

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 February 13, 2023, 9:00 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, Hannah Vorrie Watershed Coordinator and Thad Majkowski representative for Cedar Corp. 5 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 January 24, 2023 regular meeting and the minutes of the January 31, 2023 special meeting. Motion Carried 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Murkowski asked a few questions about the Sugar Loaf project.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT – PHASE I

Plant Operator's Report

Plant Operator's Report was discussed (see attached).

WPDES New Permit

Reas explained the GLSD staff continues to work on our land application pathway to permit compliance.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT – PHASE II

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT – PHASE III

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT – PHASE IV

Discussion Land Application

We are waiting to hear back from the DNR regarding our interim wastewater discharge permit. We continue to look at land rental or land purchase for land application.

Discussion Carpenter Lane Special Assessments

We are waiting to hear back from our attorney regarding the letter she sent to Edie Johnston's attorney.

Discussion: Sugar Loaf Sewer Extension

Reas reported that the Sugar Loaf Sewer extension project has started.

Discussion/Possible Action: Change Orders for Project

Thad explained that we will be approving change orders and installment payment at the March meeting.

Discussion: Future Sewering Plan

Reas reported that District staff are working on evaluating any needed rate changes for the GLCC which may correspond to our partnership with the City of Green Lake on wastewater treatment. The next priority for GLSD staff is to determine specific changes we need to make to our Wastewater Ordinance. GLSD staff will be meeting with Cedar Corp. as well as legal counsel in the next month to get this process formally underway.

Discussion/Possible Action: Regarding Formal Letter to State Elected Officials Requesting Funding

Bates explained that there is a surplus of funds for certain infrastructure projects available from the State.

M/S (Bates/Ellis) directed Reas to write a letter to state representatives requesting funding for our future sewer projects. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

NON-POINT

Big Green Lake Management Plan/Grants

Discussion/Possible Action: Easement Documents

Shelly Rothman/Foxhead RAP has been asked to research easements and create basic outreach handouts as well as a guidebook for landowners explaining what easements are and how landowners can navigate the process. Hannah will also be assisting Shelly with this and the informational/outreach meetings associated with the project. Amy Arnetveit has also agreed to do the graphic design for the project. The Lake Management Team (LMP) have been talking about the need for these documents for several years. The TRM grant will fund this work.

1. Foxhead RAP/Fusion Creative Easement Consulting

- Total Cost = \$10,170
- GLSD TRM Grant = \$7,627.50**
- GLSD = \$2,542.50

M/S (Ellis/Vandervelde) to approve the conservancy easement agreement with Shelly Rothman and Amy Arnetveit in an amount not to exceed \$10200.00. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion: Watershed Coordinator Position – Hannah Vorrie

Hannah updated the group on the farmers' lunch held 2/9/2023 in partnership with the Sand County Foundation. She said the purpose of the meeting was to inform farmers in the watershed of the available programs and funding for various BMP projects. Hannah also explained she has and will be attending several training sessions and farmer meetings. Hannah is also working on reaching out to several of the contacts Justin and Scott gave her.

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

County K Marsh

Reas reported that the barriers were discussed at the Fish Committee meeting. Reas would like to see more data about fish travel before we make potentially costly decisions about management/replacement of the structures. She suggested additional pit tagging of fish in 2023 and potentially the purchase of other needed equipment to gather data.

Interfluve has been working on the CKM wave break structure conceptual designs contracted by the GLSD. We hope to see them in the next month or so.

LAKESHORE PROJECTS – No discussion

GREEN LAKE CONSERVANCY

Reas mentioned some needed tree removal at the Norwegian Bay wetlands.

SOLID WASTE

Reas explained that have received a proposal for trash pickup from Waste Management and have requested a proposal from GFL Environmental and Washkovick Inc.

FISHING COMMITTEE

The Fish Committee meeting was very informative. There was much discussion about the pit tagging data the DNR is working through. Adam Nickel explained that the data cast concerns about the effectiveness of the Cty Rd A barrier. The data also reiterated concerns about fish passage at the Koro Road culvert by Ripon. Reas explained that the 2nd half of the meeting was devoted to this topic.

Additionally, PFAS was discussed very briefly in the Fish meeting. There was limited discussion and concern among the group about the issue. Reas suggested the GLSD undertake some initial fish tissue testing for PFAS from fish in Green Lake. The board directed Reas to investigate if there are any avenues for PFAS testing through the DNR.

AQWEED- no discussion

NEW BUSINESS

GLA Appearance

Stephanie from the GLA handed out their 2022-2026 strategic plan draft (see attached). The plan was discussed.

Board Discussion of Lake Improvement Projects – no discussion

GENERAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Closed Session

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to move into Closed The Board of Commissioners may Convene in Closed Session to deliberate the purchase of public property, pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(e), WIS STATS and Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), WIS STATS.- Employee Contracts and pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(f) WIS STATS - sensitive personal information. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Reconvene in Open Session

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

M/S (Bates/Vandervelde) to approve the revised GLSD staff Job Titles/Descriptions (see attached). Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Adjourn at 11:36 am

Respectfully submitted:

Nick Vandervelde

Approved 03/13/2023

Secretary of the Commission

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