



## LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE June 7, 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 June 7, 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: Cate Wylie  
Jeffrey Mann

### MINUTES

**Motion/second (Boutwell/Dahlke)** to approve and file the May 11, 2023 meeting minutes Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### APPEARANCES

- Federal Agencies  
None
- Hannah Niewoehner, Watershed Coordinator, provided a written update 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.
- **Farmland Preservation Program Compliance**  
52 landowners still need to turn in their Nutrient Management Plans. The staff is working on 65 spot checks. The Annual Certification Letter will be going out within the month of June.

- **2024-2025 State Funding Update**

One of our WI Land & Water Association budget priorities was to advocate on all counties behalf asking to provide \$18.7 million in stable, core funding support for conservation staff meets counties' needs and the state's statutory obligation as defined in Wis. Stats. 92.14(6)(b). The 2023 Joint Committee on Finance voted to keep the DATCP funding the same as previous years.

- **Boat-wash Station Update**

The boat-wash station at Dodge Memorial Park is completed, staff has been hired and its fully operational. Staff are washing boats 7 days a week between the hours of 7am and 3pm.

**DISCUSSION & ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE STATE OF WI REVIEW & REVISE ITS POLICY ON FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF FARMLAND**

Jeffrey Mann, Corporation Council, gave an overview of the proposed resolution. Morris, Bates and Mann met to draft the resolution.

***Motion/second (Boutwell/Dahlke)*** to approve the resolution for Request for State of Wisconsin to Review and Revise its Policy on Foreign Ownership of Farmland. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ON THE AG ENTERPRISE AREA (AEA) PROPOSAL IN THE TOWN OF MARQUETTE**

Morris updated the board that he would be attending the Town of Marquette Meeting with the Town Board and Landowners to discuss the petition process to move forward with establishing an Ag Enterprise Area in the Town of Marquette.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

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

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar  
Recorder