

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.

Forestry/Agriculture/Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2017

Golden Sands Office, Stevens Point WI

Call To Order: Al Barden called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions: Al Barden, Amy Thorstenson Denise Hilgart, Ed Miller, Merlin Becker, Ben Stanfly, Bill Clendenning, Hugh O'Donnell

Minutes: Minutes were read and approved

New Projects:

Project Updates:

Bluebird Houses-Need for lumber was discussed, A Bob Ellis is taking down a barn and is willing to donate lumber to the project, he needs to know where to go with the materials. He is also looking for someone to finish removing the barn because it is a very slow going. *Called Cathy Guth 1/23/17 to get the ball rolling with the ALmond Bancroft Tech Ed teacher to get these houses done. He has been deployed, but she will make contact with the substitute. Hugh O'Donnell also sent some information for youth groups to get involved in the project by having bluebird trails and monitoring them.

Demo Forest: Update from Merlin: [News on two Demo Forest counties. The new woodland owners on Nancy Livingston property in Adams county agreed to be the Demo Forest just like Nancy did. The new owners, Richard and Cleo Hendricksen are the new landowners. Nancy has the demo sign she used in her shed. The DNR forester called me this morning, "Frank Kirsklshel? (920)-832-2746), and he was real supportive of having Steve Ring from Outagamie County be the Demo Forest. Steve still has some questions about people coming on the property?.] Joel needs to follow up with Merlin.

Treeshelters: Mike is updating website, CHris and Amy worked to get the updated pricing information. We are using Plantra again-with a full array of sizes to accommodate most tree plantings. We did miss the Wood county mailing, and we will do a better job of getting the newsletter out in the future.

Neighborhood Gardens: Have about \$900 in the account, and notices for renewal will go out in March for returning gardeners.

Tech Services: Rate increase to \$40/hr, Denise has an interest in writing grazing plans, will need training and mentoring. Collections are in progress.

CWGCA: Joel attended the meeting, working on promotional activities as a group.

Woods & Wildlife: Reevaluated Mike Beacoms contract, successfully got \$65,000 drawdown, working on setting up neutral meeting sites in each county.

NRCS Grazing: Closing old projects, not getting involved in the 2017 agreement because reimbursement is too low.

Grassworks Grazing: Working on soil health curriculum

Powering Your Plate: Interested in doing it again, we have some seed money to get us going. Joel was able to bill his time elsewhere to save money to complete this project. There was discussion about having a booth at the energy fair, but it is cost prohibitive.

EAB: 2016 is wrapping up, we are funded through 2017. Amy shared a plan, and is in the process of completing plans for Rib Mtn and Schofield, providing 2 pcs of information: tree type and wood lots. Outagamie county is a host site for a demonstration this year.

*Adjournment-*Ed Miller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Merlin Becker. Meeting adjourned at 10:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Kuehnhold