

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 Monday May 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 representative for Cedar Corp, Vanessa Wishart & Pahoua Thao representative for Stafford Rosenbaum. 13 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 (Ellis/Bates) to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024, regular meeting. Motion Carried 3-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Pelland commented that he would not support sewerage in his area if large portions of his parcel are limited by the project.

Jill Schwanke stated she is opposed to the sewer and water project. She sees no reason to do it since it will be a great expense.

Ruth Retzlaff stated that she is also strongly opposed to sewerage. She believes it to be an unnecessary and excessive expense for something that is not needed.

Chris Retzlaff stated he is opposed to sewerage because the properties in that area are up so high and the sand and soil filters all that septic wastewater before it goes horizontal to the lake.

John Barrett stated he's new to Radtke Road but not new to the lake. He is adamantly opposed to this sewer system as he has a brand-new system.

Jim Cornelious agreed with previous comments and feels he's in a unique situation as they don't have a structure yet on the parcel. He's concerned about having to put in a septic system and then being seweraged later.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

Plant Operator's Report

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

WPDES New Permit Project Work / Land Application

Reas reported Cedar is hoping to complete the facility plan will be providing the final document at the June meeting.

Discussion: Future Sewering Plan

Discussion/Possible Action: Approval of Cedar Corp Agreement for Preliminary Design Wastewater Plant Upgrades and Clean Water Fund Application

Reas explained that the board needs to approve the Preliminary Design Wastewater Plant Upgrade and Clean Water Fund Application service agreement with Cedar Corp. for the work associated with preparing and submitting our Clean Water fund Loan application and the facility plan.

M/S (Ellis/Vandervelde) to approve Preliminary Design Wastewater Plant Upgrade and Clean Water Fund Application service agreement with Cedar Corp. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion/Possible Action: Acceptance of the Feasibility Study

Reas reported that Cedar has completed the Feasibility study, and the board needs to accept the study (see attached). The study will be made available on our website.

M/S (Ellis/Bates) to accept the Capital Improvement Plan – Unsewered Areas Sanitary Sewer Extension Feasibility Study written by Cedar Corporation. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes,

NON-POINT

Big Green Lake Management Plan/Grants

Discussion: Watershed Coordinator Position – Hannah Niewoehner

Hannah reported on projects she is working on with Green Lake and Fond du Lac County. See attached report.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approve Cost-share Agreement for Verch No-till

M/S (Bates/Vandervelde) to approve Verch no-till cost-share in an amount not to exceed \$6300.00 Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approve Cost-share Agreement for Explorer Enterprise No-till

M/S (Bates/Vandervelde) to approve Explorer Enterprises No-till cost-share in an amount not to exceed \$8800.00 Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approve Cost-share Agreement for Retzlaff No-till

M/S (Bates/Vandervelde) to approve Retzlaff cover crop cost-share in an amount not to exceed \$23,000.00 Fond du Lac County Grant and TRM Grant. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approve Cost-share Agreement for Ehrenberg Waste Facility Closure

M/S (Bates/Vandervelde) to approve Ehrenberg waste facility closure cost-share in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

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

County K Marsh

Reas reported Dallas and Scott checked the carp barrier last week and completed work on the floating gate. There has been a limited number of carp at the barrier thus far.

Reas was happy to report that the GLSD just received confirmation that we are being awarded \$100,000 from DU to help replace the carp barrier at Cty K. She's reached out already to 2 firms regarding their interest in providing engineering services to evaluate the District's design for the new barrier, make necessary changes, and complete formal designs and bid documents.

Carp harvesting is tentatively scheduled for mid to late May.

LAKESHORE PROJECTS

GREEN LAKE CONSERVANCY

Discussion/Possible Action: Completion of Conservancy Property Purchase

Reas reported that it has been confirmed that we were awarded the \$150000.00 Duck's Unlimited grant for the Mildebrandt property.

Reas reported that Scott has been spraying several of the properties. Scott has also been planting trees on several of the properties.

Discussion/Possible Action: Signage of Conservancy Properties

Reas showed the board several examples of signs for the conservancy properties. The board liked the smaller narrow signs various the 4 x 8-foot signs.

SOLID WASTE- no discussion

FISHING COMMITTEE

Reas that the fish were stocked into the lake 4/15/24 and 4/16/24.

AQWEED no discussion

USGS Monitoring no discussion

NEW BUSINESS

GLA Appearance

Stephanie Prellwitz listed several projects that the GLA is working on.

Discussion: Boat Patrol Information

Reas reported that we've spoken with Green Lake County Chief Deputy Matt VandeKolk, and he provided a positive update regarding increased staffing this summer for the Sheriff's boat on Green Lake. He offered to attend an upcoming GLSD board meeting to discuss concerns about water safety and enforcement needs/options on the lake.

CLOSED SESSION

M/S (Bates/Ellis) The Board of Commissioner may go into closed session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g), the Green Lake Sanitary District Board of Commissioners will enter into closed session to confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the District with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The purpose of this closed session is to discuss a claim filed by the Thomas W. & Edith B. Johnston Trust. Roll call vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Vandervelde=yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to reconvene in open session. Roll call vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Vandervelde=yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

No action taken.

Adjourn 10:11 am

Respectfully submitted:

Nick Vandervelde
Secretary of the Commission

Approved 06/25/24

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