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

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

Excused: Bill Stangel, Charlie Nelson

The Alliance Board of Directors met via Zoom.

The June BOD minutes were approved.

**Communications**

Colleen provided a video update after meeting w/Doug Condon last week. Jeff Gaska has agreed to be the voice on the Farmer video. Doug has promised that the two videos will be produced in the next 30 days. Once the videos are in place, a PPT presentation can be created for service group presentations & similar.

Next will be a roll-out of the Rick Clark videos that are posted on the Alliance & Farmers’ Group’s You Tube channels.

 Michelle reported that the next E-News will be out end of September and that we have 275 on the E-News list.

 The 2022 Shoreline Garden Tour was discussed. Colleen stated that better cooperation between the lakes needed to be established. Jeff suggested that a farm that uses pollinator strips (or similar) be part of the tour.

**Programs**
 The project on Matt Lienke’s farm is all set to go at crop harvest.

 Bill B. announced that he & Bill S. had met and that they wish to pursue a county wide cover crop program utilizing the River Alliance $30,000 funds. A discussion took place regarding why a committee had not been formed to brainstorm possibilities. Bill B. said he a committee (Bill B., Bill S., Charlie, Andy, Colleen) would meet and discuss further. Bill B. said the River Alliance goal was to work w/producers more closely.

 Jeff spoke w/Brian Field, Commissioner of the Dodge Co. Hwy Dept. Jeff will be receiving edits on the Land Lease agreement from Brian. If the Hwy Dept approves, the lease can then be announced.

 A brief conversation took place regarding LWC projects. Bill B. said he has two farmers on Beaver Dam who are interested in projects. It was noted that NRCS staffing remains an issue. Jeff will speak to Tally from Pheasants Forever to see if that organization can help fill in gaps.

**Finance** A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Solicitation program. Marty, Tony, Bill B., Bill S., and David R. had met. It was suggested that a meeting take place next week with the entire board to discuss further. It was noted that since this agreement involves money, we need to proceed with careful consideration. Bill B. will notify the Board of possible dates/times to discuss the MOU further.

**Misc. Discussion on Other Topics**

 The Dodge County Fair booth was discussed. Jeff will create a sign up.

It was suggested that the booth include the rain simulator.

 The Farmers’ website was discussed and how it is in need of a webmaster. Jeff will bring this item to the Farmers’ Group board.

**Aug. 2, 1p, Alliance meeting at the Hammer Farm.**

**Alliance BOD meeting will follow the Alliance meeting.**

Respectfully submitted, Colleen Crane, Alliance BOD Secretary