



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

Original Post Date: 10/06/2026

Amended Post Date:

The following documents are included in the packet for the Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee meeting on October 8th, 2026.

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Minutes: 09/10/2026
- 3) Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Budget
- 4) 2026 Crop Price Proposal
- 5) Department Reports
 - Land Conservation
 - UW Extension Educator Reports
- 6) U-W Madison Division of Extension and Green Lake County Engagement Discussion



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

Samantha Stobbe
County Clerk

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Land, Water, Parks & Community Committee
Meeting Notice

Date: Thursday, October 8th, 2026 Time: 9:00 AM
The Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room
571 County Road A, Green Lake WI

AGENDA

Committee
Members

Bill Boutwell - Chair
Mike Skivington– Vice
Chair
David Albright
Chuck Buss
Nancy Hiestand
Lisa Schuster

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 09/10/2026
6. Appearances
 - Trevor Pike, Wildlife Specialist USDA APHIS – Wildlife Damage Program
7. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of 2027 Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Budget
8. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of 2026 Crop Price
9. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of 2026 90% Harvest date for appraisals on fall harvested crops
10. Department Reports
 - Land Conservation
 - Parks
 - UW Extension
 - Introduce new 4-H Program Educator
 - Written Educator Reports
11. U-W Madison Division of Extension and Green Lake County Engagement Discussion
12. Discussion and possible action regarding Touring County Parks
13. Discussion and possible action regarding the Radtke Barge by Dodge Memorial Park
14. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Date: November 12th, 2026
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
15. 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

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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

SECTION IV: COUNTY BUDGET/ FINANCIAL PLAN - REQUIRED BY ALL PARTIES
GREEN LAKE COUNTY (COOPERATOR)
2027

COST ELEMENT	Price charged to Cooperator (Payable to APHIS WS)	Additional WDNR Funding Requested by Cooperator (county Reimbursed Directly from WDNR)	COST SHARED BY WS	FULL COST
Salaries (includes venison donation admin)	\$20,037.63		\$5,009.41	\$25,047.04
Abatement Materials	\$1,446.95			\$1,446.95
Mileage/Travel/Services	\$2,459.81			\$2,459.81
Subtotal Direct Costs	\$23,944.38		\$5,009.41	\$28,953.79
Pooled Job Costs	\$2,633.88			\$2,633.88
Deer Donation Processing		\$0.00		\$0.00
County Administration		\$500.00		\$500.00
Indirect Costs (Administrative Overhead)	\$3,867.02			\$3,867.02
Permanent Fence		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agreement Total	\$30,445.28	\$500.00	\$5,009.41	\$35,954.69
The distribution of the budget (with the exception of the mandatory percentage line items) from this Financial Plan may vary as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this agreement, but may not exceed:	\$30,945.28			\$35,954.69

We expect to assist 20-30 growers with damage that may result in wildlife damage requests equaling or exceeding \$15,000 worth of claims.

Signatures of Intention:

COUNTY: _____

Date: _____

WDNR: _____

Date: _____

USDA-APHIS-WS: _____

Date: _____

GREEN LAKE COUNTY (COOPERATOR)
2027

COST ELEMENT	County Request	*County Administration included in County Salary request	USDA-WS FUNDING APPROVED	TOTAL FUNDING APPROVED
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Abatement Materials	\$1,446.95			\$1,446.95
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Office Overhead	\$3,867.02			\$3,867.02
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Date: _____

USDA-APHIS-WS: _____

Date: _____

2026 CROP PRICE PROPOSAL**_____ COUNTY**

CROP	PRICE PROPOSED	If different than price proposed PRICE APPROVED
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HAY:

Alfalfa	\$144.83/ Ton	\$ _____
Alfalfa/Grass- mix	\$111.04 / Ton	\$ _____
Grass	\$	\$ _____
Straw	\$	\$ _____

GRAINS:

Corn, Field	\$ 4.24/ Bushel	\$ _____
Oats	\$ 3.73/Bushel	\$ _____
Soybeans	\$ 11.31/ Bushel	\$ _____
Wheat	\$ 5.28/Bushel	\$ _____

Approved By _____ County:**Date: _____****Signature: _____****Title: _____****90% of the crops have been harvested in _____ County – as of: _____**

Land, Water, Parks, and Community Committee
Land & Water Conservation Dept. October 8, 2026 Report

September 2026 Projects

- Inspect open erosion control permits and review new permit applications for erosion control and stormwater management.
- Met with several landowners regarding stormwater runoff issues and assist with ideas to address runoff.
- Make changes to design of leachate collection system recommended by NRCS Assistant State Engineer – Town of St. Marie. Possible NOD Grant
- Construction Inspection for animal waste storage facility, Town of Princeton
- Grass waterway design – Town of Manchester
- Continue inspecting all existing animal waste storage facilities per County Animal Waste Management Ordinance.
- Deliver and calibrate No-till Drill
- Assist Green Lake Farmers Coalition with planning, application, outreach, and social media
- Work on gathering data for 2025 Pollutant Load Estimation Tool (PLET) for Green Lake watershed.
- Youth Education Meeting attendance
- Attended 2026 Nutrient Management Regional Training – Appleton
- Attended Lake Winnebago Land and Water Conservation Association summer tour and meeting – Fond du Lac
- Spotchecks completed for various grants.
- Multi-Discharger Variance cost share agreements developed.
- Prepare for Certified Crop Advisor Certification Exam
- Attended Green Lake Farmers Coalition meeting on NOPP and soil health

October 2026 Planned Projects

- Continue planning for a Green Lake County Stewardship Program.
- Continue project planning for streambank stabilization structures and harvestable buffers.
- Continue construction checks on heavy use protection and roof structure projects.
- Updates/additions to outfit Mobile Education Trailer.
- Determine feasibility of using drone for cover crop transect survey
- Project planning for E-Cycle collection site setup

Lake and River Report

Lake Puckaway – No update

Twin Lakes – Waiting for final Lake Management Plan from consultant.

Spring Lake (Kingston) – No update

Spring Lake (Green Lake) – No update

Little Green – Meeting with GEI Consultant and DNR for 9KE Plan Development. Met with Lake Planning Team.

Green Lake – Multiple Lake Management Plan update meetings and discussions. Work on reviewing Watershed and Lake Management Plan sections.

Grand Lake – No update

Other – Continuing DNR water sampling on 4 streams.

Golden Sands AIS Update

- See attached report

Producer Led Watershed Group:

- Green Lake Farmers Coalition Annual Meeting held.
- Field day held September 17th.
- Liv assisting group as needed.
- Submitted 2027 DATCP Grant Proposal

Upcoming Events:

October 17, 2026 – E-Cycle Collection Event – Green Lake Highway Shop

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

Grant Received:

- E-Cycle Wisconsin Electronic Electronics Collection Grant Program, 10/01/2026-12/31/2027.
- Proposal submitted for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant for Roy, Wuerches, and Hill Creek watersheds. Targeted Phosphorous Reductions in Green Lake Watershed. Proposal is a pay for performance project.

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September Aquatic Services Highlights 2026

Coutny LMPN updates sent to partners.

Social media posts sent out sharing August Snapshot Day AIS results.
Waterfowl hunter AIS prevention press release was sent to media outlets.

Golden Sands RC&D Council meeting. July and August AIS updates were shared with those present.

Waterfowl Hunter AIS prevention outreach on opening day of the northern duck season at the Mead Wildlife Area. 11 volunteers were trained on AIS prevention methods. They contacted and shared AIS information to 75 hunters.

2027 LMPN agreements will be coming in October.

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

Golden Sands RC&D Council staff will be attending the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference (UMISC) in LaCrosse Oct. 6 - 8. Golden Sands will have an invasives booth and be presenting AIS prevention methods towards trappers and waterfowl hunters.



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Resource Conservation
& Development Council, Inc.

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Agriculture

Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock adam.hartfiel@wisc.edu

An in-person workshop held in August focused on the direct marketing of meat off the farm as well as meat quality and yield. The workshop also discussed useful decision tools that are available for participants on the UW-Madison Extension Livestock website.



Direct Marketing Beef Workshop

Details
August 20th, 2026
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Refreshments will be provided
Green Lake County Government Center
571 Co Rd A, Green Lake, WI 54941

Cost and Registration
FREE
Please call or email the Green Lake County Extension Office to Register:
• 920-294-4032
• adam.hartfiel@wisc.edu

Topics

- Easy-to-Use Marketing Tools**
 - Learn tips on free content creation tools.
- Licensing & Labeling Requirements**
 - Session from DVMCP will bring you up to speed on the requirements for licensing and labeling.
- Meat Quality Consumer Expectations**
 - Discussion on:
 - Quality and yield grades
 - Dressing percentage
 - Understanding when cattle are finished
 - Considerations for animal size to match marketing plans

Questions?
920-294-4032
adam.hartfiel@wisc.edu

- A research-based article for the Wisconsin Agriculturist Magazine, Livestock Insight column to help readers increase their understanding of biosecurity management between two diseases, both of which have significant impact on the farm's profitability and sustainability.
- An article for beef producers on the grazing of corn stalk residue on crop fields post-harvest. Articles such as this one keep relevant and up to date research and findings within the industry at the producers' fingertips. Producers can take this information and utilize it on their operations as they see fit to make economic impacts, better manage cattle, and make environmental use of land.
- An educational article for beef producers where the audience will learn about assessing hay storage losses to determine proper storage for dry hay.



An event that included 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 included animal health product handling and biosecurity.



Beef Cow/Calf Field Day

Details
Thursday, September 24th
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Stetter Farms: W10563 Cty Road Y
Wautoma, WI 54982

Cost and Registration
FREE
To register: call the Waushara County Extension Office 920-787-0416, scan this QR code or use this link <https://go.wisc.edu/94880d>

Topics

- Pasture Management**
w/ Maria Kohnmann specialist in Forage Systems Agronomy
 - Perennial and Annual options to maximize forage availability throughout the year
- Alternative Feed/Forage Options** w/ UW - Madison Extension Beef Outreach Specialist Bill Hoffman
 - Making it through the winter on limited feed supplies
- Flies, Ticks and Screwworms**
 - Introduction, Threats, Prevention

Rain or Shine Event, Please bring footwear suitable for walking short distances in pasture.

This event will be conducted in English. You may request an interpreter, materials in an alternative language and/or format, and/or other services to make this event more accessible. Make your request at least 21 days before the event. Services are provided at no cost to you.



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.

Karen Bender, Regional Crops 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 with 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 Updates 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.
- Professional Development and Networking opportunities included participation in the Foundations in Extension Cohort, attending the Green Lake Farmer's Coalition Annual Meeting, and attending a fruit-crop focused field walk hosted by an Amish grower, alongside UW-Madison CALS faculty.

Community Development

Patricia Malone, patricia.malone@wisc.edu

- A study to better understand how citizens and local elected officials feel about a variety of issues related to comprehensive planning. Results from this study will help members of the Comprehensive Planning Subcommittee and the county board develop goals, objectives, and action plans for their new comprehensive plan that reflect current and emerging needs. Total Reach: 800 citizens and local officials participated in this research project.
- Learning/doing sessions during which members of the Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee learned about survey values and vision statements to increase their knowledge and craft values statements and a vision statement for the new comprehensive plan. Their statements were presented to the full committee and were adopted by the action of the committee. Total Reach: 66 committee members participated in this effort.
- 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.
- 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.
- Began the work to develop a multi-county housing summit for an area that includes Green Lake County. The planning committee is looking at a date in late January/early February for the summit.
- Worked with Grace Jenkins to develop infographics on the results of the local government survey and the citizen survey done to assist in the Green Lake Comprehensive Plan update.



Positive Youth Development

Sadie Dean, sadie.dean@wisc.edu

- Sadie Dean began her role as the UW-Extension 4-H Program Educator in Green Lake County on September 21, 2026. She is a recent graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where she studied Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation. During her time at Virginia Tech, she had the opportunity to lead interactive environmental education programming for Elementary students, which is where she developed a passion for informal education. Sadie also worked as an intern for Virginia Cooperative Extension, where she assisted both the Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent and the 4-H Agent. As a result of her internship, Sadie gained a particular interest in 4-H education and volunteer collaboration and management.

Value-Added Extension Programming in Green Lake County

A two-hour in-field session for county zoning staff and private sector professionals where Extension and DSPS (WI Dept of Safety and Professional Services) provided a hands-on refresher on how to assess a site (soil pit) for private, onsite waste treatment systems (septic) and stormwater infiltration systems. Properly sited systems will effectively filter pathogens and contaminants, whereas systems not sited properly will result in surface or groundwater concerns. (Total Reach: 10 county zoning staff (including Green Lake County staff) and private sector septic installers/designers and stormwater professionals attended the session. (Kevin Erb)

Dear Land, Water, Parks and Community Committee Members,

RE: UW-Madison Division of Extension and Waushara County Engagement Discussion

Happy Fall! I am reaching out to let you know I would like your help to assess local community needs and priorities in Green Lake County. A conversation at our next Land, Water, Parks and Community committee meeting will be part of a statewide effort being conducted by Extension with county leadership across Wisconsin. This assessment is being undertaken in response to close collaboration with leaders from the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA), along with updated processes that Extension has used in the past.

As both counties and Extension continue to operate within tight budget environments, this effort is intended to help optimize impact using available resources. Information gathered from these discussions will be used to develop proposed updates to the Extension educator model at the county, regional, and state levels. No decisions are imminent. Rather, we are gathering input to help inform future discussions about how Extension can best serve communities. Any proposed updates that emerge from this process will be shared with county leadership for feedback before any final decisions are made.

I anticipate the conversation would take approximately 20 minutes. This conversation will be the focus of Extension's part of the October 8 Land, Water, Parks and Community Committee meeting. We will have a written educator report for you to review as well.

The questions I will ask you to respond to are:

- **What are the most pressing issues or challenges facing your county? What about over the next 3-5 years?**
- **What role do you see Extension playing in addressing those identified issues?**
- **Which of these issues are best addressed at the county level? Which are best addressed regionally or statewide?**
- **What is valuable about Extension county-based programming? What is valuable about Extension programming offered at a regional or statewide level?**

To help prepare for our conversation, I encourage you to review any county strategic plans, county health assessments, or other county-based planning documents that may help identify current and emerging community priorities.

Individual responses will not be identified. Input will be combined and analyzed in total with feedback received from county leaders across the state.

Thank you for considering this request. I welcome the opportunity to hear your perspectives and learn more about the needs and opportunities you see within Green Lake County.

Sincerely,

Pat Wagner, Area 12 Extension Director
pat.wagner@wisc.edu or 608-516-5540