an application in the amount of \$68,380.43 was submitted and the department is recommending reimbursement in the amount of \$51,362.86. Costs totaling \$80 were identified as ineligible by the Department. As shown on the explanation sheet a 75-percent request was made for costs that exceeded DATCP budget approval. Note: The Department's recommendation is for no double deduction for the 75% request.

Mark asked if there was any discussion. There were none.

Is there a motion to accept the Department's decision for non-reimbursement in the amount of \$80 which will reduce the reimbursement amount to \$51,362.86 as proposed by the department?

MOTION: Jennifer Wickman motioned, seconded by Tom Culp to accept the Department's recommendation for reimbursement. (Motion carried 5-0)

Review of Applications with all eligible costs

The remaining ALL ELIGIBLE application for today's meeting is for the Naturescape site at Sturtevant. The reimbursement summary sheet is included as Insert 22 in your agenda book. As shown, an application in the amount of \$15,454.92 in eligible costs was submitted and the department is recommending reimbursement in the amount of \$11,682.33.

Mark asked if any discussion. There were none.

Is there a motion to accept the Department's decision for reimbursement in the amount of \$11,682.33 as proposed by the department?

MOTION: Bill Whitworth motioned, seconded by Arch Morton, Jr. to accept the Department's recommendation for reimbursement. (Motion carried 5-0)

Conclusion

That concludes our review of applications for this quarterly Council meeting. Are there any comments, questions, or other business that needs attention? Is there a motion to adjourn?

MOTION to adjourn: Tom Culp motioned, seconded by Jennifer Wickman to adjourn today's meeting. (Motion carried 5-0.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.