

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 8th, 2026**

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; Ron Severson, Maintenance Technician; Jason Jerome, County Manager; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Matt Vande Kolk, Chief Deputy; Brandon Springer, 4-H Educator; Grace Brown, Fair Coordinator; Pat Malone, Community Development Educator; Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT) - none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve the minutes of the 12/11/2025 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – RON SEVERSON

County Manager, Jason Jerome, presented Ron Severson with a Certificate of Appreciation for his hard work and ability to step up in the absence of the past Maintenance Supervisor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **UW-Extension** – Reports found in the packet. Hartfiel introduced the new Fair Coordinator, Grace Brown
- **Land Conservation** – Report found in the packet
- **Parks** – All lawn tractors are fixed and ready for the upcoming spring and summer season.

DISCUSSION REGARDING GOOSE ROUND-UP AT DODGE AND SUNSET PARKS

Dodge and Sunset parks are experiencing a large population of Geese. This is causing E. coli in the lakes, causing shutdowns for swimming areas. There will possibly be a Public Hearing at the May committee meeting regarding the round-up. The round-up would take place in June.

COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSION

The Land Conversation department put together a 6-question questionnaire to send out to the community via social media, the paper, and QR codes. Van Meel and Malone will work on updating the Parks Plan. Chairman Schweder also suggested we find ways to make Dodge Park more handicap accessible.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – 2/12/2026 at 2:30 PM
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion
 - Goose Round-Up at Dodge & Sunset Parks

ADJOURN

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 9:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Rohde

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Deputy County Clerk