



# ***GREEN LAKE COUNTY***

***571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941***

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**Original Post Date: 4/3/2025**

**Amended Post Date:**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee meeting on April 10, 2025.**

- 1) Amended Agenda
- 2) Minutes: 3/13/2025
- 3) Resolutions
  - Support for Increasing Base Funding for County Conservation Staffing to \$20.02 Million
  - In Support of Reauthorization of State Funding for Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program
  - Relating to WI DNR Surface Water Grant for Twin Lakes AIS Population Management
- 4) Department Reports
  - UW-Extension
  - Land Conservation
  - Parks



GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

Elizabeth Otto  
County Clerk

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Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee  
Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, April 10th, 2025 Time: 9:00 AM  
The Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room  
571 County Road A, Green Lake WI

Amended AGENDA\*

Committee  
Members

Bob Schweder – Chair  
Mike Skivington – Vice  
Chair  
Nancy Hiestand  
Nita Krenz  
Bill Boutwell  
David Albright  
Wes Eisenga, CASC  
Rep.

Karissa Block, Secretary

Virtual attendance at meetings is optional. If technical difficulties arise, there may be instances when remote access may be compromised. If there is a quorum attending in person, the meeting will proceed as scheduled.

This agenda gives notice of a meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee. It is possible that individual members of other governing bodies of Green Lake County government may attend this meeting for informative purposes. Members of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors or its committees may be present for informative purposes but will not take any formal action. A majority or a negative quorum of the members of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors and/or any of its committees may be present at this meeting. See State ex rel. Badke v. Vill. Bd. of Vill. of Greendale, 173 Wis.2d 553, 578, 494 N.W. 2d 408 (1993).

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment (3 minute limit)
5. Approve Minutes: 3/13/2025
6. Green Lake County 4-H Thriving Model – Special Report by Brandson Springer
7. Resolutions
  - Support for Increasing Base Funding for County Conservation Staffing to \$20.02 Million
  - \*In Support of Reauthorization of State Funding for Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program
  - \* Relating to WI DNR Surface Water Grant for Twin Lakes AIS Population Management
8. Department Reports
  - UW-Extension
  - Land Conservation
  - Parks
9. Update on Vacant Extension Educator Positions and Visioning Process
10. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: 5/08/2025 @ 9:00AM
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
11. Adjourn

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Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office.  
Elizabeth Otto, County Clerk

Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or audio assistance, should contact the County Clerk’s Office, 294-4005, not later than 3 days before date of the meeting.

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, March 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: Bill Boutwell (remote), Nita Krenz, Bob Schweder, David Albright, Nancy Hiestand

Absent: Mike Skivington

Also Present: **Karissa Block**, Deputy County Clerk; **Todd Morris**, County Conservationist; **Scott Weir**, Maintenance Supervisor; **Jason Jerome**, Interim County Administrator

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Krenz/Albright)* to approve the minutes of the 2/13/2025 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- **County Library Services Annual Report** – Discussion held. *Motion/second (Hiestand/Krenz)* to approve the County Library Services Annual Report and send to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.
- **Land Conservation** – Well water testing will start in April. The targeted areas are Town of Kingston and Town of Princeton. Morris also went over his annual. Discussion held. *Motion/second (Albright/Hiestand)* to approve the Land Conservation Annual Report and send to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.
- **Parks** – Weir went over his monthly report and annual report. Discussion held. *Motion/second (Hiestand/Krenz)* to approve the Parks Annual Report and send to County Board.

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

- UW-Extension

Brandon Springer, 4-H Educator went over his report. In the 2023-2024 4-H year there was 185 youth enrolled, 46 adults, 29 first year 4-H'ers and 57 first generation 4-H'ers. Regional Livestock Educator, Adam Hartfiel covered his portion of the report. Hartfiel has lots of programs and workshops coming up in the next few months. Regional Crops Educator, Natasha Paris covered her portion of the report. Paris thanked the committee for their support over the years. Paris shared that she will be starting a new job in the upcoming week, however, she will still be in the area.

*Motion/second (Krenz/Hiestand)* to approve the UW-Extension Annual Report and send to County Board. Motion carried with no negative report.

**BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFER**

- **UW-Extension-** *Motion/second (Hiestand/Albright)* to approve the Budget Line Item Transfer. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING QUOTES FOR NEW LAWN MOWER**

Quotes for the new lawn mower can be found in the packet. Discussion held. *Motion/second (Hiestand/Albright)* to approve the Integrity Lawn Service & Supply quote. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **DISCUSSION ON PARKS & RECTEATION ACTION PLAN 2025-2030**

Discussion held on possible handicap ramps. *Motion/second (Hiestand/Krenz)* to allow Weir to get an estimate to put in a handicap path from the parking lot to the water at the parks. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **DISCUSSION ON SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FUNDING**

The map found in the packet shows the previous projects in black and the 2025 projects in red. For 2025 there are 13 total applications. Discussion held.

### **DISCUSSION ON COUNTY CONSERVATION STAFFING STATE BUDGET REQUEST**

The County Conservation Staffing Budget Allocation is 20.2 million dollars. Morris will meet with Corporation Counsel and get this written in a resolution for the next scheduled meeting.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- a. Next meeting date – 4/10/2025 @ 9:00AM
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion

### **ADJOURN**

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 9:49am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Block  
Deputy County Clerk

**RESOLUTION NUMBER -2025**

**SUPPORT FOR INCREASING BASE FUNDING FOR COUNTY CONSERVATION  
STAFFING TO \$20.2 MILLION**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 15TH day of APRIL, 2025, does resolve as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, County Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) staff are relied
- 2 upon to carry out a range of Wisconsin's state agricultural and resource management
- 3 programs that reduce non-point pollution, preserve farmland, protect waterfront
- 4 property, reclaim non-metallic mines, limit aquatic invasive species control, manage
- 5 forests, and reduce floods; and,
- 6
- 7 Fiscal note NA.
- 8 Majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. -2025

Submitted by Land, Water, Parks,  
and Community Committee:

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain 0

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this 15TH  
day of APRIL, 2025.

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Robert Schweder, Chair

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Mike Skivington

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County Board Chairman

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David Albright

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ATTEST: County Clerk  
Approve as to Form:

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Bill Boutwell

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Corporation Counsel

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Nancy Hiestand

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Jeffrey Mann

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Nita Krenz

9 **WHEREAS**, LWCDs assist Wisconsin's farmers in many ways, including supporting  
10 producer-led watershed groups, developing nutrient management plans, engineering  
11 manure storage and transfer systems, and applying conservation practices that promote  
12 soil health and build profitability; and,

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14 **WHEREAS**, the shared conservation work of LWCD professionals and landowners has  
15 major water quality benefits, including preventing soil erosion, protecting drinking water  
16 supply, increasing rainwater infiltration into groundwater aquifers, and restoring native  
17 habitat; and,

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19 **WHEREAS**, LWCD experts are trusted, technical advisors that consult with landowners  
20 to understand their land management goals and then propose customized solutions that  
21 includes project planning and contracting, engineering, quality control, and securing of  
22 cost-share funding to reduce project expenses to; and,

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24 **WHEREAS**, building a partnership based on trust and understanding with farmer and  
25 landowner clients cannot happen instantly, but rather, requires a sustained commitment  
26 over time from LWCD professionals; and,

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28 **WHEREAS**, LWCDs leverage cost-share funding from federal and private sources,  
29 providing a 2:1 return on the state investment, and spurring local economic growth in  
30 industries including agriculture, construction, tourism, forestry, and recreation; and,

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32 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin codifies LWCDs' role in carrying out state  
33 conservation standards via Wis. Stats Chap. 92, defining a goal that the State fund staff  
34 positions in every LWCD at 100% of the first, 70% of the second, and 50% of each  
35 additional staff position; and,

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37 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has not ensured baseline support of LWCDs by  
38 meeting this funding goal since its inception, and in the 18-year period from 2006 to  
39 2024, base funding relative to LWCD staffing needs decreased by 24%.

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41 **WHEREAS**, supporting county LWCDs is a widely supported priority supported by  
42 conservation, environmental and local government groups alike; and,

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44 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that GREEN LAKE COUNTY, does hereby  
45 urge the Wisconsin State Legislature to strengthen the viability of the State's County  
46 Land and Water Conservation Staffing program by increasing base funding for the  
47 program by \$11,035,900 on an annual basis to a total of \$20.2 million annually.

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49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the resolution be sent to WI Land+Water  
50 Conservation Association, all State Legislators, the Governor, DATCP Secretary, DNR  
51 Secretary, DOA Secretary, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin  
52 Towns Association.

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54 **FISCAL NOTE: NA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER -2025

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REAUTHORIZATION OF STATE FUNDING  
FOR KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, does resolve as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program  
2 In 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and  
3 fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. Per Ch. 23 .09 1 5(2c)(d), Wis.  
4 Stats, and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is set to expire in 2025. The  
6 program has supported land acquisition and capital development by the Wisconsin  
7 Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), local governments, and nonprofit  
8 conservation organizations, to preserve valuable natural areas, wildlife habitat, water  
9 quality and outdoor recreation for public benefit around the state, and
- 10 Fiscal note is not applicable.
- 11 A majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. -2025

Submitted by Land, Water, Parks &  
Community Committee:

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain 0

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Board Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST: County Clerk  
Approve as to Form:

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Corporation Counsel

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Bob Schweder, Chair

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Mike Skivington, Vice Chair

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Nancy Hiestand

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Nita Krenz

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Bill Boutwell

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David Albright



12 **WHEREAS**, Green Lake County has benefited over the years having received  
13 Stewardship grant funds that have been used to develop County trails, parks and other  
14 public outdoor recreational opportunities, and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Green Lake County Administrator and the Green Lake County Board of  
16 Supervisors consider the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program a valuable tool to  
17 preserve and restore natural areas, wildlife habitat, and water quality while supporting  
18 the development of public nature-based outdoor recreation opportunities that promote  
19 economic development and enhance quality of life, and

20 **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of both the Green Lake County Administrator and Green  
21 Lake County Board of Supervisors to jointly express our support of the reauthorization  
22 of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 2025 with sufficient funding allocated to  
23 fund projects over the next 10 years to our State Legislators and the Governor.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Green Lake County Administrator  
25 and Green Lake County Board of Supervisors do hereby jointly express to the  
26 Wisconsin Legislature and Governor our full support for the reauthorization of the  
27 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and request that sufficient funding be allocated  
28 to support projects over the next ten year period.

29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors  
30 requests that the Green Lake County Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to all  
31 counties throughout the State of Wisconsin, each of our State Legislators and the Office  
32 of the Governor.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER -2025**

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO WI DNR SURFACE WATER GRANT  
FOR TWIN LAKES AIS POPULATION MANAGEMENT.**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 15th day of April 2025, does resolve as follows:

- 1 WHEREAS, Green Lake County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the  
2 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of AIS Population  
3 Management – Twin Lakes;  
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5 WHEREAS, the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and  
6 representations contained in the grant application;  
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8 WHEREAS, a grant agreement is requested to carry out the project; and

Roll Call on Resolution No. -2025

Submitted by: Land, Parks, &  
Community Committee

Majority vote

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of April 2025.

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Robert Schweder

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Mike Skivington

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County Board Chairman

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Nancy Hiestand

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ATTEST: County Clerk  
Approve as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
William Boutwell

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Corporation Counsel

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David Albright

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Nita Krenz

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Green Lake County will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the following officials or employees to submit the following documents to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance that may be available:

Task	Title of Authorized Representative	Email Address & Phone Number
Sign and submit a grant application	County Administrator	<a href="mailto:jjerome@greenlakecountywi.gov">jjerome@greenlakecountywi.gov</a> 920-294-4070
Enter into a grant agreement with the DNR	County Administrator	<a href="mailto:jjerome@greenlakecountywi.gov">jjerome@greenlakecountywi.gov</a> 920-294-4070
Take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved project and bind the applicant	County Conservationist	<a href="mailto:tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov">tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov</a> 920-294-4051
Submit quarterly and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement, as appropriate	County Conservationist	<a href="mailto:tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov">tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov</a> 920-2694-4051
Submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR no later than the date specified in the grant agreement	County Conservationist	<a href="mailto:tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov">tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov</a> 920-294-4051
Sign and submit applicable	County Conservationist	<a href="mailto:tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov">tmorris@greenlakecountywi.gov</a> 920-294-4051

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that applicant will comply with all local, state and  
10 federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share  
11 agreement/contract.

## Positive Youth Development

*Brandon Springer, 4-H Youth Development*

*Educator, [brandon.springer@wisc.edu](mailto:brandon.springer@wisc.edu)*

An activity (**Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors Meetings**) for youth in grades 6 and up, where youth made goals for programs they would like to host/participate in at the county level. The goal is for youth to develop leadership skills including organizing, planning, and goal setting/management, and more. This allows youth to practice these leadership skills that are important throughout their life through school and their careers. Total Reach: 4 youth, 3 adult volunteers.

**(Brandon Springer)**



**Youth make ice cream at an Ambassadors meeting!**

An activity (**Scaling Up a New Project**) for youth grades 3-13 to learn about building scale models to for youth to explore a new spark and build skills in patience, organizing/planning, and problem solving which will support youth to thrive as they become adults.

**(Brandon Springer)**

An event (**Super Saturday**) for youth grades K-13, where they can sign up for multiple sessions to learn a new skills/project. The goal is for youth to have a chance to explore new sparks and to encourage them to continue learning, so that they have skills including independence and willingness to try new things. Total Reach: 9 survey respondents **(Brandon Springer)**

A program (**Snow Day at the Library**) for youth in collaboration with the Berlin Library. The goal was to teach youth how snow is made and the impact of de-icing salt on the environment so that youth can build an understanding of winter weather and how to reduce their impact on the environment. We also enjoyed making a frozen treat to help demonstrate how salt works on ice and a crat snowstorm in a jar to help visualize the snow. Total Reach: This program reached 10 youth total with 6 participants non-4-H members.

**(Brandon Springer)**

Planning for an in-person overnight experience (**4-H Summer Camp**) for youth in collaboration with Area 14 Positive Youth Development Educators. The goal is to provide leadership opportunities for high school aged youth and exploratory opportunity for young members as they learn new skills that relate to archery, team building, swimming and canoeing in hope that they will discover a new spark and share new skills when returning to their county. (Evan Henthorne, April Martell, **Brandon Springer**, Christa Van Treeck, Heidi Hensel-Buntrock)

## Agriculture

*Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator,*  
*[adam.hartfiel@wisc.edu](mailto:adam.hartfiel@wisc.edu)*

**2025 Show Pig Workshop** -- An in person educational event/workshop for swine producers and agri-business professionals where participants will learn about swine nutrition, critical nutrients, top-dresses and their uses in show swine, and trailer preparedness and maintenance. (**Adam Hartfiel**, Jeff Morris) In Green Lake County, show pigs, and pigs in general, account for a large portion of youth livestock projects. Education on how to select and take care of these animals is essential for the animals' quality of life as well as for their caretakers' profitability.



**2025 Show Pig Workshop**

**Presented by UW-Madison State Swine Specialist: Jeff Morris**  
Green Lake County Extension

**WHEN:**  
Saturday, March 29th, 2025  
9:00am-11:00am

**WHERE:**  
Green Lake County Government Center  
571 Co Rd A, Green Lake, WI 54941  
Training Room #0914  
(West Wing of the Green Lake County Gov't Center)



**Topics Include:**

1. Swine Nutrition
2. Critical Nutrients
3. Top Dresses (When, Why, How)
4. Trailer Preparation
5. Trailer Maintenance



**To Register:**  
Call: Green Lake County Extension Office:  
Phone: 920-294-4032  
or  
Email: adam.hartfiel@wisc.edu

An EEO/Affirmative Action employer, UW Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, and ADA requirements.

A workshop was held for beef producers to meet their need for obtaining their **Beef Quality Assurance (BQA)** certification that maintains their economic viability. Lomira—28 farms BQA certified and Manchester—8 farms BQA certified (**Adam Hartfiel**, Bill Halfman)

Livestock educators write **articles for beef producers** on best management practices and current research in livestock systems. These articles keep livestock producers up to date with local and regional livestock news, market trends, and production ideas to help increase the economic viability of producers. An activity, writing quarterly articles for beef producers about best management practices and current research. These articles keep beef producers up to date with local and regional livestock news, market trends, and production ideas to help increase their economic viability. (Sandy Stuttgen, **Adam Hartfiel**, Bill Halfman, Kimberly Kester, Sandy Stuttgen)

A study in collaboration with Colorado State University to better understand the practices and challenges associated with transportation of pre-weaned dairy heifer, dairy bull, and beef x dairy calves from the source (dairy farms), hauler, and receiver (calf raiser). Results from this study will help dairy farmers, managers, haulers, calf raisers, and the dairy community in adopting practices and improving transportation welfare to improve farm business viability and food safety. Total Reach: 50+ dairy industry contacts were made as possible survey participants. Approximately 43 Midwest/WI participants responded to the survey, part of a larger national dataset across the entire US. (Faith Reyes, **Adam Hartfiel**, Aerica Bjurstrom, Alison Pfau, Angie Ulness, Bill Halfman, Carolina Pinzon-Sanchez, Heather Schlessner, Jackie Mccarville, Matt Lippert, Ryan Sterry, Sandy Stuttgen, Stephanie Bowers)

**The Noontime Beef Roundup Webinar Series for 2025 -**  
- a three-part series for beef producers and industry professionals to learn important and emerging topics related to the beef industry. Topics included: Biosecurity, Sellers Reputation Influence on Price, Direct

**Pesticide Applicator Training:** April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Waushara County Government Center Starting at 9am

**Beef 101** -- Six-part virtual series for individuals new to beef production or dairy producers transitioning to beef production. Participants learned about various aspects of beef enterprises, including marketing strategies, cattle health, nutrition and reproduction, and cattle enterprises. The goal of this series is to enhance the economic sustainability of emerging beef producers. 100 registered attendees.

A series of **phone calls and farm visits** in Adams, Green Lake, and Waushara counties to address concerns brought up by livestock producers. This effort is to design to assist livestock producers in providing research-based information for their use to help improve and maintain economic viability for their operation. Total Reach: 14

Marketing (How to grow and market your product)  
(Adam Hartfiel, Beth McIlquham, Bill Halfman, Kimberly Kester, Sandy Stuttgart)



**Noontime Beef Roundup Webinar Series**

The noontime beef roundup is a monthly series of timely topics for beef producers, running January through March of 2025.

This monthly series will take place the second Thursday of each month, on Zoom, from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CST from January to March 2025 and is free to attend.

**January 9, 2025**  
**Biosecurity**

Julia Herman, DVM, Beef Cattle Specialist Veterinarian, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, discussing the importance of biosecurity measures in protecting livestock and employees. Attendees will learn how to evaluate risks and implement practical biosecurity measures to reduce risk and improve business health.

**February 13, 2025**  
**Seller Reputation and Its Influence on Buyers**

Dr. Kellie Curry Raper, Extension Livestock Marketing Specialist, Department of Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University, will explore how seller reputation plays a crucial role in buyer decision-making. This session will cover the factors that influence buyer trust and how beef producers can enhance their reputation to improve marketability and profitability.

**March 13, 2025**  
**Direct Marketing**

Dr. Megan Nelson, Adam Hartfiel, and Beth McIlquham, UW-Madison Extension Educators, will share strategies for establishing successful direct marketing operations, from farm-to-table and online sales to building customer loyalty.

Learn more and Register:  
[go.wisc.edu/noonbeef](https://go.wisc.edu/noonbeef)



## Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator — Adams, Green Lake, Marquette and Waushara Counties

The **Processing Crops Meeting** -- a meeting for farmers and agronomists where participants learn about recent developments in management of processing vegetables such as sweet corn and snap beans. Through this effort participants are equipped to use new tools and make better decisions for profitability and sustainability. Total Reach: 30 agronomists and farmers (**Natasha Paris**, Abby Augarten, Amanda Gevens, Mallika Nocco, Russell Groves, Steven Hall, Yi Wang). The processing crops industry is a niche within Wisconsin agriculture that is unlike commodity grain production as it is a fresh product that has very specific parameters for growth and harvest and working with processors to fill contracts. This event is held annually and is well attended by agronomists from the processing companies, input suppliers, and seed companies in addition to farmers. Of those who responded to the evaluation, 87% percent of all responses to the talks agreed that they learned something. The respondents indicated that they found specific value in learning about the Wisconsin Irrigation Scheduling Planner, the potential threat of Aster Yellows Phytoplasma, and management options for tar spot in sweet corn. These responses indicate that attendees will use what they learned to make more informed decisions to benefit financial and environmental sustainability in large scale vegetable production in Wisconsin.

**Nutrient Management training sessions** were conducted across the region for farmers, where participants learn about fertilizer and manure management and how to create a nutrient plan for their farm. Through this effort farmers are empowered to make decisions about their cropping systems that protect both the environment and farm finances. (**Natasha Paris**, Daniel Marzu, Jordan Kampa)

### Professional Development:

UW-Extension Agriculture Institute Meeting: Meeting with statewide and regional colleagues to discuss upcoming programming for the year and to work on current programming efforts.

The Driftless Beef Conference in Dubuque, Iowa. This conference provides research-based beef production information to beef producers in the surrounding states of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Building a More Resilient Cow Herd Webinar: Hosted by National Cattlemen's Beef Association



A special program at the **Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association Conference for college students** to learn about the specialty crops industry in Wisconsin and their efforts to be sustainable. Through this effort students will have exposure to the breadth of careers and the science of sustainability available in the potato and vegetable industry. **(Natasha Paris)**

A series of **calls and farm visits** to assist farmers with their production questions, troubleshoot problems, or explore cropping options. Through these calls and visits farmers throughout the region are able to make better decisions for their financial and natural resource management. **(Natasha Paris)**

A series of **Pesticide Application Trainings** which included testing sessions for farmers so they may obtain their Private Applicator License. The purpose of this effort is so that farmers may apply pesticides to their crops safely for the safety of both farmers, the food supply, the environment, and the community. **(Natasha Paris)**

The **Wisconsin Agriculture Climate Outlook** -- a weekly report on weather and climate conditions for farmers and agribusiness professionals, which supplies readers with relevant information to make data-driven decisions about crop and livestock management. The purpose of this effort is to assist farmers and agriculture professionals with understanding our weather patterns, climatic conditions, and their relationship to agriculture so they can make decisions that protect the financial and natural resources of Wisconsin agricultural systems. Total Reach: Weekly reports with an average of 100 web hits each, plus distribution to a Plain faith community center. **(Natasha Paris)**

A series of **newspaper articles for farmers and agricultural professionals** on timely topics in crops to improve sustainability and profitability in agricultural systems. **(Natasha Paris)**

The **Growing Wisconsin Conference** for specialty crops growers featuring Extension-led sessions for vegetable, berry, grape, and apple growers, where participants

learned about management of these crops to improve their profitability and sustainability. Total Reach: 683 conference attendees **(Natasha Paris, Amanda Gevens, Amaya Atucha, David Drake, Jed Colquhoun, Leslie Holland, Russell Groves, Yi Wang)**



***Natasha Paris presents at the Growing Wisconsin Conference.***

Working with several farmers in multiple counties on refining ideas and applying for **Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program Grants**. If awarded, these projects will significantly contribute to answering questions related to nitrogen management in crop production to increase sustainability and profitability. Total Reach: 5 farms **(Natasha Paris)**

A facilitated discussion for Farmers of the Roche-A-Cri, a producer-led watershed protection group, and UW-Madison and UW-Extension Researchers where participants discussed current and future research in vegetable and potato production systems. The goal of this effort was for participants to identify current research, discuss gaps or support needed for on farm research, and collaborate on new and innovative practices to protect and improve water quality. This discussion provided an opportunity for producer-led group members to connect with researchers and identify potential projects and support for farm

research. Total Reach: 4 farmers 5 agronomists 4 researchers (Anna James, Guolong Liang, **Natasha Paris**)



***A display of Wisconsin Potato varieties at the WPVGA Conference. These potatoes are being researched by UW-Madison researchers for their properties of growth, storage, and chipping potential.***

## Health and Well-Being--FoodWise

*Laci Monroe, FoodWise Coordinator,*  
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**A cooking class** for parents and children of the Head Start children at Prairieview Head Start in Markesan, where parents learned strategies for children that are picky eaters to help children try new foods and eat from all the food groups. Parents also made two recipes with their children, getting children involved in the preparation and modeling how to try new foods. (**Laci Monroe**)

**Berlin CHAT Team** -- Planning for healthy events in the community in collaboration with Theda Care and other community health partners from multiple counties. The goal is to combine resources and create/attend events in the communities to improve the health of all community members. (**Laci Monroe**)

## Other Extension Programming in Green Lake County

A **community partner and resource fair at CESA 6** for local school districts and nonprofit organizations, where we presented Extension services, hosted an informational booth, and facilitated meaningful connections among partners to build trust, increase collaborative capacity, and develop joint initiatives promoting community health, climate resilience, and environmental stewardship. Green Lake County School Districts Attended (Jacob Kluza, Katie Gellings, Kristine Soper, Mia Ljung, Miranda Dawson)

A presentation on **Landscaping with Climate Change for the HCE group of Green Lake County** and the public, where participants learned about local adaptation strategies and resilient plant selections to empower gardeners and communities to better withstand climate challenges. Total Reach: 35 participants (Jacob Kluza)

A workshop "**Calving Management and Neonate Care in Dairy Cattle**" for individuals who are involved in parturition, and calving management in dairy farms. An in-person, bilingual event where participants learned and reinforced their knowledge about obstetrics, care and support in the calving pen, neonate care and colostrum management, and how to maintain success in the maternity areas. Participants from Green Lake County were in attendance. (Manuel Pena, Alison Pfau, Carolina Pinzon-Sanchez)

A **presentation for Departments of Public Health for Public Health Officers on How the spread of High Pathogen Avian Influenza spreads in dairy cattle and poultry** and how it impacts people who work with those animals. Increasing knowledge in how HPAI spreads will help Public Health Departments prevent disease spread through the appropriate use of personal protective equipment and biosecurity. Participants from Green Lake County were in attendance. (Aerica Bjurstrom)





The **2025 Famer Roundtable** was held for farmers to learn from each other about what soil health practices are working in the **Winnebago Waterways Recovery Area** (more specifically, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Waushara, Winnebago, Waupaca, and Calumet Counties). This was designed to get farmers to network with each other, trading tips on implementing soil health practices, and get more farmers applying soil health practices in their operations. (Maranda Miller)

A one-day workshop about **broadband permitting requirements, engagement and endorsement of Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) projects, and peer learning through case studies** so they can build effective public-private partnerships that meet their community's broadband needs, increasing economic opportunity and quality of life for all community members. (John Parrish, Brittany Beyer, Christopher Stark, Gail Huycke, Jessica Beckendorf, Judith Knudsen, Patrick Nehring)

**Local Government Leadership Academy** offered statewide where a Green Lake County participant developed effective leadership skills, including relationship-building, communication, decision-making, and vision. (Elizabeth McCrank, Amy Ebert, Benoy Jacob, Danielle Hairston Green, Randy Stoecker)

Three **regional workshops** conducted simultaneously with **WI Department of Health Services Maternal and Child Health Title V Adolescent Well-Being Initiative Year 3 Local/Tribal Health Department grantees**. Workshop focused on participants developing a Community Collaboration Outreach Map to identify a community partner and related outreach strategies in support of adolescent well-being. Participants shared adolescent well-being opportunities and challenges for their organization. (Sarah Boulton, Pearly Wong, Selena Freimark, Sheena Cook-Fuglsang)

An **Introduction to Qualitative Data Analysis Workshop** for Local and Tribal Health Departments, where they learn about the purpose, basics, methods and tools and tips to conduct qualitative data analysis to support health needs assessments. This increases community

capacity in qualitative data analysis and program evaluation, and community capacity to incorporate community inputs in decision-making in public health. (Pearly Wong, Sarah Boulton, Selena Freimark, Sheena Cook-Fuglsang)

## **Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee**

### **Land & Water Conservation Dept. April 10, 2025 Report**

#### **March 2025 Projects**

- Inspect open erosion control permits and review new permit applications for erosion control and stormwater management.
- Started petition/application materials for Agricultural Enterprise Area in Town of Seneca.
- Process Farmland Preservation Program notifications to update Certificates of Compliance and mail updated COC's to landowners for use in filing taxes.
  
- Complete the design of a farmable terrace in the Town of Marquette.
- Begin the design of a lined outlet, grassed waterway and underground outlet in the Town of Mackford.
- Begin the design of a farmable terrace in the Town of Manchester.
- Meet on site with a couple landowners to assist them with addressing stormwater runoff from their neighbors' properties.
- Work with landowner and NRCS engineers to address WI DNR site visit runoff issues in the Township of Princeton. Send out bid packets and meet contractors on site for bidding for wetland restoration, waste storage facility, and waste transfer system projects to correct issue.
- Assisted 2 landowners with Farmland Preservation Agreement applications in the Town of St. Marie AEA
- Assist 24 landowners in reviewing/updating their nutrient management plans.
  
- Attend 3-day Land & Water Conference in Green Bay pertaining to engineering standards and specifications. (3 staff)
- Attend Sauk County professional network pop-up event. (2 staff)
- Held joint nutrient management training with Columbia County for Amish Community.
- Manage Facebook page.
- Send out targeted mailing for well testing program.

#### **April 2025 Planned Projects**

- Work on project designs for 2025 installation (13 projects)
- Setup informational meeting in Town of Seneca regarding petitioning for Agriculture Enterprise Area
- Finalize and send out Spring newsletter.
- Develop Watershed Plan for utilizing 2025 Multi-Discharger Variance funding.
- Finalize mapping for Farmland Preservation Program and start conducting annual spotchecks (75 checks)
- Submit 2

#### **Lake and River Report**

**Puckaway** – Working with District for spring planning, checking on dredgebank markers, water level monitoring.

**Twin Lakes** – Met with Lake Consultant. Working with Lake consultant to complete a lake management plan. Several phone calls with lake association members. Received boat ramp replacement permit from the DNR. Working with Lake Association to develop treatment for a new invasive species, pennywort. Apply for rapid response grant to aid in the costs of treating pennywort.

**Spring Lake (Kingston)** –

**Little Green** – Met with Lake Plan Adaptive Management Committee, WDNR Biologist, and GEI consultants for monthly planning meeting. Visited several properties to review ice shove damage.

**Green Lake** – Design and planning work underway for stream restoration and BMP projects for 2024/2025. Plans submitted for DNR review/permitting. Met with planning team for organizational management meeting.

**Grand Lake** – Did not receive grant. Working with the lake association on other management options.

**Other** – Attended Wisconsin Lakes Conference (1 staff)

#### **Upcoming Events:**

April 22, 2025 – Water Testing Program, UWSP

May 2, 2025 – Arbor Day Breakfast

May 16, 2025 – Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Area Assoc. meeting – Adams County

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Land, Water, Parks & community  
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#### Zobel Park Upper

Shelter structure started 04/04/25  
Scheduled Maintenance performed  
General Maintenance performed

#### Zobel Park Lower

Shelter structure to be started after upper unit is completed  
Scheduled Maintenance performed  
General Maintenance performed

#### Sunset Park

Launch 1 & 2 concrete pier ramps completed. Attachment brackets fabrication will be completed by 04/06/25 and ready for pier install last week of April.  
ADA Kayak launch scheduled for install 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April - Cove Marine  
Launch terminal activated 04/01/25  
Scheduled Maintenance performed  
General Maintenance performed

#### Twin Lake Park

Proposed launch concrete ramp permit application submitted to the DNR – Thank you Land Conservation Department.  
Epoxy flooring application scheduled for May/June or sooner weather permitting  
Scheduled Maintenance performed  
General Maintenance performed

#### Spring Valley Park

Epoxy flooring application scheduled for May/June or sooner weather permitting  
Scheduled Maintenance performed  
General Maintenance performed

#### Dodge Memorial Park

Launch 1, 2, 3, piers refurbished and are scheduled to take back to staging area 04/04/25 weather permitting

Launch 1, 2, 3 concrete piers ramps completed. Attachment brackets fabrication will be completed by 04/08/25 and ready for pier install the last week of April

Launch terminal activated 04/01/25

Scheduled Maintenance performed

General Maintenance performed

#### Lake Maria Park

Property lines marked with Land Conservation Department GPS System for tree planting- Thank you Jordan Dornfeld

Scheduled Maintenance performed

General Maintenance performed

#### Kingston Park

Scheduled Maintenance performed

General Maintenance performed

#### Lauree's Trail

Scheduled Maintenance performed

#### Mascoutin Valley State Trail

Scheduled Maintenance performed

#### General

Summer Parks/Maintenance employment positions submitted to County Clerk's office for listing County Website

Approved Parks & Recreation Capital Outlay Carry Over (2024) per request 04/02/25.

Received and took possession of Ferris Zero Turn mower last week in March

March's Parks & Recreation Expenditure Summary Report not available to include into packet/report at time of submission to County Clerk's office- 04/02/25 Included is February's Expenditure Summary Report.

Submitted by:

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Green Lake County

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## Expenditure Summary Report

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Periods 02 - 02

## Parks &amp; Recreation Month End Expenses

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Account No/Description	Adjusted Budget	Y-T-D Encumb	Period Expended	Y-T-D Expended	Available Balance	Percent Used
12 Parks and Recreation						
55200 Parks and Recreation						
25-100-12-55200-120-000 Wages	47,991.64	.00	.00	.00	47,991.64	.00
25-100-12-55200-151-000 Social Security	3,672.00	.00	.00	.00	3,672.00	.00
25-100-12-55200-154-000 Health Insurance	5,495.82	.00	.00	.00	5,495.82	.00
25-100-12-55200-155-000 Life Insurance	21.42	.00	.00	.00	21.42	.00
25-100-12-55200-222-000 Electrical	2,000.00	.00	44.34	59.59	1,940.41	2.98
25-100-12-55200-248-000 Wildlife Habitat Mgmt	950.00	.00	950.00	950.00	.00	100.00
25-100-12-55200-350-000 Repair and Maintenance Service	12,000.00	.00	530.30	1,177.80	10,822.20	9.82
25-100-12-55200-350-360 Boat Launch Maintenance	20,000.00	.00	8,568.34	9,728.56	10,271.44	48.64
25-100-12-55200-534-000 Machinery Rental	1,000.00	.00	60.39	60.39	939.61	6.04
25-100-12-55200-810-000 Equipment	2,000.00	.00	14.39	60.14	1,939.86	3.01
55200 Parks and Recreation	95,130.88	.00	10,167.76	12,036.48	83,094.40	12.65
12 Parks and Recreation	95,130.88	.00	10,167.76	12,036.48	83,094.40	12.65

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Direct Claims Report by Dept

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Acct No/Object	Account Desc	Description	Vendor Name	Payment Amount
55200 - 810	Equipment	PRY BAR	ACE HARDWARE	\$14.39
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	SUNSET PARK - Drill bit and washer	ACE HARDWARE	\$20.05
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	STOP NUTS/HEX CAP	ACE HARDWARE	\$54.98
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	LOCKWASH/SCREW	ACE HARDWARE	\$67.06
55200 - 222	Electrical	Spring Lake Dr	ADAMS COLUMBIA ELECTRIC	\$15.25
55200 - 534	Machinery Rental	WELDING SUPPLIES	AIRGAS USA, LLC	\$60.39
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	DODGE PARK	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$70.99
55200 - 222	Electrical	CTH K END	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$29.09
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	SUNSET PARK	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$59.03
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	CTH K BOAT WASH STATION	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$20.19
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	SUNSET PARK	CLIFFS TIRE	\$282.70
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	SUNSET	CLIFFS TIRE	\$128.41
55200 - 350	Repair and Maintenance Service	FUEL	GREEN LAKE COUNTY TREASURER	\$530.30
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	FUEL	GREEN LAKE COUNTY TREASURER	\$149.88
55200 - 248	Wildlife Habitat Mgmt	ANNUAL FISH CONTRIB	GREEN LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT	\$950.00
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	EAGLE FLOAT	HENDREN PLASTICS INC	\$4,428.00
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	MONTHLY DATA FEE	IPS GROUP, INC	\$50.00
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	CASTER WHEELS	MCMASTER-CARR SUPPLY COMPANY	\$196.31
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	GREASE	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	\$6.99
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	SUNSET PARK 2 DOCK SECTIONS HAULED	OUTDOOR IMPACT LANDSCAPING	\$255.00
55200 - 350	Boat Launch Maintenance	towels,coupling,hardware	VISA	\$152.02
Total Bills:				\$7,541.03

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Revenue Summary Report

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Periods 02 - 02

Parks and Recreation Month End Revenue

MER100-12-PARKS

<u>Account No/Description</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>Period Amount</u>	<u>Y-T-D Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Percent Received</u>
12 Parks and Recreation					
25-100-12-43575-000-000 Boat Launch Fees	20,000.00	398.00	468.00	19,532.00	2.34
12 Parks and Recreation	20,000.00	398.00	468.00	19,532.00	2.34

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Revenue Detail By Account

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Account No/Description	Budget	Amount	Receivable	Percent
25-100-12-43604-000-000 Park Donations				
* Beginning Balance	.00	.00	.00	.0
* Ending Balance	.00	.00	.00	.0