



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE May 11, 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 May 11, 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
Cate Wylie
Jeffrey Mann

MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Bates) to approve and file the April 13, 2023 meeting minutes Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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.

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 was reviewed, and Ken Bates gave an update on Little Green.

WELL TESTING PROGRAM -REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Morris reported 138 participants in the well testing program. The water samples are currently at the lab in Stevens Point with a follow up meeting scheduled for June 5, 2023 to explain the test results.

REVIEW DISCUSSION ON FIVE YEAR REVIEW OF LAND + WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (LWRM) PLAN

Morris went over the written LWRM plan five-year review with the committee and informed them of the meeting and site tour set up with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) on June 6, 2023.

DISCUSSION ON THE STATE OF WI FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF FARMLAND

After a brief explanation of this topic, the committee has decided they would like to discuss things further and move forward with a resolution regarding foreign ownership of farmland. Todd Morris and Jeff Mann will work together to develop a resolution to be brought back to the committee.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Date: June 8, 2023 at 9:00 AM
- LWLWCA Meeting Date: May 19, 2023
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

TOUR OF THE LAKE PUCKAWAY BREAKWATER PROJECT

The committee made a site visit to Lake Puckaway to view the current breakwater project being installed. Derek Kavanaugh met the committee at the site to give a project update and answer questions.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder