

Golden Sands Resource, Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Waters Committee Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2019
Golden Sands RC&D Office, Stevens Points, WI

Attendees: Pat Kilbey (Marquette); Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Paul Pisellini (Adams); Reesa Evans (Member-at-Large); Joe Tomandl (Taylor); Al Rosenthal (Marquette); Ed Hernandez (Waushara); Shane Wucherpennig (Wood); Amanda Burzynski (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Chris Hamerla (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Anna Cisar (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Diane Hansen (Marathon).

CALL TO ORDER: Kilbey called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Roundtable introductions were given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were presented. Wood County motioned to approve the September 2019 Minutes, seconded by Waushara County. Motion Carried unanimously.

NEW PROJECTS:

Three gold sheets were presented:

- (1) Groundwater Education Expansion Program in Waupaca/Waushara Counties.
- (2) Lake Helen (Portage) Aquatic Plant Management (Fee for Service) Plan.
- (3) Porter's Lake (Waushara) Grant Writing Administration (Fee for Service).

Adams County motioned to approve the three gold sheets and forward them to the full council, seconded by Waupaca County. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON GROUNDWATER PROTECTION:

Update was given on the Seven County Groundwater Consortium. All passed resolutions were forwarded to their respective Legislators. On the verge of announcing to the public. A Wood County citizen group is sponsoring a meeting on January 6, 2020. Panel of speakers will be present to lay out facts and answer questions. Reported that Crawford put a moratorium on the new CAFO (concentrated animal feeding operation) Farms.

Update was given on CSGCC (Central Sands Groundwater County Collaborative). All counties passed resolutions and forwarded to their respective Legislators. On the verge of announcing to the public.

Wood County Citizen Group is sponsoring a meeting on Jan. 6th. Panel of speakers will be present to lay out facts and answer questions. Reported that Crawford County put a moratorium on new CAFO Farms.

STAFF UPDATES:

Cisar: Starry Stonewort discovered in a Marquette lake. Research is on-going. AIS (aquatic invasive species) Grant updates were given. Finishing touches are being done to the 2020 AIS Grant Application.

Hamerla: Lincoln will be a late addition to the next grant cycle, making it nine counties total. Questions about taking staff time away from other counties and funding were discussed.

Burzynski: Burzynski shared information about a \$2,000 Natural Resources Foundation Grant for groundwater education in Waupaca/Waushara counties. Additional groundwater lessons will be taught to schools in these counties.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Marquette County: Wrapping up a 2020-2029 Land & Water Resource Management Plan.

Adams County: Private well sampling project is underway. A county-wide forestry program has started. Health Department will test beaches in 2020 for E-Coli.

Waushara County: Private well sampling project is still on-going. UW-Extension's Community Natural Resources Educator Position is not refilled.

Waupaca County: Lake districts are trying to use hand removal for AIS instead of chemical treatments.

Taylor: Tree sale program started. 2019 Cost-share dollars allocated to landowners.

Wood County: Groundwater well testing update. TRM Grant Application for the Mill Creek Watershed was completed. Tree sale is underway.

Marathon: Land and Water Resource Management Plan rewrite is underway, CAC meetings started, Personal Septic Systems Revolving Loan Program (similar to Wisconsin Fund) started.

NEW PROJECTS:

- (1) Continuation of the multi-county AIS program, amending the grant application and resolution to include Lincoln County.
- (2) Acquisition of lake property in Portage County; Golden Sands will serve as consultants to help the lake district draft a grant, due February 1, 2020, to buy three lakefront properties to preserve them. This project started September 23, 2019.
- (3) Renewal of AIS work on a service contract on Lake Helen for \$5517, which started on October 13, 2019.
- (4) Expansion of groundwater lessons in Waupaca and Waushara Counties: using a CD Besadny Grant, this will add two lessons to the school program on groundwater education.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Kilbey
Recording secretary