

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 Tuesday September 19, 2023 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, Thad Majkowski representative for Cedar Corp, Rick Manthe representatives for Stafford Rosenbaum. 50 people signed in.

Written notice of this meeting was given to the Green Lake Reporter, 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 August 23, 2023 regular meeting minutes, August 25, August 26 and the September 6, 2023 special meetings minutes. Motion Carried 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (held for 60 minutes)

Fran Hill commented that the GLSD should do a survey of the residents.

Mike & Carol Ehrenberg made several comments about the Capital Plan for the unsewered areas. Also asked if a ranking was done for the areas. He feels that none of the areas need to be sewerred and that Sunnyside Area doesn't need to be sewerred.

Chad Ehrenberg commented that we should hold the meeting a different time of the day. Stated that estimate of \$37400.00 is actually \$88000.00 if you finance the assessment. He feels that this project could cause several people to sell their homes. Commented on Dale Robertson's State of the Lake report that only 1% of the phosphorus is from septic systems.

David Ostrem the meeting needs a speaker hard to hear the board. Feels the time of the meeting needs to be changed.

Dan Sondalle has 4 lots and feels Sunnyside and Woodland Circle should be taken out of the study. They signed a petition to be excluded from the sewer project. The petition was given to the board and is attached to these minutes. He further commented that failing systems should be enforced by Green Lake County. Dan also asked if we have looked into grants.

Tim Holdorf commented that he has a 49-year-old system that works fine. Doesn't know how he will pay for the assessment.

Erik Taylor asked when will this project start? Septic tanks should be inspected. He feels that just because a few people want the sewer doesn't mean we all want it.

Brian Daley asked a few questions: What is the benefit of this project to the lake? Do we have any data that shows septic systems are lowering the quality of ground water or lake water? How much revenue will the GLSD receive from the sewer fees? Why are the admin, technical and legal fees at 18% for the special assessment? Why haven't estimates for raw excavation been included?

Mike Jankowski talked about observation of a rain event in 2008 that the runoff from the storm when out to lake and then went to into the Puchyan River. Suggested that we find a way to convert the water from Silver Creek into the Puchyan River.

Dan Hill asked how and when will the questions in regards to his project be answered.

Stephanie Prellwitz from the GLA commented we are faced with a difficult situation. Sunnyside has an aging infrastructure and ignoring it won't make it go away. Feels that doing this project is the right thing. It will help clean up Silver Creek.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

Plant Operator's Report

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

WPDES New Permit

Reas explained the GLSD and Cedar staff are working closely on our land application pathway to permit compliance.

Discussion Land Application

Bond sale is scheduled for 10/10/23.

Discussion: Sugar Loaf Sewer Extension

Reas reported that the Sugar Loaf Sewer extension is complete. Reas reported that she has spoken to one of the contractors and he said they are going to lateral hooked for winter work.

Discussion: Future Sewering Plan

Reas reported that the initial PIMs are completed, and we have been busy responding to calls and emails. We plan you to have the minutes, questions, and video on our website this week.

Discussion/Possible Action: Reauthorization of Bonding for Purchase of Private Land

1. Initial Resolution Authorizing \$1,725,000 General Obligation Bonds for Sewerage Projects Resolution 2023-04 was discussed (see attached).

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to approve Initial Resolution Authorizing \$1,725,000 General Obligation Bonds for Sewerage Projects Resolution 2023-04. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

2. Resolution Directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issue Resolution 2023-05 was discussed (see attached).

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to approve Resolution Directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issue Resolution 2023-05. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

3. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,725,000 General Obligation Sewerage Bonds Resolution 2023-06 was discussed (see attached).

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to approve Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,725,000 General Obligation Sewerage Bonds Resolution 2023-06

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

Reas reported that staff is working with Ehlers on the rate review for the district. Reas also 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.

Discussion/Possible Action: District Administrator Authorization of Wastewater Infrastructure Purchases

M/S (Ellis/Bates) to authorize Reas/Administrator to approve the purchase of infrastructure items/parts in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 with a report of the purchase to the board at the next meeting or to setup a special meeting of the board. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

NON-POINT

Big Green Lake Management Plan/Grants

Discussion: Watershed Coordinator Position – Hannah Vorrie

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

1. Discussion/Possible Action: David Wilke Cover Crop Cost-share Agreement

2. Discussion/Possible Action: Peter Badtke Cover Crop Cost-share Agreement

3. Discussion/Possible Action: Burdick Grade Stabilization Structure Amendment

M/S (Ellis/Vandervelde) to approve David Wilke Cover Crops Cost-share Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$4150.00. Peter Badtke Cover Crops Cost-share Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$1450.00. Burdick Grade Stabilization Cost-share Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$2380.00. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0

4. Discussion/Possible Action: S Lakeshore Terrace Basin Cost-share

M/S (Ellis/Bates) to approve S Lakeshore Terrace Basin Cost-share Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$52220.00. 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 stated she's working with the DNR on additional grants to help fund the carp barrier replacement.

LAKESHORE PROJECTS

A. Discussion/Possible Action: N Lakeshore Dr Infiltration Basin

Reas reported that the Town of Princeton is willing to provide labor, trucking, and disposal of the excavated materials. Mr. Klarich is rethinking how he wants the project done so we have put this on hold.

GREEN LAKE CONSERVANCY

Scott has been busy with general herbicide & mowing work across all the properties. He has some fall burns planned. Scott also has a lot of work planned for Hammers Trail this fall.

SOLID WASTE – no discussion

FISHING COMMITTEE

As you will remember, the 2022 Green Lake Fish Study has shown initially that the Koro Road culvert just west of the City of Ripon is a limiting factor in fish migration for spawning on Silver Creek. The Koro Road culvert study was completed. It showed the span to be 36' in width. No replacement culvert would be allowed. A bridge structure would have to be placed by the Town of Ripon. The Town would like to remove the culvert and open the cul de sac to the west onto Highway 23. There are many discussions happening behind the scenes right now to see if the Town, DNR, and FdL County can make this happen.

AQWEED

Aqweed harvesting is done for the season. Stu is keeping the landings clean.

NEW BUSINESS

GLA Appearance

Stephanie Prellwitz listed several projects the GLA is working on.

Discussion/Possible Action: Boat Wash Budget Amendment

Reas explained that the first year of the boat wash came in very high and that we need to amend our budget to cover these costs.

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to approve amending the budget in an amount not to exceed \$19000.00 to cover the cost of the boat wash expenses. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion: Conservation Easements

A proposal from Shelly Rothman/Foxhead RAP regarding conservation easements was discussed (see attached).

M/S (Ellis/Vandervelde) to approve hiring Shelly Rothman as a consultant with conservation easements in an amount not to exceed \$32000.00. Ms. Rothman will also be required investigate errors and omission insurance. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-abstain, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 2-0-1 abstain.

Board Discussion of Lake Improvement Projects – no discussion

GENERAL OFFICE BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

M/S (Bates/Ellis) The Board of Commissioner may go into closed session under Wis. Stat. Section 19.85 (l) (g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the District who is rendering advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Board with respect to litigation in which the District is likely to become involved and to deliberate the purchase of public property and specified public service pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(e), WIS STATS. Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), WIS STATS. - Employee Compensation. 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.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Adjourn at 11:37 am

Respectfully submitted:

Nick Vandervelde

Approved 10/18/2023

Secretary of the Commission

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