

GREEN LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Green Lake Sanitary District was called to order by Commissioner Bates on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 8:00 AM at the Green Lake Sanitary District Office N5295 County Road TT, Princeton WI 54968 and via zoom.

Present: Ken Bates, Justin Ellis, and Mike Streit

Others Present: Lisa Reas, Administrator, Paulette Z Janssen & Katie Mehn Administrative Assistants, Dallas Lewallen, Plant Operators, Hannah Niewoehner (8:17 AM), Watershed Coordinator, Thad Majkowski, Matt Dorow representatives from Cedar Corp, Rick Manthe representative from Stafford and Matt Yentz from Strand & Associates. 6 people signed in person.

Written notice of this meeting was given to the Green Lake Reporter and The Ripon Commonwealth. The News Release was posted at Fortifi Bank, the Green Lake Post Office, the GLSD Office and the GLSD website.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

M/S (Bate/Streit) approve the minutes of June 24, 2026, Special Meeting and the two special meetings held on July 29, 2026. Motion Carried 3-0.

TREASURERS REPORT

M/S (Bate/Ellis) approve July 2026 Treasurers Report. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Streit-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Doug Knutzen expressed his thoughts regarding GLSD enacting a boat patrol. Also made comments about wake boats and water quality.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

Plant Operator's Report - The plant operator's report was discussed (see attached).

Discussion Area 9 Sewer Extension Update Area 9

Reas reported that we have received calls this week about Egbert's crew and what a good job they've been doing working around the Belle Mapps/Camelot Trace area. There have been continual construction issues with the number of utilities that exist in the right of way areas & that has provided challenges for the construction crew. Noah from Cedar Corp has been doing a great job on site communicating with landowners and the construction crew. All laterals should be in by the end of the week in the Camelot Trace/Belle Mapps area. There will then be a pause in the project until the middle of September to start with Hickory Road. Reas stated the GLSD closed on the Clean Water Fund Loan earlier in August. The first disbursement was received, and the 2nd disbursement will be coming at the end of the month.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approve Work Change – no discussion.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approve Pay Request #2 for Egbert Excavating.

M/S (Bates/Ellis) approve Pay request #2 for Egbert Excavating in an amount not to exceed \$358,525.92. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Streit-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion/Possible Action: Area 9 Project Restoration

Bruce Murphy made an appearance to speak about the trees & shrubs he lost due to the construction of the sewer line along his property. Bruce brought a video to show at the meeting of the vegetation loss and the uneven ground left behind. He mentioned how he received no benefit for this project but provided the easement at no cost to the project. Mr. Murphy stated that while he wants it to appear rustic, he does not want the district to leave it in this condition. The Board discussed the issue and asked Mr. Murphy various questions. They then directed Reas to work with Mr. Murphy to address his concerns about safety and privacy along with restoring trees & shrubs to the project area. Thad Majkowski from Cedar mentioned that the stumps will be removed in September by Egbert. He also mentioned it was very wet, so there may be challenges or delays in addressing the roughness of the ground.

WPDES New Permit Project Work / Land Application Update

Reas shared some pictures of how the project wrap up is progressing. Salm Farm did the first mowing on some parts and a second mowing on other parts of the property. The cover crops continue to fill in nicely. Less pond algae has been seen this month and it's looking better. Dallas and Stu continue to irrigate on the wastewater parcels.

Lisa and Dallas gave the DNR a tour of the WWTP and WW Parcels on Friday.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approve Pay Request #12 for August Winter

Reas reported that the 12th pay request from August Winter has been submitted (see attached).

M/S (Bates/Streit) to approve Pay request #12 for August Winter in an amount not to exceed \$57,340.00. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Streit-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion/Possible Action: Silver Creek Restoration – Matt Yentz

Matt Yentz, an engineer with Strand, gave a presentation regarding potential restoration options for Silver Creek. He presented a power point presentation showing the restoration his company did on Sawyer Creek in Oshkosh (see attached). Streit suggested to Reas that she should invite Matt to do his presentation at a Lake Management Plan board meeting.

NON-POINT

Discussion: Watershed Coordinator Report – Hannah Niewoehner - Niewoehner reviewed the watershed coordinator report (see attached).

Properties Update

Neuman's report was reviewed (see attached).

Reas explained that Scott has been busy mowing several of the properties though there have been equipment breakdowns with the mowers. He has been spraying invasives on the properties. Reas pointed out that the herbicide he used around ponds a few weeks ago was determined to be bad, so he had to get replacement spray. He completed a great deal of spraying in Sunnyside also.

Discussion/Possible Action: Conservancy Properties Amenities

Reas explained that the Assembly creek entrance and Norwegian Bay frontage need bioengineering & rock stabilization. The GLC has suggested memorial benches to be placed at some of the properties. There have been some concerns about doing this. Bates was in favor of benches without having sponsors named on them. Streit had concerns for budgeting for the long-term financial burdens for the GLSD on these properties. Ellis suggested maybe having each property having its own financial property plan. Reas agreed that each of the properties needs an individual management plan and cost estimate for maintenance. This will help the GLSD better plan projects and expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

Boating Ordinance and Lake Issues

Reas reported that we have done extra lake water testing this summer due to intermittent periods of poor water quality. At Sunset Park the water clarity has improved over the past week. The Board discussed the issue as well as lake safety concerns and what the GLSD can do to work with the county/city. The Board discussed what other lakes around Wisconsin do to keep their water safe.

Bates would like to see a letter sent to the State pushing to have the barge removed from its current mooring position.

Reas also mentioned the possibility of needing to replace our oldest Aquweed harvester.

Discussion/Possible Action: Watershed & Lake Management Plan – Board Update & Review

Reas explained that we are nearing the end stages of the Lake Management Planning process. She mentioned that the WLMP identifies the partners on various projects and that there is a cost for the various projects the District is the lead partner on; though most of the costs captured in the plan are existing and recurring District costs. Reas took the board through some of the tasks/project lists and explained a few of the financial burdens associated with the tasks/projects the District has committed to. She hopes to have the costs to everyone at the next meeting.

Bates mentioned that former board president, Sydney Rouse passed away recently and reiterated the District's appreciation for her service.

Closed Session

M/S (Bates/Ellis) The Board of Commissioners may Convene in Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), WIS STATS. – to discuss Employee Compensation and considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

The Board of Commissioners may convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, relating to potential investment in conservation property, on the grounds that competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Streit-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Open Session

M/S (Bates/Streit) to reconvene in Open Session. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Streit-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Adjourned 11:21 am

Respectfully submitted:

Mike Streit
Secretary of the Commission

Approved September 22, 2026

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