



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

Original Post Date: 10/03/2025

Amended Post Date:

The following documents are included in the packet for the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee meeting on October 9th, 2025.

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Minutes: 09/11/2025
- 3) County Budget/Financial Plan
- 4) 2025 Crop Price Proposal
- 5) Scope of Work/Cooperative Agreement
- 6) Department Reports
 - UW Extension
 - Land Conservation



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

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County Clerk

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Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee
Meeting Notice

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

AGENDA

Committee
Members

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

Karissa Rohde, 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: 9/11/2025
6. Appearances
 - Taylor Haag Strauser – Green Lake Association
 - Trevor Pike, USDA Wildlife Specialist – wildlife damage program
7. 2026 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims program budget approval
8. 2025 Crop Price Approval
9. 2025 90% harvest date for appraisals on fall crops
10. Discussion and review of 2026 Lake Management Planning Network Cooperative Agreement with Golden Sands RC&D
11. Department Reports
 - UW-Extension Quarterly Report
 - Area Extension Director Report
 - Land Conservation
 - Parks
12. Discussion and possible action regarding boat launch signage
13. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: November 13th, 2025
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
14. Adjourn

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

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**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 11, 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: Bob Schweder, Bill Boutwell, Mike Skivington (remote 9:11am), David Albright, Nancy Hiestand, Nita Krenz

Absent:

Also Present: Karissa Rohde, Deputy County Clerk; Todd Morris, County Conservationist; Mike Van Meel, Maintenance Supervisor; Jason Jerome, Interim County Administrator; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT) - none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve the minutes of the 8/14/2025 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **County Library Services Report** – Lucas Almas, Markesan Library Director stated that the Princeton Library has recently held many events. The libraries have noticed an increase in use of the meeting rooms. And supervisor Mike Skivington has joined the Library Board.
- **Land Conservation** – Morris went over report found in packet.
- **Parks** – Van Meel stated his department is taking care of the overgrowth in the area.

RESOLUTION

- **County Conservation Aids Grant for Spring Lake Park Boat Launch Maintenance**

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve the Resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING MEMORIAL BENCH DONATION

Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome, Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann and Maintenance Supervisor Mike Van Meel will all meet regarding the Memorial Bench. They will bring their ideas back to the committee.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING BOAT LAUNCH SIGNAGE

Van Meel will get quotes for signs.

DISCUSSION REGARDING INSTALLATION/REMOVAL OF ADA KAYAK LAUNCHES

Van Meel will move forward with getting the Kayak Launches removed for the season.

DISCUSSION REGARDING BOAT LAUNCH REPAIRS AT SPRING LAKE, TWIN VALLEY AND LAKE MARIA PARKS

Van Meel discussed the current repairs needed for boat launches. Grant money will be used to repair Spring Lake.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – 10/09/2025 @ 9:00am
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion
 - Boat Launch Signage

ADJOURN

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 9:28am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Rohde
Deputy County Clerk

SECTION IV: COUNTY BUDGET/ FINANCIAL PLAN - REQUIRED BY ALL PARTIES
GREEN LAKE COUNTY (COOPERATOR)
2026

COST ELEMENT	Price charged to Cooperator (Payable to APHIS WS)	Additional WDNR Funding Requested by Cooperator (county Reimbursed Directly from WDNR)	COST SHARED BY WS	FULL COST
Salaries (includes venison donation admin)	\$20,022.02		\$4,696.52	\$24,718.54
Abatement Materials	\$1,306.32			\$1,306.32
Mileage/Travel/Services	\$2,789.63			\$2,789.63
Subtotal Direct Costs	\$24,117.97		\$4,696.52	\$28,814.49
Pooled Job Costs	\$2,652.98			\$2,652.98
Deer Donation Processing		\$0.00		\$0.00
County Administration		\$500.00		\$500.00
Indirect Costs (Administrative Overhead)	\$3,895.05			\$3,895.05
Permanent Fence		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agreement Total	\$30,666.00	\$500.00	\$4,696.52	\$35,862.52
The distribution of the budget (with the exception of the mandatory percentage line items) from this Financial Plan may vary as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this agreement, but may not exceed:	\$31,166.00			\$35,862.52

We expect to assist 15-25 growers with damage that may result in wildlife damage requests equaling or exceeding \$15,000 worth of claims.

Signatures of Intention:

COUNTY: _____

Date: _____

WDNR: _____

Date: _____

USDA-APHIS-WS: _____

Date: _____

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY (COOPERATOR)
2026**

COST ELEMENT	County Request	*County Administration included in County Salary request	USDA-WS FUNDING APPROVED	TOTAL FUNDING APPROVED
Salaries (includes County Admin.)	\$20,522.02	\$500.00	\$4,696.52	\$25,218.54
Abatement Materials	\$1,306.32			\$1,306.32
Mileage/Travel/Services	\$5,442.60			\$5,442.60
Office Overhead	\$3,895.05			\$3,895.05
Venison Admin	\$0.00			\$0.00
Venison Processing	\$0.00			\$0.00
				\$0.00
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Date: _____

WDNR: _____

Date: _____

USDA-APHIS-WS: _____

Date: _____

2025 CROP PRICE PROPOSAL**_____ COUNTY**

CROP	PRICE PROPOSED	If different than price proposed PRICE APPROVED
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HAY:

Alfalfa	\$136.25/ Ton	\$ _____
Alfalfa/Grass- mix	\$92.83 / Ton	\$ _____
Grass	\$	\$ _____
Straw	\$	\$ _____

GRAINS:

Corn, Field	\$ 4.18/ Bushel	\$ _____
Oats	\$ 3.55/Bushel	\$ _____
Soybeans	\$ 10.01/ Bushel	\$ _____
Wheat	\$ 4.76/Bushel	\$ _____

Approved By _____ County:**Date: _____****Signature: _____****Title: _____****90% of the crops have been harvested in _____ County – as of: _____**

Scope of Work/Cooperative Agreement for
Taylor, Marathon, Clark, Portage, Waupaca, Waushara, Green Lake,
Marquette, Columbia, Juneau, Monroe, Jackson, Trempealeau Counties
Calendar Year 2026

Term of Agreement: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

A. General Purpose (Choose one)

Designated agent – Cooperative agreement

This Agreement documents the manner in which the Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. (hereafter “agent” or Golden Sands RC&D) will provide core Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention services in the coverage area during the Term of Agreement referenced above. The coverage area includes the following counties: Taylor, Marathon, Clark, Portage, Waupaca, Waushara, Green Lake, Marquette, Columbia, Juneau, Monroe, Jackson & Trempealeau Counties.

- i. [county name] County designates Golden Sands RC&D as its agent.
- ii. All parties agree to meet annually to plan, prioritize, and coordinate project activities.

B. Goal of Golden Sands RC&D

To improve surface water quality through the detection, prevention, and monitoring of AIS and lake water quality conditions.

C. Duties of Golden Sands RC&D

In cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Golden Sands RC&D agrees to continue to implement an AIS Prevention and Outreach Program throughout [county name] County. Golden Sands RC&D will perform the following:

Services to be performed:

Prepare reports and disseminate reports and results.

Submit 2 progress reports to DNR AIS Biologist.

Designated Agents: Submit 2 progress reports to counties involved

Submit final report to DNR.

- a. Before finalizing the progress and final report, send a copy to the DNR AIS Biologist overseeing the grant for review.

Submit final reimbursement request to Environmental Grant Specialist (EGS) and Cc DNR AIS Biologist on [Form 8700-001](#) no later than 60 days after the end of this agreement.

Enter SWIMS data.

Facilitate and ensure entry of all data into SWIMS for applicable LMPN activities is completed per annual reporting requirements and by end of grant period:

- a. Progress reports and final reports, once approved by the DNR AIS Biologist, will be uploaded to the LMPN SWIMS project by the county or agent for each year.
- b. Activities performed as part of CBCW, CLMN, PLB, and/or Snapshot Day may have earlier time requirements for data entry.
- c. All other activities which involve data entry into SWIMS must be entered by end of grant period.

Implement statewide communication and education priorities to ensure consistent AIS messaging.

- a. Work with DNR and UW Madison, Division of Extension in implementation of the Wisconsin Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan.
- b. Collaborate with DNR on delivery of consistent project communication, outreach, and educational programming.
- c. Coordinate with DNR staff and other local partners within the county to share LMPN AIS prevention and education efforts.

Complete a DNR-approved training program for any network activities the county or agent are approved to carry out, including collecting, reporting, and interpreting water quality, aquatic invasive species, or watercraft inspection data.

Training sessions include:

- a. Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) trainings, if applicable
- b. CLMN AIS trainings, if applicable
- c. Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol trainings, if applicable
- d. Snapshot Day, if applicable
- e. Participate in AIS Early Detection Monitoring, if applicable
- f. Participate in DNR training on AIS Response Framework

Attend DNR meetings and annual AIS and Lakes & Rivers Partnership events including, but not limited to:

- a. AIS Partnership meetings in spring and fall (potentially one in-person, one virtual)
- b. Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Partnership monthly meetings (AIS-focused meetings required; others optional).
- c. Participate in meetings with DNR to discuss agreement scoping, coordination/planning, agreement accomplishments, and financial status.

Adhere to decontamination and disinfection protocols required by the DNR for controlling, transporting, and disposing of aquatic plants and animals, and moving water.

- a. This includes requirements under s. 30.07, Wis. Stats., and chs. NR 19.055 and NR 40.07, Wis. Adm. Code, as well as compliance with the most recent DNR approved '[Boat, Gear, and Equipment Decontamination and Disinfection Protocol](#)'.

Retain, for a period of six years after the end date of this agreement, all project records, including proof of payments and proof of purchases, and monitoring data sheets to support events/tasks undertaken as part of this agreement.

Records shall include:

- a. Training sessions attended.
- b. Training sessions held and names of participants attending.
- c. Meetings with stakeholders and/or partner groups.
- d. AIS outreach activities and any monitoring data sheets.
- e. Media contacts.

Activities to be performed: Check all activities for participation in 2026

Participate in a DNR-approved watercraft inspection program.

X Tier One

- Promote CBCW effort and advertise trainings to local community.
- Conduct trainings for interested volunteers and/or paid staff on methods to conduct boat inspections and engage boaters in AIS prevention steps.
- Train participants how to enter CBCW data into SWIMS.

☐ Tier Two

- Conduct CBCW inspections at launches in coverage area.
- Assist with Statewide Boater Behavior Study (as requested).
- Work with partners to apply for CBCW grants to fund additional inspectors.

Participate in monitoring and/or training for aquatic invasive species.

X Perform early detection monitoring

- Monitor **1-5** lakes/streams/wetlands using DNR-approved protocols
 - [Early Detection Protocols](#)
 - [CLMN AIS Monitoring Protocols](#)
 - [Project RED Survey Protocols](#)

X Train citizens/volunteers to perform early detection monitoring

- Train **1-5** citizens to monitor for AIS using DNR-approved protocols
 - [CLMN AIS Monitoring Protocols](#).
 - [Project RED Survey Protocols](#)

X Assist DNR in response monitoring

- Work with regional DNR AIS Biologist to provide AIS response monitoring based on new AIS Findings.
- Assist with response monitoring, which could include non-traditional methods of monitoring as requested by the DNR, US Fish and Wildlife Service, UW Sea Grant, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), etc.

X Host a Snapshot Day event

- Attend annual Site Leader training or view recording, asking questions to UW Extension Rivers Educator as needed.
- Arrange for training site location, select local monitoring stations, train, and coordinate volunteers on day of event.
- Assist in local advertising to solicit volunteers. Communicate with volunteers ahead of event regarding meeting times and locations, and general expectations.
- Maintain communication with UW Extension Rivers Educator to receive and apply seasonal updates.

- Complete ID verification with DNR AIS Biologist prior to data entry into SWIMS.
- Enter monitoring data into SWIMS within communicated deadline and send participation records to UW Extension Rivers Educator.

☐ **Participate in Project RED**

- Conduct Project Riverine Early Detectors (RED) surveys using [Project RED survey protocols](#).
- Review training videos each year and ask questions to UW Extension Rivers Educator as needed.
- Train ☒ volunteers using Project RED protocols, including how to enter data into SWIMS.
- Provide ongoing support for volunteers for general questions and species verification.
- Report trainings to SWIMS training projects.

Participate in aquatic invasive species prevention campaigns and lake protection activities as approved by the DNR.

Select the campaign(s) participating in:

- ☒ Great Lakes AIS Landing Blitz (Open Statewide)
- ☒ Drain Campaign
- ☒ Serve as media contact for the county for all DNR campaigns

Participate in the purple loosestrife biocontrol (PLB) program.

☐ **Tier One** - For counties new to the PLB program or wishing to reestablish a program.

- Review extent of purple loosestrife populations and possible beetle refuges.
- Determine plan to move forward based on level of need; if possible, engage with other counties in region conducting PLB for mutual support.
- Support partners as needed; may include digging, beetle collection, releases, etc.
- Report beetle presence and activity and biocontrol releases in the SWIMS database.
- Assist or enter volunteer data into SWIMS.

☒ **Tier Two** - For counties with existing PLB programs or who wish to expand based on need and available funding.

- Support and expand the existing network within your county and/or work with neighboring counties for coordinated responses. (e.g., recruiting partners/volunteers, beetle collection/release, conducting county rearing)
- Identify and monitor insectaries and beetle refuges, coordinate or participate in the collection and distribution of PLB organisms to all interested partners, and target the release of organisms, where needed, in County.

- Plan and conduct a **minimum of 1** educational workshop to promote the PLB program.
- Utilizing the program forms, report beetle presence and activity and biocontrol releases in the SWIMS database. This includes entering data for partners who do not use SWIMS.

☐ **Tier Three** - For counties with well-established programs. Tier One or Tier Two must be selected above.

- Conduct a needs assessment of sites to determine:
 - Sites that need continued biocontrol
 - Sites that can pause biocontrol for a short- or long-term period
 - Sites that could utilize integrated management, such as digging or chemical treatments
 - Sites that should maintain some level of purple loosestrife to act as county insectaries and/or refuges

Participate in the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN).

Work with local DNR CLMN Coordinator to fill out this section.

Name of DNR CLMN Coordinator who approved the activities: (no reply from Chastin Harlow)

☐ **Tier One** - In addition to conducting training for CLMN volunteers on AIS monitoring or water clarity (Secchi), complete the following activities.

- Assist the DNR CLMN Coordinator in promoting the program and soliciting for volunteers.
- Assist the DNR CLMN Coordinator to train new volunteers and supply annual sampling supplies to CLMN volunteers.
- Perform field checks with CLMN volunteers as needed and conduct quality assurance checks on data entered into SWIMS by citizen monitors at the end of monitoring year.
- Assist with email/phone queries to answer questions from CLMN volunteers.
- Assist with CLMN volunteer SWIMS data entry, as needed.
- Check-in with DNR CLMN Coordinator during the field season. DNR CLMN Coordinator needs to be notified immediately during the field season if some of the above tasks cannot be completed.
- Briefly describe check-in plan established with DNR CLMN Coordinator.

☐ **Tier Two** - Includes coordination of water chemistry activities (e.g., temperature, phosphorus, chlorophyll-*a*, and DO). Tier One must be selected above.

- Conduct training for CLMN volunteers.
- Assist DNR CLMN Coordinator to train new volunteers and supply annual sampling supplies to CLMN volunteers.

- ☐ **Tier Three** - Includes coordination of Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) sampling (duplicate and blank samples). Tier One and Tier Two must be selected above.
 - Conduct QA/QC training for CLMN volunteers.
 - Perform field checks with CLMN volunteers, as needed.
 - Conduct QA/QC checks on data entered by CLMN volunteers into SWIMS at the end of monitoring year.

Participate in and coordinate partner involvement to implement the Wisconsin Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan's pathways approach.

Organisms in Trade (OIT) Pathway

- X** Promote and/or attend and assist with pet rehoming events in coverage area.
- X** Monitor pet stores by conducting at least **3** pet store visits. *Pet store visits are historically done as directed by the OIT team and not currently something the LMPN AIS Coordinators generally plan to do. Golden Sands RC&D has and will continue to participate as needed or requested.*

Recreational Activities and Service Providers Pathway

- X** Contribute to dock service providers (DSPs) database by identifying DSPs in coverage area.
- X** Send annual outreach mailing to all DSPs in [county] County following mailing instructions found in [AIS Partnership Website: DSPs](#).
- ☐ Facilitate AIS prevention programming for DSPs.
 - Recruit [##] DSP(s) to participate in a 1:1 training
- X** Participate in waterfowl hunter outreach.
 - Perform [1] waterfowl hunter outreach at hunter entry points.
 - Provide outreach at local hunting events (e.g., conservation club meetings, waterfowl hunter expos, etc.).
 - Provide outreach through media.
- X** Coordinate and conduct **5-10** checks to verify condition of DNR AIS signage at lake/river public access sites.:
 - Use DNR-approved forms to report signage inspections and enter data in SWIMS.
 - Maintain digital photographs of AIS signs that have been inspected and upload them as part of the signage fieldwork events to the County's AIS Signage Project in SWIMS.
 - Install DNR AIS signage, as needed, and per installation guide, if signs are available.

- X** Contact at least **5** bait shops as part of the statewide Bait Shop Initiative and provide AIS outreach message and materials.
- Report to the county Bait Shop Initiative project in SWIMS.

Support Pathways Programming

- X** Participate in other AIS Pathways initiatives or work groups as requested by the Department.

Provide AIS outreach and education to local partners and AIS stakeholders.

- X** Represent the AIS Partnership at a minimum of **13 events**.
- Events include, but are not limited to, public festivals, farmers markets, schools, fishing tournaments, conferences, and stakeholder meetings (e.g., Conservation clubs, boating clubs, angling clubs, lake & river groups, etc.).
- X** Share **3** AIS-related posts per month via social media to increase AIS awareness and reinforce prevention messaging.
- Submit screenshots of social media posts as part of reporting.
- X** Write **10-15** electronic newsletter(s) that provide AIS information, articles, and updates to partners.
- Submit documents as part of reporting.
- X** Share relevant AIS articles with partners and citizens for use in their newsletters.
- Submit copies as part of reporting.

Provide Surface Water Grant support.

- X** Provide assistance to a grantee or apply for AIS Prevention and/or AIS Education grants.
- Assist AIS-related grant recipients with AIS education and outreach tools to ensure consistent messaging.
- ☐ Work with DNR AIS Biologist and grant applicant to apply for an EDR grant, if needed.
- Serve as authorizing representative for the EDR grant, if applicable.

Collect and report other physical data on lakes and lake ecosystems, including data on water levels and lake ice extent and duration.

List the activity(ies) requested by DNR AIS Biologist: NONE.

Complete other activities in addition to selected scope activities.

List the activity(ies) requested or agreed upon by DNR AIS Biologist:

1. Assist with teaching aquatic plant ID classes.
2. Assist with other monitoring and survey efforts as requested, if funding allows.

Section: Individual County

For [county name] County: By affixing signature below, the county swears that the document above accurately portrays the intent.

By:

Signature

Title

Date Signed

Section: Designated Agents and County agreements:**County Allocations**

Clark County	\$12,136.46
Columbia County	\$13,184.53
Green Lake County	\$11,849.11
Jackson County	\$13,899.04
Juneau County	\$13,414.86
Marathon County	\$16,402.71
Marquette County	\$11,744.53
Monroe County	\$12,188.79
Portage County	\$13,955.24
Taylor County	\$13,443.66
Trempealeau County	\$11,148.96
Waupaca County	\$15,372.40
Waushara County	\$12,300.02
Total	\$171,040.31

Proposed Project Budget

AIS Coordinator Salaries	\$122,032.86
AIS Coordinator Fringe Benefits	\$14,643.95
Salaries (Administration)	\$15,434.77
Fringe Benefits (administration)	\$1,852.17
Travel	\$8,076.56
Supplies & Operating Expenses	\$9,000.00
Total	\$171,040.31

Declaration:

By affixing our signatures below, we swear that the document above accurately portrays the relationship and intent of all parties.

FOR [county name] County
By:

FOR Golden Sands RC&D
By:

Signature

Signature

Title

Title

Date Signed

Date Signed



Positive Youth Development - *Brandon Springer, 4-H Youth Development Educator, brandon.springer@wisc.edu*

- **Chicken Chase and Ag Olympics** were held for youth at the GLC Fair, where participants had the opportunity to catch poultry to raise and to learn about agriculture through various activities to learn about 4-H and the local impact of Agriculture. This was also a 4-H Ambassador program that youth planned and lead.
- Created an **online scavenger hunt** (Goosechase) for 4-H members, where they will learn more about 4-H, build connections across the county, and develop lifelong skills so that they can have a sense of belonging in Green Lake County 4-H. Total Reach: 1 youth and 2 adult volunteers
- Held a 4-H **information table at the Markesan Elementary School** for families, where they can learn about the programs that 4-H has to offer to encourage more youth to enroll in 4-H. Total Reach: 30 people
- A **flower and pollinators program** for United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) youth, where they learned about flowers and pollinators by making their own firefly lights and pipe cleaner flowers so they can help protect pollinators and other bugs that are beneficial to the environment. Total Reach: 5 youth
- **4-H Summer Academy** is a statewide youth conference for youth in grades 8-11 in collaboration with UW-Madison and Madison College. The goal of the effort is to help youth identify and explore sparks and post-secondary pathways through hands-on tracks and aspirational activities guided by adult advisors and young adult leaders as mentors. Support was provided to the county attendee and other youth participants, through this conference.
- A **water quality program** for the Green Lake Boys and Girls Club, where youth learned about the importance of and what impacts water quality to help youth become stewards of the land and help keep water ways clean. Total Reach: 10 youth
- 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 leadership skills that are important throughout their life through school and their careers. Total Reach: 4 youth, 3 adult volunteers.
- Planning for the **2026 overnight summer camp**, an in-person overnight experience 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 opportunities 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.



Health and Well-Being –*Laci Monroe, FoodWise Coordinator*

- A **cooking demo/tasting** that is taking place at the Berlin Farmers and Artisan Market where shoppers can stop at the EBT booth and sample a healthy recipe utilizing cost effective ingredients offered at the market. This event is occurring 4 different times, featuring different recipes each time.
- A **resource fair** at Princeton School District for families and school children to learn about services offered in the community. The goal from the FoodWise table was tips to save money at the grocery store. By stopping at this



booth families could learn how to stretch their dollar and meal planning with all 5 food groups helping to improve healthy habits.

- **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.

Agriculture — Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator, adam.hartfiel@wisc.edu

- A **Beef Cow-Calf Workshop** for beef producers on topics identified by producers from previous workshops. Topics covered during this event were Body Condition Scoring, Fall Culling Decisions, Grazing Corn Stalk Residue/Winter Feeding Considerations, and Getting Ready To Haul/Trailer Safety. Total Reach: 25 total attendees
 - Every topic discussed at the workshop had a substantial knowledge increase at the workshop's completion. Body Condition Scoring: 150% Knowledge increase Fall Culling Decisions: 94% Knowledge increase Grazing Corn Stalk Residue: 120% Knowledge increase Getting Ready to Haul/Trailer Safety: 77% Knowledge increase
- **Parasite Patrol**, a workshop at the Fond du Lac County Extension office for sheep and goat producers to learn how to conduct on-farm fecal egg counts and necessary equipment required in order to improve deworming protocol and overall flock/herd health. Total Reach: 11 total participants.
 - Internal parasites significantly diminish small ruminant health, leading to reduced productivity in individual animals and herds/flocks. Many of these parasites are prevented or treated with dewormer. Dewormer resistance is a widespread issue in the small ruminant industry across the United States. Fecal egg counting identifies worm species and indicates severity of worm load.
- Developing a series of 4 factsheets on **direct marketing** where producers will learn about different processing methods, rules and regulations, marketing options, and how to begin direct marketing meat. Through these fact sheets producers may diversify income streams to reach marketing goals
- Developing a series of 5 factsheets on **beef cow nutrition management**. Beef producers will be able to better manage beef cow nutritional needs through the course of the year.
- **Farm Technology Days**: conducted in-person cattle handling demonstrations and interactive tabletop discussions for beef producers – 6 sessions. These activities aimed to help participants gain awareness of management practices that influence the economic viability of their farms, including animal and animal health product handling and biosecurity. Total Reach: Well over 150 individuals visited our booth and/or participated in the six demonstrations presented over the three days of Farm Technology Days.
- A **Beef Quality Assurance (BQA)** workshop for ABS Global employees that accommodated their inquiry to

Beef Cow-Calf Workshop

Wednesday, August 13th, 5:30-8pm
Easton Town Hall
1163 County Road A Grand Marsh, WI 53938
Free of Charge/ Snacks and Refreshments Provided

Topics of Discussion:

- Body Condition Scoring
- Fall Culling Decisions
- Utilizing Corn Residue
- Getting Ready to Haul

Schedule:

- 5:30 Check In
- 6:00 Program Begins
- 8:00 Program Concludes

Registration preferred by August 8th
Please call or email the Adams County Extension
Office to Register:
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Farm technology days: Cattle Handling Demonstration



obtain their BQA certification, this certification helps maintain and/or improve economic viability.

- Educational Articles written for beef producers and agri-business professionals:
 - Where the audience learned about **effective deworming strategies**. This article appeared in the July online edition and will appear in the September print edition of the WI Agriculturist Magazine.
 - Where the audience learned about **emerging fly and tick-borne diseases and the biosecurity steps** they can take to prevent introducing these agents to cattle operations.
 - Where the audience learned about **best management practices to add additional value to their calf crop** in a strong market by decreasing stress and setting calves up for success in their next stage in life.
 - Where the audience learned about **current cattle markets and the future outlook** of each cattle industry sector.
- 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 designed to assist livestock producers in providing research-based information for their use to help improve and maintain economic viability for their operation.

Professional Development:

- July 22nd: Attended virtual webinar hosted by Iowa State University that discussed recent Theileriosis and Asian Longhorned Tick Findings in Iowa and how that may affect other producers in Wisconsin and the Midwest region.
- ATCP 12 Public Hearing: The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has proposed changes to Wis. Admin. Rule § [ATCP 10](#) and Wis. Admin. Rule § [ATCP 12](#), regulating Animal Disease and Movement and Animal Markets, Dealers and Truckers, which, if implemented, will impose significant increases. Some of the proposed fee increases are nearly 1700% above current rates. These proposed fees present a substantial financial burden to markets, dealers and truckers that will unavoidably be passed down to farmers.

Value-Added Programming

- **Planning for the Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference**, about entrepreneurship in rural Wisconsin, featuring the local business ecosystem of Green Lake, WI, for rural economic development leaders. Total Reach: 200 members of Wisconsin's entrepreneurial ecosystem 10 organizations on Steering Committee (Maggie Cornelius)
- A **farmer feature article** highlighting how one of our newest demonstration farmers is improving soil health and reducing inputs with managed grazing. The effort was designed to support local learning amongst farmers by featuring how a local producer is implementing soil health practices on her land, and highlight the Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farm Network as a resource for farmers. Total Reach: The Basin Buzz newsletter and social media posts reached 3,702 people total. (Maranda Miller)
- A farmer social event **demonstrating interseeding cover crops** into a corn field, plus a gallery of images with educational text discussing interseeding timing, species used, benefits of seeding with a drone, and challenges this year. This demonstration event, plus image gallery and educational text was made to highlight how and why Boerst Farm is using a drone to interseed cover crops, plus how they're testing the timing of cover crop planting. The effort was designed to support local learning amongst farmers by featuring how local producers are implementing soil health practices. Total Reach: The in-person demonstration and educational social media post reached 6,141 people total. (Maranda Miller)

Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee
Land & Water Conservation Dept. October 09, 2025 Report

September 2025 Projects

- Inspect open erosion control permits and review new permit applications for erosion control and stormwater management.
- Work on two homeowners regarding complaint of stormwater runoff between neighbors.
- Continue to meet with Estates of Lawsonia Homeowners Association to address concerns about stormwater management and outlot maintenance.

- Deliver and calibrate No Till drill to landowners throughout county
- Completed installation of Water and Sediment Control Basin – Town of Marquette
- Design of leachate collection system – Town of St. Marie
- Multi-Discharger Variance cost share agreement development – cover crops signups.
- Met with Highway Department to go over waterway plan for Village of Marquette.
- Completed buffer inspections.
- Completed cover crop inspections.
- Design for grass waterway – Town of Berlin
- Design for heavy use area protection – Town of Princeton
- Design for streambank stabilization project. Submitted additional information to WDNR for Chapter 30 permit.
- Met with 5 landowners with shoreline erosion concerns.

- Held informational meeting and submit Producer Led Watershed Group Grant to DATCP on behalf of Green Lake Farmers Coalition
- Repair hose reel on boat wash station.
- Attend Green Lake Non-point runoff committee for Lake and Watershed Management Plan development.
- Conducted 1-day class with Green Lake School to monitor 5 stream sites for water quality and macroinvertebrates.
- Attend Lake Winnebago Land & Water Area Association meeting, Waushara County.
- Assist Columbia County with Soil Health Field Day event – follow-up from joint training held in March.
- Attend WI Land + Water Youth Education Committee meeting.
- Attend Farmstead Evaluation Training – Jefferson
- Attended WI Wetlands Council meeting.

October 2025 Planned Projects

- Conduct spot-checks on grade stabilization structures that have perpetual easements with Sanitary District
- Send out public survey for County Stewardship Program
- Fall Newsletter
- Install fall construction projects – grade stabilization structures, waterways, water and sediment control basins
- Follow-up with landowners with resource concerns from spot-checks

Lake and River Report

Puckaway – Addressed calls on water level fluctuations and weed concerns.

Twin Lakes – Working with Lake consultant to complete a lake management plan and settle contract with consultant. Sent boat launch repair plan bids out, met with contractor onsite to review boat launch replacement project.

Spring Lake (Kingston) – no update

Spring Lake (Green Lake) – Received WDNR boat ramp repair permit. Sent repair plan to contractors for bids. Met with contractor onsite to review project. Submitted County Conservation Aids Grant to WDNR.

Little Green – Attended monthly adaptive management planning meeting. Coordinated and consulted with lake group to plan curly-leaf pondweed study and lake educational events for 2026. Received three calls for shoreline erosion concerns, scheduled field visits for October. Finalized seawall removal project.

Green Lake – Non-point subcommittee meeting, Lake Management Planning Team meeting held. Drone flights for photos of Blue-green Algae Blooms.

Grand Lake – No update

Other – Collected stream samples for monthly DNR stream monitoring program (Belle Fountain Creek, White River, & Grand River).

Golden Sands AIS Update

- 4 Invasive Species social media posts to Facebook and Instagram: bait rules, Pennywort, checking furry friends and checking footwear.
- Golden Sands RC&D newsletter article featuring AIS prevention geared towards waterfowl hunters.
- AIS Prevention grant submitted for statewide outreach to trappers and people taking trappers education safety classes.
- 2026 AIS Lake Management and Protection Network draft cooperative agreement sent for review.
- Pennywort monitoring on Big Twin Lake and downstream road crossing locations.
- Spiny water flea monitoring training for Green Lake Association with DNR AIS Biologist Patrick Siwula. Benthic sampling and water column tows. Samples will be reviewed by DNR for any potential hits.

Producer Led Watershed Group:

Applied for DATCP Grant, should know status of grant in November.

Upcoming Events:

October 15 -16, 2025 – County Conservationist Meeting – Stevens Point

Early November – Controlling Woody Invasive Species landowner workshop (Golden Sands RC&D) – Zobel Park

November 20, 2025 – Golden Sands RC&D Board Meeting – Stevens Point