

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

Attendees: Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Al Drabek (Marathon); Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Gary Beastrom (Member-at-Large); Nancy Eggleston (Portage); Jared Mader (Marathon); Amanda Gurklis (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jennifer Glad (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D); Asher Maliepaard (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Denise Hilgart (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Nathan Sandwick (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Chris Hamerla (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Robert Bauer (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Claire Harwood (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Todd Morris (Green Lake); Ken Borzick (Marquette); Andrew Senderhauf (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jenna Tuma (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Lynn Markham (Portage); Katie Livernash (Portage); Kristin McAdow (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Adam Skadsen (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Nancy Hiestand (Green Lake).

CALL TO ORDER: Leichtman called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Leichtman explained that he was filling in for Council President Shane Wucherpennig.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Hilgart presented the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Borzick, which was seconded by Tomandl, to accept the report and place it on file. Motion carried.

ELECTIONS: Bob Walker was elected board secretary via verbal vote.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: None.

WI RC&D ASSOCIATION: Glad reported that she will be meeting soon with other WI RC&D executive directors.

2025 COUNCIL MEETINGS: Glad reported that dates for 2025 meetings were approved at the November 2024 meeting. Sites will be determined as we go along, with most meetings to be held at the Golden Sands office in Stevens Point.

2025 COUNCIL DELEGATES: Sandwick gave a brief review of board membership.

DUES: Glad reported that invoices for membership dues have been sent out. Some payments have been received.

DEI: Glad reported that some grant applications request information about organizational policies regarding diversity, equity and inclusion. Sandwick will be developing a written policy for Golden Sands.

SUCCESSION PLANNING: None.

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

NEW PROJECTS: Glad reviewed Project #55-6003-097-875, "Growing the Giving Farm." The project is funded with a five-year, \$45,000 grant. Golden Sands will be assisting Giving Gardens in establishing garden sites to support people facing poverty and food insecurity. Motion was made by Eggleston, which was seconded by Borzick, to approve the project. Motion carried.

STAFF/PROJECT UPDATES: Glad reminded attendees that staff activity reports were included with information sent out prior to the meeting.

AGENCY/PARTNER REPORTS: None.

OTHER REPORTS: A presentation titled "Large-Scale Solar Projects: What Can Local Governments Do?" was delivered by Lynn Markham and Katie Livernash.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. by Vice President Leichtman.

Minutes by: Bob Walker, Secretary