



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE June 13, 2024 - MINUTES

The final meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Robert Schweder, County Conservationist, at 9:00AM on June 13, 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
Nancy Hiestand
Dave Albright
Bill Boutwell

Excused:

Wesley Eisenga, FSA Member
Mike Skivington

Staff Present: Todd Morris
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Ken Stephani, Finance Director

MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve and file the May 9, 2024 meeting minutes Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPEARANCES

- Federal Agencies
None

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

- **Staff Report**
Written report from the LCD staff was reviewed along with the written report that was submitted by Lisa Reas, Administrator, for the Green Lake Watershed update.
- **AIS Update**
Written report was reviewed from Chris Hamerla, Regional Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator.
- **Lake and River Report**
Written report from was reviewed.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (FPP) UPDATE

The FPP is a voluntary program for farmers wherein they receive \$10/acre income tax credit if they choose to participate. There are 269 total participants in Green Lake County. LCD's job is to make sure everybody is following the state standards of the program. LCD is required to do spot checks on 25% of the participants each year, so between 65-70 depending on the rotation. These checks happen after planting starting early June and finish up mid-June, so it's a small window. It's a good opportunity to open conversation with the landowners about projects such as waterways, terraces, or cover crops. Another requirement is to submit a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) and lastly, LCD will be sending out letters in June reminding farmers to complete their annual certification acknowledging that they are meeting the standards themselves.

Another part of FPP is the Ag Enterprise Areas wherein some goals were set to have some workshops in areas of interest. LCD will be working with Extension to host some educational programs in Princeton and St. Marie for smaller farmers that maybe like niche or specialty farming, direct marketing, or farmers markets.

2023 BUDGET LINE-ITEM TRANSFER FORM – DISCUSSION & ACTION

Motion/second (***Boutwell/Hiestand***) to approve the 2023 Budget Line-Item Transfer Form.
Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Clean Sweep – August 9th
- Land & Lake Field Day – August 17th

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- This is the last meeting of Land Conservation Committee. Next month it will be the Land Water Parks Community Committee. Future meeting date to be determined.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder