

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Waters Committee Meeting Minutes
September 16th, 2021
Jordan County Park's East Pavilion/Online

Attendees: Paul Pisellini (Adams); Al Rosenthal (Marquette); Ed Hernandez (Waushara); Kendra Kunding (Golden Sands RC&D); Hannah Butkiewicz (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Bob Ellis (Waupaca); Chris Hamerla (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Shane Wucherpennig (Wood); Diane Hanson (Marathon); Darren Schroeder (Columbia).

CALL TO ORDER: Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion by Tomandl, seconded by Wucherpennig, to approve the July 2021 Minutes was approved unanimously.

NEW PROJECTS: Hamerla presented the gold sheet for the 2022 LMPN Regional Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program. This project provides technical and educational support to counties and lake groups, with a focus on preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. The total project budget is \$159,088.42. A motion by Hernandez, seconded by Wucherpennig, to recommend approval to the full council. Motion carried.

COUNTY AND STAFF UPDATES:

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION: Leichtnam gave a report and will give a more detailed report during the Business Meeting.

Marquette: Has 17 participants in the Healthy Lakes Program. On September 11th, 2021, the sites were available for visitors. The Land & Water Committee is hoping to get about \$35,000 for water testing in the county.

Adams: Continued to work on their well testing program. The courthouse remodeling is coming along well and will be open to the public in the next couple of weeks. The county has also been working on a Forest Plan.

Waushara: Have been doing private water well testing for three years. The county is still looking for an administrator. The Conservation Department received approval for a LTE position.

Waupaca: Had some issues with the consultant for the Chain O'Lakes District and was unable to request a grant reimbursement for treatment during the summer of 2021.

Taylor: Completing Farm Preservation Plans. Have been doing water testing for about 20 years and completed tests for about 70 homes this summer.

Wood: The six county group is working on water testing in their counties and received a grant. The group will be meeting more on a regular basis to obtain their goals. It has been a busy summer and, as in the past, the no till drill is being used a lot.

Marathon: Hired a full time water resource person. Will be holding demonstration field days.

Hamerla: Reported on all of the contracted work completed this summer.

Kundinger: Gave a report on summer activities and lakes visited.

Butkiewicz: Will be working in 2022 in four Counties as the AIS Coordinator—Waushara, Green Lake, Marquette, and Columbia. Cisar is working on a boat wash station for Green Lake. She also reported on U.S Fish & Wildlife Partners for a Fish and Wildlife program and opportunities for wetland restoration work to improve watershed health.

ADJOURNMENT: Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 11:17 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Rosenthal
Recording Secretary