**April 12, 2021 Alliance Board of Directors Meeting**

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

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

The March BOD minutes were approved.

**Communications**
 Liz Orsay & Colleen Crane will put together a proposal for a garden tour

 Discussion took place regarding a 2022 Pontoon Day in Dodge County for next year where each lake would provide boat rides to farmers within their watershed.

 For 2021, pontoon rides on Fox Lake will take place for all interested Dodge County farmers. FLILPARD & FLPO will be putting together jointly.

 Colleen shared that the Fox Lake Cover Crop program will have a firm July 1 deadline and that a kick off social for Fox Lake watershed farmers will be scheduled in June.

**Finance** A general discussion took place regarding approaching lake groups & associations, requesting $500 to assist in funding the Alliance. It was noted that some lakes have done more to support the Alliance than other lakes and that those organizations need to be approached first.

Bill S. shared that the Farmers’ Group wants the Alliance to take the lead on a solicitation campaign and that it needs the Alliance to coordinate. It was decided that the Alliance needs a targeted approach for solicitation and sponsorships. Bill B. and Linda will meet w/Dave, Tony and Marty from the Farmers’ Group to determine next steps.

**Programs**
 Bill S. provided an update on the Mississippi Grant. He will be providing grant info to Colleen & Charlie.

 Bill S. shared that the Nature Conservancy had proposed the goal that 50% of crop land be covered in the next 5 years. Bill S. asked the group if this should be the Alliance goal as well. Currently, WI is 7% covered. A motion was made for the Alliance to support the effort to achieve 50% cover on cropland in the next 5 years. The motion passed

**Misc. Discussion on Other Topics**

 The group brainstormed ideas to help launch Beaver Dam cover crop program efforts.

A brief conversation took place regarding the RRC volunteers.

It was suggested that an Alliance presentation for community outreach wait until the videos are produced.

Future Alliance meeting/BOD, May 11, 3p via Zoom
No May Alliance meeting.
June 14, Alliance meeting, 10a

Respectfully submitted, Colleen Crane, Alliance BOD Secretary