



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE March 11, 2021 - MINUTES

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Robert Schweder, Chairman, at 9:00AM on March 11, 2021 in the County Board Room #0902 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:

Robert Schweder
Katie Mehn
Patti Garro
Bill Boutwell

Excused:

Steve Draeger, FSA Member

Staff Present: Paul Gunderson
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Anna Cisar
Harley Reabe
Cathy Schmit - Zoom

Lexie Meyer – Zoom
Brad Koele – Zoom
Steve Krueger - Zoom

Chip Lovell - Zoom
Tony Daley - Zoom

MINUTES

Motion/second (Garro/Mehn) to approve and file the February 11, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

FEDERAL AGENCY APPEARANCES

Lexie Meyer, County Executive Director of Farm Service Agency (FSA) gave an update via Zoom.

AIS UPDATE – ANNA CISAR

Anna with Golden Sands RC&D brought a brief update to the committee regarding the status of the boat wash station proposed to be implemented at the Dodge Memorial Park boat landing. At the February Parks Commission meeting it was voted upon and passed to have the County staff (Corp Counsel, etc.) work with Anna to put together a resolution, memorandum of understanding, and lease for the upcoming May Parks Commission meeting. Anna also brought forward an update regarding the AIS program funding change for 2022 (Lake Monitoring & Protection Network), and stated that Golden Sands would like to continue to work on behalf of Green Lake County and continue our regional AIS program approach as their designated agent in 2022. This was discussed but will need to be formally voted upon in April's meeting.

WILDLIFE DAMAGE PROGRAM UPDATE – BRAD KOELE

Brad Koele, Wildlife Damage Specialist, reviewed the upcoming proposed legislative changes to the Wildlife Damage Program (Senate Bill 63, <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2021/related/proposals/sb63>). The LCC was opposed to the changes due to lack of local input and inconvenience to the Green Lake County landowners. A letter will be drafted and sent to the State Legislator expressing disagreement.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

Written report was reviewed.

LAKE AND RIVER REPORT

Written report was reviewed.

ANNUAL REPORT

Gunderson reviewed the annual report with the committee and highlighted some of the changes from previous years.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

The Annual Certification letters were mailed out on February 18th. Of the 262 Farmland Preservation participants, 130 have responded by turning in their annual paperwork. The deadline for submission is March 31st.

DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS

None at this time.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Dates: April 8, 2021 at 9:00AM in the County Board Room #0902 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake.
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder