

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Waters Committee Meeting Minutes
September 18th, 2025
Midwest Renewable Energy Association/Online

Attendees: Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Mara Lince (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Shane Wucherpennig (Wood); Todd Morris (Green Lake); Pat Kilbey (Marquette); Nancy Eggleston (Portage).

CALL TO ORDER: Tomandl called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Wucherpennig, to approve the July 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

NEW PROJECTS: Lince presented the LMPN 13 County Regional AIS Program. Discussion was had on possible budget cuts and additional counties joining. A motion was made by Wucherpennig, which was seconded by Eggleston, to approve the project and send it to full council for approval. Motion carried.

COUNTY AND STAFF UPDATES:

Portage (Eggleston): The county is developing an industrial livestock ordinance. Discussion was had on CAFO regulations and how this ordinance would work.

Wood (Wucherpennig/Leichtnam): A large CAFO farm in Juneau County might be starting up operations again. ARPA funds are being utilized for R.O. Systems, nitrogen reduction, and harvestable buffers. The citizens water group has officially become a sub-committee of the Land/Water Committee.

Green Lake (Morris): Green Lake Association is working with the county to create a lake management plan to be combined with an existing 9-Key Element Plan. A recently formed watershed group is getting organized.

Marquette (Kilbey): Contracted with Golden Sands RC&D to author a 9-Key element plan for the Buffalo Lake watershed. CWIP has been active in Marquette County with Jacob & Claire recently doing property inventories and hosting an invasives workshop. The private groundwater testing program is on-going with a workshop scheduled September 23rd.

Taylor (Tomandl): A manure spill resulting in a fish kill was discovered by staff. DNR has been on-site. Soil health activities and discussions have increased.

Lince: She discussed the trappers 2-year education grant, the 9-Key Element Plan with Marquette County, and the Brekke Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plan.

Thorstenson: CBCW 2025 grants completed. Acrylic Plant ID samples on-going with large order recently placed.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Morris, to adjourn.
Motion carried.

Minutes by: Pat Kilbey