

# **GREEN LAKE COUNTY Land Conservation Department**

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# Land Conservation Committee Meeting Notice

Date: August 11, 2016 Time: 9:00 AM
Committee Room #0903, Green Lake County Government Center
571 County Rd A, Green Lake WI

#### **AGENDA**

#### Committee Members

David Richter, Chair Katie Mehn Vice-Chair Patricia Garro Joanne Guden Robert Schweder Arnold Dahlke, FSA Member

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Approval of Agenda
- 5. Approval of July 14, 2016 Minutes
- 6. Public Comments (3 min limit)
- 7. Appearances
- 8. Golden Sands Presentation
- 9. Monthly Staff Report & Upcoming Projects
- 10. Lake and River Report
- 11. DATCP/County Cost-Share Contracts
- 12. Plat Books
- 13. Clean Sweep
- 14. Farmland Preservation Program
- 15. Vouchers
- 16. Correspondence
- 17. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: September 8, 2016 at 9:00 AM
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
- 18. Adjourn

Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office. All line items are subject to any and all action by this committee, unless noted.

Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or audio assistance should contact the Land Conservation Office at 294-4051 not later than Noon on the day preceding the meeting.



# LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE July 14, 2016 - MINUTES

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Chairman David Richter at 9:00AM on July 14, 2016 in the Committee Room #0903 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: David Richter, Chair

Katie Mehn Patti Garro Joanne Guden Robert Schweder

Arnold Dahlke, Jr., FSA Member

Staff Present: Paul Gunderson

Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Stephanie Prellwitz – GLA

Jordan Dornfeld Krista Kamke Jasmine Wyant Tony Daley Harley Reabe Excused:

#### **AGENDA**

Motion/second (Garro /Guden) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

#### **MINUTES**

**Motion/second** (<u>Garro/Guden</u>) to approve and file the June 9, 2016 meeting minutes with noted corrections. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **APPEARANCES**

Jordan Dornfeld introduced himself to the committee as the new hire for Soil Conservationist I position.

Stephanie Prellwitz from the Green Lake Association gave a power point presentation on the Water Quality Monitoring Study of the County K and County A Estuaries. She requested help from Land Conservation to fund 1/3 of the study shared with Green Lake Association and other partners.

*Motion/Second* (*Guden/Garro*) to pay the GLA a maximum of \$4,400 to fund the Water Quality Monitoring Study.

#### **MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS**

Written report was reviewed.

#### LAKE AND RIVER REPORT

Written report was reviewed.

Motion/Second (Guden/Schweder) to seat Katie Mehn at 9:19am. Motion carried.

#### **DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS**

BOBEK, OLMEN, WALDVOGEL CREP CONTRACT

Motion/second (Guden /Garro) to approve cost-share contracts. Motion carried.

#### **2017 BUDGET**

*Motion/second* (<u>Guden/Garro</u>) to approve 2017 budget as proposed and forward to finance. Motion carried.

#### **PLAT BOOKS**

*Motion/second* (<u>Guden/Garro</u>) to approve the purchase of 250 plat books from Rockford Map. Motion Carried.

#### DEPARTMENT RE-CLASSIFICATION

**Motion/second** (Schweder/Dahlke) to approve Todd Morris be increased to a Soil III and Derek Kavanaugh to Soil II. Motion carried.

#### **CLEAN SWEEP**

Update on current numbers and e-waste items being registered.

## FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Update on the landowners that still need to return their Annual Certificate of Compliance letters and Nutrient Management Plans.

There's been much discussion regarding farmland preservation computer software tracking programs. Land Conservation, Zoning and the Treasurer's department are attending meetings and trying to decide between Transcendent and GCS.

## HIGH CAPACITY WELL DISCUSSION

Discussed the status of high capacity wells in Green Lake County. Statistics and information was given in a hand out.

#### **OFFICE TOUR**

LCC toured the LCD office to evaluate the opening in the wall between the Land Conservation and Zoning Departments. The committee agreed to proceed with enclosing the space between the departments. Next step is to contact maintenance. Safety issues of the office were also discussed and it was suggested that we get ahold of the sheriff department for their opinion on the matter.

#### **VOUCHERS**

**Motion/second** (<u>Garro/Guden</u>) to approve vouchers totaling \$ 5,123.04 as presented. Motion carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE

None

# **COMMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- Future Meeting Dates: August 11, 2016 at 9:00AM in the Committee Room #0903 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake.
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

# **ADJOURN**

Motion/second (Garro/Schweder) to adjourn at 10:34 AM ....... Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar Recorder



# Land Conservation Committee August 11, 2016 Monthly Staff Report

#### July/August 2016 Projects

- 1. Work on design for grade stabilization structures. 2 projects
- 2. Work on design for grass waterway and diversion.
- 3. Submit reimbursement request and final report for NOD Grant.
- 4. Assist Drainage Board with activities. Public Hearing held to set annual assessments.
- 5. Attended EQIP Local Work Group Meetings.
- 6. Submit articles to paper for upcoming hunting insert regarding hunting and conservation.
- 7. Completed design and documentation of Kingston Township waterway near Dalton.
- 8. Survey Green Lake Township land for future rock-lined waterway.
- 9. Completed design and documentation of Green Lake Township rock-lined waterway.
- 10. Carp clean-up on Big Green Lake with Derek Kavanaugh and Sanitary District prior to July 4th weekend.
- 11. EVAAL DNR training via online Webinar.
- 12. Create and mail formal letter for correspondence requested by landowners within Spring Lake, Big and Little Twin Lakes watershed soil sampling project.
- 13. Site visit at property with Jared Seidl from the DNR assessing proposed wetland scrape and new driveway installation.
- 14. Nongame Wildlife Habitat Restoration Webinar.
- 15. Survey proposed area in Green Lake Township for new Grassed Waterway.
- 16. Complete design and documentation of proposed Grassed Waterway.
- 17. Send the 2 previously designed waterways out for bids by excavating companies.
- 18. Continue to fill in TMDL template for Rock River Watershed project.
- 19. Attempt contact with remaining landowners within Big and Little Twin Lakes and Spring Lake regarding soil sampling project this fall. Some landowners requested time to think about it and decide.
- 20. Run the previously compiled data on the Rock River TMDL through SnapPlus to determine baseline Total Phosphorous loading.
- 21. Evaluated inquiries, land disturbance sites, land and conditional use permits, and rezone and variance approvals for CSEC&SWM permit applicability.
- 22. Discussed, reviewed, issued and monitored CSEC&SWM permits.
- 23. Record keeping and compliance tracking system discussions.
- 24. Assisted with Clean Sweep registrations.
- 25. Conducted annual cropland survey of crop, yield, tillage ("transect survey").
- 26. Attended UWEX's Conflict Resolution Workshop
- 27. Cleaned out S&W Bldg. for the County Fair.
- 28. Sent notice of Erosion Control Solutions training webinar opportunity to many excavators, etc.
- 29. Assisted landowner with request for documents for eligibility for FPP in adjoining county.
- 30. Managed vehicle maintenance.
- 31. Assisted landowner with concerns about neighbor's stormwater runoff.

# **Lake and River Report**

Lake Puckaway - Attended 3 Lake Management Planning Meetings.

Twin Lakes – Water monitoring is continuing on Big and Little Twin Lakes. Watershed mapping has been completed. Most landowners in the watershed have agreed to participate in the soil sampling project this fall. Plant Survey has been completed.

Spring Lake - Water monitoring is continuing on Spring Lake. Watershed mapping has been completed. Most landowners in the watershed have agreed to participate in the soil sampling project this fall. Plant Survey has been completed.

Fox River – Met with City of Princeton for Stabilizing shoreline at city park. Designs/permits completed. Water level monitoring is continuing.

Grand Lake - Water monitoring is continuing on Grand Lake. Met with group of citizens to begin the formation of a lake association. Plant Survey has been completed.

#### Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator with Golden Sands RC&D

Purple loosestrife beetle-rearing is completed, and all beetles have been released. The south side of Green Lake near Dodge Memorial County Park was main release location; a wetland on the north side of Cty K across from the boat launch into the estuary was the hot spot of plants.

Surveys have been going well, with White River and Mecan River stretches surveyed in Marquette County and many lakes surveyed so far this summer. In Green Lake County, we have done Lake Maria and Heart Lake. At Heart Lake, we found the first documented location of a terrestrial invasive plant, Japanese hedge parsley, while traversing the walk-in access. We have not found any undocumented aquatic invasives so far this summer in Green Lake County.

We have done point-intercept surveys (also known as a "PI survey": a graph-based survey of lake with sampling points at line intersections within that grid) in Marquette County and are working on doing a PI on the Green Lake Cty K estuary with the DNR. This will map the extent of plants, give us baseline data for the carp removal and estuary revegetation project, and help us see how much of the cattail population is being lost from the estuary into the lake over a time period.

We had a booth at the county fair last weekend with aquariums, and had a similar display at the fair in Westfield a couple weeks ago. We are working on finishing up some river surveys before Jasmine leaves at the end of summer, and getting in as much field work as possible.