

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Waters Committee Meeting Minutes
July 17th, 2025
Boston School Forest/Online

Attendees: Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Amanda Gurklis (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Jenna Tuma (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amberle Schwartz (Portage).

CALL TO ORDER: Tomandl called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

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

NEW PROJECTS: The Buffalo Lake District 9 Key Element Plan Development project was presented and discussed. Motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Schwartz, to approve the new project and send it to the full council. Motion carried.

COUNTY AND STAFF UPDATES:

Gurklis: CBCW projects are going well. She is busy planning for the Waupaca County Conservation Field Day. She had an AIS boot with Mackenzie Weber at the Levitt AMP Music Series. She also presented Lince's staff report.

Tuma: She talked about the Karner Blue Butterfly Event staff attended. She has been posting a lot of Facebook content. She also presented Hamerla's staff report.

Tomandl (Taylor): The county released Purple Loosestrife Beetles. Water testing will begin in September. Gold mine testing is in progress. No spills occurred in the county, but many erosion events did.

Leichtnam Wood): AARPA funds will be used for rural wells with high nitrates. Residents are having to buy water. The tree sale ended and the county is looking to expand it next year.

Schwartz (Portage): The county has been busy hiring new employees. She attended a potato field day at the Hancock Agricultural Research Station. About fifty percent of wells are high in Nitrates in Nelsonville. Tracer testing will begin to see where the Nitrates are coming from. Approval was received to start a committee for the industrial livestock ordinance.

Thorstenson: CBCW invoices were sent out.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am. Motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Schwartz.

Minutes by: Amanda Gurklis