

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Regular Business/Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 18th, 2025
Midwest Renewable Energy Association/Online

Attendees: Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Al Drabek (Marathon); Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Gary Beastrom (Member-at-Large); Jennifer Glad (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D); Asher Maliepaard (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Denise Hilgart (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Claire Harwood (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jenna Tuma (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Katherine Jaeger (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Todd Morris (Green Lake); Ron Luethe (Monroe); Brooke Patrick (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Natalie Gruben (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Shane Wucherpfennig (Wood); Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Pat Kilbey (Marquette); Bo Hendrickson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Nancy Eggleston (Portage); Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Angel Rakow (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Tiana Snyder (TNC); Jon Baker (Doral Renewables, LLC); Leon Dulak (MREA).

CALL TO ORDER: President Wucherpfennig called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Clendenning, to approve the minutes from the July 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hilgart presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Walker, which was seconded by Drabek, to accept the report and place it on file. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION TO MIDWEST RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION: Glad introduced Leon Dulak, MREA Site Manager, who gave a brief presentation on the history and current initiatives of MREA.

WI RC&D ASSOCIATION: Glad reported that though the state association is not currently meeting, the executive directors of the state's RC&Ds continue to work cooperatively to advance shared interests and opportunities for collaboration.

FEDERAL FUNDING STATUS: Glad reported federal funding for NRCS co-employment contracts and other programs is settling back into normal patterns, though some changes in processes and procedures were needed due to reductions in government staffing.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Glad reported that three counties paid dues in August. She has made in-person visits to the Land & Water Conservation Committees, in various counties where dues have not been paid, to build better awareness of the value Golden Sands RC&D provides to those counties.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Each of the four standing committees reviewed its actions from meetings held just before the full board meeting.

RESOLUTIONS: Glad presented four resolutions that serve as precursors for grant applications that will be submitted to the Wisconsin DNR.

- 2026 AIS Prevention For Trappers
- 2026 Lake Monitoring & Protection Network (LMPN) Regional AIS Coordinators 884G
- 2026 AIS Prevention for Yard Waste Facilities and Landscape Companies in Waupaca, Outagamie and Winnebago counties
- 2026 AIS Prevention for Yard Waste Facilities and Landscape Companies in Wood, Portage, Marathon, and Waushara counties

A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Tomandl, to adopt the resolutions. Motion carried.

NEW PROJECTS: The LMPN 13 County Regional AIS Program was presented and discussed. A motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Tomandl, to approve the project. Motion carried.

STAFF/PROJECT UPDATES: Glad reminded attendees that staff activity reports were included with information sent out prior to the meeting.

AGENCY/PARTNER REPORTS: Jon Baker of Doral Renewables, LLC provided an overview and status report on the Vista Sands Solar Project. Golden Sands RC&D is a partner in the project, providing technical assistance as well as other support.

OTHER REPORTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kilbey, which was seconded by Drabek, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Minutes by: Bob Walker, Secretary