

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Forestry/Agriculture/Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes
May 25th, 2023
Wood County River Block/Online

Attendees: Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Denise Hilgart (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Rick Nitz (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Nicole Rayome (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Amanda Burzynski (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jenn Chakravorty (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Gary Beastron (Member-at-Large).

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

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: A draft resolution, created by Golden Sands RC&D staff with input from board members, laying out Golden Sands RC&D's position on the pending U.S. Farm Bill was presented. A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Walker, to approve the resolution and recommend full board approval. Motion carried.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (CWIP)/Northeast Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (NEWIP): Fluor reported on invasive removal projects, as well as work being done with various groups on educational outreach projects. Hiring is underway for a NEWIP Coordinator.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Cooperative Agreements: Rayome and Chakravorty discussed their respective recent and upcoming activities, including work on contract agreements and grazing plans with producers.

Tree Shelters: Burzynski reported that 18 orders have been received so far this year, including one for over \$1000.

Stevens Point Area Neighborhood Gardens (SPANG): Burzynski reported that all sites in the two locations have been filled for the 2023 season.

NACD Technical Assistance Project/Managed Grazing: No report.

NEW PROJECTS:

Fluor presented the Conservation Collaboration in Central Wisconsin project. A motion was made by Clendenning, which was seconded by Walker, to recommend full board approval of the project. Motion carried.

Fluur presented the Collaborative Invasive Species Management in Central Wisconsin project. A motion was made by Walker, which was seconded by Clendenning, to recommend full board approval of the project. Motion carried.

Fluur presented the Managing Invasive Species in Northeast Wisconsin project. A motion was made by Walker, which was seconded by Clendenning, to recommend full board approval of the project. Motion carried.

MEMBER REPORTS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Beastro, which was seconded by Walker, to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Walker
Recording Secretary