



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
March 9, 2023 - MINUTES

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Robert Schweder, Committee Chairman, at 9:00AM on March 9, 2023 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
Bill Boutwell
Ken Bates
Arnold Dahlke
Nancy Hiestand
Wesley Eisenga

Excused:

Staff Present: Todd Morris
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Dustin Esselman Maddy Wergin
Derek Kavanaugh

MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Bates) to approve and file the February 9, 2023 meeting minutes Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FEDERAL AGENCY APPEARANCES

None

LAKE PUCKAWAY ASSOCIATION – DUSTIN ESSELMAN

Dustin Esselman, Chair of the Lake Puckaway Protection Rehabilitation District and Maddy Wegin, Standing Member Town of Mecan, reported:

- the status of the dredge bank project which protects wildlife and fish habitat supervised by Land Conservation and Ducks Unlimited.
- working with the DNR and Cason & Associates on a plan for weed management.
- the success of the walleye fish hatchery.
- the floating platform (two pontoon boats converted into floating rafts with gravel on them) for Tern nesting is successfully being utilized by the endangered species, Common Terns. As of the last two years, it is the largest nesting population of Terns in the State of Wisconsin, which the Lake Districts received an award for. There is hope to add another tern raft.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

- **Staff Report**
Written report was reviewed.
- **AIS Update**
Written report was reviewed from Chris Hamerla, Regional Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator.
- **Lake and River Report**
Derek Kavanaugh discussed his lakes report and Ken Bates gave an update on Little Green.

ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW

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

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION UPDATE

Morris informed the committee that the Arbor Day Celebration will be Friday, April 28th at the American Legion Post 306 in Green Lake starting at 8:00 AM with a buffet style breakfast catered by Crossroads Market. Invitations and advertisements will go out next week.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Date: April 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:41AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder