

GREEN LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT  
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 March 13, 2024, 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 Nick Vandervelde

Others Present: Lisa Reas, Administrator, Paulette Z Janssen Administrative Assistant, Dallas Lewallen, Plant Operator, Hannah Niewoehner, Watershed Coordinator, Thad Majkowski & Matt Dorow representatives for Cedar Corp. 11 people signed in.

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 and the GLSD Office.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

***M/S (Bates/Ellis)*** to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2024. Motion Carried 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

***M/S (Bates/Ellis)*** to approve the February Treasurers Reports. Roll call vote: Ellis- yes, Bates- yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (held for 60 minutes)**

Doug Knutzen stated he supports an advisory for wake boats but feels 700' is too restrictive. He also asked if the GLSD has specific data on the water quality of the areas around the lake that are not sewered. He expressed concern about the water quality on the northeast portion of the lake.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

**Plant Operator's Report**

The plant operator's report was discussed (see attached).

**WPDES New Permit Project Work / Land Application**

Reas reported that have had several meetings with Cedar Corp regarding improvements and updates to the Facility Plan.

**Discussion: Future Sewering Plan**

**Discussion/Possible Action: Additions to the Preliminary Feasibility Study**

Reas reported that Cedar and the GLSD staff are working on the updates the board authorized in the January meeting. The study draft should be done in a few weeks and the acceptance by the board will be on the April or May agenda.

**Discussion: Update Resolution 93-09 GLSD Sanitary Sewer Collection & Transportation Assessment Resolution and Order 94-13 Wastewater Management & Service Charge Order**

Reas reported that we continue to work with Cedar & Stafford to update Resolution 93-09 Sanitary Sewer Collection & Transportation & Order 94-13 Wastewater Management & Service Charge Order.

**NON-POINT**

**Big Green Lake Management Plan/Grants**

**Discussion: Watershed Coordinator Position – Hannah Niewoehner**

Hannah's report regarding projects she is working on with Green Lake and Fond du Lac County was discussed (see attached).

**Discussion/Possible Action: Funding Approval for BMPs On Going Repairs - no discussion.**

**County K Marsh**

Reas reported that she has reached out to the commercial fisherman to do a carp pull and that the DNR permit is in the works.

**LAKESHORE PROJECTS**

Reas reported that the Town of Princeton is looking at completing a stormwater basin on a .34-acre parcel in the Terrace. The general project was proposed last year with a request for the GLSD to provide funding. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$12,000 with the Town now completing that work in-house. The Town is proposing to excavate the project by themselves and has asked the District to provide any funding that may be available for vegetation of the project area. When the GLSD discussed this project previously at a monthly meeting in mid-2023, we declined to fund the full project but supported providing funding to vegetate the basin. Reas estimated the District could provide native prairie seed for roughly \$1,200. Reas also stated she recommended removing a couple of trees to gain additional water infiltration space. Replacing those trees would be roughly \$300 total. The board directed Reas to go ahead with the project.

## **GREEN LAKE CONSERVANCY**

### **Discussion/Possible Action: Approve Resolution 2024-03 DNR Grant for Land Acquisition**

*M/S (Ellis/Vandervelde)* to approve Resolution 2024-03 DNR grant for land acquisition. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

### **Discussion/Possible Action: Purchase of Conservancy Property using Lake & Watershed Funds until Grant Reimbursement Received**

The acquisition of Mildebrandt parcels is progressing. We are currently getting the property surveyed and the title work is being completed. Grants will be providing the full cost of the property with reimbursement of costs outlaid for survey, appraisal, legal, etc. The DNR grant funding of \$200,000 is official (though it is only provided as a reimbursement). Duck's Unlimited funding of \$150,000 is expected.

*M/S (Ellis/Bates)* to approve the purchase of Conservancy Property using Lake & Watershed Funds until grant reimbursements are received. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Reas comment that she and Scott Neuman would be meeting with GLC on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the future of the Mitchell Glen boardwalk among other topics. We are hoping to get a consensus between us on a long-term plan for what to remove and what to keep and repair.

### **SOLID WASTE- no discussion**

### **FISHING COMMITTEE**

Reas updated the board that she reached out to the DNR and a tentative meeting for May was discussed.

### **AQWEED no discussion**

### **USGS Monitoring**

Reas reported that the State of the Lake meeting will be held 4/4/2024 with the speakers beginning at noon.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **GLA Appearance**

Stephanie Prellwitz reported on several of the projects the GLA is working on.

### **Discussion: Wake Boats**

Reas explained that wake boats are a hot topic around the state right now. There are proposed ordinances limiting “wake enhancement features” from being used on various lakes as well as the entirety of Douglas County. The impacts to lake substrates, aquatic plants, shorelines, fish spawning beds, and increased water turbidity and potential transport of aquatic invasive species are significant concerns. She let the board know that the county has proposed an advisory for the lake which would limit the use of wake enhancement features within 700’ of shore and in less than 40’ of water. She commented that there are concerns about enforcement and that only the Town of Princeton approved addressing the issue. Due to the lack of consensus, a public I&E outreach program will be needed to put signage and county recommendations at the launches, in the local papers, and on partner websites. The board directed Reas to talk to other lakes that have boat patrols to determine how they operate.

### **Discussion: Lake Water Levels**

Reas explained that we have had many people reach out with concerns about the lake water level. Reas has spoken with Stu Marks about the District’s ability to get the Aqweed harvester into the launches we use, and that he had minimal concerns at this time. We have had other calls asking about District support for dredging.

### **Discussion: County Zoning Issues**

Reas explained that there is a bill on the governor’s desk that would allow Townships to separate from County Zoning. This bill could create changes to land use in the county.

### **GENERAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

Adjourn at 9:39 am

Respectfully submitted:

Nick Vandervelde  
Secretary of the Commission

Approved 04/16/2024

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