GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 5, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Planning & Zoning Chair Chuck Buss called the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee to order at 9:00 AM 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: **Gene Thom**, **Bill Boutwell, Chuck Buss, Curt Talma, Sue Wendt**

Absent:

Also Present: **Karissa Rohde,** Deputy County Clerk; **Matt Kirkman,** Land Use Planning & Zoning Director; **Michelle Davis**, Land Use and POWTS Specialist; **Noah Brown**, Land Use and Shoreland Specialist; **Ryan Schinke**, Land Use Coordinator/Technician, **Jeff Mann**, Corporation Counsel; **Renee Thiem-Korth**, Register of Deeds

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Wendt) approve the minutes of the 2/5/2025 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ANNUAL REPORTS

- Register of Deeds – Report found in the packet. No discussion. ***Motion/second (Thom/Boutwell)*** to approve and forward to County Board for final approval. Motion carried with no negative vote.

- Land Use Planning & Zoning Department – Report found in the packet. No discussion. ***Motion/second (Boutwell/Wendt)*** to approve and forward to County Board for final approval. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORTS

- Financial Reports
- Land Use & Septic Permits
- Violation Reports

Reports found in the packet. Discussion held.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee has held two meetings. Each meeting had great participation.

DISCUSS SHORELAND ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The committee will go over the changes made to the Ordinance at the April meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3-MINUTE LIMIT) - none

PUBLIC HEARING: (NOT TO BEGIN BEFORE 9:30AM)

Chair Buss read the rules for the Public Hearing.

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Item #1: Owner: John R. Witte, **Location:** Princeton Road, Parcel: 004-00426-0000, **Legal Description:** Located in the SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 18, T16N, R13E, Town of Brooklyn, ±12.802 acres, **Request:** The owners are requesting a rezone of ±12.802 acres zoned A1, Farmland Preservation District, to R4, Rural Residential District. To be identified by Certified Survey Map.

Vincint LaRue, grandson of owner, John Witte spoke for item #1.

Motion/second (Thom/Boutwell) to approve the rezone. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Item #2: Owner: Eugene F. & Kathleen A. Thom, **Location:** East Waushara Street, Parcel(s): 002- 00001-0000, -0100, -0200, & -0300, Legal Description: Lots 1-4 of CSM #1400, Located in the NE ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 1, T17N, R13E, Town of Berlin, ±9.09 acres, **Request:** The owners are requesting a rezone of ±9.09 acres zoned R1, Single-Family Residence District, to A2, General Agriculture District. To be identified by Certified Survey Map. Item postponed from February 5, 2026, Public Hearing.

No public comment or discussion.

Motion/second (Wendt/Boutwell) to approve the rezone. Motion carried with 1 abstention (Thom).

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

a. Next meeting date April 2nd, 2026 @ 9:00 AM
b. Future agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Chair Buss adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Rohde
Deputy County Clerk

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