

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 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: Bob Schweder, Bill Boutwell, Mike Skivington, 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; Matt Vande Kolk, Chief Deputy; Pat Wagner, UWEX; Pat Malone, UWEX

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT) - none

-APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve the minutes of the 10/09/2025 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

WELCOME NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION EDUCATOR, PAT MALONE

Pat Wagner introduced the new Community Development Extension Educator, Pat Malone. Committee members introduced themselves and Malone shared a little about herself. She is looking forward to working with Green Lake County.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2026 CONTRACT BETWEEN GREEN LAKE COUNTY AND UW MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION

This contract is brought to the committee yearly. *Motion/second (Boutwell/Skivington)* to approve the contract. Motion carried with no negative vote.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GREEN LAKE COUNTY AND UW MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION

Wagner explained Memorandum. *Motion/second (Skivington/Albright)* to approve the Memorandum. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **Land Conservation** – The Land Conservation department had a busy month in October. This month they will be working on spot-checks, sending out public surveys for the County Stewardship Program, installing fall construction projects, follow-up with landowners with resource concerns for spot-checks, and hosting a deer donation drop-off location for the Green Lake Food Pantry.
- **Parks** – The Maintenance Department has winterized the bathrooms at parks and cleaned out pits. They have cleaned up lots of dead trees. And they have also prepared all equipment for snow.

POWER LOADING DISCUSSION

Power loading is causing lots of damage to our landings as well as people's boat trailers. The Maintenance Department has been working with the Sheriff's Department to explore different options to stop power loading. Signs will be put up, and the Sheriff's Department will be prohibiting power loading. The new camera system will be watching for any vehicles not following the new protocols and citations will be handed out.

COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSION

Many recommendations were made for County Park improvements. Such as, cleaning up the parks and replacing the dead trees with new ones, adding walking paths, and creating more swimming areas. Supervisor Boutwell stated that he would like to see the County peruse hiring a Parks Director.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – 12/11/2025
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 9:51AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Rohde
Deputy County Clerk