

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Regular Business/Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 20th, 2025
Golden Sands RC&D Office/Online

Attendees: Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Al Drabek (Marathon); Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Gary Beastrom (Member-at-Large); Jared Mader (Marathon); Amanda Gurklis (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jennifer Glad (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D); Asher Maliepaard (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Denise Hilgart (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Claire Harwood (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Todd Morris (Green Lake); Andrew Senderhauf (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jenna Tuma (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Kristin McAdow (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Adam Skadsen (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Nancy Hiestand (Green Lake); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Mara Lince (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jarell Wehr (Portage); Brooke Patrick (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Scott Soik (Congressman Van Orden's office); Jacob Abrahamson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bo Hendrickson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Brendan Woodall (US Fish & Wildlife Service).

CALL TO ORDER: Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Leichtnam explained that he was filling in for Council President Shane Wucherpfennig.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Tessmer, which was seconded by Mader, to approve the minutes from the January 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hilgart presented the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Drabek, which was seconded by Leichtnam, to accept the report and place it on file. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: Leichtnam reported on his efforts to encourage local state legislators to act on groundwater legislation in the upcoming legislative session.

WI RC&D ASSOCIATION: Glad reported on a meeting with other WI RC&D executive directors, as well as activities going on at the national level.

2024 OVERHEAD/ADMIN BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: Glad reported that 2024 data for income and spending showed that we ended 2024 with a \$942 surplus of income.

FEDERAL FUNDING STATUS: Glad alerted the committee that reimbursement requests for federal contracts have been held up in processing at the federal level.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Each of the four standing committees reviewed its actions from meetings held just before the full board meeting.

NEW PROJECTS: The 2025 Taylor County Lake & AIS contracted services project was presented. A motion was made by Walker, which was seconded by Drabek, to approve the project. Motion carried.

STAFF/PROJECT UPDATES: Glad reminded attendees that staff activity reports were included with information sent out prior to the meeting. Glad also highlighted a number of events in March and April that Golden Sands RC&D is sponsoring or participating in.

AGENCY/PARTNER REPORTS: Brendan Woodall provided a report of activities being carried out through the Partners for Fish & Wildlife program.

OTHER REPORTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Walker, which was seconded by Tessmer, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Minutes by: Bob Walker, Secretary