

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Forestry/Agriculture/Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes
May 16th, 2024
Wood County River Block/Online

Attendees: Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Kevin Munkwitz (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Maria LeFevre-Knusta (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Ben Babcock (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Erin Richards (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Brooke Patrick (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jennifer Glad (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Al Drabek (Marathon); Amanda Gurklis (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Asher Maliepaard (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Kristin McAdow (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Claire Harwood (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Brady Albers (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 Drabek, which was seconded by Clendenning, to approve the minutes from the March 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Cooperative Forestry: Fluor reported on planning for demonstration forestry field days, including a family event that will be held in Portage County, as well as planning for field work in the upcoming months.

Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (CWIP): Fluor reported that project work is underway on public and private lands. Meetings have been held with partnering organizations.

Northeast Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (NEWIP): Harwood reported on updates to the NEWIP website, meetings with partners, and preparing for field work.

Tree Shelters: Munkwitz reported that sales are underway for 2024, with more than \$11,600 in orders through April.

Urban Conservation: LeFevre-Knusta reported on work with private landowners and partners on cost-sharing applications, as well as attending outreach events.

Stevens Point Area Neighborhood Gardens (SPANG): Richards reported on outreach work and improvements being made at local sites.

NACD Technical Assistance Project/Managed Grazing: Several employees offered updates about their respective work, including working with landowners on mapping cost-sharing applications, grazing plans, and outreach events coming up in the next few months.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Cooperative Agreements: Glad reported that the agreement has been renewed.

Waupaca County Conservation Field Day (WCCFD): Gurklis reported that the 2024 event is planned for September 27th with a rain date of October 4th.

Water Appreciation Day Event: Gurklis reported that the 2024 event is planned for May 17th with a rain date of May 24th.

Habitat for Karner Blue Butterfly, Poweshiek Skipperling, & Other Pollinators: Glad reported that preparations are underway for work related to this project.

Central Wisconsin Windshed: Glad reported that staffing needs are being met for the 2024 season.

NEW PROJECTS: None

MEMBER REPORTS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: Committee members discussed splitting the current Forestry/Ag/Wildlife committee into separate committees; one for Agriculture and the other for Forestry/Wildlife. No action was taken on the concept.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Drabek, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Walker
Recording Secretary