



## LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE February 8, 2024 - MINUTES

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Robert Schweder, Committee Chairman, at 9:00AM on February 8, 2024 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  
Arnold Dahlke  
Nancy Hiestand

Excused:  
Wesley Eisenga, FSA Member  
Ken Bates

Staff Present: Todd Morris  
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Jeff Mann-Corp Counsel  
Cate Wylie-County Administrator

Dave Terrell, Wildlife Services  
Rebeca Bravo, Wildlife Services

### **MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand)*** to approve and file the December 14, 2023 meeting minutes Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Doug Knutzen commented that he is opposed to an ordinance and in favor of advisory regarding Wake Boats on Green Lake.

### **APPEARANCES**

- Federal Agencies  
None

### **WILDLIFE DAMAGE – 2023 CLAIMS DISCUSSION & ACTION**

Rebeca Bravo, Wildlife Specialist, asked for approval of the 2023 damage claims. There were no hunter access issues and every participant met their harvest quota.

***Motion/second (Dahlke/Boutwell)*** to approve 2023 claims in the amount of \$49,714.97 . Motion carried.

### **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. Schweder gave an oral update on Lake Puckaway.

### **WAKE BOAT DISCUSSION**

Morris and Schweder met with the Green Lake County Sherriff Department regarding enforcement. After discussion it was decided that an advisory is a better way to proceed than an ordinance. Moving forward, an advisory will be the recommendation to the municipalities.

### **CANCELLATION OF NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE FOR PAUL KOEHN – DISCUSSION & ACTION**

Morris explained how the change in the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) in 2010 requiring participants to have a Certificate of Compliance issued by the Land Conservation Department in conjunction with a Nutrient Management Plan resulted in a lot of people voluntarily opting out of the program. At this time, Paul Koehn would like to voluntarily get back into the program and is meeting all the requirements.

***Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand)*** to approve a Cancellation of Notice of Non-Compliance for Paul Koehn. Motion Carried.

### **ARBOR DAY DISCUSSION**

After discussion on prices and venues, the Arbor Day Celebration will return to the Green Lake Conference Center on April 26, 2024.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Winnebago Waterways Roundtable – February 15<sup>th</sup>
- Nutrient Management Farmer Education Training – February 21<sup>st</sup>
- Well Testing Program – April 18<sup>th</sup> Distribution Day

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- Future Meeting Date: March 14, 2024 at 9:00 AM
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM .

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar  
Recorder