

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Regular Business/Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 15th, 2025
Golden Sands RC&D Office/Online

Attendees: Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Al Drabek (Marathon); Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Gary Beastrom (Member-at-Large); Jared Mader (Marathon); Amanda Gurklis (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); 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); Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Claire Harwood (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Todd Morris (Green Lake); Jenna Tuma (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Kristin McAdow (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Adam Skadsen (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Tracy Arnold (Portage); Robert Bauer (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Nicole Muschinske (Grassworks); Andy Richardson (NRCS); Shane Wucherpfennig (Wood); Chris Hamerla (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Patty Laskowski (Grassworks).

CALL TO ORDER: Wucherpfennig called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Drabek, to approve the minutes from the March 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

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

WI RC&D ASSOCIATION: Glad reported on a meeting with other WI RC&D executive directors, as well as activities going on at the national level.

FEDERAL FUNDING STATUS: Glad alerted the committee that reimbursement requests for federal contracts have been held up in processing at the federal level.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Glad encouraged counties that have not paid 2025 membership dues to do so, and noted that a preliminary notice of 2026 dues was sent out (for county budget planning).

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

NEW PROJECTS: The NACD TA 2024, Big Bass Lake Aquatic Plant Point Intercept survey and EWM mapping, and Partners in Regenerative Agriculture projects were presented and discussed. A motion was made by Drabek, which was seconded by Morris, to approve all three projects. Motion carried.

STAFF/PROJECT UPDATES: Glad reminded attendees that staff activity reports were included with information sent out prior to the meeting. Glad also highlighted a number of events in May and June that Golden Sands RC&D is participating in.

AGENCY/PARTNER REPORTS: Representatives from GrassWorks, Inc. gave a presentation on managed grazing in Wisconsin.

OTHER REPORTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Drabek, which was seconded by Morris, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes by: Bob Walker, Secretary