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Executive Committee Meeting

July 21, 2026

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Wayland “Bud” Gladstone.

Members Present: Wayland “Bud” Gladstone, Chair (via ‘Teams’) Fred Huneke
Jennifer Grossman (via ‘Teams’) Steve Reed (via ‘Teams’)
Michael Vander Werff, NYC DEP (via ‘Teams’) Marilyn Wyman (via ‘Teams’)

Others Present: Ryan Naatz Carol Bishop Connor Young (via ‘Teams’)
Amy Faulkner Kayla Henderson

Members Absent: Karl Gockel
Tom Hutson

II. Executive Director Update

Ryan Naatz received a dispute resolution follow-up response from Colm Ryan who does not agree with Ryan’s recent ruling relating to Mr. Ryan’s legal case against WAC. As such, matters will be advanced to Executive.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2026, meeting as presented.

Motion: Fred Huneke

Second: Steve Reed

Approved

IV. Discussion Items for Approval

A. NYSEG Procurement Exemption (Holscher Utility)

Holscher Farm is undergoing a restructuring and new utility design process to include new structural BMP systems. New electrical/utility installations are necessary for the system to be able to function. In accordance with program guidelines, NYSEG is the only entity authorized to perform these service requirements associated with BMP 20 (*Electric/utility installation*). Confirmation was received from NYSEG that they cannot execute WAC’s WFP-5c Participation-Contractor contract and, in addition, require payment of \$10,326.80 before commencing any work. Connor Young provided details and answered any questions from the committee recommending approval of an exception allowing the project to proceed utilizing NYSEG’s quote, service requirements, and standard terms in place of the WFP-5c, including authorization of the required advance payment. Connor reiterated that the Ag Committee will ensure that any similar instances that arise in the future will be brought to the Executive Committee for review and approval.

Motion to approve the NYSEG procurement exemption for Holscher Farm utilities as presented to the committee.

Motion: Marilyn Wyman

Second: Steve Reed

Approved

V. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session made at 10:12 a.m.

Motion: Fred Huneke

Second: Steve Reed

Approved

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 11:00 a.m.

Motion: Jennifer Grossman

Second: Fred Huneke

Approved

VII. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by common consent at 11:01 a.m. Next meeting scheduled to be held **August 18, 2026**.