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Subject: SADG meeting prep - Primary/Secondary reviewer assignments

Dear Sustainable Ag Demo Grant Reviewers:

Hi there. I worked with the SADG program for many years, and Ann Kuzj asked me to facilitate your review meeting in Richfield next Thursday. I'm looking forward to it and hope you are, too. If all goes according to plan, by the end of the meeting you'll have reached consensus on a set of proposals you want to recommend to Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson.

While Ann compiles all the reviewer scores I thought I'd get in touch about our PROCESS that day. I propose that after some standard meeting preliminaries, we start by reviewing the average scores and mutually agree upon a cut-off point. You'll discuss all the proposals above the cut-off point, with the option to later add any low-scoring proposals that individual committee members feel strongly about.

Primary/Secondary Reviewers

While everyone will have a chance to weigh in on every proposal we discuss, I ask that 2 people to take the lead on discussion for each proposal. I've assigned a Primary and Secondary reviewer to each proposal. The **Primary** reviewer 1) gives a brief synopsis to remind everybody what the heck the proposal was about and 2) identifies their key concerns about the proposal as well as its strengths. The **Secondary** reviewer chimes in, then we open the discussion to everyone. This approach gives everyone the chance to be heard, while reducing the burden of each person having to be an expert on the minutiae of every single proposal.

Here are your assignments. I tried to accommodate any conflicts of interest you reported. You can trade amongst yourselves if necessary.

See you for a **10:00 a.m. start at Augsburg Park Public Library in Richfield -- 7100 Nicollet Ave, Richfield, MN 55423**. Ann has ordered box lunches for everyone. I suspect we'll be finished at or before 3.

Applicant	Title	Primary	Secondary
Theresa Keaveny	Advancing Soil Health with Livestock: Tracking Microbes Through Metagenomic Testing:	Caroline	Lisa
David Abazs	Agrophenology Project	Anne	Caroline
Chiara Bolton	Benefitting beekeeping farmers through the location of apiaries on pollinator-friendly solar arrays.	Lisa	Jenny
Allen Deutz	Closing the Loop: Sustainable Farming Through Reduced Off-Farm Inputs	Anne	Mark Z

Randy Kleinman	Comparison of Mobile Confinement and Day-range Production Systems for Pastured Broiler Chickens	Jenny	Anne
Richard Traugott	Cover crop and intercropping alternatives during the establishment period of perennial fruit crops	Helene	Lisa
Jerry and Nancy Ackermann	Cover Crop Effects on Soil Temperature and Soil Moisture	Caroline	Aaron
Paul Sando	Drain Tiling effects on Runoff and Soil Health at the Field and Local Drainage.	Mark Z	Heidi
Dustin Demmer	Effects of Drip Irrigation on the Yields of Native Seed Production Plots	Lisa	Jenny
Andrew Bernhardt	Evaluating Effectiveness of Sap Analysis to Increase High Tunnel Tomato Yield and Quality	Mark Z	Heidi
Jamie Karels	Fertility Program	Aaron	Helene
Alan Kraus	Grazing Intermediate Wheatgrass (Kernza) as a Dual Purpose Crop for Forage and Grain Production	Jenny	Helene
Marty Mogensen	i) Develop a High Clearance Method of Sustainable Cover Crop Seeding in the 7 Mile Creek Watershed	Heidi	Anne
Eric Sannerud	Minnesota Hops Terroir Identification And Promotion	Lisa	Mark Z
Kate Paul	Peonies for Profitable Cut Flower Production in Northeastern Minnesota	Heidi	Helene
Michele Manske	Perennial farming and carbon sequestration, ecosystem services and innovative entrepreneurship.	Aaron	Caroline
Arlyn Wall	Testing of a non-traditional process for cleanings and sorting MN wine grape varieties	Helene	Aaron
Mark Herickhoff	The "MPS" or Multi Prop System Development	Aaron	Jenny
Glen Kadelbach	To Grow an Organic Black Bean Market in Minnesota	Heidi	Anne

Thank you for putting in so much time and effort to help guide this flagship MDA program. I heard Them talking about it on Wisconsin Public radio just last week!

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