

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 8, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bob Schweder called the meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee to order at 9:01am 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: Nita Krenz, Bob Schweder, Nancy Hiestand, Mike Skivington

Absent: Bill Boutwell, David Albright

Also Present: **Karissa Block**, Deputy County Clerk; **Todd Morris**, County Conservationist; **Ron Severson**, Maintenance Technician; **Jason Jerome**, Interim County Administrator, **Dave Abendroth**, County Board Chair; **Stacy Graff**, Fair and Office Coordinator; **Adam Hartfiel**, Regional Livestock Educator; **Jeff Mann**, Corporation Counsel; **Matt Vande Kolk**, Chief Deputy; **Jessica McLean**, Treasurer (remote); **Tami Toth**, Legal Assistant (remote)

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES LIMIT)

Chris Kalupa, Berlin Public Library Director spoke regarding County Libraries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Skivington/Hiestand) to approve the minutes of the 4/10/2025 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution Relating to Wisconsin DNR Grants

Motion/second (Skivington/Krenz) to amend the resolution wording to read, County Administrator or County Administrative Coordinator on lines 9, 19 and 13. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Motion/second (Krenz/Hiestand) to approve the resolution and forward to County Board for final approval. Motion carried with no negative vote. Discussion held.

SPECIAL REPORT

- Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator – presented presentation found in the packet.

**BOAT LAUNCH SECURITY AND EXPANSION PRESENTATION BY CHIEF DEPUTY
MATTHEW VANDE KOLK**

Chief Deputy, Matt Vande Kolk gave a presentation regarding security cameras being placed at County Parks. Vande Kolk has been testing these cameras here at the County Building. Discussion held on potential use of Boat Launch fees to cover the cost of the new cameras. Mann will research an ordinance and bring it to the next scheduled meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **UW-Extension** – No report. They will attend the June meeting with a report.
- **Land Conservation** – Morris gave his report found in the packet.

- **Parks** – The kayak launches are installed at Sunset Park but not at Dodge Park. Severson will continue to work on this.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE VACANT REGIONAL CROPS EDUCATOR POSITION

Committee is in favor of keeping this position. Further discussion will be held at the next scheduled meeting.

EXTENSION EDUCATOR VACANT POSITION VISIONING SESSION REPORT

The Extension Educator Vacant Position Visioning Session went well. Meeting notes from that meeting can be found in the packet. This vacant position can not be advertised until middle of July due to restructuring at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension. Further discussion will be held at the next scheduled meeting.

Mann left the meeting at 10:19am

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – 6/12/2025 @ 10:35am
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion
 - UW – Extension department report
 - Vacant Regional Crops Educator position
 - Extension Educator vacant position

ADJOURN

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 10:35am

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Rohde
Deputy County Clerk