

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 9, 2025**

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 (remote), Bill Boutwell, Bob Schweder, David Albright, Nancy Hiestand

Absent:

Also Present: **Karissa Block**, Deputy County Clerk; **Todd Morris**, County Conservationist; **Ken Stephani**, Finance Director; **Scott Weir**, Maintenance Supervisor; **Jeff Mann (remote at 9:30am)**, Corporation Counsel; **Stacy Graff**, Fair and Office Coordinator; **Tami Toth (remote at 9:02am)**, Legal Assistant; **Stefanie Meeker (remote at 9:02am)**, Real Property Lister

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES LIMIT)

-none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **UW – Extension**
 - **Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator** – Updated the committee on what he has been working on. Hartfiel held a Planning Emergency Livestock Transportation Response workshop. Hartfiel stated this workshop had a great turnout with good feedback. Upcoming events for Hartfiel are the Beef Quality Assurance Workshops on January 16th, UW-Extension Beef Lunch and Learn Series from 12:00pm-1:00pm on January 9th, February 13th, and March 13th. And lastly, UW-Extension School for Beginning Beef Production in the month of January.
 - **David Albright (spoke for Natasha Paris), Regional Crops Educator** – Natasha worked on and hosted a series of events over the last few months. Her detailed report can be found in the packet.
 - **Laci Monroe, Food Wise Nutrition Coordinator** – Participated at an afterschool event for families of the A+ Afterschool Program at Parkside Elementary School. Monroe also planned meetings with the Waushara Food Pantry to plan and conduct a participant survey to access and address the needs of the community.
 - **Brandon Springer, 4-H Program Educator** – Springer participated in events such as a 4-H Welcome Night to welcome new families to 4-H, Back Pocket Tricks for Camp Counselors at the Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum, and planning for 5 County 4-H Camps with Area 14 Educator.
- **Land Conservation** – Todd Morris, County Conservationist, gave an update on past and upcoming events. The Farmland Preservation Program Nutrient Management Plan is coming up. Friday morning the Land Conservation department will be in the UW-Extension room to judge posters. And the plant sale is almost ready to be launched to the website.

- **Parks** – Scott Weir, Maintenance Supervisor, asked for any questions regarding his report. Weir wants to get the trees planted by Lake Maria. He is waiting to hear back from Planning & Zoning.

RESOLUTION

- Relating to Creation of One Full Time Parks Position and Elimination of One LTE Parks and One LTE Maintenance Position within Parks/Maintenance Department

Discussion held

Motion/second (Skivington/Boutwell) to pass the resolution to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DODGE MEMORIAL ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Discussion held. Agenda item will be added to next months agenda.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXTENSION EDUCATOR POSITION VACANCY

Pat Wagner went in front of the committee to present her presentation that can be found in the packet.

Discussion held. Wagner and Chair Schweder will reach out and set up meetings with community leaders to get more feedback. They will bring this feedback back to the committee. The committee agreed on getting this position posted after July 1st of this year.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – 02/13/2025 @ 9:00am
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion
 - Dodge Memorial Accessibility Assessment

ADJOURN

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 10:05am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Block

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