

## Minnesota Soil Health Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 1st, 10:00am

300 2nd Ave SW, Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

- Called the meeting to order (10:09am)
- Approved agenda (Labat, Dwire)
- Approved prior months meeting minutes (Dwire, Fick)
- Treasurers report provided by Fick
- Committee reports
  - Outreach/Education
    - Invite Indigo to December board meeting
    - Need content for website & FB-pictures, videos
    - Adding mentors
    - Outreach events
      - Area II presentation 10/16
      - SFA Soil Health Summit-board members will participate
      - SFA Café Chats-board members willing to work with SFA to put on
      - CTC
  - Fundraising/financial
    - NRCS agreement
    - RCPP opportunity webinar 10/16, see attached for draft proposal details
    - McDonald's
    - Meet with AgXplore
    - Meet with Regeneration Midwest
    - Grants (possible topics N release in spring, N fixation by cc, weed control CR, etc)
      - Soil Health Nexus (soil health school) \$1500-submitted
      - Research & Education Grant SARE 3yrs \$250,000
      - Partnership Grant SARE 24 months \$40,000 (on-farm research, demos, education)
      - Cover Crop Champions end 9/30/2020 \$10,000 (out of the box outreach-messaging)
      - Farmer/Rancher Sustainable Ag Grant SARE 23 months \$27,000 (innovative research/demo/education)
      - Sustainable Ag Demo Grant MDA 3 yrs \$50,000 (energy efficiency, enviro benefits, & profitability of sustainable ag) Due 12/17

- MN Corn Innovation Grant (multiple options, either management with a check field or replicated trials, some are 3 yrs some are 1yr, ranges from \$7,000-\$30,000/yr)
- Update on website and social media status-need Brian's board member interview completed
- Coalition emails-listed on website for others to reach out
- Adjourned 12:16pm (Fick, Labat)

Attendees:

Brian Pfarr, Tom Fick, Ben Dwire, Jamie Labat, Jason LaVoy, Chris Schmidt, Shannon Gegner, Anna Cates, Jennifer Hahn