

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, March 15, 2022 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 Jerry Specht.

Others Present: Lisa Reas, Administrator, Paulette Z Janssen Administrative Assistant and Thad Majkowski representative for Cedar Corp. 4 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 (Specht/Ellis)*** to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022, regular meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Specht-yes. Motion Carried 3-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Bushnell asked about soil borings and about the future sewer feasibility study.

Dick Martens commented that the boat wash station was approved by the Board of Adjustment.

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**

GLSD and Cedar Corp. staff (along with Matt Kutz) are working to get a land application pilot project approved in the next 2 months. This pilot project would allow Matt to receive our treated wastewater already in the summer of 2022 and possibly in 2023 also. Keep in mind that we will continue to discuss potential long-term agreements as we work through the pilot project.

### **Discussion Carpenter Lane Special Assessments**

Reas explained that one of the property owners on Carpenter Lane does not agree with the way her property was assessed. The owner has retained an attorney regarding this matter. The owner also named two other properties that she feels are in the same situation as hers. We are working with our attorney, the county and the town assessor to find out more information regarding all of these properties.

### **Discussion/Possible Action: Buck Run Sewer Extension**

Reas explained that this project is finished, and Cedar Corp has approved it.

### **Discussion: Sugar Loaf Sewer Extension Engineering Service Agreement**

Reas explained the Cedar Corp is working on the best route for the sewer line. Thad explained the geo-tech information and the final report will follow.

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

Reas explained that letters will be going out to the landowners in the unsewered areas notifying them of the geo-tech work to occur in the next 2 months.

### **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, another developed area south of Cty Rd K (to the east) was discovered that is in our Sewer Service Area but remains unsewered. This area will also be evaluated for feasibility of service.

**M/S (Bates/Specht)** to approve the feasibility study proposal for areas 3 and 4 to be conducted by Cedar Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$14500.00. Roll Call Vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Specht-yes. Motion Carried 3-0

**Discussion/Possible Action: Geotechnical Proposal Approval**

The board needs to select a geotechnical proposal submitted for the Future Sewering Feasibility Study.

**M/S (Specht/Ellis)** to approve PSI proposal for geotechnical work in all the future sewerage area in an amount not to exceed \$13300.00. Roll Call Vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Specht-yes. Motion Carried 3-0

NON-POINT

**Big Green Lake Management Plan/Grants**

**Discussion/Possible Action: TRM Grant**

Reas explained that she is working on the TRM (Targeted Runoff Management) Grant application. The application is due April 15, 2022. GL County LCD has agreed to provide \$50,000 of in-kind time for project design, bidding, construction oversight, and final project evaluation. FdL County has committed to \$10K worth of time as well. This amount is less than GL County as FdL County still needs to use up the current Lake Protection Grant. The GLA has indicated they have \$65,000 they would put toward streambank stabilization and possibly buffers. The GLSD will ultimately be responsible for all cost match. A written agreement among the partners is required by the DNR so that there is no confusion regarding what is expected of each.

**M/S (Specht/Ellis)** to approve TRM grant cooperative agreement between Green Lake County LCD, Fond du Lac County LCD, Green Lake Association and the Green Lake Sanitary District as written. Roll Call Vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Specht-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

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

**Discussion/Possible Action: FDL County Watershed Soil Health Projects Cost-share for Cover Crops**

- Tim Soda: 125 acres of summer cover crops= 287.5 lbs saved for 2022 = \$3,125
- Explorer Enterprises:
  - ❖ 154 acres of summer cover crops= 354.2 lbs saved for 2022 = \$3,850
  - ❖ 352 acres of fall cover crops= 809.6 lbs saved for 2022 = \$7,040

- Dave Albright: 46 acres of summer cover crops= 105 lbs saved for 2022 = \$1,150

These projects equate to 1,555 lbs of phosphorus saved.

**M/S (Specht/Ellis)** to approve FDL County Soil Health Cover crop projects in amounts not to exceed as follows:

Tim Soda: 125 acres of summer cover crops \$3,125.00, Explorer Enterprises: \$10890.00 and Dave Albright: \$1150.00. Roll Call Vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Specht-yes. Motion Carried 3-0

### **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**

The GLSD received permission from the State Historical Society to move forward with shoreline stabilization work. Additionally, there are areas along the creek where some bank stabilization is needed. Lisa met with Adam Nickel, DNR Fisheries, to discuss potential additional habitat work that could be done on the property.

### **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.

### **Watershed Monitoring**

USGS has approved an add-on study on Silver Creek that will use digital photography to estimate the volume of duckweed that enters the lake. This duckweed study is funded internally by USGS; there is no additional cost to the GLSD or our partners.

### **SOLID WASTE**

Reas reported that we have had a few complaints.

### **FISHING COMMITTEE**

Reas reported that there will be a committee meeting on 2/10/2022. There was a lot of discussion about the upcoming fish survey as well as duckweed.

## **AQWEED**

Reas explained that the job description and application is 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**

Dick Martens updated the group that the Boat Wash Station Project was approved.

### **Eagle Scout Sign Project - Oliver Roeper**

Oliver had hoped to present his project proposal to the GLSD board at our March meeting. Unfortunately, he has not yet received approval from the Scouts for the project. We will tentatively plan to have him on our April agenda. His project involves adding trail and possibly plant/areas of interest signage along with additional benches at Sunnyside.

### **Social Media for GLSD**

The GLSD has hesitated to take on a social media presence for two main reasons: added time required for updating information as well as the potential for the District to be rated low/unfairly due to WM or Aqweed complaints. This topic is being brought forth again as we look to provide our customers with real-time information on topics such as garbage collection delays, putting out garbage around Holidays, beach sampling/bacteria concerns, etc. It would also be an opportunity to update/remind our customers about Conservancy properties, Green Team events, RSVP, etc. The board directed Reas to bring staff recommendations and examples from other municipalities to the next meeting.

### **Board Discussion of Lake Improvement Projects**

Reas reported that she would like to see a new program started for watershed buffers. This item will be put on the April agenda.

## GENERAL OFFICE BUSINESS

### Convene in Closed Session

**M/S (Bates/Ellis)** 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 (Specht/Ellis)** 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 (Specht/Ellis)** to adjourn at 11:30 am Motion Carries 2-0-1 absent.

Respectfully submitted

Justin Ellis

Approved 04/19/2022

Secretary of the Commission

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