

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Forestry/Agriculture/Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes
September 21st, 2023
Wood County River Block/Online

Attendees: Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Rick Nitz (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Nichole Rayome (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Amanda Gurklis (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Robert Bauer (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 10:15 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

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

PROJECT UPDATES:

Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (CWIP)/Northeast Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (NEWIP): Fluor reported that field work is being wrapped up on invasives removal projects as well as restoration work. Final reporting is being prepared. NEWIP participated in an event held at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens. Grant funding has been secured for CWIP and NEWIP projects for next year.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Cooperative Agreements: Bauer and Rayome discussed their respective recent and upcoming activities, including reporting and landowner contacts regarding cost-sharing programs.

Tree Shelters: Gurklis reported that the profit/loss statement for 2023 reflects a \$130.12 loss for the program.

Stevens Point Area Neighborhood Gardens (SPANG): Thorstenson reported on a collaborative grant that will allow for expansion of the program (see new projects for details).

Waupaca County Conservation Field Day (WCCFD): Gurklis reported that planning is underway and that this year's event will be held on September 29th.

NACD Technical Assistance Project/Managed Grazing: Patrick reported on an event that was held on August 12th, which attracted 77 participants. A pasture walk is being planned for later this year and work with landowners continues.

NEW PROJECTS: Thorstenson presented a new project, which will be sponsored by the NRCS and FRAME Presbyterian. This project will allow for the hiring of a full-time person to assist in neighborhood garden projects, a simple drilled well at one of the current sites, and potentially other enhancements for the program. A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Walker, to recommend full board approval of the project. Motion carried.

MEMBER REPORTS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Gurklis reported a donation of \$1,563.00 was received in support of the 2024 Water Appreciation Day.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Drabek, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Walker
Recording Secretary