

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Forestry/Agriculture/Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes
January 20th, 2022
Online

Attendees: Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Al Barden (Member-at-Large); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Denise Hilgart (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Amanda Burzynski (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jen Schmitz (Monroe); Robert Bauer (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Hannah Butkiewicz (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Al Drabek (Marathon); Gary Beastrom (Member-at-Large).

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

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion from Clendenning, seconded by Drabek, to approve the minutes from the November 2021 meeting was passed.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Cooperating For Woods and Wildlife: Fluor reported that follow-up is underway on several administrative and promotional activities for the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) and other initiatives, including demonstration forest sites. Activity updates will be posted on Golden Sands RC&D's website when they become available.

Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (CWIP)/Northeast Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (NEWIP): Butkiewicz reported that she and Fluor are continuing with the responsibilities associated with these groups following Asa Plonsky's resignation. Activities include: preparing progress reports to meet grant requirements, exploring additional funding opportunities, and planning educational events for landowners.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Cooperative Agreements: Bauer reported that he's continuing with efforts to engage landowners in grazing initiatives and other conservation practices, and to access funding for those practices. Hiring is underway for a soil conservationist to serve Green Lake County.

Bluebird And Bat Houses: Hilgart reported that six bat houses and zero bluebird were sold in 2021.

Tree Shelters: Hilgart reported that tree shelter sales for 2021 were over \$19,000. Butkiewicz and Burzynski reported that a postcard mailing is being planned to promote 2022 tree shelter sales.

Waupaca County Conservation Field Day (WCCFD): Burzynski reported that the event was held on September 24th. Special measures were developed to minimize risks of exposure to COVID.

NACD Technical Assistance Project/Managed Grazing: Work continues with landowners on grazing plans. Site events are being planned, including one for February 2022. Information will be available on Golden Sands RC&D's website when it becomes available.

NEW PROJECTS: None

MEMBER REPORTS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Barden, second by Clendenning, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Walker
Recording Secretary