

MINUTES: Yahara WINS Executive Committee meeting:

DATE: 3/16/2021

TIME: (approx. 2:45 PM)

LOCATION: Virtual meeting

SUBMITTED BY: Greg Fries - Secretary

Executive Committee:

- X Martin Griffin, President
- X Greg Fries, Secretary
- X Jeff Rau, Treasurer
- Tom Wilson
- Judd Blau – Village of Deforest, Vice President
- X Kyle Minks - Dane County Representative
- Laura Hicklin, Dane County Representative
- Bob Uphoff, Yahara Pride Farms Representative
- James Tye, Clean Lakes Alliance Representative
- X Kim Meyer – MMSD
- Andrew Baker Rock County LCD
- Amy Piaget, Dane County Representative
- X Paul Dearlove – Clean Lakes Alliance Representative
- Jon Lindert – Strand
- Richard Weihert

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order – Martye called the meeting to order at 3:00
- b. Welcomed guests and visitors

2. New business

- a. Review a funding request from Biological Farming Friends (BFF) for conservation practices involving seeding of cover crops this fall. This recently established group has only recently received acknowledgement and funding from DATCP.

Discussion about where this cover crop seeding would occur (over corn/bean areas in the southern portion of the watershed). The proposed work is expected to result in approximately 1440 lbs in TP reduction in 2021 as a one-time effort. Due to reporting requirements, WINS will get credit for this reduction in 2022. Cost for this reduction will work out to approximately 39/LB of TP reduced.

Minks and Griffin reported that this group is very holistically/ecologically minded, and in many applications attempts to try to keep vegetation growing all year and not “burn” the cover crop off with chemicals during the spring.

From WINS standpoint, this grant will be an opening opportunity for BFF to learn what

is required as part of working with WINS (calculations) to allow tracking and modeling of TP reductions allowing WINS to take credit for the work completed.

Motion made by Rau that:

- 1) Yahara WINS to provide full funding of \$35,000 to Biological Farming Friends Producer Led Watershed Group to assist with their cover crop initiative in 2021.
- 2) Yahara WINS work with BFF PLWG to come up with a service agreement to provide consistent conservation funding for phosphorus reduction practices in 2022.

Second by Fries

Voice Vote – Unanimous approval

3. Other business – None
4. Motion to Adjourn made by Rau, Second by Fries