

**Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.**  
**Personnel/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 21st, 2023**  
**Wood County River Block/Online**

**Attendees:** Gary Beastro (Member-at-Large); Ed Hernandez (Waushara); Denise Hilgart (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amanda Gurklis (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Reesa Evans (Member-at-Large); Shane Wucherpennig (Member-at-Large); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff). Bill Clendenning (Wood) was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Hernandez called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** No introductions were made. All familiar.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Wucherpennig, which was seconded by Walker, to approve the minutes from the July 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Into Closed Session:** A motion was made by Evans, which was seconded by Walker, to go into closed session. Motion carried unanimously. Closed session started at 9:04 a.m.

**Out of Closed Session:** A motion was made by Evans, which was seconded by Walker, to leave closed session. Motion carried unanimously. Closed session ended at 9:20 a.m. Clendenning entered the room.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The most recent financial reports were sent out prior to the meeting. Hilgart noted that most expenditures were routine for this time of year. The contingency fund was used to cover a short-term shortfall for expenses for the first time. The fund has already been reimbursed. She reported on the amounts for all open accounts and the second quarter value of the Endowment Fund. A motion was made by Wucherpennig, which was seconded by Walker, to forward to the full council. Motion carried unanimously.

**STAFF AND MEMBERSHIP:**

**Hiring Updates and Open Positions:** Thorstenson reported that interviews will be held next week to fill a position in the Madison NRCS office. Soil Conservation positions are currently open in both the Westfield and Green Lake NRCS offices. Thorstenson noted that the search pool may need to be expanded to fill the positions. Colton Wolosek left his position at Golden Sands RC&D to take a position in the Adams County Land & Water Conservation Office.

**Outagamie County:** Outagamie County recently sent an email indicating that it will be withdrawing from Golden Sands RC&D and returning to Glacierland RC&D. No reason was provided.

**Tribute to Al Barden:** Evans agreed to assist Thorstenson in finalizing plans for a tribute to Al Barden.

**PR & COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Newsletter:** Thorstenson reported that no newsletter went out in August or September, but she is hoping to have one available in October.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m. upon a motion made by Beastrom, which was seconded by Walker.

Respectfully submitted,

Reesa Evans  
Recording Secretary