

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 Specht on Tuesday December 15, 2020 9:00 am at the District Office, N5295 County Road TT, Princeton, WI 54968.

Present: Ken Bates, Boni Jensen, and Jerry Specht.

Others Present: Lisa Reas, Administrator, Paulette Z Janssen Administrative Assistant, Dallas Lewallen and Stuart Marks, Plant Operators Thad M. 5 people signed in.

Written notice of this meeting has been given to the Green Lake Reporter, The Ripon Commonwealth and WRPN Radio. The News Release has been posted at Fortifi Bank, the Green Lake Post Office and the GLSD Office.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

M/S (Jensen/Bates) to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 Regular Meeting. Motion Carries 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

M/S (Jensen/Bates) to approve the November Treasurers Reports. Roll Call Vote: Bates-yes, Jensen-yes, Specht-yes. Motion Carries 3-0.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT – PHASE I

Plant Operator's Report

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

WPDES New Permit

Cedar Corp has submitted our WPDES compliance report to the WDNR. Mark Stanek of WDNR has reviewed the report. A meeting is scheduled for 12/16 for WDNR, GLSD staff, and Cedar Corp to discuss Stanek comments.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT – PHASE II

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT – PHASE III

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT – PHASE IV

Discussion/Possible Action: Carpenter Lane Possible Sewer Extension

Reas reported that the roadway survey and wetland delineation have been completed. Engineering designs will begin in January.

Discussion: Possible Sugar Loaf Sewer Extension

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We continue to monitor the Covid infection rates so we can reschedule the Sugar Loaf Public Informational Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Bushnell and Mike Shervey made comments regarding the Sugar Loaf sewer extension.

NON-POINT

Big Green Lake Management Plan/Grants

BMP's

Discussion/Possible Action: Funding Approval for BMP's On-Going Repair

Discussion/Possible Action: Green Lake Holding Cost-Share Agreement for Grade Stabilization, Diversion Structures and Prairie Seeding will be discussed in the January meeting.

County K Estuary

Reas reported the County K project has been done for 7 months. The barriers have remained stable for the past several weeks. Ice and come and gone on the marsh and the barriers seem not to be impacted by it as it forms.

Green Lake Conservancy

Buckthorn efforts are wrapping up at Tichora this winter. Reas would like to see the volunteers move their work to other conservancy properties.

RSVP

Reas reported that she has one RSVP request for 2021 already.

Tichora Conservancy

We have reached out to our liability insurance carrier, our attorney, and our local DNR Forester Ranger for input on the volunteer efforts and issues at Tichora. Their comments were positive regarding the GLSD allowing the current efforts to continue with a few suggestions for making the work safer.

SOLID WASTE

FISHING COMMITTEE

AQWEED

There was discussion on whether to direct the Aqweed program to deliver harvested aquatic plant material to interested parties. A general agreement was made that we should not provide delivery of aquatic plants.

GENERAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Convene in Closed Session

M/S (Specht/Jensen) to move into closed session the Board of Commission may convene in closed session to deliberate the purchase of public property pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) Wis Stat. and Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), WIS STATS.- Employment of Personal Roll Call Vote: Bates-yes, Jensen-yes, Specht-yes. Motion Carries 3-0.

B. Reconvene in Open Session

M/S (Specht/Bates) to convene into Open Session to act on items discussed in closed session. Roll Call Vote: Bates-yes, Jensen-yes, Specht-yes. Motion Carries 3-0.

No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion/Possible Action: Monthly Meeting Procedures

The change in GLSD monthly meetings from in-person to online (Zoom) was sudden and unexpected this year. To ensure we are meeting all the necessary requirements of Open Records laws for public meetings, we have now begun to publish our monthly Zoom meeting information on our posted agendas. In future, the public comment portion of the monthly meeting will be placed early in the agenda to hear comments before discussion and possible actions are taken on agenda items.

B. Farmland Lease

There was discussion about GLSD management of its 20 acres rented to Lenard Verch. While the \$2,700 annual rent we receive is a positive, the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides is a negative. In discussions with Lenard about his crop rotation, he stated that he was planning to put soybeans on the GLSD fields (since he did corn in 2020) in 2021. This would prep the field for prairie seeding for fall 2021. The board directed Reas to allow Verch to put in soybeans for 2021 with additional discussion about long term management to come.

ADJOURN

M/S (Specht/Jensen) to adjourn at 10:45 am Motion Carries 3-0.

Respectfully submitted

Boni Jensen

Approved 1/19/2021

Secretary of the Commission

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