



# *GREEN LAKE COUNTY*

*571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941*

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**Original Post Date: 5/11/2026**

**Amended Post Date:**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

- 1) Amended Agenda
- 2) Minutes: 04/09/2026
- 3) Department Reports
  - UW-Extension
  - Land Conservation
- 4) Drainage Board Member Qualification Questionnaire



# GREEN LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

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County Clerk

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## Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting Notice

**Date: Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 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*  
*Mike Skivington*  
*Nancy Hiestand*  
*Bill Boutwell*  
*Lisa Schuster*

*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. Election of Chair
5. Election of Vice Chair
6. Public Comment (3 minute limit)
7. Approve Minutes: 04/09/2026
8. Appearances
  - USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service regarding possible Goose Roundup
9. Department Reports
  - UW-Extension
  - Land Conservation
  - Parks
10. \*Spring Lake parking bids  
Welcome new Regional Crops Educator, Karen Bender
11. Discussion and possible action regarding goose roundup
12. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation to Court of Drainage Board nomination
13. Discussion regarding highway ditch spraying
14. Discussion regarding power loading
15. County Park improvements discussion
16. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
17. Adjourn

**This meeting will be conducted and available through in person attendance or audio/visual communication. Remote access can be obtained through the following link:**

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Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office.  
Samantha Stobbe, County Clerk

**Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or audio assistance, should contact the County Clerk's Office, 294-4005, not later than 3 days before date of the meeting.**

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bob Schweder called the meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee to order at 9:00AM on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Nita Krenz

Absent:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)**

John Willett, N5415 Brooklyn G Rd – spoke regarding the Highway Department spraying the ditches.

Tony Daley, Berlin Journal – spoke regarding the Highway Department spraying the ditches.

Catherine Klumb, W2484 County Rd CC – spoke regarding the Highway Department spraying the ditches.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand)* to approve the minutes of the 03/12/2026 Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee Meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**RESOLUTION**

- **Resolution Creating County Memorial Tree Program**

*Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand)* to approve the Resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Memorial pendent will be offered with the tree for an additional \$50. There will be no charges for the planting and care of the tree.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- **Land Conservation** – Todd Morris went over his report found in the packet. Arbor Day is on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact Heidi in the Land Conservation office to sign up.
- **Parks** – Pit bathrooms have been cleaned out. The LTE positions have been posted.

### **PARKS PIT BATHROOM RECEPTACLES**

There has been a lot of garbage thrown in the bathroom toilets which makes it harder for them to get cleaned out. Van Meel would like to add garbage's around the parks to help eliminate this issue. These garbage's would be concreated down so they cannot be stolen.

### **COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSION**

The survey has not gotten much use. However, once parks start getting used more this summer, the maintenance department is expecting it to be used more.

Boutwell suggested adding changing houses/showers to the parks with swimming beaches. Discussion held.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- a. Next meeting date – May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion
  - Highway spraying discussion
  - Power loading discussion

### **ADJOURN**

Chair Schweder adjourned the meeting at 9:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Rohde  
Deputy County Clerk



## Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Division of Extension  
Area 12 – Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette and  
Waushara Counties

Area Extension Director – Pat Wagner  
480 Underwood Ave.  
Montello, WI 53949  
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### Greetings Green Lake County Land, Water, Parks and Community Committee -

Welcome to your role on our county oversight committee! As a key partner with our county government, I wanted to provide you with some information about UW-Madison Extension and how we can best work together to serve the needs of those who work and reside in Green Lake County.

Extension's mission is to connect people with the latest university research and knowledge. Extension services are delivered right to our county by dedicated staff funded in partnership with the county government. Your role on the County Board puts you in the perfect position to help us in our mission to respond to community needs. Collaboration is key to our work and making sure everyone is represented. We welcome your participation in rolling out priority plans and action strategies. We strengthen each other through exchanging experiences and research statewide. Extension works alongside the people of Wisconsin to deliver practical educational programs — in schools, throughout rural and urban communities, in libraries, in homes and more. This short video gives a brief description of what Extension does in Wisconsin -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcbAx08KbQQ>

Extension's programming covers six program areas: Positive Youth Development (4-H); Community Development; Agriculture; Human Development & Relationships; Health & Well-Being; and Natural Resources. Our local staff are working on a broad range of topics in some of these areas and state specialists and program managers are addressing issues across the state in other areas, such as:

- **Creating opportunities for youth to thrive**: Community-led youth development programs deliver quality activities and leadership opportunities that foster engaged, energized, and informed young people across the state. 98% of our 4-H members are inspired to make positive changes in their communities. They are finding topics that spark their interest, developing leadership skills, and building connections.
- **Enhancing leadership and community development**: We provide education for elected officials to understand their roles and responsibilities in helping communities thrive. We offer community leaders and businesses direct technical assistance and connection to support structures they need to help them succeed, including land use planning. We bring resources to address issues like housing or organizational leadership development. These resources are supplied by local educator staff as well as state specialists and program managers.
- **Focusing on farm vitality and viability**: Our researchers, outreach specialists, and local regional educators are on the leading edge of creating practical solutions for livestock and crop production in addition to farm and labor management. We provide customized guidance, business planning assistance, and industry knowledge for what today's agricultural operators are facing.
- **Reinforcing family connections and strong relationships**: Through virtual learning opportunities and some in-person sessions, families learn about themselves and how they can best address their needs today. Programming in the areas of lifespan, financial, rent planning, budget management, parenting, and more are also available through the resources of state specialists and program managers.
- **Healthy food access and well-being**: Extension supports positive change for families through physical and mental health programs in addition to structural improvements needed to make the healthy choice the easy choice. Public health resources and tools for community action are also available to Wisconsin residents through the resources of state specialists and program managers.

- **Environmental literacy and engagement:** We work at the crossroads of communities, natural resources, and agriculture to protect our environmental assets and guide resource management. We support individual and regional, well water testing along with education to address safe drinking water. We educate farmers, businesses, and communities on safe practices to ensure access to plentiful, sustainably managed sources of food, water, and energy.

Our work has a true impact on Green Lake County as well as across the state. Today, the Green Lake County Extension Team includes the following members: **Brandon Springer**, 4-H Youth Development Educator; **Pat Malone**, Community Development Educator; **Adam Hartfiel**, Regional Livestock Educator; **Karen Bender**, Regional Crops Educator; **Grace Brown**, Administrative Assistant; and **Pat Wagner**, Area Extension Director. This team works WITH partners and customers to help solve issues that are important to them. To assist others in making informed decisions, we provide guidance to research-based information. Through our interactions we provide unbiased research-based information to provide an answer, recommendation, or next steps in addressing concerns.

Please consider reviewing the reports provided to you in our regular report to the Land, Water, Parks and Community Committee packet. The reports will give you an even better perspective of the local impact in Marquette County through the work of our county educators. The community is our classroom, and I like to think of us as Wisconsin's largest classroom! You may not always see us in the office, but we invite you to participate in our classroom anytime you'd like. For additional information about Extension, consider exploring:  
<https://extension.wisc.edu/> - Extension overview. The various Institutes are listed across the top of the site.  
<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/impacts/> - Impacts of programming Statewide.  
<https://greenlake.extension.wisc.edu> - Local Green Lake County Extension website.

Please reach out to me and the rest of our Green Lake County Extension Office Team with any questions you have, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Pat Wagner, Area 12 Extension Director  
Serving Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marquette, and Waushara Counties



## Agriculture

Adam Hartfiel

Regional Livestock Educator - Adams, Green Lake, Portage and Waushara

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- Delivered a virtual six-session educational course for beginning and prospective beef producers during evening Zoom sessions. Our goal was to increase knowledge across key beef production topics including marketing, cow-calf/stocker/backgrounders/finishing enterprises, handling facilities, health and veterinary care, grazing, feeding and nutrition, and reproduction and genetics. As a result, participants reported greater confidence and intent to adopt improved management practices that support profitable and sustainable beef operations.
- Total Reach: Two hundred and five (205) registered and 113 (55%) attended at least one session.
- An in-person educational event/workshop for swine producers and agri-business professionals where participants will learn about swine selection, nutrition, critical nutrients, and biosecurity.
- Total Reach: Adams County workshop: 34 participants Portage County workshop: 24 participants
- An anonymous **evaluation** of the workshops indicated that 83% of participants learned more about the topics that were discussed than they previously knew. Furthermore, 72% of participants indicated they would use something they learned at the workshop to help improve and make decisions on their own operations.
- A series of workshops for beef producers addressing multiple aspects of direct marketing beef to consumers to improve their success direct marketing beef.
- Total Reach: 120 beef producers
- A series of factsheets covering beef cow nutrition through all 4 production phases. The goal of these factsheets is for beef producers to better understand production in order to achieve a calving interval of 365 days. To meet this goal, producers need to make sure their cows are on the correct plane of nutrition. With good management, nutritional needs of the beef cow-calf operation can be largely met with forages.
- A survey of private meat locker plants in Northeast WI to understand the current average hot carcass weight of beef steers and heifers that are intended for direct marketing. Results from this study will be used to help both producers and consumers understand the current market expectations for carcass size for direct marketing. This is important in order for new producers and consumers to educate themselves and their target markets.
- A series of phone calls and farm visits in Adams, Green Lake, Portage, and Waushara counties to address concerns brought up by livestock producers. This effort is designed to assist livestock producers in providing research-based information for their use to help improve and maintain economic viability for their operation

Karen Bender

Regional Crops and Soils Educator - Adams, Green Lake, Portage and Waushara



- Karen Bender began her role as the UW-Extension Crops and Soils Educator on April 20, 2026. Her coverage area includes Green Lake, Waushara, Adams and Portage counties, with her home base office in Green Lake. Her professional background includes secondary agriscience education, breeding research and development for root and bulb vegetable crops, applied bulb research in a greenhouse setting, and conservation agriculture. She has a particular interest in regenerative farming practices, climate resiliency, and specialty crop production. Karen holds a B.S. in Agronomy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a M.S. in Plant Breeding from Iowa State University.

### Additional work being conducted in Green Lake County

- A series of nutrient management courses for farmers in collaboration with the UW Crops and Soils Program, DATCP, and county land and water departments to teach farmers the basics of nutrient management and how to use the SnapPlus program. The goal of this program series is to educate farmers on nutrient management plans and how to generate plans for their farms. A minimum educational requirement must be made per DATCP for farmers to certify their own plans. Having a nutrient management plan allows for participation in certain incentive programs and promotes responsible commercial fertilizer and manure application. Total Reach: Adams - 3 farmers Sauk - 1 farmer Juneau - 3 farmers Marquette - 25 farmers (session 1), 13 farmers (session 2) Green Lake - 17 farmers

### Community Development

- A series of events for a county planning committee to help them understand the comprehensive planning process and be able to apply that knowledge to a completed county comprehensive plan. Total Reach: 99 committee members and staff participated in a series of committee meetings and work sessions.
- A study on the current status of housing in Green Lake County. Results from this study will help local elected officials determine their role and level of involvement in county housing issues.
- Development of a series of meetings that involve learning and action with the county's Future Fair Committee. The goal is for members to increase trust and to develop and implement an action plan so that the county's fair will continue to thrive and provide opportunities for county youth.
- As part of a team, we taught "Grant Writing 101." Two sessions were held virtually with approximately 34 participants. Final evaluations will verify numbers but there were four participants from Green Lake County.
- Worked with volunteers to develop two surveys for the comprehensive planning process. One focuses on citizen input. The other targets local elected officials. Results will inform the planning process.
- Developed and presented a program on the local Green Lake Economy. It was presented to the local planning sub-committee to increase their understanding of regional economics, the major industries in the county, and how that perspective can change depending on the model used.
- Continued final planning steps for the Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference and the SE Wisconsin Housing Summit. Both are occurring in mid-May.



## Health and Well-Being

- Health insurance Navigator assistance for anyone in Wisconsin, where a total of 74,147 coverage services were provided directly to increase enrollment, retention, and appropriate use of benefits. Through this effort, our Navigators assisted 13,360 consumers with qualified health plan enrollments through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace and applications to Medicaid, supporting access to health care and improved health outcomes. Total Reach: Statewide: - 74,147 coverage assistance services provided - 8,335 individuals assisted with Marketplace qualified health plan selection - 5,025 individuals assisted with Medicaid - 9,206 consumers educated in health insurance literacy
- Between January and December 2025, Covering Wisconsin offered 18 virtual trainings for health insurance enrollment assisters and other professionals located throughout Wisconsin. The 503 registrants were educated on Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, and HealthCare.gov Marketplace eligibility and enrollment policy and program processes to enable effective application help and successful consumer coverage enrollment and retention. Our webinars have up-to-date information regarding health care policy changes and updates, complex case support, fixing coverage for consumers that have been victims of health insurance enrollment fraud, Special Enrollment Periods, and guidance for meeting both federal and state licensing requirements. Total Reach: 503 enrollment assisters and partners from all 72 Wisconsin counties registered to attend at least one of the 18 professional education presentations offered by Covering Wisconsin in 2025.

## Natural Resources

- A farmer feature article highlighting how one of our demonstration farmers is transforming low-yield acres into productive forage and conservation buffers using precision technology and partnerships. The effort was designed to support local learning amongst farmers by featuring how a local producer is implementing soil health practices on his land and highlight the Upper Fox-Wolf Demonstration Farm Network as a resource for farmers. It was also designed to uphold NRCS partnerships by creating a communication piece they could use to tell the story of one of our collaborative projects (the demonstration farm networks) to NRCS higher-ups, EPA partners, the agricultural community, and the public. Total Reach: Specifics not available. However, as mentioned in the Outcomes section, the GovDelivery newsletter reaches over 6,700 recipients.
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- An event for farmers to learn from other farmers about what soil health practices are working in the Winnebago Waterways Recovery Area (more specifically, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Waushara, Winnebago, Waupaca, and Calumet Counties). This effort (2026 Farmer Roundtable) was designed to get farmers networking with each other, trading tips on implementing soil health practices, and get more farmers applying soil health practices in their operations. Total Reach: 73 event participants



## Positive Youth Development

- **Boys and Girls Club Water Quality Program:** Planning for a program for youth to explore their spark in water quality and STEM. Youth will learn about the scientific method to conduct an experiment to see what the quality of water is in Green Lake. I have partnered with Land Conservation and HHS in the past and plan to bring them back to talk about possible career pathways that tie to water quality. I also plan to use new lessons designed to share what 4-H has to offer to better recruit youth into the program.
- **Service-Learning Lock In:** An activity for youth 6th grade and older where they built connection and sense of belonging through games and a service-learning activity so older youth could feel more connected to 4-H while giving back to their community. Youth strengthened their connections through musical chairs and board games. They learned about the Green Lake Area Animal Shelter's effort to provide quality care for animals in the community needing safety while painting boxes for animals to lay in (See picture below). Total Reach: 5 youth were interested in attending with 3 participating, one adult volunteer to help.



- **Tri-State Camp Conference:** I attended the Tri-State Camp Conference in Atlantic City to learn and develop professional skills to support camp programming in Green Lake County. I have started to use information from my sessions in the camp planning for Five County 4-H Camp this summer.
- **Cloverbud Quarterly:** A quarterly session for youth (K-2nd grade) to start to explore different project areas available through 4-H. Through these sessions, youth will find their sparks and build belonging early in the 4-H program. I had two ambassadors show up for the April session and no Cloverbuds. I am planning to use Cloverbud Day Camp to bring more interest and find a time that works for families.
- **Camp Counselor Zoom Training:** A virtual learning opportunity for youth to deepen their understanding of camper needs and their role at camp. This session provided the chance to build connections and learn leadership skills to be an effective mentor at camp and beyond. We also incorporated ways for youth to voice their ideas around our theme and gather feedback to better support in-person training later this month.
- **GLC 4-H Ambassadors:** A youth leadership program for 4-H'ers in 6th grade and older where they plan, implement, and support the county-wide 4-H program. The goal is for youth to build life skills, incorporate youth voice into programming, and to help grow the county 4-H program. They have been planning sessions for Super Saturday which will be led this Sunday!
- **Five County 4-H Camp Planning:** Planning an overnight camp experience for youth to build independence and resilience. I have focused on creating a counselor training experience that supports youth to build leadership and communication skills. I also focused on changing our schedule to add more elements of choice for the campers to encourage campers to build more relationships and explore their sparks.



- **Summer Academy Leadership Team:** Planning for PYD's College and Career Readiness Program: Summer Academy. I have focused on the "Ready for Life" aspect where youth will build life skills through a virtual scavenger hunt campus tour. Green Lake County has 4 youth who will be attending in June!
- **State Ambassador Shout Out:** Green Lake County's Elizabeth Kutzleb was selected as a State Arts Ambassador! The State Arts Ambassadors build leadership and interpersonal skills while planning and promoting expressive arts programs at statewide events including Summer Academy and Fall Forum. The Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association is also sponsoring the cost of the program to support her growth and leadership development that she can bring back to county programming.

**Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee**  
**Land & Water Conservation Dept. May 14, 2026 Report**

**April 2026 Projects**

- Inspect open erosion control permits and review new permit applications for erosion control and stormwater management.
- Continue to assist Estates of Lawsonia as they transition ownership of lots over to the newly formed Homeowners Association (HOA) and answer any questions that they encounter during the process.
- Met with several landowners to address stormwater runoff complaints and work on finding solutions.
  
- Continue design of leachate collection system – Town of St. Marie
- Review proposed feed pad expansion design for CAFO site in Town of Mackford for compliance with Animal Waste Management Ordinance.
- Update Certificates of Compliance for FPP participants
- Completed construction of grassed waterway and diversion in Town of Manchester. SWRM Funding.
- Completed construction of two Water and Sediment Control Basins in the Town of Green Lake. GLRI & GLA Funding.
- Started the construction of heavy use protection and roof structure in Town of Princeton. NOD Funding.
- Completed design changes for waste storage facility and waste transfer system, waiting to hear on funding and plan approval by NRCS – Town of Princeton
- Began construction of grassed waterway and subsurface drain in Town of Berlin. Project stalled do to the rain. SWRM Funding.
- Review of nutrient management plan submitted – 5 landowners
- Collecting background information to run PLET (Pollutant Load Estimation Tool) for Green Lake and Silver Creek watersheds
- Completed streambank stabilization project – Town of Green Lake. GLRI and GLA Funding
- Nutrient Management Farmer Education with Plain Faith Community
  
- Held Arbor Day Breakfast.
- Accepted Multi-Discharger Variance applications and rankings
- Completed well testing with homeowners in Town of Kingston and SW section Town of Princeton. Tested 127 wells and will hold education program on June 17<sup>th</sup> at Princeton Library to go over results.
- Assist landowners with No-till Drill rental.
- Setup boat wash station at Dodge Memorial Park
- “Benefits of Native Planting” presentations at Markesan, Green Lake, and Princeton Libraries
- Planning for Native Shoreline Workshop with GLA.
- Native Plant Sale – 63 flats sold

**May 2026 Planned Projects**

- Continue planning for a Green Lake County Stewardship Program.
- Submit watershed plan to DNR for 2026 Multi-Discharger Variance program.
- Cost share agreements developed for SWRM and MDV funding.
- Spot-checks for Farmland Preservation Program
- Site visits and reporting for NR151 Progress and Resource Analysis project.
- Continue construction checks on heavy use protection and roof structure projects.
- Conduct Transect Survey

## **Lake and River Report**

**Lake Puckaway** – No update

**Twin Lakes** – No update

**Spring Lake (Kingston)** – No update

**Spring Lake (Green Lake)** – No update

**Little Green** – No update

**Green Lake** – Multiple Lake Management Plan update meetings and discussions.

**Grand Lake** – No update

**Other** –

## **Golden Sands AIS Update**

- See Attached Report

## **Producer Led Watershed Group:**

- Green Lake Farmers Coalition field day was held on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Liv helping group as needed.

## **Upcoming Events:**

May 21, 2026 – Golden Sands RC&D Board Meeting – Stevens Point

June 5, 2026 – Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association spring meeting

June 12, 2026 – Native Plant Sale Pickup at fairgrounds, sold 58 flats

June 13, 2026 – Native Shoreline Workshop at Sunset Park

June 17, 2026 – WaterWELLness Educational Program, Princeton Library

June 20, 2026 – GLA State of the Lake breakfast

July 16, 2026 – Golden Sands RC&D Board Meeting – Stevens Point

August 14, 2026 – Clean Sweep

September 17, 2026 – Golden Sands RC&D Board Meeting – Stevens Point

September 18, 2026 – Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association summer meeting

November 19, 2026 – Golden Sands RC&D Board Meeting – Stevens Point

\*April 4, 2028 – DATCP Land & Water Board Meeting for 10-year Revision of LWRM Plan

# GREEN LAKE COUNTY

## April Aquatic Services Highlights 2026

Staff attended the annual Lakes and Rivers Convention. Display booth educated viewers on Golden Sands RC&D's LMPN projects and lake services. Also collaborated with UW Extension Lakes staff, Big Bass Lake and Porters Lake for presentation on managing Eurasian watermilfoil.

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Facebook and Instagram posts on AIS and 2026 fishing seasons.

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Presented AIS prevention at the Midwest Furbearer Workshop in Onalaska. 12 states represented.

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Staff attended a virtual meeting discussing "Engaging with Natural Resources Volunteers".

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Purple Loosestrife biocontrol has started. Two biocontrol presentations and root digging events were completed. One with High Marq Charter School students in Montello and the other with Stratford High School students in collaboration with the Madison Agriculture Research Station near Stratford. ~40 total participants. 101 roots dug/potted. 6 beetle rearing locations. Beetle collection will begin in early May. The Green Lake Sanitary District is planning to utilize their mass rearing cage in 2026. Golden Sands RC&D will assist in collecting starter beetles in May. Biocontrol volunteer in Berlin has had great success and offered her property to be a beetle collection site.

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Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) trainings have started. Green Lake Association is taking a break from CBCW in 2026. Golden Sands RC&D's next Trainings will take place virtually on May 6<sup>th</sup> and in person May 19. Opportunities through Golden Sands RC&D and across the state are available by viewing the CBCW calendar at <https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/programs/cbcw/workshops/schedule.aspx>

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The butterfly dock population by Blackbird Point continues to be evaluated by DNR with assistance from property maintenance person.

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Exotic Pet Surrender events around the state can be found at [jaar.org/exoticpetsurrenderevents](http://jaar.org/exoticpetsurrenderevents)



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Resource Conservation  
& Development Council, Inc.

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# Spotting the Invaders: Identifying and Monitoring Eurasian Watermilfoil & Zebra Mussels

Presented by: Chris Hamerla  
Aquatic Services & AIS Coordinator

 **Hands-On with Live Specimens**

 **Identification & Impact**

 **Citizen Monitoring Techniques**

**When: Friday, May 22, 2026**

**Time: 7:00pm to 8:30 pm**

**Location: Highway Department Training Room  
403 Ruth's Way, Wautoma**

**Questions? Call the UW Extension Office 920-787-0416**



For directions scan QR  
code or visit

<https://go.wisc.edu/n95aaj>



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**Extension**  
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Drainage Board Member Qualification Questionnaire

Name: Rodney A. Zietlow  
Address: W2953 County Road F.  
City: Berlin State WI. Zip 54923  
Phone: 920-361-4115 Cell Phone: 920-369-8115  
Email: burrodz@gmail.com

1. Number of years you have farmed. 51, lived and worked on a farm my whole life.

2. If you ever farmed, did you ever conduct, oversee, or implement farm drainage practices with your farming experience? Explain.

Yes, Right out of high school I worked to design a drainage system for the home farm with my  
Dad, Grass waterways, culverts and drainage ditches. Then when I purchased my own land  
waterways, ditches and tile systems sized and installed to improve efficient crop production.  
I have three years of experience on the GL Drainage board understanding regulations.

3. Have you ever been involved with the engineering of drainage? i.e.: sized proper drainage tiles or pipe to drain or convey water; sized culverts. Explain.

Like I've said for my first questionnaire three years ago. I do not have a engineer  
license. Dairy Farm Management Certificate at UW Madison, A grade in Ag engineering.  
Yes, besides my own farm I have three years of experience on the GL Drainage board.  
I understand specification plans. Know how to gather information to make correct decisions.  
Been on other boards of directors. I will serve to the best interest of all stake holders.

Return by to: Green Lake County  
Department of Land Conservation  
571 County Road A  
Green Lake, WI 54941

Nomination Form  
Green Lake County Drainage Board

Date 04/10/2026

We would like to nominate the following person for a position on the Green Lake County Drainage Board.

Name: Rodney Zietlow

Address: W2953 County Road F

Berlin Wi. 54923

Phone: 920-369-8115

Printed Name

Signature

Joan AIF

Joan AIF

Lavern AIF

Lavern AIF

John Shrock

John Shrock