

Forestry / Agriculture / Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2018
Golden Sands RC & D Office, Stevens Point, WI

Attendees: Al Barden (Member-at-Large); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Hugh O'Donnell (Member-at-Large); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Deb Jakubek (Member-at-Large); Gary Beastrom (Marathon)

The minutes of the May 17 meeting were approved.

Project Updates:

Demonstration Forests – Merlin Becker supplied written update: A landowner will host the demo forest in Adams Co. Portage County is open (Kathy Guth has decided not to participate).

NRCS Coop Agreement – Individuals to work in the NRCS offices in Portage and Juneau Counties will be hired soon.

Bluebird/Bat houses – kits are here and some have been sold.

Tree Shelter Sales – No report. Committee requested numbers to date for next meeting.

Neighborhood Gardens – New mulch has been spread; a new sign is still needed.

Woods & Wildlife for Today & Tomorrow – Josh submitted a written report. Meetings are scheduled with landowners in September in Necedah, at the Deerfield Town Hall, Hancock and in Portage and Waupaca Counties. Josh is finalizing cooperatives in Monroe, Wood and Marathon Counties.

Managed Grazing program – NACD is supporting pasture walks and grazing workshops to promote EQIP programs, new MOA for technical assistance. This is a new project proposal, “NACD TA MOA”. May also cover EBT machines, which was a goal in the Smart & Connected Communities project.

Emerald Ash Borer – DNR grants will pay for replanting (but not maple). Thorstenson looking into possibility of grant to help communities replant.

Smart & Connected Communities – no current activity

New Projects: NACD TA MOA, noted above. Approved.

Other Business – Lumberjack RC&D's 50th anniversary celebration on August 16 was discussed and invitations extended.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Al Barden, recorder