

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 14th, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Karissa Rohde called the meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee to order at 9:00AM on Thursday, May 14th, 2026 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

Absent: Lisa Schuster

Other County Employees Present: Karissa Rohde, Deputy County Clerk; Todd Morris, County Conservationist; Mike Van Meel, Maintenance Supervisor; Jason Jerome, County Manager; Matt Vande Kolk, Chief Deputy (9:18am); Sofia Walters, HR; Grace Brown, Fair Coordinator

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Deputy County Clerk Karissa Rohde called for nominations for Chair. *Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand)* to nominate Bob Schweder as Chair. No other nominations. Motion passed with no negative vote. Deputy Clerk Rohde declared Schweder as Chair. Schweder presided as Chair the remainder of the meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Schweder called for nomination for Vice Chair. Nancy Hiestand nominated Bill Boutwell. No other nominations. Bill Boutwell is Vice Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

Taylor Haag Strauser from the Green Lake Association gave an update on their collaboration with Green Lake County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve the minutes of the 04/09/2026 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

APPEARANCES

- USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service regarding possible Goose Roundup

USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection gave a presentation regarding Good Roundup.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **UW-Extension** – All staff reports can be found in the packet. Each member of the UW-Extension staff went over their report. New Crops Educator, Karen Bender introduced herself. Grace Brown introduced the new Fair Intern, Ava Butt.
- **Land Conservation** – Morris went over his report found in the packet.

- **Parks** – Van Meel stated they are in the process of interviewing for the LTE positions. The garbage cans for the parks have been ordered.

SPRING LAKE PARKING BIDS

1 bid came in from Northeast Asphalt for \$90,000. Committee discussed using boat launch fees and a potential grant to cover the cost. The committee will take action at a special meeting held next week.

WELCOME NEW REGIONAL CROPS EDUCATOR KAREN BENDER

Discussed during the UW-Extension reports.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GOOSE ROUNDUP

Committee decided not to donate to the food pantry due to cost. This will get forwarded to County Board for discussion and possible action.

Chair Schweder left the meeting at 10:27AM. Vice Chair Boutwell took over.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO COURT OF DRAINAGE BOARD NOMINATION

Discussion held. *Motion/second (Skivington/Hiestand)* to accept the nomination from Rodney A. Zietlow. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION REGARDING HIGHWAY DITCH SPRAYING

Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda answered questions from the committee regarding the ditch spraying. The label to the chemicals used will be posted on the website for the public to view.

DISCUSSION REGARDING POWER LOADING

Chief Deputy Matt Vande Kolk stated that education regarding power loading was posted on the internet. This post got lots of feedback. Vande Kolk stated that the goal is to protect the boat launch and not write tickets.

COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSION

Still early in the season. Waiting for the survey to be utilized more.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – Special meeting on May 19th, 2026, and regular meeting on June 11th, 2026
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Boutwell adjourned the meeting at 10:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Rohde
Deputy County Clerk