**September 24, 2020 Alliance Board of Directors Meeting, 10a-12p**

Present: Bill Boettge, Charlie Nelson, Bill Stangel, Michelle Scarpace, Colleen Crane, Jeff Gaska, Andy Condon, Linda Truelove

The Alliance Board of Directors met via Zoom due to pandemic.

The Alliance BOD approved the Aug minutes.

Treasurer Linda Truelove reported that checks are being printed and she is waiting for the approval of the Alliance 501 c 3 status.

Colleen reported on the membership forms. It was decided that members representing LWC and DNR should be listed on the Alliance member roster, but not necessary for those individuals to complete membership forms

Conversation took place regarding the Rock River Coalition’s work on stream monitoring and the AIS grant. It was decided the Alliance role would be to coordinate w/lake associations/districts and to ask monitors to be assigned to each lake and work directly with RRC to be trained for monitoring.

Discussion took place regarding the upcoming Cover Crop Showcase on Oct. 22. Bill B. explained the BDLIA will be helping with the refreshments along w/the Farmers’ Group. Colleen will be working w/BD Lake and Lake Sinissippi on press releases and email blasts.

Colleen provided an update on the website work. The Alliance Board voted HealthySoilHealthyWater.org to be the domain name. The portal page will be shared by the Alliance and Farmers’ Group. Each group’s web address will point to the portal page. Board members provided guidance regarding linking to the Farmers’ website. It was decided that a link will be on each page.

Charlie & Colleen provided an update on Todd W grant advice of finding a project, then finding grant funds for the project vs. vice versa. Colleen also shared Robert Bird’s advice for the Alliance to replicate the Fox Lake Cover Crop Incentive Program to more areas in Dodge County and that should be considered an Alliance project.

Bill S. commented that if the Alliance does choose to replicate the Fox Lake Cover Crop Incentive program, we need to establish what we are asking for and to establish partners to assist with the work. How many acres will be covered? How many dollars are needed to achieve? How much phosphorous will be removed?

Bill S. provided updates:

[] Hammer project has been scaled back and AZ State has taken the lead. The goal is to be operational this Fall and to provide proof of concept.

[] DATCP grant will be shifting from pay for practice to pay for performance.

[] SARE Grant Opportunities:

* Farmer-Rancher Grants: pool 3 farmers up to $9,000 per farm
* Partnership Grants: Consultant or advisor to team with a group of farms with a maximum of $40,000 request.

 [] USDA Conservation Innovation Grants and RCPP grants: Requires LWC, university or other agency or non-profit as a partner.

Bill B. presented Alliance member Liz Orsay’s ‘Love Your Lake’ idea. Liz is pulling together materials and Bill B. will be asking BD Lake and Lake Sinissippi to appoint. committee members to work with Liz.

Jeff G. shared there is nothing to report on the lease template. The template will be a winter project.

Next Alliance meetings: Oct. 5, 10a.

Next Alliance BOD meeting: Oct. 22, 10a.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Crane, Alliance BOD Secretary