



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

Land Conservation Department

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Land Conservation Committee Meeting Notice

Date: February 8, 2024 Time: 9:00 AM
County Board Room #0902, Green Lake County Government Center
571 County Rd A, Green Lake WI

AMENDED 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 December 14, 2023 Minutes
5. Public Comments
6. Appearances
- * 7. Wildlife Damage – 2023 Claims Discussion & Action
8. Department Activities Report
 - Staff Report
 - AIS Update
 - Lake and River Report
9. Wake Boat Discussion
10. Cancellation of Notice of Non-Compliance for Paul Koehn – Discussion and Action
11. Arbor Day Discussion
12. Upcoming Events
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 - Nutrient Management Farmer Education Training – February 21st
 - Well Testing Program – April 19th Distribution Day
13. Committee Discussion
14. Future Meeting Date: March 14, 2024 at 9:00 AM
15. Future Agenda items for action & discussion
16. Adjourn

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February 8, 2024 Monthly Staff Report

December 2023 – January 2024 Projects

1. Inspect open erosion control permits and review new permit applications for erosion control and storm-water management.
2. Complete the design of a Grassed Diversion and Farmable Diversion in the Town of Manchester.
3. Complete 4 Nutrient Management Plan cost-share contracts with landowners in the Town of Mackford.
4. Complete the installation of a grassed waterway and subsurface drain in the Town of Green Lake.
5. Update all FPP Certificates of Compliance and mail to the landowners.
6. Complete the design of a wetland restoration in the Town of Green Lake.
7. Complete the design of 3 wetland restorations in the Town of St. Marie.
8. Complete the design of a farmable terrace in the Town of Green Lake
9. Prepare Nutrient Management Plans.
10. Prepare Cost Share Agreements.
11. Attend relevant trainings.
12. Design Waterway for Fond du Lac County.
13. Begin design of a grassed waterway in the Town of Brooklyn.
14. Continue design of a grassed waterway in the Town of Berlin.
15. Assist with installation of a heavy use area protection in the Town of Brooklyn.
16. Complete design of a waste storage facility, waste transfer, and underground outlet design in the Town of Princeton.
17. Attend Wisconsin Agribusiness Classic conference at the Alliant Energy Center.

February 2024 Project Focus

1. Continue designing waterway in Fond du Lac County.
2. Design practices in Roy Creek Watershed to be funded by GLRI Grant.
3. Attend relevant trainings.

Lake and River Report

Puckaway – Developing Aquatic Plant Management Plan for 2024

Twin Lakes – Grant Application submitted to DNR. Awards to be announced in February 2024. Initial planning on phosphorus removal system.

Spring Lake – No Update

Little Green – Grant Application submitted to DNR. Awards to be announced in February 2024. Met with Adaptive Management committee (monthly) to coordinate 2024-2029 Lake Management Plan update.

Green Lake – Attended several meetings for watershed work. Design and planning work underway for stream restoration and BMP projects for 2024.

Grand Lake – Grant Application submitted to DNR. Awards to be announced in February 2024.

Other – Coordinating Restoration plans for wetland violation with DNR Warden to develop restoration plans.



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE December 14, 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 December 14, 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
Arnold Dahlke
Nancy Hiestand

Excused:
Wesley Eisenga, FSA Member
Ken Bates

Staff Present: Todd Morris
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Jeff Mann-Corp Counsel
Ken Stephani-Finance Director
Cate Wylie-County Administrator

MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve and file the November 9, 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 as well as updates from the Green Lake Sanitary District. See report attached.

WAKE BOAT RECOMMENDATIONS DISCUSSION & ACTION

A letter created by Morris and approved by Corporation Council will be mailed to the townships surrounding Green Lake with suggestions on distance from shore, depth of water, and an educational component.

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**
Morris reported Surface Water Grants were submitted for Twin Lake and Grand Lake. Schweder gave an oral report on Lake Puckaway.

CLEAN SWEEP FINAL REPORT

Morris shared the final numbers with the committee regarding participation, income, and expenses.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE-ASSEMBLY BILL 133 (SENATE BILL 134)

Morris reviewed the Act 42 approved by Governor Evers which improves and modernizes the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP). Highlights of the Act are:

- Increased tax credits to two tiers of \$10/acre and \$12.50/acre.
- Farmland Preservation (FP) agreement length decreases from 15 to 10 years.
- Qualifies agricultural conservation easements in a FP area as a new \$10/acre category of farmland.

2023 DEER DONATION PROGRAM UPDATE



4 deer were received during the 2 collection dates of November 22 and 25 from 11:00am – 2:00pm each day. The meat is currently being processed at LeRoy Meats in Fox Lake and will be donated to the Green Lake County Food Pantry upon completion.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Date: January 11, 2024 at 9:00 AM
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder

LCC Meeting

12/14/2023

GLSD Update

Grants:

As we wrap up 2023, one of our biggest tasks is to submit grant reimbursement requests to the DNR. The GLSD holds a variety of grants, but the larger grants we work with are for BMPs on ag lands. Paulie Janssen from the GLSD and I have been working for the past month on getting our 4 BMP grants updated and 2 of the 4 closed out. The LCD has been instrumental in helping us get the projects in the ground

In November we closed out the 2019 Green Lake County Lake Protection Grant. It was a \$200,000 award from the state and funded 4 Basins, 3 streambank stabilizations, 4 waterways, 1 lakeshore stabilization, and 2 cover crop projects. All these projects were in the Green Lake County portion of the watershed.

In December, we also closed out our 2020 Fond du Lac County Lake Protection Grant. That grant included \$7,860 from the state for cover crops & no-till projects in the Fond du Lac portion of the watershed.

Also in December, Paulie and I submitted partial reimbursement requests for our 2021 FdL Co. Lake Protection Grant and our new Targeted Runoff Management Grant. The 2021 FdL grant is a \$200,000 grant and has thus far covered a great deal of watershed-wide I&E outreach on prairie strips & easements, a large amount of cover crops & no-till, as well as a wetland scrape. The Targeted Runoff Management grant is our largest grant with a total award of \$588,000 over 3 years. We received the grant in April, and since that time, the grant has been used to fund 3 sediment retention basins, 1 grassed waterway, 1 no-till project, and 3 cover crop projects.

It's important to point out that the Land Conservation Department staff time as well as my own, is used as cost match on the grants. This in-kind time helps keep commitment cost from the partners low. Through the grants and partner contributions, we were able to sign up over 1,000 cover crop acres in the watershed.

Water Quality

The final update we have is related to the lack of runoff into the lake this year. At our Lake Management Team meeting this week, the USGS gave us preliminary data showing the phosphorus levels in the lake have dropped for the 3rd year in a row. While the ongoing drought is a main component of this, we know that all the work being done around the watershed by the county LCD, GLA, NRCS, and GLSD is factor as well. We hope to have more data to share once USGS has the full-year's data evaluated this coming spring.

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November AIS

Highlights 2023

Hello everyone,

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving. Normally I send out specific AIS updates to each county but for November I'm sending one inclusive email since there isn't much to report.

End of the year grant reporting is in full swing. November 2nd I presented AIS information to freshmen at Wausau East High School and on November 16th I attended the Golden Sands RC&D Council meeting to give AIS updates.

This week I am holding interviews for the open AIS Coordinator position.



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DATE NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE ISSUED BY COUNTY:

THIS CANCELLATION OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

Based on a review of the affected farm operation, the _____ County Land Conservation Committee hereby cancels the Notice of Noncompliance under s. 91.82, Wis. Stats., for the landowner and property described in this notice. The committee has determined that the landowner has corrected the violation described in the above-referenced Notice of Noncompliance. As of the date of this notice, **the landowner is eligible to claim farmland preservation tax credits under subch. IX of ch. 71, Stats.**, on the property described above.

Land Conservation Committee:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	DATE	
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE	PHONE	
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CITY	STATE	ZIP

This cancellation of a notice of noncompliance shall be provided to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Send copy of cancellation to:

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DOR-FARMLAND 5-144
RSOB – Audit Bureau
PO Box 8906
Madison, WI 53708-8906

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