



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE November 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 November 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 (via Teams)
Arnold Dahlke
Nancy Hiestand

Excused:
Wesley Eisenga, FSA Member

Staff Present: Todd Morris
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Derek Kavanaugh-Soil Con III, Jeff Mann-Corp Counsel,
Ken Stephani-Finance Director, Cate Wylie-County Administrator (via Teams)
Matt Vande Kolk-Chief Deputy

MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve and file the October 12, 2023 meeting minutes Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPEARANCES

None

WAKE BOAT DISCUSSION & ACTION

Derek Kavanaugh gave an update on the 2023 Bill Proposal LRB-3518/1.

Motion/second (Boutwell/Dahlke) to suspend the rules to allow people in the audience to speak. Motion carried.

- Aaron Anderson, Green Lake County Chapter Chairman for Walleye's for Tomorrow, spoke in opposition of wake boats because the lake system is already impaired.
- Mike Arrowood, Chairman of Walleyes for Tomorrow, spoke on the spawning of Walleyes and effects that wake boats might have on reproduction of them.
- Ryan Mieborg, Shoreline Boat Center, agreed that distance needs to be kept from shore. Boat owners are given flyers and a self-test that outline the recommendations from the Water Sports Industry Association. He suggested making distance recommendations very clear to follow. Ryan also felt education is important and a map at the landings showing water sport areas would be beneficial.

- Lisa Reas, Green Lake Sanitary District, main concern is with Invasive Species in the ballast water. She feels this issue needs to be addressed.
- Chief Deputy Matt Vande Kolk said that staff and enforcement is a concern for the Sheriff's Department. Vande Kolk also expressed that people really do care about the lake and want to protect it, thus education is as important as regulation.
- Derek Kavanaugh stated the depth on Big Green is almost an easier line to set because judging 700 feet is very difficult, but if your depth finder on the boat is showing you in the proper depth of water, then your good to go, in most areas of the lake.
- Chairman Schweder feels that it should go deeper than 30 feet to more like 40-50 feet of water depth.
- Ken Bates stated that he would like to see 700 feet from shore and 40-50 feet of water depth.
- Arnie Dahlke feels that 700 feet from shore and 40 feet of depth is what's needed.

Motion/second (Bates/Dahlke) to approve an enhanced wake recommendation of 700 feet from shore and 40 feet of depth. Motion carried.

Discussion was held and Jeff Mann, Corp Counsel, noted that this is just a recommendation to the Townships.

Motion/second (Dahlke/Boutwell) to move Agenda item #11 Resolution following #7 Wake Boat Discussion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve the resolution relating to Opposition to Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau 2023 Bill Proposal LRB-3518/1. Motion carried.

MARQUETTE AGRICULTURE ENTERPISE AREA DESIGNATION DISCUSSION

Morris reported that the DATCP approved the application for the Ag Enterprise area in the Town of Marquette and it will be effective starting January 1, 2024.

MULTI-DISCHARGER VARIANCE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION DISCUSSION

Morris explained what the program is and informed the LCC that the Land Conservation Department will be applying for MDV participation in 2024.

10:05 AM Arnie Dahlke left the meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR SUPPORT OF THE LITTLE GREEN LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANT

Land Conservation received a letter requesting donation commitment from Green Lake County LCD for their Lake Management Planning Grant application. Committee discussion resulted in setting a precedent to not contribute funding to Lake Management Planning Grant applications.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Deer Donation Program, November 22nd and 25th, 11:00am - 2:00pm, Green Lake County Highway Shop
- Wisconsin Water & Soil Health Conference, December 7-8, Wisconsin Dells

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Date: December 14, 2023 at 9:00 AM
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:08AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder