



AGRICULTURE COST SHARE PROGRAM

Technical Review Committee



June 24, 2026 – Meeting Minutes

Attendees

TRC Members: John Beck (Chair), Erin Rivers, Abubakarr Mansaray, Alex Jones, Dewitt Hardee, Aaron Shwartz (alternate), Benjy Strope, Rodney Wright, Pete Anderson, Rick McSwain, Benjy Strope, Rachel Smith,

Guests: David Williams, Michael Shepherd, Steven Ward, Lorien Deaton, Darren Layton, Kristina Fischer, Elliot Swain, Amber Rights, Allie Dinwiddie, Chris Love, Sam Allbee, Keith Larick, Jacob Peele, Bryan Evans, Jamie Bridges, Elton Wilson

Agenda Summary

- Welcome & Introductions of New Representatives
- Approval of May 2026 Meeting Minutes
- FY2027 Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) Review & Approval
- FY2027 ACSP Cost List Review & Approval
- Technical Corrections to BMP Documents
- Member Items and Open Discussion

Decisions

- Approval of May 2026 Minutes
- Approval of FY2027 Detailed Implementation Plan, including:
 - 5-year and 10-year maintenance period options for select BMPs
 - EVAD eligibility clarification
 - Updated technical competencies
- Approval of FY2027 ACSP Cost List, including updated footnotes and terminology

- Approval of Technical Corrections updating references to “precision land forming and smoothing”

Actions & Follow-ups

- Prepare the approved FY2027 Detailed Implementation Plan for presentation to the Commission in July.
 - Prepare the FY2027 Cost List for Commission approval.
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Meeting Proceedings

1) Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM by Chair John Beck. He noted this was the final TRC meeting of FY26 and thanked members for a productive year.

Beck recognized Rodney Wright, whose term as district representative concluded, and introduced the new district representative (Elliot Swain) and alternates (Elton Wilson and Jamie Bridges). Swain briefly introduced himself to the committee.

2) Approval of May Meeting Minutes

John Beck requested any final comments on the May minutes; none were offered.

- Motion: Benjy Strobe
 - Second: Dewitt Hardee
 - Vote: Unanimous approval
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3) FY2027 Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP)

Overview

Beck reviewed the FY2027 DIP and identified sections updated for the new program year. No major revisions were made to program goals, allocation rules, or technical assistance processes.

Key Updates

- Added two maintenance period options for the Critical Area Planting, Cropland Conversion to Grass/Wildlife Plantings, Field Border, and Filter Strip BMPs:

- 10-year (75% / 90% enhanced rate)
- 5-year (60% / 75% advanced rate)
- Added language on district authority to adjust priority ranking to reflect local needs.
- Incorporated updated BMP maintenance life options (5 or 10 years) in Table 2.
- Revised stream restoration BMP intent language to allow internal design capability, with a caveat about workload.
- Added the technical competency requirement for use exclusion fence.

Discussion Summary

Members agreed the updated language improved clarity. Adjustments were made to terminology regarding EVAD enrollment and district ranking options.

Motion to Approve

- Motion: Benjy Strobe
- Second: Rick McSwain
- Vote: Passed unanimously

4) FY2027 ACSP Cost List

Overview

No cost changes were made in this cycle. Updates were limited to clarifications and terminology improvements.

Key Points

- Added footnotes explaining details for specific components (e.g., concrete pad dimensions).
- Renamed “use exclusion fence” to “site exclusion fence” to reduce confusion with the new BMP “use exclusion fencing.”

Motion to Approve

- Motion: Dewitt Hardee
- Second: Benjy Strobe

- Vote: Passed unanimously
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5) Technical Corrections to BMP Language

Beck presented minor corrections to update old references to “land smoothing” with the current term “precision land forming and smoothing.”

Motion to Approve

- Motion: Dewitt Hardee
 - Second: Benjy Strobe
 - Vote: Passed unanimously
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6) Member Items

New district alternates Elton Wilson and Jamie Bridges briefly introduced themselves. No additional items were raised.

Meeting Adjourned

- The meeting concluded at 2:26 PM.