

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 December 18, 2023 3:00 pm 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 & Matt Dorow representative for Cedar Corp, and Vanessa Wishart representative for Stafford Rosenbaum. 6 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 (Bates/Ellis)** to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023. Motion Carried 3-0.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

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

GLSD Board Comment – no discussion

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

Kathy Murkowski asked if the board will be extending the time for the Sugar Loaf people to hook up to sewer because they are not getting returned calls from excavators.

Bill Bushnell made several comments regarding the sewer connection fee, connection time limit and the possible cost of his lateral hookup.

Andrew Flemming representing Carter Cottage stated that he is against the Hickories getting sewerred and would like the board to wait 10 years to reevaluate this area (Area 9).

Rachel Friday submitted comments stating that she and the Mueller family are not in favor of sewerred the Terrace area (Area 3) at this time.

Eileen Wildes submitted comments stating that she is not in favor of sewer in the Ledgeview area (Area 9) at this time. Wanted to let the board know the in her will that the 30 acre parcel she owns on Ledgeview will never developed.

#### 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 the purchase of land closed on 11/21/23. Scott has been working on getting the access easement surveyed and cleared. Once we get the scope of services for facility plan approved from Cedar Corp in January, they will begin the design work on the infrastructure in the spring. The project timeline is now partly determined by deadlines for DNR approvals & Clean Water Program funding. Cedar explained to the board DNR requirements for Facility Planning associated with WPDES compliance.

### **Discussion: Future Sewering Plan**

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

Reas began the discussion of additions to the study with the potential sewerage in Area 3 in the Terrace. She recounted the November discussion by the board regarding concern over small parcels in the Town of Marquette and the likely combination of undeveloped parcels by the main landowner north of Cty Rd K. She recounted her discussion with the Mueller family, owners of 10 of the Muller Drive/Cty K parcels. The family stated they would combine as many of their 10 parcels as possible if sewerage moved forward in that area. There are 27 parcels in that area with 15 currently undeveloped, 7 with sheds or garages without septic systems, and 5 homes. Similar discussion was had about the small, undeveloped parcels south of Cty K.

Reas updated the board on their requested information for replacement septic systems in this sandy, flat area. She reached out to 2 commonly used, local excavation companies to get estimates for replacement septic systems in this area. She was quoted a very basic estimate of roughly \$18,000 for a 3-bedroom home & roughly \$20,000 for a 4 bedroom home. Any additional tree removal or landscaping will add to cost of installation. Due to the likely combination of parcels in Area 3 and the lack of development, the board did not want further study of this area for sewerage at this time.

Reas continued the Future Sewer discussion to cover Area 2 – Lill Rd, Radtke Rd, and Wildwood Lane. Thad Majkowski explained to the board the potential for cost savings by bringing the sewer line closer to the homes and off the existing, unpaved access roads. This would significantly shorten many of the private lateral connections. The board agreed that this information would be important to residents.

The final area discussed was Area 9. Reas recounted that at the last meeting the board talked about separating the Ledgeview area from the rest of Area 9 due to its setback from the lake as well as parcel sizes including 6 larger parcels that are either open space or used for agricultural purposes. She updated the board regarding her discussions with several residents regarding the land use plans for these parcels which reiterated the likely continues lack of development there. The board did not want further study the Ledgeview area for sewerage at this time.

The discussion moved to the Hickories/Belle Mapps/Forest Ave./Irving Park areas (Area 9). Reas reiterated some of the issues with POWTS in this area including the fact that 53 parcels are under .5 acre, 19 parcels that are under 1 acre, 25 parcels over 1 acre. In this area, there

are 10 holding tanks as well as 18 mound systems. This is a significant indicator of the limited parcel sizes and shallow soil depth to bedrock. Only 15% of this area is undeveloped. The board discussed the route the study evaluated for providing service which included running the sewer main line under the existing public and private roads. As there is not a current need to provide service to the parcels across from the E-W section of Irving Park Road, the board discussed the potential to see if a cost benefit could be realized by taking the sewer main close to the homes to reduce private lateral costs. Reas stated this was done on previous sewer projects along Orchard Ave., Oakwood Beach Road, and County Rd K to name a few.

The discussion of the potential wastewater partnership with the City of Green Lake was discussed. While there is potential for the wastewater from the Belle Mapps, Camelot Trace, and Forest Ave. area to go to the City of Green Lake, there board expressed concern about how the District would address the cost disparity between the current GLSD treatment rates and the City rates including potential future rates. The potential for future elevated rates via City treatment of the wastewater was a significant concern shared by the board.

From discussions we've had, I believe the city would be willing to work with us on a volume discount rate for the wastewater coming from Area 9. However, I am hesitant for the GLSD to incur legal and financial advisement costs on this project if the board feels our customers in that portion of Area 9 may not benefit long-term from such an arrangement. The board expressed their interest in further engineering information for sewerage Area 9, excluding the Ledgeview area, bringing the sewer main closer to the homes, and sending all the wastewater from the area to the GLSD WWTP.

**M/S (Bates/Ellis)** to approve Cedar Corporation CIP for unsewered areas and additional estimates and finalize the report in an amount not to exceed \$14000.00. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

### **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. We hope to have these updated in the first quarter of 2024.

### **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).

#### **1. Discussion/Possible Action: Matt Kutz Cover Crop Cost-share Agreement**

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

**County K Marsh**

Reas reported that we continue to work on funding and design for the carp barrier.

**LAKESHORE PROJECTS**

**GREEN LAKE CONSERVANCY**

Scott has been working on tree removal on several of the conservancy properties.

**SOLID WASTE – no discussion**

**FISHING COMMITTEE**

Reas stated in her update that the Koro Road project was still moving forward. Our former Fisheries Biologist, Adam Nickel, was working with the GLSD, GLA, and other DNR folks to put together estimates & information to complete a large grant application to help fund the project.

**AQWEED no discussion**

**USGS Monitoring**

Dale Robertson stated at the December Lake Management Team meeting that the results from the lake sampling done by USGS this August showed phosphorus concentrations around 11 ppm. Last year the level was 15 ppm. Additionally, there was no dissolved oxygen minima in the lake this year which was very surprising. There are several theories he's evaluating. He will be providing us the full scope of the results including the actual watershed loading based on the automated sampler data from Spaulding Bridge (Silver Ck), Wuerches Creek, Roy Creek, and the County K bridge in the spring when we have our annual State of the Lake meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**GLA Appearance – no discussion**

**Discussion/Possible Action: GLSD Open Records Fees**

Reas is working with legal counsel regarding Open Records Fee policy.

**Board Discussion of Lake Improvement Projects – no discussion**

**GENERAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

CLOSED SESSION – was not held.

**M/S (Ellis/Vandervelde)** to approve letters of employment for all employees with the addition of sick day change and to approve health insurance coverage opt out option agreement for Hannah. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Adjourn at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Nick Vandervelde  
Secretary of the Commission

Approved 01/18/2024

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