

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 12, 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: Nita Krenz, Bob Schweder, Nancy Hiestand, Bill Boutwell, David Albright

Absent: Mike Skivington

Also Present: Karissa Rohde, Deputy County Clerk; Todd Morris, County Conservationist; Ron Severson, Maintenance Technician; Mike Van Meel, Maintenance Supervisor; Jason Jerome, Interim County Administrator; Stacy Graff, Fair and Office Coordinator; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Stefanie Meeker, Real Property Lister/Deputy Treasurer (remote); Tami Toth, Legal Assistant (remote)

Interim County Administrator, Jason Jerome introduced the new Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Van Meel. Mike shared a little about himself.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT) - none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve the minutes of the 5/08/2025 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

APPEARANCES

- **Kelly Westlund, former Bayfield County Extension Educator and Bayfield County Deputy Administrator** – Chair Schweder switched agenda item #7 to #6. Westlund gave her report via Teams. Westlund has been working on programing for new home buyers.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **County Library Services Report** – Clairellyn Sommersmith, Executive Director of the Winnefox Library System, presented the Green Lake County Libraries 2026 Budget Request. This request can be found in the packet.
- **Land Conservation** – Morris went over his report found in the packet.
- **Parks** – The Maintenance/Parks department is continuing to maintain mowing. The kayak launch has been put in at Dodge Memorial Park. Sunset Parks kayak launch has been having issues due to the waves. The department will look into working with someone do take the launches in and out for winter.

SPECIAL REPORT ON FOODWISE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING BY LACI MONROE, FOODWISE COORDINATOR

Monroe gave her presentation found in the packet. She also gave a demonstration using the “choo se your drink” method.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ORDINANCE AMENDING GREEN LAKE COUNTY 187-11, PERMIT REQUIRED TO USE BOAT LAUNCH -&- 187-14, AFFIXING OF PERMIT

Amendments will be made to this ordinance at the August meeting. Discussion held.

EXTENSION EDUCATOR POSITION JOB DESCRIPTION UPDATE

Pat Wagner & Jerome will continue to work together to create a budget and job description. They will bring this back to the committee at the July meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE VACANT REGIONAL CROPS EDUCATOR POSITION

The committee would like this position to be filled. Discussion held. *Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand)* to keep the Regional Crops Educator Position. Motion carried with no negative vote.

UPDATE REGARDING THE VACANT MAINTENANCE & PARKS SUPERVISOR POSITION

No discussion

DISCUSSION ON 2026 LAND CONSERVATION PROPOSED BUDGET

Morris went over his proposed 2026 Budget that he handed out to the committee. His 2026 Proposed Budget is a total of \$1,956,462. They are up 1 million dollars due to two grants.

DISCUSSION ON ASSURED WETLAND DELINEATOR PROGRAM FOR STAFF

Derek Kavanaugh from the Land Conservation department would get certified to be an Assured Wetland Delineator. This would be a great asset for the Land Conservation department.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – 7/10/2025 @ 10:35am
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion
 - Extension positions/updates
 - Cameras for Dodge and Sunset parks

ADJOURN

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Rohde

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Deputy County Clerk