

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Forestry/Agriculture/Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes
November 16th, 2023
Wood County River Block/Online

Attendees: Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jennifer Glad (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Rick Nitz (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Nichole Kirk (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Maria LeFevre-Knusta (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Al Drabek (Marathon); Garrett Klepitsch (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Brooke Patrick (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Trent Quade (Golden Sands RC&D Staff).

CALL TO ORDER: Tessmer called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Drabek, which was seconded by Clendenning, to approve the minutes from the September 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Cooperative Forestry:

Fluor and Quade reported on the installation of a demonstration forest sign. Administrative work for the season is being wrapped up. Planning meetings with the DNR are coming up.

Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (CWIP)/Northeast Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (NEWIP): Fluor and Quade reported on invasive control field work that was completed on private lands adjacent to State Natural Areas. Planning and prioritization of work for 2024 is underway.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Cooperative Agreements: Kirk and LeFevre-Knusta reported on an event in Green Bay and a soil health field day in Milwaukee. The team is seeking out new opportunities and partnerships and is doing site visits with landowners.

Tree Shelters: Glad reported that planning is underway for the 2024 season.

Stevens Point Area Neighborhood Gardens (SPANG): Glad reported that Golden Sands RC&D is seeking candidates for a full-time community gardens coordinator and that improvements to the sites will be made in 2024.

Waupaca County Conservation Field Day (WCCFD): Glad provided information from Gurklis, who reported that Golden Sands RC&D hosted a successful event for about 300 students.

NACD Technical Assistance Project/Managed Grazing: Patrick and Klepitsch reported that wrap-up of the 2023 season is underway and that plans are being worked on for 2024. Educational opportunities are being explored and events are being planned.

NEW PROJECTS: None

MEMBER REPORTS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Walker, which was seconded by Clendenning, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Walker
Recording Secretary