

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Waters Committee Meeting Minutes
January 21st, 2021
Online via Zoom

Attendees: Pat Kilbey (Marquette); Paul Pisellini (Adams); Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Al Rosenthal (Marquette); Shane Wucherpennig (Wood); Ed Hernandez (Waushara); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D); Anna Cisar (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Scott Wilhorn (Juneau). Chris Hamerla (Golden Sands RC&D Staff) and Bill Leichtnam (Wood) joined the meeting later.

CALL TO ORDER: Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Pisellini, seconded by Tomandl, to approve the November 2020 Minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

NEW PROJECTS: No new projects.

Cisar: An updated lake management plan for Pigeon Lake (Waupaca) was submitted and a meeting occurred.

Thorstenson: Several of the lakes that Golden Sands RC&D worked with last year for Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW) received grants again this year. Thorstenson is putting together agreements. Gold sheets will be presented at the next meeting.

WATER PROTECTION: Leichtnam was not present at this time to give an update. Clean water resolutions were approved for being placed on the April ballot for Marquette, Wood, and Portage Counties. The 13 bills, that were approved by the assembly last year, were discussed.

COUNTY AND STAFF UPDATES:

Hernandez: Doing some restoration work. Waushara County field days are tentatively set for September 30th thru October 1st.

Tomandl: Taylor County's tree sale went well.

Wucherpennig: Wood County had a successful tree sale. About 20,000 trees were sold. Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo is supporting a series of virtual presentations. A few are already planned.

Wilhorn: Juneau County is working on the restoration of a trout stream.

Pisellini: The Adams County tree sale went well. Dams are being checked for any ice damage. COVID-19 shots will be given in various locations throughout Adams County starting next week. The construction on the court house is going according to schedule. Plans are being made to do some more construction in the future on areas that are in need of repair or replacement.

Kilbey: The Marquette County tree sale went well. Up to 60,000 trees were sold. COVID-19 has made it difficult to work on farmer training programs but Morgan, the County Agronomist, seems to be making progress with the programs.

Cisar and Hamerla: Working on data entry work and their presentations for Water Week, which is being put on by the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership, in March. Hamerla is working on forming a Portage County Lake Management District. They completed the data entry for the grant that concluded in 2020 for over \$100,000. They are now working under the 2021 grant which goes until December 2021. Juneau and Columbia Counties are now beginning to work under the new monitoring system.

Thorstenson: Finishing up lab work with weevils. The last of the acrylic blocks were sent out from a bulk order that was placed three years ago.

Burzynski: Taught three classes about aquatic invasive species (AIS) to fifth grade students. There are currently 13 lessons scheduled. More AIS lessons and groundwater lessons are being set up with teachers.

Leichtnam: Reported on four groups working on water issues which include the Wisconsin Land & Water Association, Clean Wisconsin, Nature Conservancy, and the Dairy Bureau Association. This is a big step forward for these groups working together to improve the water quality in Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Wucherpfennig, seconded by Pisellini, to adjourn at 9:45am. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Rosenthal
Temporary Recording Secretary