

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Waters Committee Meeting Minutes
May 15th, 2025
Golden Sands RC&D Office/Online

Attendees: Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Amanda Gurklis (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Chris Hamerla (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jared Mader (Marathon); Shane Wucherpennig (Wood); Todd Morris (Green Lake); Joe Tomandl (Taylor).

CALL TO ORDER: Tomandl called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Wucherpennig, to approve the March 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

NEW PROJECTS: The Big Bass Lake Aquatic Plant Point Intercept survey and EWM mapping project was presented and discussed. Motion was made by Wucherpennig, which was seconded by Leichtnam, to approve the new project and send it to the full council. Motion carried.

COUNTY AND STAFF UPDATES:

Hamerla: He wrapped up 2024 LMPN reporting. Andrew Senderhauf took a position with Portage County. Mackenzie Weber is starting next week. Mara Lince is at an Expo event today. Hamerla and Lince will share the area Senderhauf covered.

Gurklis: She taught 70 lessons and 1103 5th graders this year. Two teachers from Marathon County are interested in the Groundwater Lesson Program. She onboarded two CBCW employees and will onboard/Train Mackenzie Weber next week.

Wucherpennig (Wood): Lots of violations in the county. Tree sale wrapped up. He discussed well testing on wells high in Nitrates. The soil health day was well attended.

Leichtnam Wood): He is going to attend a meeting to share the Nitrate map that was created.

Morris (Green Lake): The county finished its third year of groundwater testing and are looking at ways to reduce phosphorus levels. Hamerla is going to do a test plot at Twin Lakes.

Mader (Marathon): Beach monitoring will occur on all the beaches in the county. He is working with a village to convert cropland into rotational grazing and a prairie.

Thorstenson: She presented about the bio control of EWM with native weevils. She is setting up the CBCW project and is training Gurklis on the project. Pearl Lake is not doing the CBCW project this year.

Tomandl (Taylor): The tree sale wrapped up. Water testing is ongoing. Buckthorn Bash was completed. The county held a recycling Day.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 am. Motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Morris.

Minutes by: Amanda Gurklis