

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Forestry/Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes
November 21st, 2024
Wood County River Block/Online

Attendees: Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Nathan Sandwick (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Morgan Jansen (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Al Drabek (Marathon); Claire Harwood (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bo Hendrickson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Dan Nath (Golden Sands RC&D Staff).

CALL TO ORDER: Drabek called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Since this committee is newly established, following the split of the forestry/agriculture/wildlife committee, there were no minutes from a previous meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Habitat for Karner Blue Butterfly, Poweshiek Skipperling, & Other Pollinators: Hendrickson reported a busy field season for 2024. He conducted site visits with around 45 landowners. Approximately 25 projects are planned or underway. Around 400 acres of land have established or improved habitat.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership: Glad reported that a meeting of the partnership was held earlier this week, at which a new president was elected. The partnership wrapped up a successful 2024 season with 12 miles of windbreaks established. The LTEs who were hired for the program worked out very well.

Cooperative Forestry / Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (CWIP) / Northeast Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (NEWIP): Fluor and Harwood reported on project work and reporting for these initiatives. A demonstration forest field day event was held in Portage County. The CWIP and NEWIP steering committees met. Planning is underway for a demonstration forest owners' get-together in February. Staff is also looking for potential projects that could engage volunteers in invasive species control. Staff have joined the Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin Board. Fluor and Harwood also attended the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference.

Tree Shelters: Glad reported that orders are continuing to come in.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Walker, which was seconded by Drabek, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Walker
Recording Secretary