

**Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.**  
**Forestry/Agriculture/Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 16th, 2021**  
**Jordan County Park's East Pavilion/Online**

**Attendees:** Al Barden (Member-at-Large); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Brent Tessmer (Taylor); Denise Hilgart (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Asa Plonsky (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jacob Fluor (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Kyle Kettner (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Gary Beasom (Member-at-Large); Amanda Burzynski (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Rachel Bouressa (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Jen Schmitz (Monroe).

**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 Barden, to approve the minutes from the July 2021 meeting was passed.

**PROJECT UPDATES:**

**Cooperating For Woods and Wildlife:** Fluor reported that forest demonstration days have been held and upcoming forest demonstrations are being planned.

**Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (CWIP)/Northeast Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (NEWIP):** Plonsky reported progress and activities for both groups. Invasive plant treatment is underway in Portage County, a workshop was held on September 11th in Marquette County, a field day is planned for October 3rd in Marquette County, a work day in Rosholt is planned for October 11th, a workshop was held in Waupaca on August 7th, and NEWIP brochures have been produced to promote the program.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Cooperative Agreements:** Kettner reported that CRP enrollments are underway and that a demonstration field day was recently held.

**Bluebird And Bat Houses:** No updates.

**Tree Shelters:** Burzynski reported that interest continues to be seen for tree shelters.

**Waupaca County Conservation Field Day (WCCFD):** Burzynski reported that the event will be held on September 24th or, if needed due to hazardous weather, October 1st. Special measures have been developed to minimize risks of exposure to COVID.

**NACD Technical Assistance Project/Managed Grazing:** Bouressa reported that she just wrapped up reporting on the 2019 agreement to close out that project. She also completed the final workshop for the 2020 agreement, so final reporting will go out soon. Thorstenson added that the 2021 agreement has been received and that she has the project's gold sheet available for review and approval.

**STEVENS POINT AREA NEIGHBORHOOD GARDENS (SPANG):** Burzynski reported that 2021 was a successful year for the program, with both gardens at full capacity. Interest has already been expressed for 2022. The need for a new sign at the Cornell/Whitney Garden was discussed, with Kettner indicating he had tools that could be helpful in creating one.

**NEW PROJECTS:** Thorstenson presented the gold sheet for the NACD TA 2021 MOA. This is a continuation of the previous NACD Technical Assistance agreements and will continue providing grazing plans, pasture walks, and will now include soils walks as well. The total project budget is \$125,088 (\$99,874 MOA funds, \$25,214 match). Motion by Clendenning, seconded by Beastrom, to recommend approval to the full council. Motion carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Beastrom, second by Clendenning, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Walker  
Recording Secretary