

fGolden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Regular Business/Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 25th, 2023
Wood County River Block/Online

Attendees: Ed Hernandez (Waushara); Gary Beastro (Member-at-Large); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Kendra Kunding (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Al Rosenthal (Marquette); Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Denise Hilgart (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amanda Burzynski (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Steve Bradley (Portage); Shane Wucherpennig (Member-at-Large); Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Diane Hanson (Marathon); Dave Benson (Marquette County).

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Hernandez at 11:02 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Wucherpennig, which was seconded by Rosenthal, to approve the minutes from the March 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was emailed prior to this meeting. Hilgart reviewed the reports. Dispersals and receipts were routine. A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Walker, to accept and file the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Groundwater Legislation: Leichtnam reported on the WI Act 5 that allows Producer Led Groups to apply for DNR funding through the Surface Water Grant Program. He also updated the Council on the Kinnard Farms settlement with the DNR.

NEW BUSINESS:

Conflict of Interest Policy: Kunding reminded Board members and officers that everyone needs to sign a copy of Golden Sands RC&D's Conflict of Interest policy. This is required by the 990-tax form.

2024 Voluntary Membership Dues: Invoices for 2024 will be sent out for County budget planning purposes.

Resolution on 2023 Farm Bill: Walker presented and reviewed an updated resolution about the upcoming 2023 Farm Bill. A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Tomandl, to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel/Finance Committee Report: Kunding provided a report from the meeting which included staffing updates, membership dues, Al Barden tribute, National RC&D Association membership, some minor adjustments to the Personnel Policies & Procedures Handbook,

website updates related to staff roles, distribution of funds to Simplicity Credit Union, and a payroll software upgrade.

Clendenning requested that the motion that was made in this committee meeting related to the shift of funds to a secondary financial institution be read to the Council. Hilgart then read the motion. A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Wucherpennig, to approve this motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Council discussed the minor adjustments to the Personnel Policies & Procedures Handbook. A motion was made by Walker, which was seconded by Wucherpennig, to approve changes made to the handbook per discussion at the Personnel and Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Forestry/Agriculture/Wildlife Committee Report: Walker provided an update from the meeting which included the farm bill resolution, invasive species work, NRCS Cooperative Agreements, tree shelters, urban gardens, and three new projects that were discussed.

Water Committee Report: Rosenthal reported on the discussions at the Waters Committee meeting, including the legislative update and the approval of two new projects.

NEW PROJECTS: Kunderer discussed new projects that involve a contract with Columbia County to complete a point-intercept survey on Lazy Lake and a contract with Taylor County for a point-intercept survey on Rib Lake. A motion was made by Rosenthal, which was seconded by Tomandl, to approve these two projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Burzynski reviewed the Conservation Collaboration in Central Wisconsin Project, the Collaborative Invasive Species Management in Central Wisconsin Project, and the Managing Invasive Species in Northeast Wisconsin Project. A motion was made by Walker, which was seconded by Clendenning, to approve these projects. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF/PROJECT UPDATES: Staff reports were sent out electronically before the meeting.

AGENCY/PARTNER REPORTS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Wucherpennig, which was seconded by Leichtnam, to adjourn the meeting at 11:46am. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hanson
Temporary Recording Secretary