

Agricultural Chemical Cleanup Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday March 17, 2026

The ACCC meeting convened at 9:03 a.m. in Conference Room 266 at the Prairie Oak State Office Building on Tuesday March 17, 2026, and on Microsoft Teams Webinar.

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

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

ACM / ACCP Update and Discussion

Ryan Berzinski:

Thanks Mark. I will be brief today, staffing has not changed since last meeting in December. We are in the process of getting two field staff recruitments started. One located in the Milwaukee area to replace Art Fonk and the other in the Northeast part of the state to replace Zach Snobel who took over Kevin Brey's prior position.

As far as the ACCP Fund, I am fairly confident that we will not be above the required threshold on May 1st and therefore will move to increase the fee's collected to the full rate. The current renewals will remain at the half rate, we can't increase fee's in the middle of a renewal period. But going forward all will increase to the full rate.

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

Mark McColloch:

Three Council Members terms will expire on June 30, 2026. Sally will reach out to those members, Joe, Tom and Kevin.

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

Meeting Minutes Approval from December 16, 2025

Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2025 are included as Insert 1 in the 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 December 16, 2025 council meeting?

MOTION: Tom Culp motioned, seconded by Bill Whitworth to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2025 Council meeting. (Motion carried 4-0)

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

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Post Meeting Memo and Post Meeting Table from December 16, 2025

The post meeting memo and post meeting table are included as Insert 2 in the Agenda Books. Mark noted the Department and Council are in agreement for all decisions made regarding reimbursement amounts from the December 16, 2025 meeting.

The next item on the Agenda is the Programs Financial Summaries.

Program Financial Summaries

Each year since the program began, the Financial Summaries are presented at the March meeting and included in the Agenda books. These summaries are current through December 16, 2025 and are included as attachments 3, 4, and 5. Insert 3 is a summary of all applications (over 1,600 applications received) in the order received. Insert 4 is a summary of total payments and eligible costs organized by discharge site. Insert 5 is a summary of average cost per application by site.

Highlights are summarized below.

- As shown in the application summary table included as Insert 3, \$53,179,837 has been reimbursed since the program began in 1994. Cost submitted total \$75,359,983 of which \$71,912,153 was determined to be eligible (approximately 95.4% of costs requested were subsequently approved for reimbursement).
- The summary table included as Insert 4 lists all applications submitted by discharge site and provides a summary of total payments and total eligible costs by discharge site.
- The summary table included as Insert 5 lists all applications submitted by discharge site showing all eligible costs by cost category A through F. Soil Remediation (Category B) remains the largest cost at 56.7%, followed by Groundwater Investigation (Category D) at 18.3%, and Laboratory Analysis (Category C) at 11.4%.

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

Mark noted each summary will be part of the record for this meeting, which will eventually be sent to the State Historical Society.

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

Next Council Meeting

The next ACCC meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m. Sally will send a meeting invite.

The following is a summary of the ACCP program progress.

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Summary of ACCP Program Progress

- This is the third meeting for FY2026 (which will include four Council meetings between September 2025 and June 2026), and the first meeting for CY2026.
- So far 16 reimbursement applications were processed for FY2026 compared to 34 applications for FY 2024 and 29 applications for FY 2025.
- For this third meeting of FY2026, 9 applications were processed. The total amount of *costs submitted* for all applications for this meeting is \$562,081.25.
- Total eligible costs for this meeting are \$544,576.35. Costs totaling \$17,504.90 were identified as *ineligible* for this meeting.
- The amount proposed for reimbursement for this meeting is \$406,351.10.
- The current fund balance is \$93,783. 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 and as funds are available.
- One site reviewed for today's meeting exceeded the \$400,000 cap. (the Alcivia/Landmark facility at Cottage Grove), but no sites have exceeded the \$650,000 cap. (*Note: Of the 38 sites that exceeded the \$400,000 cap, 27 have been closed. After the cap was raised to \$650,000, five more sites exceeded the cap. A total of 8 sites have exceeded the \$650,000 cap, and we expect more sites to hit the cap within the next year.*)
- Five sites presented at today's meeting are closed. Closed sites include the *Insight FS/Growmark site at Cobb*, the *Country Visions site at Readfield*, the *Insight FS/Growmark site at Palmyra*, the *Alcivia/Landmark site at Durand*, and the *Alcivia/Landmark site at Osseo*. No more applications are expected for these cases.
- The *Aspenson Farms site at Ferryville* is a first and final application for a spill and the case is closed. The application for Osseo site also includes a spill case.
- The *Alcivia/Landmark site at Cottage Grove* and the *Synergy Community Coop site at Elk Mound* will be evaluated for closure soon. Both cases have received prior reimbursement from the ACCP fund.
- There were prior reimbursements for the *Rio Creek Feed Mill at Algoma* case. Groundwater monitoring is on-going.
- DATCP responded to 32 spills so far in CY2025, which is about normal. No spills have been reported in CY2026
- Overall, the number of active ACCP cases continues to decline (around 95). Since the last meeting, two cases were closed, and 2 cases were re-opened.

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

The 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 nine applications included as Inserts 7 through 15. Four applications included non-eligible costs, and costs for the remaining applications were found to be all eligible.

Applications with non-eligible costs:

The first application with non-eligible cost is for the Insight FS/Growmark site at Cobb. The reimbursement summary sheet is included as Insert 7 in your agenda book. As shown, an application in the amount of \$281,648.76 was submitted and the department is recommending reimbursement in the amount of \$203,899.56. Costs totaling \$15,149.18 were identified as ineligible by the Department. As shown on the explanation sheet several costs, most of the ineligible costs (\$14,500) is for contractor charges for recovery and disposal of packaged items following a fire. Other costs were identified as ineligible because mileage rates exceeded the state maximum, and missing receipts for expenses on several consultant invoices. *Note: The contractor charges do not include double deduction costs, but the remaining ineligible costs include double deduction costs.*

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

Mark asked Joe to abstain from voting. Joe agreed.

Is there a motion to accept the Department's decision for non-reimbursement in the amount of \$15,149.18, which will reduce the reimbursement amount to \$203,899.56 as proposed by the department?

MOTION: Tom Culp motioned, seconded by Bill Whitworth to accept the Department's recommendation for reimbursement. (Motion carried 3-0)

The second application with non-eligible cost is for the Alcivia/Landmark site at Cottage Grove. The reimbursement summary sheet is included as Insert 8 in your agenda book. As shown, an application in the amount of \$15,066 was submitted and the department is recommending reimbursement in the amount of \$10,667.48. Costs totaling \$1,073 were identified as ineligible by the Department. As shown on the explanation sheet several costs were identified as ineligible because hourly unit rates exceeded approved rates 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 \$1,073 which will reduce the reimbursement amount to \$10,667.48 as proposed by the department?

MOTION: Joe Sikora motioned, seconded by Tom Culp to accept the Department's recommendation for reimbursement. (Motion carried 4-0)

The third application with non-eligible cost is for the Insight FS/Growmark site at Palmyra. The reimbursement summary sheet is included as Insert 10 in your agenda book. As

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shown, an application in the amount of \$57,554.92 was submitted and the department is recommending reimbursement in the amount of \$43,613.54. Costs totaling \$62.72 were identified as ineligible by the Department. As shown on the explanation sheet costs were identified as ineligible because mileage rates exceeded the state maximum. *Note: The recommended ineligible amount includes double deduction costs.*

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

Mark asked Joe to abstain from voting. Joe agreed.

Is there a motion to accept the Department's decision for non-reimbursement in the amount of \$62.72 which will reduce the reimbursement amount to \$43,613.54 as proposed by the department?

MOTION: Tom Culp motioned, seconded by Bill Whitworth to accept the Department's recommendation for reimbursement. (Motion carried 3-0)

The fourth application with non-eligible cost is for the Alcvia/Landamrk site at Osseo. The reimbursement summary sheet is included as Insert 15 in your agenda book. As shown, an application in the amount of \$43,300.43 was submitted and the department is recommending reimbursement in the amount of \$31,799.62. Costs totaling \$1,220 were identified as ineligible by the Department. As shown on the explanation sheet costs were identified as ineligible because there were missing receipts for expenses on several consultant 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 \$1,220 which will reduce the reimbursement amount to \$31,799.62 as proposed by the department?

MOTION: Bill Whitworth motioned, seconded by Joe Sikora to accept the Department's recommendation for reimbursement. (Motion carried 4-0)

Review of Applications with all eligible costs

The remaining ALL ELIGIBLE applications for today's meeting include one spill case, and four long term remediation cases.

The spill case is for Aspenson Farms site at Ferryville. The reimbursement summary sheet is included as Insert 12 in your agenda book. As shown, an application in the amount of \$67,382.72 in eligible costs was submitted and the department is recommending reimbursement in the amount of \$48,537.07.

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

Mark asked Tom to abstain from voting. Tom agreed.

Is there a motion to accept the Department's decision for reimbursement in amount the amount of \$48,537.07 as proposed by the department?

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MOTION: Joe Sikora motioned, seconded by Bill Whitworth to accept the Department's recommendation for reimbursement. (Motion carried 3-0)

The remaining ALL ELIGIBLE applications reviewed for today's meeting include the following:

- Insert 9- \$14,685.46 in eligible costs for *Country Visions site at Readfield* with a proposed reimbursement amount of \$11,193.34.
- Insert 11 - \$56,688.40 in eligible costs for the *Alcivia/Landmark site at Durand Alcivia facility* with a proposed reimbursement amount of \$37,184.66.

Mark made note this is a new site and part of the Greenfield Law changed, any discharge site that occurred after 2017 would now be eligible for ACCP reimbursement and this is the first and only site that meets the threshold.

- Insert 13 - \$8,904.90 in eligible costs for the *Synergy Community Coop site at Elk Mound* with a proposed reimbursement amount of \$6,727.44.
- Insert 14 - \$16,849.66 in eligible costs for the *Rio Creek Feed Mill at Algoma* with a proposed reimbursement amount of \$12,728.39.

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

In the past, we have taken a motion to approve, as a group, all applications where the Department's decision is to reimburse all costs. Is there a motion to accept the Department's decision to reimburse all four of these applications as proposed by the department?

MOTION: Joe Sikora motioned, seconded by Bill Whitworth, to accept the Department's recommendation for reimbursement. (Motion carried 4-0)

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?

Bill asked to confirm the date for our June council meeting as June 18th. Mark confirmed.

MOTION to adjourn: Tom Culp motioned, seconded by Bill Whitworth to adjourn today's meeting. (Motion carried 4-0.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.