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4 pm ET, via Zoom

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Committee Members:

Chair: Jody Jellison (NERA) Past Chair: Laura Lavine (WAAESD) Delegates: Alton Thompson (ARD) John Yang (ARD) Bernie Engel (NCRA) Frank Casey (NCRA) Indrajeet Chaubey (NERA) Mark Hutton (NERA) Susan Duncan (SAAESD) Nathan McKinney (SAAESD) Gene Kelly (WAAESD) Chris Davies (WAAESD) Executive Vice Chair: Bret Hess (WAAESD ED) Jennifer Tippetts (WAAESD Recorder)	Liaisons: Robert Matteri (ARS) Wendy Powers (ECOP) Tim Conner (NIFA) Jim Farrar (NIPMCC) Tim Killian (SSCC)
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Minutes:

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Jody welcomed everyone.
2. **Roll Call** – Attendance: Jody Jellison, Robert Matteri, Alton Thompson, Susan Duncan, Chris Davies, Gary Thompson, Indrajeet Chaubey, McKinney, Bret Hess, Jennifer Tippetts (recording secretary).
3. **Liaison Updates, as needed**
 - a. **ARS:** Robert Matteri reported that House and Senate are working on budgets. Complete budget details are available online. Currently all items are less than the President's budget, which is to be expected. Climate science and clean energy were both priorities from the President. There is a new section labeled community projects, which includes facilities and infrastructure. Robert reviewed specific locations and allocated funds.
 1. The White House has asked all agencies to develop a "go-to-work plan". Currently projecting federal employees to go back to work in person no earlier than October 1, 2021 and no later than January 3, 2022 with a phased approach. Travel is mission essential.
4. **Approval of meeting notes from 07/12/2021** – No quorum.
5. **Reactions to the CAST report summary** –
 - a. Jody noted that land use practices may be something that could be highlighted for greater prominence.

Commented [JT1]: Do you want to keep Jody's suggestion?

- b. Gary gave a brief summary on CAST- The goal is to put scientific information into laymen terms. CAST is made up of faculty members. Their goal is to be a fair and unbiased source of information, not to write the paper. The papers are usually rolled out in Washington DC to staffers at a luncheon. It is all about the science and communication. Gary recommended reading the entire paper and then providing feedback. The summary was not generated to gain feedback, but it is a good resource for experts.
- c. Bret shared the objective of reviewing the quick CAST paper. There are several different reports that have been released, the goal is to try to determine where the system has capacity, and what areas we may need to advance into the future. Please read the quick CAST summary. Are there areas that can be identified at a broad level, without going into the details that need to be added in terms of building a case? Please bring these ideas forward to the Fall ESS meeting in September. Current and continued efforts to explore what other reports are available that may be useful.
- d. The group discussed how to collect feedback.
 - 1. Robert mentioned that any technologies or practices that have a lower carbon footprint or will sequester carbon energy.
 - 2. Gary mentioned that there are six areas of focus coming out of the food and agriculture climate alliance. Gary is going to share slide presentation.

1. Soil health	4. Energy
2. Livestock and dairy	5. Research
3. Forests and wood products	6. Food loss and waste
 - 3. Bret will send follow up information to committee with next steps.

Commented [JT2]: This was a lot of he said, she said. I just summarized at the bottom with you sending more information. I can add back in the detail if you want.

6. Additional Information

- a. National Integrated Pest Management Coordinating committee is planning on hosting a hybrid meeting on October 19th and half day October 20th in Raleigh NC. One of the primary objections is to develop a strategic mission for the IPM extension and research enterprise.
 - ESS fall meeting on September 26-30th (<http://escop.info/ess-2021/>). The planning committee has made significant progress planning an in-person meeting. There will be a survey sent out 8/2 or 8/3 to determine in person attendance. This will help the planning committee because they can then renegotiate anything necessary such as room nights, but need the data to do so.
 - The 30th is reserved for all standing committees to meet. This is a 3-hour meeting designed to allow time to build from the meetings on the previous days. Climate science has already been identified as a priority by the chair.

7. Next Scheduled Meetings –

9 am – 12 pm PT September 30 at the 2021 ESS Meeting