

**Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.**  
**Personnel/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 15th, 2022**  
**Jordan Park's East Lodge / Online**

**Attendees:** Reesa Evans (Member-at-Large); Gary Beastro (Member-at-Large); Ed Hernandez (Waushara); Denise Hilgart (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amy Thorstenson (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Amanda Burzynski (Golden Sands RC&D Staff); Bob Walker (Member-at-Large); Bill Clendenning (Wood); Shane Wucherpennig (Member-at-Large); Kendra Kunder (Golden Sands RC&D Staff). Excused Absence: Diane Hanson (Marathon).

**CALL TO ORDER:** Hernandez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Kendra Kunder, Golden Sands RC&D's new Executive Director, introduced herself and provided some information about her background.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Walker, which was seconded by Wucherpennig, to approve the minutes from the July 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Into Closed Session:** N/A

**Out of Closed Session:** N/A

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report for July and August 2022 was passed around. Hilgart indicated that dispersals and receipts were routine for the working season. Some grant reimbursements started being paid. No use of the contingency fund. The endowment fund decreased by over \$4000 in the second quarter. A motion was made by Wucherpennig, which was seconded by Walker, to forward to the full council. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL PROCEDURES:** A new accounting firm was located and a contract is in place. The new accounting firm is Wegner CPA from Madison. Fees for most services are locked in.

**STAFF AND MEMBERSHIP:** Nicole Welke was hired for the Grazing Specialist co-employment position at the Portage NRCS office. Adam Skadsen was hired for the Soil Conservationist Technician co-employment position at the Stevens Point NRCS office. An offer was made for the Urban Conservation position, but it was declined. The position will be reposted.

**COMMUNICATION/MARKETING:** Plans for the 50th Anniversary "Party at the Pub" are going well. Promotional materials were distributed to various entities. Today is the submission deadline for the photo and t-shirt designs contests, so judging teams will be set up soon. Winning submissions will be displayed at the celebration. Beastro, Hernandez, and Walker volunteered to be on the judging teams. Thorstenson noted the various links for the 50th Anniversary celebration. The celebration is scheduled for October 15th, at District 1 Brewery, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Evans announced that the Central Wisconsin Nature Foundation voted to donate a wooden Leopold bench, which will be used for a tribute to Al Barden, a retired Golden

Sands RC&D's Committee member. Golden Sands RC&D staff will seek estimates for costs for plaques and other related expenses. At this time, placing the bench at Barden's church is being considered.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m. upon a motion made by Walker, which was seconded by Wucherpfennig.

Respectfully submitted,

Reesa Evans  
Recording Secretary