

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 10, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bob Schweder called the meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee to order at 9:00AM in the Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room #0902, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. Public access was available via remote programming as well as in person. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Mike Skivington, Nita Krenz, Bill Boutwell, Bob Schweder, David Albright

Absent: Nancy Hiestand

Also Present: **Karissa Block**, Deputy County Clerk; **Todd Morris**, County Conservationist; **Ken Stephani**, Finance Director; **Cate Wylie**, County Administrator; **Jeff Mann**, Corporation Counsel

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES LIMIT)

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Krenz) to approve the minutes of the 9/12/2024 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Chair Bob Schweder allowed the UW-Extension team to give their report first due to their schedules for other meetings.

UW-EXTENSION STAFF REPORT

Brandon Springer, 4H Program Educator – Springer reported that it is National 4H Week. Springer is currently planning the next summer camp for 4H groups. Springer shared the goal is to increase the sense of belonging among 4H Camp members.

Laci Monroe, Foodwise Coordinator – Monroe has been hosting a senior fitness class here at the Government Center. Monroe will be hosting an Around the Table event on October 22nd.

Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator – Upcoming events for Hartfiel are the PELTR Workshop on October 12th. The Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Workshop will be coming up. There are two opportunities coming up on January 16th of 2025.

Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator – Paris has had lots of interaction with the Amish community. As the winter arrives, Paris will continue to do some planning for upcoming workshops.

APPEARANCES

Trevor Pike, Wildlife Specialist USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services

- **2025 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program Budget approval** - The current budget for 2025 is \$29,472.31

Motion/Second (Boutwell/Skivington) to approve the 2025 budget. Motion carried with not negative vote.

- **2024 Crop Price approval** - David Albright confirmed the Crop Prices proposed appear to be accurate.

Motion/Second (Boutwell/Krenz) to approve the 2024 Crop Prices. Motion carried with no negative vote.

- **2024 90% harvest date for appraisals on fall crops**

Motion/Second (Boutwell/Albright) to set the appraisal date for December 1st, 2024. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **Land Conservation** - Todd Morris gave his report that can be found in the packet.
- **Parks** – The county is still waiting on the Kayak Launch parts to be delivered.

PARKS STAFFING DISCUSSION

County Administrator, Cate Wylie stated that it is in the works to create a Parks Department. Discussion held.

PARK DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

The committee will potentially hold a special meeting with members from UWEX to discuss Parks Development. Wylie will talk to Pat Wagner from UWEX on this topic. Discussion held.

UPDATE AND QUOTE ON FLUSHABLE TOILETS AT DODGE PARK

The county has received a quote for flushable toilets to be put in at Dodge Park. Discussion held on possibly using the boat launch fees to help cover the cost.

NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM TAX CREDIT REQUIREMENTS – ARNOLD T & BARBARA L DAHLKE FAMILY TRUST

Discussion held

CLOSED SESSION

Move into Closed Session per WI Per Statute 19.85(1)(g) “Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved”.

Motion/Second (Boutwell/Skivington) to move into closed session. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion/Second (Boutwell/Albright) to reconvene into Open Session. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Abstain – 0.

Motion/Second (Boutwell/Krenz) to cancel the agreement of the Non-Compliance contract. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Motion/Second (Boutwell/Krenz) to cancel the Buffer Program Cost-Share Contract. Motion carried with no negative vote.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – 11/14/2024
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion

Items to be on the November agenda are as follows:

- County Library Report
- County K Bike Path update

ADJOURN

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 10:12AM

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Block

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