

Minnesota Soil Health Coalition Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 16th, 9:00am – 10:00am
Cottonwood Grill, 1 Golf Dr, New Ulm, MN 56073

- Called the meeting to order 9:07am Pfarr
- Approved agenda (Labat, Fick)
- Approved prior months meeting minutes (Dwire, Fick)
- Treasurers report provided by Fick
 - Reimburse Jennifer Hahn for October and November (Dwire, Labat)
- Board member reports and attendees' updates
 - MAWQCP wildlife endorsement-work with partners to include cover crops as beneficial to wildlife
 - Crop insurance-how to mirror IA's program for a reduction in premium for cover crops, possibly tie with MAWQC
 - Farmers with MAWQ certification possibly receive priority funding from state and federal programs
 - Discussions with FSA are occurring to tracking cover crop usage and acreage reporting
 - Study for FinBin data and providing scholarships for use SFA
 - Representation and presentations at meetings and conventions
 - Conservation Tillage Conference
 - MN Cattlemen's Convention
 - MASWCD Convention
 - Cover Crop Champions
 - Delegation from Hungary
 - Upcoming events
 - Cover Crop 101 classes
 - Ag in the Classroom curricula
 - Centra Sota 2 day seminar
 - Economics symposium
 - Liepold's annual field day
 - Scott SWCD meeting
 - Rock Co winter meeting
 - Booth and presentations at the Midwest Soil Health Summit
 - Soil Health Academy at Breitzkreutz's June 23-35th
- Coordinator report provided by Hahn
- Committee reports
 - Outreach/Education
 - Winter meetings
 - Follow up with SWCD's for partnering and mentors
 - Financial/Fundraising
 - schedule meetings with potential partners
 - Possibly providing scholarships for farmer training

- Coalition emails and Facebook
- Review and adopt consent agenda (Fick, Pfarr)
- Adjourned 11:23am (Dwire, Fick)

Attendees:

Brian Pfarr
Tom Fick
Dawn Breitreutz
Grant Breitreutz
Theresa Keaveny
Jamie Labat
Chris Schmidt
Eric Stelling
Mark Schnobrich
Holly Hatlewick
Kent Solberg
Tom Cotter
Nancy Ackermann
Jerry Ackermann
Kristin Brennan
Rick Berscheit
Shannon Gegner
Melanie Foy
Kurt Mathiowetz
Jennifer Hahn