

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.  
Forestry/Agriculture/Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes

May 18th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 by acting chair Al Barden. Present were Al barden, Merlin Becker, Joel Kuehnhold, Bill Clendenning, Hugh O'Donnell, Deb Jakubek, Karyn Eckert

Introductions were held

Merlin Becker moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Clendenning. Motion passed.

Installing/meeting Juneau Counties new land conservationist, Matt Komiskey was tabled until the next meeting due to his absence.

EAB Workshop-Joel updated council on what he knew. We are seeking more registrations, and additional posters were handed out

Bluebird/Bathouses-Jakubek will call Amherst High School Tech Ed teacher to see if they can cut and package the boards. Almond is too hard to work with since they don't have a permanent teacher in the tech ed position. We will have a plan to promote these at events before the next council meeting.

Demo Forest/WWFTT-Kuehnhold reported that he is in need of some assistance for these projects. They keep getting put off because of other duties. Council made a recommendation for a person to replace or help Joel--Bob Govett. Council supports Joels decision to find some help for the projects so that they will be successful.

Tree Shelter Sales-Was not able to give exact sales numbers, but do know we outsold 2016.

Neighborhood Gardens-We lost the captain at the Cornell Whitney St site, but were able to find another person to take that place. We are submitting grants to Lowes for upkeep at the Cornell St site. Franklin st looks great and is completely filled up. There are a few plots left at Cornell.

TSP Work-Joel and Amy are still working on a contract agreement for customers. Joel received his TSP number, and Wood/Portage counties are sending a lot of plans his way to complete.

Downtown Greenspace-Oak trees have been planted, still waiting on the smoke tree from Ruth Moody.

Central Wisconsin Grassland Conservation Area-Joel stated that it is hard to find funds to cover his involvement, but council agreed that he should attend these meetings as he sees fit.

Grassworks Grazing-Additional money was allotted to GSRCD, Joel is scheduling meetings and pasture walks to stay on top of the grant project.

Solar Farm & Home-Need to meet with partner agencies to set up the 2017 tour.

Farmer Mental Health-Joel explained the scope of the project, but is not sure it entirely fits the mission of Golden Sands. He will do some more work on the project and see how it might fit in. In the meantime, he will donate his time to make something happen.

Meeting was adjourned, motion by Clendenning, seconded by Becker.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Kuehnhold