

**Golden Sands Resource, Conservation & Development Council, Inc.**  
**Water Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 21, 2017**  
**Golden Sands Office, Stevens Point, WI**

**Call to Order:** Al Rosenthal, acting chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Attendance:** Anna Cislak; Paul Daigle; Reesa Evans; Chris Hamerla; Brian Haase; Ed Hernandez; Bill Leichtnam; Paul Pisellini; Al Rosenthal; Amy Thorstenson;

**Addition to Agenda:** Water Quality Credit Trading activities was added to the agenda.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Leichtnam, seconded by Hernandez, to approve minutes of the last meeting.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**New Projects:** Thorstenson announced that GS intends to apply for a WDNR grant for funds to cover a Regional AIS Coordinator for 8 counties. She was told that what did get funded last time barely made it, so she needs to know from the counties the status of the in-kind match and cash contributions from each county. The WDNR appears to be putting more emphasis on cash contributions as a way of measuring the depth of county commitments to such projects.

**Water-Quality Credit Trading:** Considerable discussion was had about various aspects of water quality credit trading, partly because GS was approached about being an agent for water quality credit trading. This could involve watershed planning issues, liability, and multi-discharge variance projects. It appears that the Wisconsin River TMDL, which was originally due out in 2017, is more likely to be released in 2019 or so. Ultimately, the consensus was that there were still too much information lacking to make any decisions about GS to these issues, but several possible supporting roles for GS were discussed, as counties see increased needs for certain services coming in the future.

**Staff Updates:**

**Hamerla:** (Golden Sands): Hamerla showed the trappers AIS brochure he developed with a GS intern. The WDNR will print up about 2000 to see how they are received this year. If successful, the WDNR may print more. He will continue to work on AIS outreach to trappers.

**Cislar** (Golden Sands): She has been working on flowering rush identification and removal, especially on Weyawega Lake. Green Lake wants to install some boat washing stations, so she is looking into those issues. Asian claims were discovered in Stratton Lake.

**Thorstenson** (Golden Sands): A Waupaca Field Day is coming up for some 330 students with 15 stations. She is also seeking divers who can hand-pull EWM in deeper water for 2018.

**Leichtnam** (Wood): The governor is due to sign the state budget today; it is unknown whether he intends to veto any of the groundwater-related parts. \$400,000 is proposed for a study of the Central Sands Hydrology.

**County Reports:** Due to the discussion about water quality credit trading, there wasn't time to get updates from the counties.

**Adjournment:** Upon motions by Haase/Leichtnam, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reesa Evans  
Temporary Recording Secretary