

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Forestry/Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes
January 16th, 2025
Golden Sands RC&D Office/Online

Attendees: Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Nathan Sandwick (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Al Drabek (Marathon); Claire Harwood (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jenna Tuma (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Shala Pence (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bill Clendenning (Wood).

CALL TO ORDER: Drabek called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Walker, to approve the minutes from the November 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Habitat for Karner Blue Butterfly, Poweshiek Skipperling & Other Pollinators: Tuma reported on behalf of Bo Hendrickson. Highlights include:

- Less than 300 acres of the total 1000 acres remaining to fulfill the acreage amount.
- Beginning to seed our oak savannah and prairie projects.
- The grant has been able to touch a vast majority of its coverage range, so the love for pollinators is being spread around.
- Site visits are still continuing and we're starting to line up our field season visits already.

Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership: Preparations for hiring LTEs for the 2025 season are underway.

Cooperative Forestry / Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (CWIP) / Northeast Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (NEWIP): Fluor and Harwood reported. Administrative work and reporting for grant-funded projects is underway. Preparing for hiring of LTEs for the 2025 field season. An event will be held Feb. 7th for demonstration forest owners. Brochures are now available for all demo forests. Working on relationship-building with new and existing partners.

Tree Shelters: Tuma reported a seasonal lull in sales. Preparing for the upcoming sales seasons. Mailing is planned to past customers.

NEW PROJECTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Walker. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Minutes by: Bob Walker, Secretary