

**Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.**  
**Forestry/Agriculture/Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**January 19th, 2023**  
**Online**

**Attendees:** Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Robert Bauer (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Al Drabek (Marathon); Amalia Priest (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Rick Nitz (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Brooke Sperberg (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Lindsey Laskowski (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Amanda Burzynski (Golden Sands RC&D Staff).

**CALL TO ORDER:** Tessmer called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Everyone introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Walker, to approve the minutes from the November 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROJECT UPDATES:**

**Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (CWIP)/Northeast Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (NEWIP):** Fluor reported on administrative, communication, and follow-up work on projects involving both partnerships. Steering committee meetings are being planned and potential grant opportunities are being evaluated.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Cooperative Agreements:** Bauer introduced Rick Nitz, a new NRCS hire who will be working out of the Union Grove office. Nitz will focus on urban agriculture and small producers. Bauer and Laskowski reported on continuing efforts to assist landowners seeking funding for work under their conservation plans.

**Tree Shelters:** Burzynski reported on preparations for the 2023 season, including a postcard mailing.

**Stevens Point Area Neighborhood Gardens (SPANG):** Burzynski reported that deer fencing was installed at one of the Stevens Point sites.

**NACD Technical Assistance Project/Managed Grazing:** Sperberg reported that follow-up is underway on many 2022 projects; including grazing plans. Several grazing project plans are in progress. A winter microbial workshop, which was held in December, attracted around 25 participants. Golden Sands RC&D will have a booth at an upcoming Grassworks conference. Events are being planned for 2023.

**NEW PROJECTS:** Burzynski reviewed the terms and conditions for a grant from the James E. Dutton Foundation, which is providing \$3,000 for the implementation of wildlife lessons for 5th graders. A motion was made by Clendenning, which was second by Walker, to recommend full board approval of the terms and conditions of the grant. Motion carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Walker, which was second by Clendenning, to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Walker  
Recording Secretary