

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

Attendees: Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amanda Gurklis (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Andrew Senderhauf (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Chris Hamerla (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jared Mader (Marathon); Nancy Eggleston (Portage); Mara Lince (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Morgan Jansen (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Todd Morris (Green Lake).

CALL TO ORDER: Tomandl called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Eggleston, to approve the November 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW PROJECTS: None.

COUNTY AND STAFF UPDATES:

Thorstenson: CBCW (Clean Boats Clean Waters) communication and planning with lakes, who contract Golden Sands for assistance, is underway. There appears to be the same returning four entities: 2 inspectors for the Chain O Lakes - Waupaca, Lake Helen - Portage Co, and Big Silver & Pearl lakes - Waushara Co. CBCW job announcements are out. Gurklis is now assisting Thorstenson with the CBCW projects.

Senderhauf: In communication with Village of Plover discussing the Springville Pond management AIS presentation during the Trout Unlimited event. Followup discussions with DNR, Green Lake Co and Twin Lakes regarding the 2024 finding of marsh pennywort exotic species. Also working to draft APMP (aquatic plant management plan) for Brekke Lake, which will be used as a template for future APMP contracted services.

Hamerla: Working on 2024 AIS grant reporting and planning with a variety of lakes for contracted service work. Assisted DNR with invasive species messaging for ice anglers. Presented how to do invasive species outreach and partner waterfowl hunters and furbearer trappers during the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference (UMISC) in Duluth.

Gurklis: Assisting Thorstenson with CBCW (Clean Boats Clean Waters) projects to learn the process and eventually take on that responsibility. Attended the UW Stevens Point Career Fair to promote and discuss current open Golden Sands positions. AIS lessons are planned. Reached out to 5th grade classes in all 12 RC&D counties the AIS lessons. So far 24 classes, with a total of 674 students, are scheduled and 15 teachers are on a waiting list. Also planning groundwater lessons in Waupaca, Waushara and Marquette Counties. Green Lake County is interested in doing the Groundwater lesson program as well, but is waiting to see how their Tree Sale goes to see what funding they will have.

Lince: Reported that she, Senderhauf, and Hamerla attended UMISC (Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference) in Duluth. She has been attending numerous Lake Wisconsin Alliance meetings since they have a virtual option, which allows Mara to save on mileage. She has also

been working with the Monroe Invasive Species Working Group, identifying new phragmites locations and communicating with Harmony Grove to secure contracted lake services for 2025.

Jansen: Mapping easements and restoration check-ins.

Mader (Marathon): Winter manure spreading issues in Marathon County. The county is also planning to update their groundwater plan starting in 2025.

Morris (Green Lake): Staff person, Derek Kavanaugh, is working on lake management plan updates. Green Lake County is also dealing with manure issues. The county will be targeting 100 wells for testing in 2025.

Leichtnam Wood): He and Shane Wucherpfenning went to Madison to present the updated Wood County 10 year Land & Water Plan. It was approved. Significant manure discharge on the Wood and Portage County line. Legal proceedings are upcoming.

Eggleston (Portage): No report.

Tomandl (Taylor): Tree sale is coming up. Manure spill occurred close to a stream in Taylor County. Nutrient management classes are going on.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 am. Motion was made by Leichtnam, which was seconded by Eggleston.

Minutes by: Chris Hamerla