



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

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Land Conservation Committee Meeting Notice

Date: June 8, 2023 Time: 9:00 AM
County Board Room #0902, Green Lake County Government Center
571 County Rd A, Green Lake WI

AGENDA

Committee Members

- Robert Schweder-
Chairman
- Ken Bates-
Vice-Chairman
- Bill Boutwell
- Nancy Hiestand
- Arnold Dahlke
- Wesley Eisenga –
FSA Member

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of the May 11, 2023 Minutes
5. Public Comments
6. Appearances
 - Federal Agencies
 - Hannah Niewoehner – Green Lake Watershed Update
7. Department Activities Report
 - Staff Report
 - AIS Update
 - Lake and River Report
 - Farmland Preservation Program Compliance
 - 2024-2025 State Funding Update
 - Boat wash Station Update
8. Discussion & action on the resolution to request The State of WI Review & Revise its Policy on Foreign Ownership of Farmland.
9. Discussion on the Ag Enterprise Area (AEA) proposal in the Town of Marquette.
10. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Date: July 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
11. Adjourn

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Please accept at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office.
All line items are subject to any and all action by this committee, unless noted.

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Land Conservation Committee

June 8, 2023 Monthly Staff Report

May 2023 Projects

1. Inspect open erosion control permits and review new permit applications for erosion control and storm-water management.
2. Assist other LCD staff with design questions and drawing plans for projects they are working on.
3. Complete the infiltration chambers and asphalt pad for the boat washing station and conduct a staff training for proper operation of boat washing station.
4. Complete the design of an infiltration basin in the Town of Princeton to help with stormwater runoff management.
5. Deliver no-till drill to landowners throughout Green Lake County and calibrate for their specific planting needs.
6. Complete the construction of a grassed waterway in the Town of Kingston.
7. Complete as-built of design plans for rock-lined waterway in Town of Green Lake, grassed waterway and subsurface drain in Town of Manchester, and grassed waterway in Town of Kingston.
8. Complete the design of wetland scrape in the Town of Princeton.
9. Continue waste storage facility design in the Town of Princeton.
10. Begin underground outlet design in the Town of Princeton.
11. Conduct Farmland Preservation field checks.
12. Sign landowners up for Back 40 Soil Health Challenge.
13. Design wetland scrape in the Town of Brooklyn.
14. Attend Grassland 2.0 Academy.

June 2023 Project Focus

1. Continue conducting Farmland Preservation field checks.
2. Complete cost share agreements for the Back 40 Soil Health Challenge.
3. Continue designing wetland scrape in the Town of Brooklyn.
4. Create plan for sinkholes in the Town of Green Lake.
5. Continue to attend Grassland 2.0 Academy.

Lake and River Report

Puckaway – 3085 feet of breakwater was constructed during the month of May. Construction when according to plans. LLPRD is working with Cason and Associates to develop an Aquatic Plant Management Plan for submission to the DNR for Milfoil control.

Twin Lakes – Lake Report approved by DNR. Updating 2018 Lake Management Plan in the summer of 2023 (5 year update). Attended Lake Association annual meeting to discuss updates and plans for future lake management. Lake Association will be applying for a 2023 lake planning grant.

Spring Lake – Working to update the 2018 Lake Management Plan in the summer of 2023 (5 year update).

Little Green – No Update

Green Lake – Participated in Lake Team meeting to coordinate 2023 activities to update Lake Management Plan. Reviewed Twin Lakes Report with Green Lake Planning Team. BMPs design, bidding, and construction underway.

Grand Lake – Working with the Lake Association on grant progress for established plant control. Grant awards was denied by the Wisconsin DNR. Lake Association is self-funding the 2023 invasive plant treatment.

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May AIS Highlights

2023

Clean Boats Clean Waters training and Boatwash training for staff and partners.

Purple loosestrife biocontrol Berlin volunteer.

Visited construction of Puckaway breakwall and monitored milfoil growth in the lake.

Hosted a virtual Clean Boats Clean Waters training. Assisted with CBCW staff hiring and training prep.

Attended statewide AIS Coordinator training meeting. Presented information on manual removal of invasive species.



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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

Green Lake Watershed Report

LCC Meeting

5/11/2023

GLSD Lake Update

A spring newsletter will be sent out to the district landowners/homeowners that provides updates on our annual spring cleanup event, lake levels, early algae growth, carp numbers, aquweed harvesting, future sewerage. The GLSD tried to convey the importance of aquatic plants in the newsletter. There have been issues in the past where lakefront homeowners request the harvester to “clean up” the area in front of their dock when it is not needed.

Carp – prepping for this year’s carp harvest and working on designs for new carp barrier at Cty Rd K. Funding partners include DU and USFWS. Estimated to be a \$200,000 project.

Lake Water Quality – Several reports of filamentous algae on the lake and Sunnyside. Lisa reports that water clarity has been good this spring allowing light penetration for algae growth. There are some concerns with aquatic plant growth for the upcoming summer season. The DNR permit only allows the harvester to cut from June 1st to August 31st. GLA will be conducting water sampling in areas where blooms are possible/likely.

Fish – Lake trout were released in April. There were approx. 1,000 catchable rainbow trout released in the Ripon millpond. The trout fishing opener was held May 6th. This program provides fishing opportunities to all anglers in hopes of introducing newcomers and kids to fishing.

Walleye Wagon – The crew handled 343 walleye and harvested 11 million eggs. These will be released during the last two weeks in May.

Watershed Coordinator Update

Conservation Easements - We had our Conservation Easement partner meeting last week to start developing a streamlined process to assist landowners with developing easements. The various organizations involved have much to discuss with their boards before anything is developed. As a result of our CE meeting in early April with Shelly, we met with one prospective landowner who is interested in a CE. She is located in the watershed.

Grants - As a reminder, the GLSD holds 4 active grants for BMP implementation in the watershed. 2 will be closed out as soon as DNR approves the final invoices etc. The remaining two grants include the DNR Lake Protection grant for \$200,000 which covers FDL county. Not much has been spent on that grant to this point. Our other open grant is the DNR TRM for \$588,000 which covers the entire watershed. We have identified several projects already that will be implemented this year. The GLCD, GLSD, and GLA worked in conjunction to submit an application through EPA GLRI for Roy and Wuerches creek subwatersheds. I received an update from our DNR Nonpoint coordinator that it was moving along through DNR and EPA. Should hear back sometime this summer. It is a nearly \$600,000 grant and GLCD will hold the grant.

Events – Part of the Pheasants Forever Glacial Habitat Restoration Area (GHRA) planning group. The GHRA restores and creates habitat for waterfowl, pheasants, songbirds. The GHRA covers Columbia,

Dodge, FDL, and Winnebago counties. Part of this area overlaps the GL watershed. A field day will be held at the Wescott gunclub property in FDL county June 7th. I plan to attend and have information available for conservation opportunities in the GL watershed.

GLA

Boat Wash Station – Pollesch started working on the installation of the boat wash station at Dodge Memorial Park. Goal is to have it up and running by Memorial Day weekend and to have two billboards on HWY 23 and 73 to promote the station.

Roy and Wuerches Stream Inventory – Hired Inter-Fluve and the inventory was completed last week. They identified future stream erosion projects and potential upland BMPs. A full report and data will be completed by September.

CAPTure Structure – Structure is ready to start sampling.

RESOLUTION NUMBER -2023

**Request for State of Wisconsin to Review and Revise its Policy on Foreign
Ownership of Farmland**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 20th day of June, 2023, does resolve as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), as of
- 2 December 31, 2020, foreign agricultural entities in Wisconsin own over 500,000 acres of
- 3 land in the state, with that number having risen by over 25,000 acres from 2019 to 2020
- 4 alone.

- 5 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin law currently allows for ownership of up to 640 acres of
- 6 agricultural or forestry land per foreign company or foreign individual.

- 7 Fiscal note is attached.

- 8 vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. -2023

Submitted by Land Conservation
Committee:

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain 0

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this 20th
day of June, 2023.

Bob Schweder, Chair

Ken Bates, Vice-Chair

County Board Chairman

Bill Boutwell

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:

Nancy Hiestand

Corporation Counsel

Wes Eisenga

Arnie Dahlke

9 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic illustrated the need to localize supply chains,
10 especially for food and medicine, and to keep them out of the hands of adversarial
11 governments and those entities associated therewith.

12 **WHEREAS**, it would be prudent to limit the exposure of such critical supply chains to
13 governments and associated entities who routinely abuse human rights, violate
14 international trade law and labor standards, and seek to upend fair markets through
15 state owned enterprises, monopolization or means that otherwise threaten food security
16 and the Wisconsin family farming tradition.

17 **WHEREAS**, it would be to the benefit of the citizens of Green Lake County, the State of
18 Wisconsin and the United States to have local farmland be held by United States
19 citizens, permanent residents of the United States, and companies incorporated in the
20 United States that aren't controlled by foreign entities.

21 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Green Lake County Board of
22 Supervisors does respectfully request that the State of Wisconsin, in the next legislative
23 biennium, review and revise its policy on foreign ownership of farmland, and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to
25 Governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature, the Wisconsin Counties
26 Association, and all other Wisconsin Counties.

27 **FISCAL NOTE:** no immediate impact