Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Regular Business/Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 21st, 2026
Golden Sands RC&D Office/Online

Attendees: Shane Wucherpfennig (Wood); Al Drabek (Marathon); Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Jared Mader (Marathon); Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Jennifer Glad (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D); Asher Maliepaard (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Claire Harwood (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Katherine Jaeger (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amanda Gurklis (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Ken Borzick (Marquette); Tracy Arnold (Portage); Abby Leis (Wood); Sandy Sackmann (Golden Sands RC&D Staff)

CALL TO ORDER: President Wucherpfennig called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Drabek, to approve the minutes from the March 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

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

WI RC&D ASSOCIATION: Glad reported on their participation at the Lakes Convention. Clendenning brought up the idea of being part of the national association of RC&D.

FEDERAL FUNDING STATUS: Glad reported that they are not seeing RFPs, they are no longer able to get advances on federal funding, and they are moving from quarterly invoices to monthly.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Jaeger reported that a lot of counties still haven't paid 2026 dues. 2027 invoice will be sent out in August. 2026 invoices will be re-sent in an attempt to collect the remaining dues.

MEETING LOCATION FOR SUMMER 2026: Glad reported that Clendenning offered to fund the location for the July 16th summer meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY RECORDING SECRETARY: Wucherpfennig provided updates about the resignation of committee member Bob Walker. He stated that Dustin Ladd had expressed interest in joining the Personnel and Finance Committee.

GROUNDWATER LEGISLATION: No updates.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES: Wucherpfennig discussed the situation with county delegates. Adams, Columbia, Green Lake, Monroe, Waupaca, and Waushara were not present to provide any updates. Wood, Marquette, Marathon, and Taylor will not have any changes to their

delegates. Portage will know their situation on June 2nd, and Juneau may have Dustin Ladd as the delegate.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY: Glad reminded the committee that every member needs to sign the policy every other year.

AL BARDEN TRIBUTE: Glad reported that the tribute happened. A video highlight was shared.

2025 BUDGET vs. ACTUAL ANALYSIS: Glad reported that it is not completed yet.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Clendenning nominated Wucherpfennig for President. Wucherpfenning nominated Leichtnam for Vice President. Wucherpfennig stated that Personnel and Finance Committee members need to be determined first before nominating the Treasurer and Secretary. Wucherpfennig nominated Dustin Ladd to the Personnel and Finance Committee. Glad nominated Nancy Eggleston to the Personnel and Finance Committee. To be brought back up at the July meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO CENTRAL WISCONSIN WINDSHED PARTNERSHIP (CWWP): Clendenning will continue to be the delegate.

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

NEW PROJECTS:

55-6003-999-896 - VSN Partnership for Regenerative Agriculture
A motion was made by Tomandl, which was seconded by Drabek, to approve. Motion carried.

55-6003-999-893 - UWCC Cooperative Forestry Funding
A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Tomandl, to approve. Motion carried.

55-6003-999-898 - General Operating for Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council.
A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Drabek, to approve. Motion carried.

STAFF/PROJECT UPDATES: No updates.

OTHER REPORTS: Glad shared that they participated in an Arbor Day event at Franklin St. community garden. The local news covered the event. News story shared with the committee.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Drabek, which was seconded by Clendenning, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Minutes by: Jared Mader, Temporary Secretary