

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 15, 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, Hannah Vorrie Watershed Coordinator and Thad Majkowski representative for Cedar Corp. 3 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/Vandervelde) to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Motion Carried 3-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – no comments

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

Plant Operator's Report

WPDES New Permit

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

Discussion Land Application

We continue to look at land rental or land purchase for land application.

Discussion Carpenter Lane Special Assessments – no discussion

Discussion: Sugar Loaf Sewer Extension

Reas reported that the Sugar Loaf Sewer extension is nearing the end of completion.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approval of Change Order No. 3

Thad explained the change order for open cutting instead of drilling.

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to approve Work Change Order No. 3 for the Sugar Loaf Sewer extension for culvert extension at the top of Sugar Loaf with an increase of \$800.00 and the Town of Brooklyn (through ARPA funding to the project) to pay for 24” culvert crossing in an amount not to exceed \$8985.00 and to be installed by Egbert Excavating. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approval of Contractor Pay Request No. 3

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to approve Pay request No. 3 for the Sugar Loaf Sewer extension in an amount not to exceed \$168,263.17. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion: Future Sewering Plan

Reas reported that District staff met with Mark from Cedar regarding the status of land application. She further updated on the GLSD work with Ehlers on the rate review for the district. Stafford is working on the agreement between the City and GLSD regarding our wastewater going to the city.

Discussion/Possible Action: Update of Resolution 93-09 Sanitary Sewer Collection & Transportation & Order 94-13 Wastewater Management & Service Charge Order

Reas explained the work surrounding the revision to our Wastewater Ordinance is ongoing. We met with Thad and Vanessa twice in the past few weeks to work toward a better option to collect assessments for newly split lots. The focus of the past 2 weeks has been avenues for the District to defer assessments until development happens. Drafts of the assessments ordinance and sewer rate ordinance are expected to come before the board in the next 2 months.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approve Purchase of 15hp Pump for LS 4A

Reas explained that we need to replace the 15 hp pump in lift station 4A.

M/S (Ellis/Vandervelde) to approve the purchase of a 15hp pump for lift station 4A in an amount not to exceed \$15000.00. 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 reviewed all the projects she is working on with Green Lake and Fond du Lac county (see attached).

- a. **Discussion/Possible Action: Dave Albright No-till Cost-Share Agreement (see attached).**

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to approve Dave Albright no-till cost-share agreement in an amount not to exceed \$4080.00. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

- b. Discussion/Possible Action: Explorer Enterprise Corporation Cover Crops Cost-share Agreement – see attached.**

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to approve Explorer Enterprises cover crop cost-share agreement in an amount not to exceed \$26,600.00. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

- c. Discussion/Possible Action: Chris Retzlaff Cover Crops Cost-share Agreement – no discussion.**
- d. Discussion/Possible Action: Chris Pollack Buffer Cost-share Agreement – no discussion.**

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

County K Marsh

Carp have been seen in very minimal numbers at the barrier. Adam Nickel said the DNR would allow us to harvest. Larocque Fishing is tentatively planning to come and, at a minimum, pull from the marsh. If the carp don't show up at the barrier in numbers warranting a pull from the lake, Larocque won't net the lake side. In the past 2 springs, Larocque netted from the lake and caught primarily catfish, which they are not allowed to harvest. They felt it was not worth their time and have expressed their belief that we'll likely see the same scenario this spring.

LAKESHORE PROJECTS

Purple Loosestrife Beetle Program

Dallas and Justin worked with students from Ripon High School to collect plants for the project on 4/21/23.

GREEN LAKE CONSERVANCY

Reas reported that Scott is working on several of the properties this spring. The focus has been burning, mowing, and invasive species spraying.

SOLID WASTE

FISHING COMMITTEE

Reas explained that the lake trout were stocked in the lake Wednesday 4/19/2023.

AQWEED

Reas reported that we're seeing significant amounts of filamentous algae floating around the lake. We think some of what is seen floating could be picked up, or attempted to be picked up,

by the harvesters. Stu will be putting a harvester in asap to try to collect as much filamentous algae as he can. He will not be harvesting/cutting rooted aquatic plants as our permit for that work does not begin until June 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

GLA Appearance – no discussion

Foxhead Rap Update

Reas explained the beginnings of Foxhead Regenerative Agriculture Project (Foxhead RAP). The project involves several of the LMP partner organizations with Reas, Hannah Niewoehner, and Ken Bates all participating. The goal of Foxhead RAP is to build community, land access, and support for regenerative farmers to thrive. This has meant meeting once per month and working on issues like building support in our local farming community for practices that build soil health, protects our natural resources (such as a “Greenbelt” around the lake), and researching and promoting agricultural and/or conservation easements in our watershed.

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 and specified public service, pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(e), WIS STATS. 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 was taken.

Adjourn at 10:41 am

Respectfully submitted:

Nick Vandervelde

Approved 06/16/2023

Secretary of the Commission

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