GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND, WATER, PARKS & COMMUNITY
Thursday, October 8th, 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; Pat Wagner, Area Extension Director; Kayla Yonke, HHS Financial Manager (remote); Matt Vande Kolk, Chief Deputy; Andy Brendemihl, Supervisor District 3; Pat Malone, UWEX Community Development; Adam Hartfiel, UWEX Regional Livestock; Karen Bender, UWEX Regional Crops; Sadie Dean, UWEX 4-H Program Educator

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)
None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion/second (Buss/Hiestand) to amend the 9/10/2026 minutes to add that Mike Skivington made a motion to elect himself as Vice Chair. ***Motion/second (Skivington/Hiestand)*** to approve the 09/10/2026 meeting minutes with the approved changes. Motion carried with no negative vote.

APPEARANCE
Trevor Pike, Wildlife Specialist with USDA APHIS gave a presentation on the Wildlife Damage Program.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF 2027 WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT AND CLAIMS BUDGET
Information in the packet. Discussion held. ***Motion/second (Skivington/Buss)*** to approve 2027 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Budget. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF 2026 CROP PRICE
Information in the packet. Discussion held. ***Motion/second (Albright/Hiestand)*** to approve the 2026 Crop Price. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF 2026 90% HARVEST DATE FOR APPRAISALS ON FALL HARVESTED CROPS
Information in the packet. Discussion held. ***Motion/second (Buss/Albright)*** to approve the 2026 90% Harvest Date for Appraisals on Fall Harvested Crops. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS
- **Land Conservation** - Morris discussed reports found in the packet. Discussion held.

- **Parks** – Van Meel gave report. Discussion held. All parks are doing well. Bathrooms are clean and piers will stay in until the weather starts to turn.
- **Maintenance** - Van Meel gave report. Discussion held. Plow truck are being repaired.
- **UW Extension -** Reports found in the packet. Wagner introduced Sadie Dean and the new 4-H Educator. Malone passed out results of the Comprehensive Plan Survey. Information will be in the Comprehensive Plan.

UW MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION AND GREEN LAKE COUNTY ENGAGEMENT DISCUSSION

Information in the packet. Discussion held. Wagner asked the board questions from the survey.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TOURING COUNTY PARKS

Tour will be on October 20th at 1:00 pm. Members will meet at the Green Lake County Government Center, and board bus to tour the county parks.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE RADTKE BARGE BY DODGE MEMORIAL PARK

Discussion held. Mann gave more information on the Riparian Zone. Van Meel reported that Radtke is pulling the barge out mid next week. The committee will talk more before spring about what can legally be done.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Next meeting date – November 12th, 2026
- Future agenda items for action & discussion
  - Radtke Barge
  - Boat Launch

ADJOURN

Chair Boutwell adjourned at 10:36 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamala Dykstra
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Deputy County Clerk