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

Attendees: Al Drabek (Marathon); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Jacob Fluur (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Claire Harwood (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Katherine Jaeger (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Sandy Sackmann (Golden Sands RC&D Staff).

CALL TO ORDER: Drabek called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

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

HABITAT FOR KARNER BLUE BUTTERFLY, POWESHIEK SKIPPERLING & OTHER POLLINATORS: Jaeger reported that final reporting is completed. Jaeger and Thorstenson are working with NWFW to officially close out the project.

COOPERATIVE FORESTRY/DEMO FORESTS: Harwood & Fluur reported. The second annual Demonstration Forest banquet was held in March. A Clark county forestry intern hired, but still looking for a Taylor county intern. A spring demo forest meeting through new funding is being planned. Harwood is helping the WI Tree Farm Committee manage their website. Fluur and Harwood got their certification in chainsaw safety level 1 and 2.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN INVASIVES PARTNERSHIP (CWIP) / NORTHEAST WISCONSIN INVASIVES PARTNERSHIP (NEWIP): Fluur & Harwood reported. Planning is underway for the 2026 season, with projects on both public and private lands. Fluur and Harwood are using funding from the grazing team to complete EQIP site visits. Fluur and Harwood completed their first baseline assessment for the Green Lake Conservancy via contracted services which may lead to more assessments in the future. Additional grant funding is being sought.

TREE SHELTERS: Jaeger reported that we've had a net profit of $378.21 from January through April 30. Jaeger mentioned that we may need to adjust pricing to increase profits in the future.

NEW PROJECTS:

55-6003-999-898 - General Operating for Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council (Waupaca and Outagamie counties). Harwood presented the project, which is funded by a $10,000 Community Foundation of the Fox Valley grant for services in Waupaca and Outagamie counties. The project involves general community outreach and funding for further grant writing. Runs from May 2026 through July 2027.

55-6003-999-893 - UWCC Cooperative Forestry Funding. Harwood presented the project, which is funded by a $22,770 UW Center for Cooperatives grant for services within all Golden

Sands RC&D counties. The project focuses on developing the Demonstration Forest program. Runs from March 2026 through July 2027.

Both projects were approved by Drebek and Clendenning.

OTHER BUSINESS: Both NEWIP and CWIP applied for DNR Weed Management Area (WMA) grants.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Drebek, which was seconded by Clendenning, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Minutes by: Claire Harwood