

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 Friday September 23, 2022, 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 Jerry Specht.

Others Present: Lisa Reas, Administrator, Paulette Z Janssen Administrative Assistant, Hannah Vorrie Watershed Coordinator, Stuart Marks Aqweed Supervisor 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/Ellis) to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022, regular meeting, August 25, 2022, Sugar Loaf PIM and September 2, 2022, Sugar Loaf Public Hearing minutes. Motion Carried 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

2021 Audit Report – Paul Frantz Baker Tilly

Paul Frantz reviewed the 2021 audit report (see attached).

Key Benefits Contract

The four-year Key Benefits contract was discussed (see attached).

M/S (Bates/Specht) to approve four-year Key Benefits contact in an amount not to exceed \$10000.00. Roll Call Vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Specht=yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Bushnell & Ken Kornburger said they were having a hard time hearing the discussion.

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

Project contracts were signed by Egbert Excavating and the preconstruction meeting set for late this month. The lateral stakes were delivered the week after the Public Hearing and District staff have been fielding calls regarding next steps from the landowners. Final easements (temporary and permanent) were sent out and we've already received some completed documents back.

Sugar Loaf Sewer Extension Funding Options – no discussion

Discussion: Future Sewering Plan

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

Annexation of a GLSD parcel to the City of Green Lake

Reas explained that the City of Green Lake annexed a parcel on Lac Verde Circle into the City without our knowledge see attached.

Ripon Wastewater Plant

Reas explained that during a heavy July rainfall, the Ripon Wastewater Plant had to discharged 100,000 gallons of wastewater into Silver Creek because their system was overwhelmed. Reas went on to explain that there are concerns by the DNR regarding Ripon's aging wastewater infrastructure.

Reas was directed to write a letter to the City of Ripon regarding the discharge event and the GLSD's concerns regarding it happening again in the future.

NON-POINT

Big Green Lake Management Plan/Grants

Funding Approval for BMP's On-Going Repair

Jim Pretz Cover Crop Cost-share Agreement
Tom Mills/Jim Pretz Cover Crop Cost-share Agreement
SJL Enterprises LLC Cover Crop Cost-share Agreement
David Wilke Cover Crop Cost-share Agreement

The Jim Pretz, Tom Mills/Jim Pretz, SJL Enterprises, and David Wilke Cover Crop cost-share agreements were discussed (see attached).

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to approve one year Cover Crop Cost-share Agreements as follows: Jim Pretz in an amount not to exceed \$1175.00; Tom Mills/Jim Pretz in an amount not to exceed \$1532.50; SJL Enterprises LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1750.00 and David Wilke/Avalon Creek Farm in an amount not to exceed \$2175.00. Roll Call Vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Specht-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Peter Badtke Cover Crop will be put on the October Agenda

Projects in Development

Structural practices
Terrace basin
Ludtke waterway
Burdick basin
Hammer's Trail Shoreline
Emerald Shores Gully
Waldvogel streambank
Waldvogel basin

Reas discussed future BMP projects that are in the planning stage. Reas also handed out a basin plan for the Terrace Basin project. Reas informed the board that she feels it would be a good idea to for the GLSD to purchase this property since the GLSD will be maintaining the basin and because the basin will create a liability to the landowners for the retention of the stormwater.

Funding Approval for BMPs On Going Repairs no discussion.

Buffer Program

Reas explained that Hannah will be working with Todd and Melanie to finalize the parameters of the Watershed Buffer Program. We are still waiting to hear from the GLA what their level of support they will be providing for this program.

Moracco Stream Crossing Cost-share Request

At our last meeting, the board tabled the issue and asked that I reach out to Melanie about additional practices the landowner could/would do in addition to the funding for the streambank. Melanie stated unequivocally that Dana only wants funding for the streambank work and is not currently interested in any additional practices. She expressed her confusion that the streambank project was included in the TRM application – but now the GLSD won't consider funding it. She's requesting that we reconsider the issue.

M/S (Specht/Ellis) to approve the Dana Moracco Stream Crossing Cost-share request in an amount not to exceed \$10000.00. Roll Call Vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Specht-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

County K Marsh – no discussion

RSVP

There was discussion about spending the RSVP-allocated budget funds on I&E to lakeshore landowners. The board directed Reas to plan outreach workshops for local landscapers and construction businesses this winter.

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. The GLA is providing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to clarify the donation and how the funding would be made available to the GLSD for the Assembly Creek (Hammer's Trail) property was discussed (see attached).

M/S (Specht/Bates) the matter was tabled, setting it aside for a decision and action at a later date and with our Attorney's approval. 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

The Aqweed crew finished the harvesting season August 31st. Plant growth was limited through the majority of the summer. However, by August we saw the usual areas/species growing up in abundance. Some examples are Dartford Bay, which sees significant water celery populations, locations along Forest Ave./Belle Mapps/Irving Park Rd which see the native pondweeds, and Tuleta Hill Road which also sees larger stands of water celery. Through experience, Stu knows which areas will be problematic and plans the harvesters to address them. The aquatic plant communities do shift a bit over time, but the main problem areas are long standing populations. August is always the busiest time for harvesting when the plants are at their maximum growth. Add to that the fact we begin to lose our summer crew to back to school commitments at that time. So, for a few weeks, keeping up can be a challenge.

There has been some question regarding a potential need for additional harvesting equipment and subsequent staff. We received about 10 calls in August with requests for harvesting over and above where Stu was focusing the Aqweed crews. The calls were about average for the program in August.

NEW BUSINESS

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 (as seen under BMPs above).

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 and Prellwitz 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 \$5,000 approved in August to challenge the Zoning Committee decision.

M/S (Specht/Ellis) to approve an amount of \$5000.00 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.

Board Discussion of Lake Improvement Projects - no discussion

GENERAL OFFICE BUSINESS

M (Ellis/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=yes, Bates=yes, Specht=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, Specht=yes. Motion Carried 3-0

M/S (Specht/Ellis) to approve a budget amendment to hire Scott Neuman as an employee with a 32 hour work week and a wage of \$44000.00 (prorated for 2022) with full benefits and mileage will be paid for use of his personal vehicle. Scott's work and his compensation will be reevaluated in March of 2023. The hiring is contingent upon approval by GLSD legal counsel. Roll Call Vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Specht=yes. Motion Carried 3-0

ADJOURN

M/S (Specht/Ellis) to adjourn at 1:10 pm Motion Carried 3-0

Respectfully submitted

Justin Ellis

Approved 10/18/2022

Secretary of the Commission

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