

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.
Forestry/Agriculture/Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes
May 19th, 2022
Jordan Park's East Lodge / Online

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

CALL TO ORDER: Tessmer called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion from Clendenning, which was seconded by Drabek, to approve the minutes from the March 2022 meeting was passed.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Cooperating For Woods and Wildlife: Fluor reported that a demonstration field day, focusing on bird management, will be held at a Marathon County site on May 28th. Other promotional efforts, including brochures and signage, are underway. Outreach events are being planned to promote the Deer Management Assistance Program.

Central Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (CWIP)/Northeast Wisconsin Invasives Partnership (NEWIP): Fluor reported that work is being done under the Save Our Great Lakes grant (in both partnerships) to help private landowners with invasive species control. A knotweed detection program is continuing in the Amherst area. Work is also being done to promote Karner Blue Butterfly habitat. Contracted work is being done to control invasives on a condominium property. A workshop will be held at Camp Cleghorn on May 21st. An invasive species workshop is being planned at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens this fall.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Cooperative Agreements: Bauer reported on efforts to complete and submit applications for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program. Efforts are underway to hire a soil conservation technician in the Stevens Point area. Future funding proposals are being investigated and developed.

Bluebird And Bat Houses: Butkiewicz reported that supplies and sales of these are minimal. Clendenning offered to purchase the remaining bluebird houses that are in stock. Sales will resume if a supply of donated wood and volunteers to build the houses can be found.

Tree Shelters: Butkiewicz reported that this program continues to be popular. There's already over \$12,300 in sales for 2022.

Stevens Point Area Neighborhood Gardens (SPANG): Butkiewicz reported that some sites are still open at the Cornell/Whitney Garden. Grants to continue/expand the program are being looked into.

Waupaca County Conservation Field Day (WCCFD): Butkiewicz reported that planning is underway for the 2022 event, which will be held this fall.

NACD Technical Assistance Project/Managed Grazing: Butkiewicz reported that staff are getting certifications in this area. Managed grazing plans and outreach efforts are being developed.

NEW PROJECTS: The committee briefly discussed the potential for some kind of program or effort, to encourage invasive species removal, on small undeveloped wooded lots that are owned by municipal governments and private landowners living in cities and villages.

MEMBER REPORTS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Clendenning, and second by Becker, to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Walker
Recording Secretary