



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE April 13, 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 April 13, 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

Excused:
Wesley Eisenga, FSA Member

Staff Present: Todd Morris
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Hannah Niewoehner
Shelly Rothman

MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ernest Neuenfeldt expressed his opposition to the Land Use Planning & Zoning Department proposal to revise the zoning ordinance regarding the Board of Adjustment.

APPEARANCES

- Federal Agencies
None
- Hannah Niewoehner, Watershed Coordinator, provided updates on the projects within the Green Lake Watershed that she is working on and then also included her involvements with the Green Lake Sanitary District and the Green Lake Association. See report attached.
- Shelly Rothman, Executive Director of Foxhead RAP, spoke about the recent Conservation Easement Meeting that was held April 4th at the American Legion in Green Lake wherein 25 people attended and were shown a power point presentation explain the process of setting up a conservation easement and answered frequently asked questions. A survey was given to those in attendance to gauge landowners interest pursuing easements and a few were interested.

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**
Written Report by Derek Kavanaugh was reviewed, and Ken Bates gave an update on Little Green.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION UPDATE

Morris reported 57 reservations thus far and confirmed that everything is in order for the upcoming April 28 event.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Date: May 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder

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Green Lake Watershed

Hannah

- Possibility of a stormwater project behind Webster's grocery. Site visit completed yesterday with FDL LCD.
- Wetland scrape project moving forward with Tim Soda in FDL County. Will be funded through LPT
- Buffer project with Chris Pollack
- Projects being constructed this year include sediment basin for Bill Burdick, GWW for Orrin Ludtke, and sediment basin in Terrace.
- Signing up cover crop acres
- GLRI grant in Roy and Wuerches Creek.

GLSD

- Conservation Easement Meeting 4/4 hosted by GLSD and Foxhead RAP. Produced materials for realtors and landowners. Working on larger guidebook to guide landowners through the process. Intend to host another meeting later this year.
- Ice is off the lake and GLSD has received many reports of filamentous algae washing on shore around lake. GLSD hoping this is an early spike and that the volume dies back before summer.
- DNR is continuing their fishery study of the lake in the next 2 months which includes putting up sensors in Silver Creek near Dead End Rd and the Koro Rd culvert. This study will evaluate if tagged fish from last year are making it that far into the creek.
- Carp barrier at CTH K will be closed this week to limit carp movement into the marsh. This will help lessen turbidity of the water and allow more plant growth.

GLA

- The CAPture structure project is up and running, and we appreciate the LCD's involvement in getting that into the ground. We'll work with the LCD on sampling water pre- and post-treatment soon so we can get a sense of the effectiveness of this "phosphorus sponge."
- A GLA-sponsored survey of erosion spots on Roy and Wuerches Creek will begin soon. We've contracted with InterFluve to complete this assessment. We'll use that information to prioritize future stream restoration projects.
- The GLA is sponsoring stream monitoring on Roy and Wuerches Creek through the US Geological Survey. This piggy-backs on additional stream sampling completed (and paid for) by the Green Lake Sanitary District.
- Our field day is Saturday, August 19 at Boerson Farm, from 9:00-1:00.