

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 October 18, 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, Hannah Vorrie Watershed Coordinator, Vanessa Wishart representative for Stafford Law and Thad Majkowski representative for Cedar Corp. 6 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 September 23, 2022, regular meeting. Motion Carried 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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 the pilot permit.

Discussion Carpenter Lane Special Assessments - no discussion.

Discussion: Sugar Loaf Sewer Extension

Waiting for signed easements (temporary and permanent) were sent out and we've already received some completed documents back. Reas reported that 3 owners decided to combine their parcels so the special assessments will be spread on 44 parcels instead 47 parcels.

Discussion/Possible Action: Tajnai Lateral Discussion

Jacqueline Tajnai requested to be sewerred at the back of their property and connect in through Al Folker's property instead of the front of her property on Orchard Avenue. Thad explained several options Jacqueline has to connect through the front of her yard/house. The board expressed that she is able to hook-up via Orchard Ave without it being a hardship.

Resolution 2022-04 Sugar Loaf Sewer Extension State Trust Fund Loan – no discussion

Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution 2022-05 - Authorized Representative to File Applications for Financial Assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund

These are now required by the US Treasury of municipalities for potential future bonding. Thad will be explaining the need for the District to approve these resolutions in our meeting.

M/S (Specht/Ellis) to approve Resolution 2022-05 - Authorized Representative to File Applications for Financial Assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund

Roll Call Vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Specht=yes. Motion Carried 3-0

Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution 2202-06 - Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing

M/S (Specht/Ellis) to approve Resolution 2202-06 Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures from Proceeds of Borrowing. Roll Call Vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Specht=yes. Motion Carried 3-0

Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution 2202-07 - Resolution Declaration of Official Intent

M/S (Specht/Ellis) to approve Resolution 2022-07 Declaration of Official Intent. Roll Call Vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Specht=yes. Motion Carried 3-0

Discussion: Future Sewering Plan

Reas explained that we continue to work on the Future Sewering Plan with Cedar.

NON-POINT

Big Green Lake Management Plan/Grants

Discussion: Watershed Coordinator Position – Hannah Vorrie

Vorrie explained that she has been to several trainings and has met with a several farmers to discuss possible projects. Hannah also attended the Green Lake County farm and met several farmers. Hannah took the board through the BMPs in development.

Peter Badtke Cover Crop Cost-share Agreement.

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to approve one year Cover Crop Cost-share Agreements as follows: Peter Badtke in an amount not to exceed \$356.00. Roll Call Vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Specht-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion of Projects in Development

Hannah updated the board about project that are being developed.

Buffer Program – no discussion

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

County K Marsh – no discussion

RSVP – no discussion

Green Lake Conservancy

Memorandum of Understanding regarding Hamming Family Donation

The GLSD is working with Green Lake County Land Conservation to finalize the design for the Hammer’s Trail Shoreline project. The GLA has also offered funding from Mary and Bruce Hamming. Additionally, the Hammings are considering a large donation to the GLA that would be earmarked for annual maintenance and special projects on the Hammer’s Trail property. Taking into account the comments made at our last meeting, the GLA provided a revised memorandum of understanding (MOU) to be signed by the GLSD to clarify the donation and how the funding would be made available to the GLSD for the Assembly Creek (Hammer’s Trail) property. There were concerns by GLSD legal counsel about signing this MOU and MOUs in general. Vanessa and the board discussed the issue with Stephanie Prellwitz and John Singer. The GLA stated initially that the Hammings are not requiring an MOU be signed –

however, at the end of the discussion, Stephanie Prellwitz stated that the funding would only be provided by the GLA if the MOU was signed. The GLSD board directed Lisa to work with Vanessa to create a new MOU that the GLSD may use for this project but also that would act as a potential template for future agreements on other GLSD projects.

Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution 2022-07 Land Acquisition Grant

As we look to potentially purchase another critical piece of land in the watershed for the protection of Green Lake, we are looking to the DNR to help fund this acquisition. Melissa Curran of the GL Conservancy is working hard on this Fee Simple Land Acquisition Grant. We need to have a resolution approved for the application due in Mid-November.

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to approve Resolution 2022-07 Land Acquisition Grant. Roll Call Vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Specht-yes. Motion Carried 3-0

SOLID WASTE

Reas explained that we will be putting together an RFP for waste pickup in 2024- thru 2028. We will also be asking for pricing on additional recycling services.

FISHING COMMITTEE

AQWEED

Reas has been contacted several times in the past few weeks by Carl Tednes of Sunnyside. He has expressed his, and apparently many other Sunnyside residents' opinions, that the bubble barrier and carp barrier at the County A bridge are "holding back the duckweed." Carl said it was a main topic of discussion at the annual Sunnyside Association meeting in September. Reas cautioned the board about the GLSD involvement in further duckweed retention or flushing projects.

NEW BUSINESS

GLA Appearance

Stephanie Prellwitz reported about several of the projects the GLA is working on including hiring a consultant to identify streambank erosion on Wuerches and Roy Creeks as well as evaluate tile drainage entering the creeks.

Discussion/Possible Action: Social Media Policy no discussion

Discussion/Possible Action: Proposed Skunk Hollow Quarry

Ken Bates excused himself from the meeting.

Reas updated Ellis and Specht regarding the action the partners are taking against the GL County Zoning Committee both in Circuit Court and at the County level with the Board of Adjustment. Reas went on to let the board members know that the actions will require in excess of the original \$10,000 approved in August to challenge the Zoning Committee decision.

M/S (Specht/Ellis) to approve an amount of \$10000.00 to be put towards the Quarry lawsuit and environmental studies. Roll Call Vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=absent, Specht=yes. Motion Carried 2-0-1 absent.

Discussion: USGS Increase for Budget Year 2023

Dale Robertson made us aware last week that USGS is looking at a 6% increase on their monitoring costs to reflect the general cost of living increases over the past 2 years. We've set a \$70,000 cap on funding for monitoring beginning in 2021. A 6% increase would bring our total budget for monitoring to \$74,200. The board directed Reas to accept the increase.

Board Discussion of Lake Improvement Projects - no discussion

GENERAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Closed Session was not held

ADJOURN

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to adjourn at 12:55 pm Motion Carried 3-0

Respectfully submitted

Justin Ellis

Approved 11/15/2022

Secretary of the Commission

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