

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Waters Committee Meeting Minutes
May 20th, 2021
Online via Zoom

Attendees: Pat Kilbey (Marquette); Paul Pisellini (Adams); Al Rosenthal (Marquette); Ed Hernandez (Waushara); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D); Anna Cisar (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bill Leichtnam (Wood); Bob Ellis (Waupaca); Chris Hamerla (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Brian Haase (Waupaca); Joe Tomandl (Taylor).

CALL TO ORDER: Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 10:11 am.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the March 2021 Minutes was approved unanimously.

NEW PROJECTS: None

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION: Leichtnam discussed the 13 proposed water bills and is feeling less optimistic of them passing. There is additional County Land Conservation funding. Leichtnam is unsure as to whether this was a one time increase or a permanent increase. He will ask Representative Shankland if she attends the full Council Meeting. An update was given about the Seven County Groundwater Consortium and the status of the DATCP Grant.

COUNTY AND STAFF UPDATES:

Marquette: Over 60% of cropland in Marquette County is now under the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) 590 Nutrient Management Plan. They are assisting Representative Ballweg with issues regarding the water levels at Buffalo Lake. A new County Administrator is starting on June 14th.

Adams: Work on the addition to the main county building is on track. A nine Key Element Plan was approved.

Waushara: There are issues in the county with the chemical treatment of aquatic invasive species (AIS).

Waupaca: The Chain of Lakes completed their plan for the chemical treatment of AIS.

Taylor: The tree sale program is complete. The Buckthorn Bash removal, involving 4th graders, is underway. Stream monitoring is ongoing.

Wood: A new proposed jail is going through approvals. Saratoga solar farms are being pursued.

Hamerla/Cisar: Purple Loosestrife roots are being dug. Kendra Kunder is the new AIS LTE. The 1st reimbursement for the current AIS grant has been submitted. The new AIS grant program, which starts this upcoming year, was discussed. They requested that counties commit to working with Golden Sands RC&D by September 1st, but that November 1st is the actual deadline.

Thorstenson: Six lake groups have had their Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) LTE staff hired for the season. She also gave an update about the Eurasian Watermilfoil weevil collection process for spring.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Leichtnam, seconded by Pisellini, to adjourn at 10:50 am. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Kilbey
Temporary Recording Secretary