

# GREEN LAKE COUNTY

## *BOARD PROCEEDINGS*

### *ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING*

*April 19, 2022*

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors met in organizational session, Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 9:00 AM via remote access and in person access for the regular meeting of the Board.

The Board was called to order by County Clerk Liz Otto. Roll call taken – Present (in person) – 17, Vacant – 2 (District 1, District 8)

<u>Supervisor</u>	<u>Supervisor Districts</u>
Vacant	1
Charles Buss	2
Curt Talma	3
David Abendroth	4
Ken Bates	5
Brian Floeter	6
Bob Schweder	7
Vacant	8
Bill Boutwell	9
Sue Wendt	10
Harley Reabe	11
Charlie Wielgosh	12
Don Lenz	13
Dennis Mulder	14
Nita Krenz	15
Joe Gonyo	16
Luke Dretske	17
Richard Trochinski	18
Gene Thom	19

## **READING OF THE CALL**

The Green Lake County Board of Supervisors will convene via virtual communication and in person at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin on Tuesday the 19th day of April, 2022 at 9:00 AM for the organizational meeting of the Board. Business to be transacted includes:

CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL  
READING OF THE CALL  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
OATH OF OFFICE – JUDGE MARK SLATE  
ELECTION OF CHAIR  
ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR  
ELECTION OF HIGHWAY COMMITTEE  
INTRODUCTION OF COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES OF 03/15/2022 MEETING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
ORGANIZATION DIRECTION TO COMMITTEES  
PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)  
APPEARANCES

- Monthly Update from County Administrator Cathy Schmit
- Conservation Poster Contest Awards – 9:45
- Student appearances relating to County Government Day – 10:30

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 7-2022 Resolution Authorizing Signing of Release to Ergo Bank
- Resolution 8-2022 Recognition o Service to the Green Lake County Board
- Resolution 9-2022 Resolution Authorizing Entering into a MOU with the Green Lake Association for a Duckweed Mitigation Pilot Program
- Resolution 10-2022 Resolution Accepting Donation of Land for Highway Purposes

ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 5-2022 Amending the Floodplain Ordinance for Green Lake County, Wisconsin, §300-10 Official Maps and Revisions

2021 ANNUAL REPORTS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON May 17, 2022

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

Given under my hand and official seal at the Government Center in the City of Green Lake, Wisconsin this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022

Elizabeth A. Otto  
Green Lake County Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

**OATH OF OFFICE – JUDGE MARK SLATE**

2. County Clerk Liz Otto informed the supervisors that Mary Ernest has resigned her position as Supervisor #8 and will not be sworn in. That position is now vacant.

3. Circuit Court Judge Mark Slate issued the Oath of Office to all supervisors. County Clerk Liz Otto requested that all supervisors sign the printed oath and file it with the County Clerk's office.

## ELECTION OF CHAIR

4. Clerk Otto called for nominations for County Board Chair. Deputy County Clerk Samantha Stobbe and Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow will act as tellers.
2. Supervisor Gene Thom nominated David Abendroth for Chair. Supervisor Dennis Mulder nominated Harley Reabe for Chair. Clerk Otto called for any additional nominations 3 times. Nominations closed. Votes compiled by secret ballot and tallied by tellers. Final results: Dave Abendroth – 10, Harley Reabe – 7. Dave Abendroth declared as Chair.
3. Chair Abendroth was seated to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

## ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

5. Chair Abendroth called for nominations for County Board Vice Chair. Deputy County Clerk Samantha Stobbe and Corporation Counsel Dawn Klockow will act as tellers.
6. Supervisor Brian Floeter nominated Gene Thom for Vice Chair. Supervisor Don Lenz nominated Harley Reabe for Vice Chair. Chair Abendroth called for any additional nominations 3 times. Nominations closed. Votes compiled by secret ballot and tallied by tellers. Final results: Gene Thom – 9, Harley Reabe – 8. Gene Thom declared as Vice Chair.

## ELECTION OF HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

7. Chair Abendroth advised this committee will consist of 5 members and called for nominations. Nominations received as follows: Supervisor Chuck Buss nominated Dennis Mulder, Supervisor Ken Bates nominated Bill Boutwell, Supervisor Bob Schweder nominated Charlie Wielgosh, Supervisor Dennis Mulder nominated Bob Schweder, and Supervisor Chuck Buss nominated himself. Chair Abendroth called for additional nominations 3 times. **Motion/second (Floeter/Schweder)** to cast a unanimous ballot for the 5 positions on the Highway Committee. Roll call vote – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Vacant – 2, Abstain – 0. Motion carried.

## MINUTES OF 03/15/2022 MEETING

8. **Motion/second (Lenz/Buss)** to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 County Board meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. The next meeting of the County Board will take place on May 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

10. County Clerk Liz Otto informed the supervisors of Wisconsin Counties Association packets and other material on their desks.

## ORGANIZATION DIRECTION TO COMMITTEES

11. Chair Abendroth stated that the committees will be chosen by the Chair, Vice Chair and County Administrator. He reminded all supervisors that a Chair and Vice Chair will need to be elected at the first meeting of each committee and will remain in that position for the two year term ending in 2024.

## PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

12. Dick Martens, secretary of the Green Lake Association, urged approval of the resolution before the County Board today in regard to the duckweed mitigation pilot program. Martens provided background information for the program.
13. Kent Delucenay, President of the Green Lake Association, reaffirmed Martens' request to approve the resolution before the County Board today in regard to the duckweed mitigation pilot program. He provided additional background information.
14. Stephanie Prellwitz, Executive Director of the Green Lake Association, also urged approval of the resolution before the County Board today in regard to the duckweed mitigation pilot program.

## APPEARANCES

15. County Administrator Cathy Schmit provided an update on the ambulance contract process, ARPA funding, the coroner situation, and staffing updates. She stated that performance evaluations are now complete as of March 31 and that the auditing firm is now on site for the 2021 audit. Schmit also reminded the supervisors of the Arbor Day celebration on April 28 sponsored by the Land Conservation department.
16. *Motion/second (Buss/Bates)* to take a 10 minute recess at 9:35 AM. Motion carried with no negative vote.
17. Chair Abendroth reconvened the meeting at 9:48 AM.
18. Todd Morris, County Conservationist, spoke in regard to the poster contest that the Land Conservation Department sponsors each year. The theme this year was "Healthy Soil, Healthy Life". Morris introduced the winners and gave them an opportunity to speak as well.

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR 2021

19. Chair Abendroth recognized the following employees for their years of service to Green Lake County. 5 year employees receive a certificate of recognition and the others receive a certificate and a \$25.00 gas card.

5 years: Lana Hilbert, Tyler Hoerig, Nyla Keuler, Samantha Koscher, Julie Mc Carroll, Kate Meyer, Amy Rudolf, Cathy Schmit, Jordyn Spoolstra, Deborah Stobbe, Pamela Weber, Joshua Weisensel, Kayla Yonke, and Lisa Zimmerman

10 years: Steve Huber, Shelby Jensen, Kathy Ninneman, Rick Rasmussen, and Steve Schonscheck.

15 years: Michael Prachel

20 years: Bill Hutchison, Derek Kavanaugh, Kelli Schueler, Ed Schuh, and Jess Walker

25 years: Laurie Kearns

30 years – Matthew Wecker and Cindy Werch

35 years – Steve Otto and Susan Sleezer

40 years – Betty Bradley

20. **Motion/second (Floeter/Boutwell)** to recess at 9:58 AM until the Student Government Day reports are ready. Motion carried with no negative vote.
21. Chair Abendroth reconvened the meeting at 10:32 AM.
22. Veteran’s Service Officer Jon Vandeyacht introduced the students from the 4 area high schools attending Student Government Day. Each group of students gave a report on the departments they visited earlier in the morning.
23. Chair Abendroth requested that the supervisors introduce themselves to the students.

## RESOLUTIONS

24. Resolution 7-2022 Resolution Authorizing Signing of Release to Ergo Bank. **Motion/second (Buss/Schweder)** to adopt Resolution 7-2022. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 7-2022 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Vacant – 2. Resolution 7-2022 passed as adopted.
25. Resolution 8-2022 Recognition of Service to the Green Lake County Board. **Motion/second (Wendt/Boutwell)** to adopt Resolution 8-2022. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 8-2022 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Vacant – 2. Resolution 8-2022 passed as adopted.
26. Resolution 9-2022 Resolution Authorizing Entering into a MOU with the Green Lake Association for a Duckweed Mitigation Pilot Program. **Motion/second (Bates/Boutwell)** to adopt Resolution 9-2022. **Motion/second (Floeter/Thom)** to suspend the rules and allow Green Lake Association members to explain the resolution to the students in attendance. Motion carried with no negative vote. Dick Martens explained the background for the pilot program. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 9-2022 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Vacant – 2. Resolution 9-2022 passed as adopted.

27. Resolution 10-2022 Resolution Accepting Donation of Land for Highway Purposes. **Motion/second (Mulder/Schweder)** to adopt Resolution 10-2022. No discussion. Roll call vote on motion to adopt Resolution 10-2022 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Vacant - 2. Resolution 10-2022 passed as adopted.

## ORDINANCES

28. Ordinance 5-2022 amending the Floodplain Ordinance for Green Lake County, Wisconsin, §300-10 Official Maps and Revisions. **Motion/second (Buss/Wendt)** to enact Ordinance 5-2022. No discussion. Roll vote on motion to enact Ordinance 5-2022 – Ayes – 17, Nays – 0, Abstain – 0, Vacant – 2. Ordinance 5-2022 passed as enacted.

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORTS

29. **Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell)** to accept the 2021 annual reports as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

30. Chair Abendroth recommended the following appointments with the Board's approval:
- Arnold Dahlke to the Land Conservation Committee
  - Rebecca Bays to the Transportation Committee to replace Sara Rutkowski
31. **Motion/second (Schweder/Trochinski)** to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

## DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON May 17, 2022

32. Chair Abendroth stated that Nichol Wienkes, unit manager from Behavioral Health, will provide an update on her department.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

33. Supervisor Floeter raised a question regarding the rules of operation under Chapter 9. Chair Abendroth will check into it.

## ADJOURN

34. Chairman Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Elizabeth A. Otto*

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County Clerk