

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
Thursday, September 10th, 2026**

Chair Bill Boutwell called the meeting of the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee to order at 9:00AM on Thursday, September 10th, 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: Dave Albright
Chuck Buss
Nancy Hiestand
Mike Skivington

Absent: Lisa Schuster

Other County Employees Present: Pamala Dykstra, Deputy County Clerk; Todd Morris, County Conservationist; Mike Van Meel, Maintenance Supervisor; Jason Jerome, County Manager; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel (left at 9:50 am); Pat Wagner, Area Extension Director (remote 9:13); Kayla Yonke, HHS Financial Manager (remote); Matt Vande Kolk, Chief Deputy

Chair Boutwell wanted to thank Bob Schweder for his time he gave as chair to the committee.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Boutwell called for a motion to elect the Vice Chair. ***Motion/second (Skivington/Buss)*** to approve the motion to elect the Vice Chair. Motion made to elect Mike Skivington as the new Vice Chair. ***Motion/second (Buss/Albright)*** to approve Mike Skivington as the new Vice Chair. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

Kelly Nielson, 727 W Thorne St. Ripon, WI spoke on behalf of the Green Lake Association to support the resolution Recognizing Big Green Lake's Economic Impact upon Green Lake County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Skivington/Hiestand) to approve the 08/13/2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: (NOT TO BEGIN BEFORE 9:00AM)

Recess for public hearing for the Winnefox Library 5-year Agreement. Regular business will resume at the conclusion of the public hearing.

Motion/second (Buss/ Skivington) to dissolve the meeting for the Public Hearing at 9:12 AM. Discussion held. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Motion/second (Buss/Hiestand) to conclude Public Hearing and resume the Land, Water, Parks & Community Meeting at 9:16AM. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WINNEFOX LIBRARY 5 – YEAR AGREEMENT

Agreement is in the packet. ***Motion/second (Skivington/Buss)*** to approve the Winnefox Library 5-Year agreement and forward to County Board. Motion carried with no negative votes.

RESOLUTION

- **Resolution Recognizing Big Green Lake's Economic Impact upon Green Lake County**

Discussion held. *Motion/second (Buss/Skivington)* to approve the resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POWER LOADING

Information in the packet. Van Meel discussed photos in the packet. Van Meel would like to bring in an expert to see what can be done about the issue and to look at options for repair. He will get information together and bring it to the next meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOAT LAUNCH FEES

Van Meel discussed the flyer found in the packet. He would like to move forward to the Text-To-Pay option for the smaller lakes. *Motion/second (Skivington/Buss)* to approve moving to the Text-To-Pay option. *Motion/second (Skivington/Buss)* to amend the motion and to approve moving to the Text-To-Pay Option to April of 2027. *Motion/second (Skivington/Buss)* to approve starting the Text-To-Pay option in April of 2027. Motion carried with no negative vote. The current ordinance will need to be looked at and possibly updated and will be brought to a future meeting for discussion and approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **Land Conservation** - Morris discussed report found in the packet.
- **Parks** – Van Meel gave report.
- **Maintenance** - Van Meel gave report.
 - One of the student LTE summer workers was approved for the Youth Apprenticeship Program through the school and will continue to work part of the mornings throughout the school year.
- **UW Extension**
 - **Update on Staffing** - Pat Wagner
 - The new 4-H Educator was hired and will start on September 21, 2026.
 - The UW Extension would like to attend all meetings and give some type of update at each meeting, starting with the October 8th meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TOURING COUNTY PARKS

Van Meel and Morris are going to come up with a date and time for the committee to tour the county parks. An email will be sent to the committee members on the date and time that is chosen. Discussion held.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. Next meeting date – October 8th, 2026
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion
 - Radtke Barge by Dodge Memorial Park

ADJOURN

Chair Boutwell adjourned at 10:02 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamala Dykstra
Deputy County Clerk