



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

Original Post Date: 12/8/2025

Amended Post Date:

The following documents are included in the packet for the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee meeting on December 11th, 2025.

- 1) Amended Agenda
- 2) Minutes: 11/13/2025
- 3) Ordinance
 - Ordinance Amending Article IV Boat Launch User Fees and Creation of Prohibition on Power Loading
- 4) Department Reports
 - Land Conservation



GREEN LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

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Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, December 11, 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 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: 11/13/2025
6. *Ordinance
 - Ordinance Amending Article IV Boat Launch User Fees and Creation of Prohibition on Power Loading
7. Department Reports
 - County Library Services Report
 - Land Conservation
 - Parks
8. ~~Update and possible action regarding power loading at boat launches~~
9. County Park improvements discussion
10. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: January 8th, 2026
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
11. Adjourn

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Elizabeth Otto, County Clerk

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**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

ORDINANCE NO. -2025

**Ordinance Amending Article IV Boat Launch User Fees and Creation of
Prohibition on Power Loading**

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 ordain as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of Green Lake County that the method of
2 loading watercraft with power from the engine ("power loading") is causing significant
3 damage to boat landings.

Roll Call on Resolution No. -2025

Submitted by Land, Water, Parks &
Community Committee:

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain 0

Bob Schweder, Chair

Passed and Enacted/Rejected this day
of December, 2025.

Mike Skivington, Vice Chair

County Board Chairman

Nancy Hiestand

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:

Nita Krenz

Corporation Counsel

Bill Boutwell

David Albright

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that § 187-11 be amended as follows:

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6 § 187-11 **Permit required to use boat launch; Prohibition on Power Loading.**

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8 **A.** No person shall use any County of Green Lake County-owned or -operated boat
9 launch facility for launching purposes without an annual or daily launching permit.
10 The annual permit shall be valid from April 1 of the year of issuance to March 31
11 of the next year. The daily permit shall only be valid during the day of purchase.

Daily permits will be sold through self-registration at each boat launch site. Annual permits will be sold at the County Clerk's office and all establishments approved by the Parks Commission. Boat launch sites include Margaret Dodge Memorial Park and Sunset Park.

- B. **Power Loading Prohibited** – Watercraft must be loaded and unloaded from the watercraft trailer, or carriage or other devise used to transport said watercraft without the use of watercraft's main, auxiliary or trolling power devices. A rope, strap or similar device may be used. It shall be unlawful to otherwise launch or trailer a watercraft at any County-owned boat launch.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that § 187-12 be amended as follows:

§ 187-12 Fees; display of permit; definitions.

- E. Watercraft shall include all motorized and on-motorized boats, personal watercraft, hydroplanes, amphibious vehicles, jet skis, sailboats, hovercraft, or any other craft or vehicle used upon the water.
- F. Power loading is defined as the practice of putting on, or taking off, from a trailer, carriage or device, a watercraft while under motor power, whether by main, auxiliary or trolling power devices.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that § 187-15 **Enforcement** be amended as follows:

- B. Failure to pay the fee for the launching permit, ~~or~~ to properly display the launching permit at all times that the motor vehicle is parked while the water craft is in the waters of Green Lake, **or by engaging in power loading** shall be deemed to be in violation of this article.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that § 187-17 **Citation; contesting citation** be amended as follows:

The Sheriff shall develop a citation for use in enforcing parking violations **or engaging in power loading** as described in Chapter 187. The citation shall provide that payment of the forfeiture shall be mailed or delivered to the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office and shall not be filed with any court. The amount of the forfeiture for such violation shall be paid in cash, money order, or bank check and shall be made payable to Green Lake County. If the defendant informs the Sheriff's Office that he or she wishes to contest the parking **or power loading** citation, the citation shall be dismissed and either a uniform traffic citation or uniform municipal citation, as applicable, shall be issued and filed with the Court.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that § 187-18 **Violations and penalties** be amended as follows:

Any person who shall violate any parking or **power loading** restriction under Chapter 187 shall forfeit \$50 for each violation, plus, if applicable, the costs of removal and storage of the vehicle.

A. If the \$50 prescribed above is not paid within 10 days after the citation was issued, and the citation is not contested, the forfeiture shall increase to \$100.

B. If the \$100 is not paid within 20 days of the citation, collection action for the forfeiture or proceedings to suspend the vehicle owner's registration as provided for in W.S.A. § 345.28 will be commenced, and an additional administrative fee of \$50 shall be added to the forfeiture amount, bringing the total due to \$150. (**parking violations only**).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that § 187-19 **Use of Launch Fee Revenue** be amended as follows:

The net revenue resulting from the sale and enforcement of launch fee permits **or enforcement of power loading violations** shall be used to establish, maintain and improve boat launch facilities within the County of Green Lake. (NR 1.91, Wis. Admin. Code).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee

Land & Water Conservation Dept. December 11, 2025 Report

November 2025 Projects

- Inspect open erosion control permits and review new permit applications for erosion control and stormwater management.
- Deliver and calibrate No Till drill to landowners throughout county
- Continue design of leachate collection system.
- Completed installation of grass waterway, underground outlet, plunge pool, and farmable terrace – Town of Green Lake.
- Continue design for grassed waterway and diversion – Town of Manchester
- Completed design for wetland restoration project – Town of Brooklyn
- Completed design for grass waterway – Town of Berlin
- Begin design for grade stabilization structure – Town of Princeton
- Continue design for heavy use area protection – Town of Princeton
- Conduct spot-checks for cover crop establishment - GLRI and MDV grants.
- Completed ABA stormwater project construction.
- Conducted wetland plant survey for wetland restoration project – Town of Brooklyn.
- Assist with Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program participant installing lysimeters in test plot.
- Hosted Deer Donation Partners Program deer drop-off location, donated deer processed for Green Lake Food Pantry. Received 31 donated deer.
- Partner with Golden Sands RC&D for Invasive Species Workshop – Zobel Park
- Staff attended Ag 101 Part 2 at Arlington Research Station.
- Winterize CAPTure System
- Presentations on Soil Health and poster contest at 3 schools and Boys & Girls Club

December 2025 Planned Projects

- Conduct spot-checks on grade stabilization structures that have perpetual easements with Sanitary District
- Planning regarding a Green Lake County Stewardship Program
- Installation of 2 – grade stabilization structures
- Installation of wetland restoration project

Lake and River Report

Puckaway – spoke with John Harter, they may be replacing boat launch ramp on south shore, looking for assistance from department with permit application.

Twin Lakes – Reviewing updated lake plan for approval in December 2025.

Spring Lake (Kingston) – No update

Spring Lake (Green Lake) – Received County Conservation Aid Grant from DNR for launch repair.

Little Green – Attended monthly adaptive management planning meeting. Grant application was submitted to DNR.

Green Lake – Permits received for streambank stabilization project.

Grand Lake – No update

Other – Reviewed wake boat legislation and other upcoming legislative proposals (groundwater, etc.)

Golden Sands AIS Update

See attached report

Producer Led Watershed Group:

Applied for DATCP Grant, should know status of grant in early December.
Scheduling meeting for group in January

Upcoming Events:

December 19, 2025 – “Soil. Where it all Begins” Poster Contest deadline
January 15, 2026 – Golden Sands RC&D Board Meeting - Stevens Point
January 16, 2026 – Lake Winnebago Land & Water Conservation Association – Annual Planning Meeting
February 19, 2026 – Nutrient Management Farmer Education Training – Green Lake
March 19, 2026 – Golden Sands RC&D Board Meeting – Stevens Point
April 21, 2026 – County Groundwater Testing Program
May 21, 2026 – Golden Sands RC&D Board Meeting – Stevens Point

GREEN LAKE COUNTY

November AIS Highlights 2025

Continued follow ups for counties participating in the 2026 LMPN program.

2025 LMPN program reporting.

Technical support throughout the entire LMPN project area for lake groups applying for new surface water grants or reporting on existing projects.

6 Facebook and instagram AIS posts: Carp, Purple loosestrife biocontrol, Clean Boats Clean Waters, Citizen Lake Monitoring Network, Trapping Season AIS Awareness and AIS Thanksgiving AIS post.

LMPN and other project updates reported during the November RC&D Council meeting.

Our limited term AIS staff position has ended. Mackenzie Weber is moving on. AIS Coordinator Mara Lince has partnered with staff from Wood and Adams Counties as well as UW Extension staff and the Cranberry Growers Assoc. to develop AIS educational and prevention materials related to the cranberry industry.



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