

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Waters Committee Meeting Minutes
May 16th, 2024
Wood County River Block/Online

Attendees: Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Reesa Evans (Member-at-Large); Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amanda Gurklis (Golden Sands RC&D); Shane Wucherpfennig (Wood); Jared Mader (Marathon).

CALL TO ORDER: Tomandl called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Wucherpfennig, to approve the March 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW PROJECTS: Gurklis provided information on a new project, which involves a contracted services agreement with Brekke Lake for an aquatic plant management plan. A motion was made by Evans, which was seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the project and forward to the full council. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY AND STAFF UPDATES:

Gurklis: She has given AIS and groundwater lessons. For groundwater lessons, she gave 24 in Waupaca County, three in Waushara County, and six in Marquette County. 23 lessons were given on AIS issues and there was a waiting list. She explained that the lessons cost \$300 per lesson. There will be a Water Appreciation Day Event for 70 students on May 17th. A grant has been submitted for this event to continue.

Thorstenson: All CBCW interns have been hired and will be trained next week to be available for the Memorial Day weekend.

Adams: Evans reported that the LWCD office is now down to two employees, a Water Resource Specialist and the County Conservationist. It is unclear how soon this situation will change. The LWCD was previously combined with Planning & Zoning, but there is now consideration to split into two departments again. The tree sale was completed.

Marathon: Mader reported that the county is finishing its first round of private well testing. It tested over 800 wells so far. The current Soil & Water Management Plan is ending soon, so there are preparations for a new one. A Young Conservationists Committee was formed and will get NR151 training soon.

Taylor: Tomandl reported that the county board turned down a request to buy carbon credits the county accumulated from its 18,000 county forest acres. The emerald ash borer was found in the county. The tree sale is completed. Some corn has been planted.

Wood: Leichtnam reported that the county is looking at developing a triangle of county buildings, like a campus, in downtown Wisconsin Rapids. Wucherpfennig reported that there are new people on the LWCD committee. The tree sale wrapped up. There are several pending non-metallic mining citations. Now that the county has accumulated a lot of groundwater information, it is considering how to use it. Many summer projects are scheduled.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Evans, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reesa Evans
Recording Secretary