

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 13, 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

Absent: Nancy Hiestand

Also Present: **Karissa Block**, Deputy County Clerk; **Todd Morris**, County Conservationist; **Scott Weir**, Maintenance Supervisor; **Stefanie Meeker (remote at 9:45am)**, Real Property Lister; **Jason Jerome**, Interim County Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES LIMIT) - none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Skivington) to approve the minutes of the 1/9/2025 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

APPEARANCES

- **Trevor Pike, Wildlife Specialist – 2024 Claim approvals and harvest waiver exemptions**

Motion/second (Boutwell/Albright) to approve the 2024 claim approvals and harvest waiver exemptions. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **County Library Services Report – Not in attendance**
- **Land Conservation** – Morris shared that the Land Conservation Department started their Native Plant Sale and have had a few sales. They are currently planning for the Small Scale Agriculture Meeting. They will also be hosting the Nutrient Management Training for farmers.
- **Parks** – No discussion

APPEARANCES

- **Shelly Rothman, Foxhead Regenerative Agriculture Project – Possible Stewardship Program in Green Lake County**

Shelly Rothman appeared via Teams. Shelly believes the first step for the Agriculture Project is engaging the public. The committee agreed this is something they would like to move forward with. Discussion held.

BUDGET REQUEST FOR LINE ITEM TRANSFER

- **Land Conservation** – No discussion

Motion/second (Boutwell/Skivington) to approve Budget Request for Line Item Transfer for Land Conservation. Motion carried with no negative vote.

BUDGET CARRYOVER DOCUMENTATION REQUEST

- **LC Green Lake Capture**

- **LC Lake & River Fund**
- **Multi-Discharger Variance (MDV)**
- **No-Till Drill/Soil Health**
- **LC Buffer Contracts – 25 years**

Morris gave a brief summary regarding each Budget Carryover Request. No discussion. ***Motion/second (Boutwell/Skivington)*** to approve all 5 Budget Carryover Documentation Request. Motion carried with no negative vote.

UPDATE ON EXTENSION EDUCATOR VACANCY PROCESS

A meeting will be held at the Government Center, April 23rd from 4:00pm-6:00pm regarding this topic. All committee members are invited.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE UPDATE TO RESOLUTION PASSED IN JANUARY 2025 REGARDING FULL TIME PARKS POSITION

This resolution was turned down by the Administrative Committee. However, the Administrative Committee is not opposed to creating this new position, but there were concerns regarding the budget for this position. New County Interim, Jason Jerome stated that he would be happy to work with Weir regarding a full-time parks position and discuss the budget.

DISCUSSION REGARDING GREEN LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

The committee is in favor of the Green Lake County Community Garden Project. However, they want to have a set plan on how to go about this project, so it does not fall back on the Maintenance/Parks Department.

DODGE MEMORIAL ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Options for Independent Living did an inspection at Dodge Memorial Park. Some things did not meet the requirements; however, they are not under any violations. This inspection was mainly for recommendations/improvements. The Maintenance/Parks Department will do everything they can to make the parks ADA accessible.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – 03/13/2025 @ 9:00AM
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion
 - Discussion and update on new Parks Position
 - Discussion regarding Community Garden Project
 - Resolution regarding Stewardship Funding
 - Follow up on wake boats in Green Lake County Lakes

ADJOURN

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 10:13am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy County Clerk