

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, February 8, 2022, at 10:30 am at the Green Lake Sanitary District Office, N5295 County Road TT, Princeton, WI 54968 and via Zoom.

Present: Ken Bates, Justin Ellis left meeting at 12:30 pm, and Jerry Specht.

Others Present: Lisa Reas, Administrator, Paulette Z Janssen Administrative Assistant and Thad Majkowski representative for Cedar Corp. 7 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/Specht) to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022, regular meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Specht-yes. Motion Carried 3-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

M/S (Specht/Bates) to approve the January Treasurers Reports. Roll Call Vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Specht-yes. Motion Carried 3-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Bushnell asked about soil borings. Reas and Majkowski explained that the borings are not finished yet.

Dick Martens commented that the GLA appreciates the District hiring the Watershed Coordinator staff person. He further commented that it is understood that the new position was a main reason for the GLSD's recent tax increase, and that he supports the GLSD utilizing our tax levy to bring about important projects such as this position will help provide.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT – PHASE I

Plant Operator's Report

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

WPDES New Permit

Reas reported that there have been several conversations with Matt Kutz and the DNR regarding land application. Reas explained the GLSD staff continues to work on our land application option for our upcoming permit compliance.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT – PHASE II

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT – PHASE III

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT – PHASE IV

Discussion Land Application

Reas explained that we have begun discussions with our partnering landowner (Kutz's) on contract specifics but that staff has been in contact with the 2nd choice landowner as well.

Discussion/Possible Action: Buck Run Sewer Extension

Reas explained that this project is finished, and we are waiting for final invoices.

Discussion: Sugar Loaf Sewer Extension Engineering Service Agreement

Reas explained the Cedar Corp is working on the best route for the sewer line. The geo-tech work has wrapped.

Discussion: Future Sewering Plan

Reas explained that we are working with the Green Lake County Zoning to find out ages of POWTS in the district.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approval of Feasibility Study for Unsewered Areas near Terrace Area/ SW Corner of the Lake (Towns of Green Lake, Princeton and Marquette) - Cedar Corp

As the GLSD staff was going over the potential sewer extension project areas along Cty Rd K and McAfee Road, we realized we also have another developed area south of Cty Rd K (to the east) that is in our Sewer Service Area but remains unsewered. It is the sliver of the District that is in the Town of Marquette. This area should also be evaluated for feasibility of service. Cedar Corp will be joining GLSD staff to tour each of the unsewered areas of the District on February 10th and will then be able to provide the District with an estimate to study these new areas.

NON-POINT

Big Green Lake Management Plan/Grants

Discussion/Possible Action: TRM Grant Resolution 2022-01

Reas explained that she is working on the TRM (Targeted Runoff Management) Grant application.

BMP's

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

Discussion/Possible Action: Avrom Farm Barnyard Project

Possible cost sharing of barnyard facilities for Avrom Farm. Todd Morris joined us to discuss potential projects with this Farm located at the corner of County Rd K and Scott-Hill Road.

Discussion Galow Family - FDL County Prairie Restoration

Potential project with Galow Farm. The farm has applied for CRP funding. Assuming it is funded, the fields (roughly 130 acres) would be taken out of production and put into native grasses. The question is whether the GLSD would be interested in locking the landowner into keeping this natural/restored past the 15 year CRP contract. The board directed Reas to let Melanie Kalmerton from Fond du Lac County know it is the GLSD's preference to see them reapply for CRP after the 15 year contract expires.

County K Marsh

As part of the TRM grant, we hope to get funding to hire a consultant to provide additional direction for our efforts in the marsh.

Green Lake Conservancy

Outdoor Impacts and Scott Neuman have completed some forestry mowing of old growth buckthorn at Hammers Trail.

RSVP

Reas reported that she has an Association interested in RSVP funding in 2022.

Tichora Conservancy

GLSD staff have been working with WE Energies to finalize the easement allowing WE Energies to install and maintain a new gas line through the property. Cedar Corp and

Stafford Rosenbaum have been consulted repeatedly about the document. We are nearing the final draft.

Watershed Monitoring

The GLA has decided to fund additional watershed monitoring efforts above and beyond what the GLSD is currently funding. In 2022, the GLA will be providing funding for USGS to install and begin sampling flow volumes and water quality data for Wuerches and Roy Creeks as well as a flow meter at the Puchyan River near the dam in the City of Green Lake.

SOLID WASTE

Reas reported that service has improved a little since December.

FISHING COMMITTEE

Reas reported that there will be a committee meeting on 2/10/2022 at 2:00 pm.

AQWEED

Reas explained that the job description and application on our website.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Conservation Easements

Reas explained that there may be upcoming grant opportunities to help fund these types of easements. A partnership between the GLSD, County LCD, and possibly the GL Conservancy might be able to address this watershed management opportunity.

Discussion: GLA Appearance

Stephanie Prellwitz, Dick Marten and Bill Mulligan joined our meeting to go over the goals the GLA would like to achieve. Stephanie provided a list of current GLA projects to the board and several of these projects were discussed (see attached).

Discussion/Possible Action: Lake Plant Survey and Aquatic Plant Management Plan

As the GLA has been investigating the permitting process for the potential duckweed harvesting program, it has become apparent that we need to begin planning for our next lakewide Aquatic Plant Management Plan. One of the first steps in this process is to have a Plant Inventory completed for the lake. The GLA has committed to working with the GLSD on this project. Onterra has been contacted by the GLA for potential

scheduling of the initial plant inventory in 2023. A grant will likely be submitted by the GLA/GLSD to assist in funding the Management Plan.

Board Discussion of Lake Improvement Projects - no discussion

GENERAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Convene in Closed Session

M/S (Bates/Specht) 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-absent, Bates-yes, Specht-yes Motion Carries 2-0-1 absent.

Reconvene in Open Session

M/S (Bates/Specht) to reconvene in open session. Roll Call Vote: Ellis-absent, Bates-yes, Specht-yes Motion Carries 2-0-1 absent.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

M/S (Bates/Specht) to adjourn at 2:15 pm Motion Carries 2-0-1 absent.

Respectfully submitted

Justin Ellis

Approved 03/15/2022

Secretary of the Commission

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