



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

Original Post Date: 07/06/2026

Amended Post Date: 07/07/2026

The following documents are included in the packet for the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee meeting on July 9th, 2026.

- 1) Amended Agenda
- 2) Minutes: 06/11/2026
- 3) Department Reports
 - Land Conservation
 - UW Extension
 - *Parks
- 4) Spring Lake pictures
- 5) 2027 Budget
 - Parks
 - Maintenance



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, July 9th, 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 - Chair
Bill Boutwell – Vice
Chair
Nancy Hiestand
Lisa Schuster
Mike Skivington

Pamala Dykstra,
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: 06/11/2026
6. Appearances
 - Taylor Hagg – Green Lake Association
7. *Discussion and possible action regarding Winnefox Library 5-year Agreement
8. Department Reports
 - Land Conservation
 - UW Extension
 - Written Educator Report
 - Area Extension Director Report
 - Update on Staffing
 - **Parks
9. Discussion and possible action regarding Spring Lake paving project
10. *Discussion and possible action regarding LTE to Full-time Maintenance Position
11. 2027 Budget
 - Parks
 - Maintenance
12. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: August 13th, 2026
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
 - Possible touring of County Parks
13. 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
Thursday, June 11th, 2026

Chair Bob Schweder called the meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee to order at 9:00AM on Thursday, June 11th, 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
Nancy Hiestand

Absent: Lisa Schuster
Mike Skivington

Other County Employees Present: Karissa Rohde, Deputy County Clerk; Pamala Dykstra, Deputy County Clerk; Todd Morris, County Conservationist; Mike Van Meel, Maintenance Supervisor; Jason Jerome, County Manager; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Kayla Yonke, Finance Director (Remote); Pat Malone, Community Development Educator

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve the 5-14-2026 and 5-19-2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried with no negative vote.

ORDINANCE

- Ordinance amending § 121-2, Reservation of County Facilities
Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve the ordinance. Motion carried with no negative vote. Discussion held.
- Ordinance amending Green Lake County Code § 9-38 Land, Water Parks and Community Committee
Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve the ordinance. Motion carried with no negative vote. Discussion held.

RESIGNATION OF BRANDON SPRINGER FROM POSITION AS 4-H PROGRAM EDUCATOR

Motion/second (Boutwell/Hiestand) to approve moving forward with hiring a new 4-H program educator. Motion carried with no negative vote.
Green Lake County would not have a 4-H program without the 4-H educator.

LAND CONSERVATION BUDGET DISCUSSION

2027 Budget draft can be found in the packet. Morris held discussion.

EXTENSION 2027 BUDGET DISCUSSION

2027 Budget draft can be found in the packet. Wagner held discussion.

LIBRARIES 2027 BUDGET DISCUSSION

2027 Budget draft can be found in the packet. Discussion held.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- County libraries – no discussion, report can be found in the packet
- Land Conservation – report can be found in the packet.
- Parks – parks department planted their first memorial tree in Sunset Park. They also hired two LTE employees for the summer. Spring Valley Park paving will begin at the end of the month. Van Meel gave update on power loading.

COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSION

Chair Schweder suggested visiting the county parks as part of the meeting.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – July 9th, 2026
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Chair Schweder adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Rohde
Deputy County Clerk

Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee

Land & Water Conservation Dept. July 9, 2026 Report

June 2026 Projects

- Inspect open erosion control permits and review new permit applications for erosion control and stormwater management.
- Complete design of leachate collection system. Sent to NRCS Assistant State Engineer for review – Town of St. Marie. Possible NOD Grant
- Complete design for stream crossing, inlet protection, outlet protection in Town of Mackford.
- Begin design for inlet protection and grassed waterway in Town of Green Lake. TRM Funding
- Continuing construction of heavy use protection and roof structure in Town of Princeton. NOD Funding.
- Follow up with landowners sent targeted GLRI buffer and streambank potential project areas.
- Continuing construction of waste transfer and waste storage structure in Town of Princeton. NOD Funding
- Completed post-construction streambank survey and erosion control site inspection.
- Continue survey and design for streambank stabilization project.
- Met with 6 landowners to provide technical assistance on shoreline and gully erosion concerns.
- Farmland Preservation Program spotchecks
- Multi-Discharger Variance Program spotchecks
- Completed NR151 Progress and Resource Analysis checks
- Assist landowners with No-till Drill rental.
- Installation of Native Shoreline Planting event at Sunset Park.
- Attend Transcendent Technologies user group meeting/training
- Complete WI Transect Survey
- Hosted Water WELLness educational program, Princeton Public Library

July 2026 Planned Projects

- Continue planning for a Green Lake County Stewardship Program.
- Complete Spot-checks for Farmland Preservation Program
- Project designs for streambank stabilization structures and harvestable buffers.
- Continue construction checks on heavy use protection and roof structure projects.
- Send out FPP Annual Certifications
- Assist landowner with streambank stabilization project.

Lake and River Report

Lake Puckaway – Responded to inquiries regarding lake water levels.

Twin Lakes – WDNR reviewed the DRAFT Lake Management Plan and returned comments to consultant for revisions.

Spring Lake (Kingston) – No update

Spring Lake (Green Lake) – no update

Little Green – Gathering background information requested by consultant for Lake Management Plan Development. Met with Lake Planning Team. Reviewed 2 shoreline sites.

Green Lake – Multiple Lake Management Plan update meetings and discussions. Attended Green Lake Association State of the Lake breakfast and staffed informational booth.

Grand Lake – No update

Other – Reviewed 2026 WDNR Surface Water Grant guidance and submitted comments during public review period. Conducted water quality sampling on 3 streams.

Golden Sands AIS Update

- See Attached Report

Producer Led Watershed Group:

- Green Lake Farmers Coalition field day planned for July 2nd.
- No-till vs. Strip-till field day held.
- Liv assisting group as needed.

Upcoming Events:

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

Shoreline Planting Sunset Park



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

June Aquatic Services Highlights 2026

Staff participated in the June Lakes & Rivers Partnership meeting focused on AIS.

Staff partnered with WDNR and UW Extension Lakes to provide statewide aquatic plant ID training for three days at Kemp Station, Lake Tomahawk.

Drain Campaign Press Release was shared with 31 media contacts within Golden Sands RC&D's coverage area. This statewide campaign reminds boaters to drain all the water from their boat before leaving the landing.

AIS LTE Brooke Cherek was trained to assist with the statewide CBCW boater behavior surveys. She'll do Green Lake, Little Green Lake and Mission Lake - Marathon Co.

Facebook posts were shared covering June AIS awareness month, Natural Resources Foundation field trips (Invasives) and the August Snapshot event.

Golden Sands RC&D just acquired a temperature and dissolved oxygen meter to better assist our lakes. Please contact us with your local needs!

Exotic Pet Surrender events around the state can be found at jraar.org/exoticpetsurrenderevents

Participated in the Green Lake Alliance meeting discussing easement opportunities and projects. Golden Sands RC&D's Spaulding Hill baseline assessment is being currently being reviewed by the Green Lake Conservancy.

Staff had an AIS table during the Green Lake State of the Lake Breakfast & annual meeting at the Heidel House on June 20th. Spiny water flea information was highlighted. AIS signage was checked at several boat landings on Green Lake.

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. is hiring for an Executive Director. The announcement can be found at <https://www.goldensandsrccd.org/employment>



Golden Sands
Resource Conservation
& Development Council, Inc.
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Agriculture

Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator, Waushara, Adams, Green Lake, and Portage Counties

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- An educational article for beef producers where the audience will learn about assessing hay storage losses to determine proper storage for dry hay.
 - The Wisconsin Agriculturist Magazine includes articles written and peer-reviewed by the Division of Extension Livestock Program educators. Articles are intended for the magazine's farming audience and for all articles, including those written for the monthly Beef Column
- A workshop focusing on meat quality and yield. The workshop will also discuss direct marketing meat off the farm, and participants will learn about useful decision tools that UW-Extension has available for them on the UW-Extension Livestock website.
 - Green Lake County Government Center Training Room: **August 20th, 2026, from 6-8**
 - Registration will be available soon
- A workshop designed for beef producers to better understand what options are available when fall forage runs out; considerations for weaning calves, and pasture management topics will be discussed.
- Planning for an event that includes in-person demonstrations and interactive tabletop discussions during Farm Technology Days for beef producers – 6 sessions. These activities aimed to help participants gain awareness of management practices that influence the economic viability of their farms, including better understanding the impact of meat quality and yield grade on final saleable product. Other topics include animal health product handling and biosecurity.
 - Farm Technology Days: July 14-16th
 - Interested in Attending? Follow this link: <https://www.wifarmtechdays.org/>
- A series of phone calls and farm visits in Adams, Green Lake, Waushara and Portage 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.
- Developing an enterprise budget spreadsheet for beef producers to project a cost of production to finish beef animals over multiple production phases. The goal is for farmers to determine their cost of production to make informed management decisions for finishing cattle.
 - Determining and projecting cost of production for finishing beef, beef x dairy animals can be a difficult task as there can be many phases to the production cycles involved. Knowing the costs of production and being able to predict costs of production for future groups of animals provides vital information for farmers to make informed decisions to improve profitability.
- An article for beef producers on best management practices and current research in livestock systems. Articles like these keep livestock producers up to date with local and regional livestock news, market trends, and production ideas to help increase the economic viability of producers.
 - The Wisconsin State Farmer includes articles written and peer-reviewed by the Division of Extension Livestock Program educators.

Karen Bender, Regional Crops & Soils Educator, Waushara, Adams, Green Lake, Portage karen.bender@wisc.edu

- A series of phone calls and farm visits in Adams, Green Lake, Waushara and Portage counties to address concerns brought up by crop producers and landowners. This effort is designed to provide crop producers and residents research-based information to improve crop yield, quality, soil health and economic outcomes.
- A series of weekly visits to the Tri-County Produce Growers Co-Op. This effort provides timely crop production information including weekly Ag Weather Outlook for Wisconsin summaries and UW Vegetable Crop Update newsletters. Providing printed resources to these growers, who are members of Plainfaith communities, allows them access to valuable information which would otherwise be difficult to access.
- Introductory meetings with the Land Conservation Departments in Adams, Green Lake, Waushara and Portage counties. This effort results in connections between UW-Extension and county staff, identifying opportunities for collaboration, and assessing the needs of the community to guide future outreach.

Community Development

Patricia Malone-patricia.malone@wisc.edu

- A multi-county, day-long housing summit where participants from across the southeastern region examined current housing data, explored emerging trends, and learned practical strategies for addressing local housing needs. Through this summit, participants gained tools and insights to support stronger, more resilient communities throughout southeastern Wisconsin. Total Reach: 160 registrants (community leaders, housing professionals, local officials, and regional collaborators); approximately 140 attendees. We reached our goal of increasing understanding and addressing the region's most pressing housing challenges, so that attendees can contribute to a more coordinated, inclusive, and resilient housing future for Southeastern Wisconsin.
- Basic grant writing workshop for local government, businesses, and organization members and staff. The goal of this effort is for people to learn how to find, write and apply for grants so that they can carry out the activities of their organization, business, or government unit. Total Reach: 56 Community Leaders from around Wisconsin. This included six registrants from Green Lake County.
- 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 complete a county comprehensive plan. Total Reach: 99 committee members and staff participated in a series of committee meetings and work sessions.
- 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.
- A study on the current status of housing in Green Lake County continues. Results from this study will help local elected officials determine their role and level of involvement in county housing issues.
- Green Lake was the site of the 3rd annual Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference. Extension created partnerships in Green Lake, WI, and the region to plan programming for the conference. It organized a steering committee of statewide and local organizations to contribute to the conference planning process for 2026. It worked with partners in Green Lake along with the statewide steering committee to design sessions, invite speakers, identify venues, and identify local vendors for the conference.
- **Outcomes of Effort**
- The conference was attended by 180+ rural economic developers, entrepreneurs, and community leaders, who participated in programming targeted at supporting local business development in smaller Wisconsin



communities. The conference featured local keynote speakers, local businesses, and local catering. The conference received strong positive feedback in the post-conference surveys, with multiple people saying that this is their "favorite conference" or "the best conference ever."

- A number of Green Lake organizations played a role in organizing and hosting the conference. They included the City of Green Lake, Green Lake Chamber of Commerce, and Town Square Community Center.

Positive Youth Development

Brandon Springer

5 County Summer Camp

- Implemented an in-person, overnight five-county 4-H summer camp focused on providing youth with meaningful, hands-on learning experiences.
- 117 youth attended from the 5-county area
 - 20 Green Lake Co. youth campers
 - 4 Green Lake Co. youth counselors
- Youth were engaged in activities such as:
 - Archery
 - Woodworking
 - Fishing – collaboration with Wautoma Cops and Bobbers program
 - Swimming
 - Canoeing
 - Team building
- Provided high school-aged youth with opportunities to serve as counselors, developing leadership and facilitation skills.
- Created a setting for youth to disconnect from technology and social media while building in-person connections with peers.





- Addressed the need for hands-on, skill-building experiences and increased opportunities for youth to engage outside of their everyday routines.
- Collaborated across five counties to expand access to programming and strengthen regional connections among youth.
- Supported program implementation through educator-led session planning, youth leader training, and orientation of volunteers and chaperones.
- Ensured a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment that encourages participation, relationship-building, and skill development.
- Observed improvements in youth communication skills and a greater willingness to try new activities.
- Supported confidence building, positive peer interactions, and increased appreciation for nature.
- Encouraged ongoing engagement in 4-H and community-based activities through the development of life skills, social connections, and healthy habits.

4-H Summer Academy

- Supported the 4 Green Lake County attendees of 4-H Summer Academy. This is a statewide youth conference for youth in grades 8-11 in collaboration with UW Madison and Madison College. The goal of the effort is to help youth identify and explore sparks and post-secondary pathways through hands-on tracks and aspirational activities guided by adult advisors and young adult leaders as mentors. Springer's work over the past 2.75 years encouraged participation in this educational experience which resulted in increased youth participation from 2024 (0 attendees) to 2025 (1 attendee) to 2026 (4 attendees)

























GREEN LAKE COUNTY 2027 BUDGET

Total FTE		0.00	ACTUAL 12/31/2024	ACTUAL 12/31/2025	ACTUAL 6/30/2026	2026 REVISED	2027 PROPOSED
COUNTY PARKS							
100-12-55200-120-000	SALARIES		33,852	11,856		37,986	55,013
100-12-55200-151-000	SOCIAL SECURITY		2,529	907		2,906	4,208
100-12-55200-153-000	Ret. Employer Share		1,808			2,735	3,988
100-12-55200-154-000	Health Insurance		5,080	-		5,625	26,100
100-12-55200-155-000	Life Insurance		21	-		22	22
100-12-55200-232-000	ELECTRICAL		1,887	2,066		2,842	2,842
100-12-55200-245-120	PARKS IMPROVEMENTS		4,262	36,446		3,000	3,000
100-12-55200-246-000	SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAINTENANCE		43,140			43,140	43,140
100-12-55200-246-001	SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE GRANT						
100-12-55200-248-000	WILDLIFE HABITAT MGMT		950	950		950	950
100-12-55200-301-000	GREEN LAKE TRAIL PROJECT					50,000	50,000
100-12-55200-350-000	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE SERVICE		21,109	10,995		22,000	22,000
100-12-55200-350-360	BOAT LAUNCH MAINTENANCE		110,267	89,564		24,000	24,000
100-12-55200-362-000	CONSUMABLE TOOLS		323				
100-12-55200-390-000	MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM						1,600
100-12-55200-534-000	MACHINERY RENTAL		925	1,255		1,140	1,140
100-12-55200-810-000	EQUIPMENT		1,821	538		2,000	2,000
101-12-55200-999-005	Carryover Green Lake Trial Project			-			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			227,975	154,577	-	198,346	240,004
FINANCING PROPOSAL							
100-12-43571-000-000	SNOWMOBILE TRAIL AIDS		43,140	36,446		43,140	43,140
100-12-43575-000-000	BOAT LAUNCH FEES		54,483	52,580		24,000	24,000
100-12-43578-000-000	GREEN LAKE TRAIL PROJECT		-			50,000	50,000
100-12-43604-000-000	PARK DONATIONS		-				1,600
100-12-43605-000-000	MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM						

	TOTAL REVENUES	97,623	89,026	-	117,140	118,740
COUNTY APPROPRIATION		130,352	65,551	-	81,206	121,264

GREEN LAKE COUNTY 2027 BUDGET

Total FTE	5.90	ACTUAL 12/31/2024	ACTUAL 12/31/2025	ACTUAL 6/30/2026	2026 REVISED	2027 PROPOSED
MAINTENANCE						
100-06-51600-110-000	SALARIES	337,097	334,623		334,623	348,956
100-06-51600-123-000	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	1,785	624		624	13,900
100-06-51600-125-000	OVERTIME					
100-06-51600-151-000	SOCIAL SECURITY	23,892	25,651		25,651	26,695
100-06-51600-153-000	RET. EMPLOYER SHARE	22,622	23,137		23,137	25,299
100-06-51600-154-000	HEALTH INSURANCE	115,353	124,619		124,619	152,922
100-06-51600-155-000	LIFE INSURANCE	1,010	1,105		1,105	1,075
100-06-51600-206-000	SERVICE CONTRACTS	26,096	22,336		22,336	26,263
100-06-51600-209-000	CONTRACTED SERVICES	8,407	11,000		11,000	11,000
100-06-51600-225-000	TELEPHONE	1,197	1,300		1,300	1,260
100-06-51600-242-000	PRINT MANAGEMENT	243	65		65	50
100-06-51600-245-000	GROUPS & GROUND IMPROVEMENTS	2,537	5,000		5,000	6,030
100-06-51600-247-000	MAINTENANCE GENERAL	3,735	5,700		5,700	5,700
100-06-51600-247-004	MAINTENANCE LAKE STEEL ST	2,696	2,500		2,500	2,500
100-06-51600-247-006	MAINTENANCE 571 COUNTY ROAD A	35,560	22,500		22,500	25,300
100-06-51600-247-847	MAINTENANCE FRI	106	-		-	160
100-06-51600-307-000	TRAINING		500		500	500
100-06-51600-310-000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	19	100		100	100
100-06-51600-344-000	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	13,105	10,950		10,950	15,000
100-06-51600-350-000	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	834	2,500		2,500	2,500
100-06-51600-352-000	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	165	2,000		2,000	2,000
100-06-51600-811-002	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/JAIL		-		-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		596,459	596,210	-	596,210	667,211
FINANCING PROPOSAL						
100-06-48307-000-000	SALE OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS	214	-	-	-	-
100-06-49220-000-000	FAIR REIMBURSEMENT	-	2,000			1,000
TOTAL REVENUES		214	2,000	-	-	1,000
COUNTY APPROPRIATION		596,245	594,210	-	596,210	666,211