

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, December 12, 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, Nancy Hiestand

Absent:

Also Present: **Karissa Block**, Deputy County Clerk; **Todd Morris**, County Conservationist; **Olivia Fischer**, Soil Conservationist; **Ken Stephani**, Finance Director; **Scott Weir**, Maintenance Supervisor; **Jeff Mann**, Corporation Counsel; **Stacy Graff**, Fair and Office Coordinator

**PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES LIMIT)** - none

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Boutwell/Krenz)* to approve the minutes of the 11/14/2024 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**APPEARANCES**

- **Green Lake Association – Taylor Haag**

Haags presentation covered invasive species found in our lake and what the Green Lake Association has been doing to help prevent it. Some examples of trying to prevent species getting in our lake are our boat wash stations and having Watercraft Inspectors at all landings. Lastly, Haag invited all committee members to the State of the Land Breakfast on June 21, 2025.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- **Land Conservation** – Morris introduced his new employee, Olivia Fischer to the committee. Morris stated that 7 deer were donated during the Deer Donation Partners Program. And on December 17<sup>th</sup>, Morris will be attending the Wisconsin Water and Soil Health Conference in the Wisconsin Dells.
- **Parks** – Weir stated his department is working on getting the concrete launches done. They would like to get these done by the end of the year if the weather cooperates.

**PARKS PROMOTION** – no comment

**UPDATE ON PARKS DIRECTOR**

Weir believes there is no need for a Parks Director as that position would be very similar to his position. However, Weir is interested in adding another full-time position to his department.

## **NEW POSITION REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE & PARKS REPAIR PERSON**

Stephani and Weir will meet to discuss the budget for a new position. This agenda item will be discussed further at the January meeting. The committee made it clear to Weir that they support adding another position to his team.

## **2025 CONTRACT BETWEEN GLC & UW**

Chair Schweder welcomed Pat Wagner from UW-Madison Division of Extension – Green Lake County before the committee. Wagner apologized for page 2 of the contract missing from the packet. Wagner handed out a paper copy of the contract to the committee. Discussion held. Mann proposed that only the committee members sign the contract due to the absence of the administrator.

*Motion/second (Boutwell/Albright)* to approve the 2025 Contract between GLC & UW. Motion carried with no negative vote.

*Motion/second (Krenz/Boutwell)* to approve the delegation. Motion carried with no negative vote.

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GLC & UW**

Wagner read a letter that she handed out to the committee members. This letter is not included in the packet. Discussion held.

*Motion/second (Skivington/Boutwell)* to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between GLC & UW. Motion carried with no negative vote.

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PLATFORM FOR NATIVE PLANT SALE PAYMENTS**

The Land Conservation department would like to host a Native Plant Sale in 2025. The goal of this sale is to raise money for scholarships and potentially have programs in the schools. Morris asked for permission from the committee members to use a site called Square as an online payment method for the plant sale. Morris explained that customers would order their plants and pay right away using Square. Once Morris places the order for all plants, they will be delivered to the Government Center. Customers will then have to pick up their plants.

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- a. Next meeting date – January 9th, 2025
  - b. Future agenda items for action & discussion
- Discussion and possible action on New Position Request for Maintenance and Parks Repair Person
  - Discussion and possible action on filling the empty position in the UW Extension Office

## **ADJOURN**

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 10:00AM

Respectfully submitted,

*Karissa Block*

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