

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 Bates on Tuesday June 25, 2024, at 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 Nick Vandervelde

Others Present: Lisa Reas, Administrator, Paulette Z Janssen Administrative Assistant, Dallas Lewallen and Stuart Marks, Plant Operator, Thad Majkowski, Matt Dorow, Cory Scheidler, Mark VanWeelden and Jared McCurdy representatives for Cedar Corp, and Michelle Walter representative for Baker Tilly. 13 people signed in.

Written notice of this meeting was given to the Green Lake Reporter and 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 May 13, 2024, regular meeting. Motion Carried 3-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

**M/S (Ellis/Bates)** to approve the May Treasurers Reports. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

2023 Annual Audit Presentation by Michelle Walter of Baker Tilly

Ms. Walter reviewed the 2023 annual audit information (see attached).

**PUBLIC COMMENT - no comments**

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

**Plant Operator's Report**

The plant operator's report was discussed (see attached).

**WPDES New Permit Project Work / Land Application  
Discussion: Facility Plan Update by Cedar Corp**

Mark VanWeelden from Cedar Corporation presented a power point regarding Facility Plan – Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Overview. Mark gave an overview of the plans to move wastewater to the new irrigation parcels (see attached).

Cory Scheidler from Cedar Corporation presented a power point regarding the Administration Building Facility Assessment. Cory provided an overview of improvements that could be

completed in the administration building. He provided additional detail regarding those improvements that are required for ADA and staff safety in the administration buildings (see attached).

### **Discussion/Possible Action: Board Approval Future Sewer Policy**

The policy allows unsewered residents to better plan the development of their parcels knowing the issue of sewerage will arise periodically in the future. Additionally, the policy reflects the potential for outside funding opportunities and allows for those opportunities to impact the timeline (see attached).

**M/S (Bates/Ellis)** to approve Future Sewer Policy pending any adjustments by legal counsel. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

### **Discussion/Possible Action: Approval 2023 CMAR Resolution 2024-03**

The 2023 CMAR was discussed (see attached).

**M/S (Ellis/Vandervelde)** to approve Resolution 2024-03 for the 2023 CMAR. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

## **NON-POINT**

### **Big Green Lake Management Plan/Grants**

#### **Discussion: Watershed Coordinator Position – Hannah Niewoehner**

Hannah provided a report on projects she is working on with Green Lake and Fond du Lac County. See attached report.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action: Approve Cost-share Agreement for Otto No-till**

**M/S (Bates/Vandervelde)** to approve Andrew Otto no-till cost-share in an amount not to exceed \$1338.00 Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action: GLSD Cost-sharing US Fish & Wildlife Prairie Projects in Watershed**

Reas explained that US Fish and Wildlife is working with some landowners to sign them up for Prairie restoration projects however the landowner(s) can't absorb all of the cost for the projects. Reas asked the board if they would cost share some of these costs.

The board directed Reas to look into the agreement details and to offer a percentage of the cost based on the number of years the landowner commits to.

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

## **County K Marsh**

### **Discussion/Possible Action: County K Marsh Carp Barrier Design Bid Selection**

The submitted bids for the County K carp barrier were discussed (see attached). Reas reported that we received 2 bids for the County K carp barrier design. Reas reported that she spoke with Ducks Unlimited regarding design and they informed her that DU may be able to do the design themselves.

The topic was put on hold until the July meeting.

### **AQWEED**

Reas reported that the Aqweed crew has been cutting for several weeks. There is heavy growth in Silver Creek and Beyer's Cove and Spring Grove Rd areas.

### **Discussion/Possible Action: Aquatic Plant Management Permit**

Reas explained that with District approval, residents around the lake can be covered under the GLSD Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Permit to have aquatic plants chemically treated in their shoreline area. Allowing residents the ability to be permitted under the umbrella of the GLSD APM permit would result in no individual DNR oversight for any resident that would be interested in removing plants. This has the potential to impact not only AIS or nuisance plant growth, but also healthy native plant communities.

The board directed Reas to continue the District's position not to allow individual residents to remove aquatic plants under our GLSD Aquatic Plant Management Permit.

### **Discussion/Possible Action: Aquatic Plant Removal – Possible Expenditure Related to the Closing of Dartford Bay Launch**

Reas informed the board that the City of Green Lake boat launch at Deacon Mills Park will be closed for the remainder of the summer beginning on July 8<sup>th</sup>. This will cause a significant disruption in our ability to efficiently offload aquatic plants harvested in Dartford Bay. The City of Green Lake pays \$11,000 of our annual \$65,000 program cost (which doesn't include Stu Mark's time coordinating and managing the program), or roughly 17%. The City currently gets about 34% of the harvesting time (based on loads removed from the City shoreline areas). However, the City provides the GLSD with a convenient off-loading site for the plant material to be composted.

The concern is regarding the GLSD's inability to offload plant material in Dartford in later July and August. The next closest launch is Horner's Landing or Sunset Park. This will slow down the crew considerably when harvesting in Dartford Bay. District staff spoke with the owner of the only private launch on the bay with no interest in allowing the GLSD access. We further researched both a rental barge and conveyor; however, those costs ranged from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for 6 weeks in July/August until our harvesting permit is up on September 1st. Mayor Radis said that due to the City's financial constraints right now, this may not be a cost they can take on. Reas explained that if the GLSD doesn't harvest, there will be many, many angry phone calls in August from residents in Dartford Bay, and likely boaters coming into the City to park at the wharf.

Reas was directed to speak to Bayview Motel owner again and ask the city for at support of at least \$1000.00.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

## **GLA Appearance – no discussion**

### **Discussion: Boat Patrol Information**

Reas reported that we've spoken with Green Lake County Chief Deputy Matt VandeKolk and he Brad Latza, DNR Warden, regarding boating safety on Green Lake. Reas is going to ask them to attend the July meeting.

### **Discussion/Possible Action: Knowles-Nelson Support Letter**

Reas explained that last month oral arguments were completed in the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Supreme Court case in the Governor and the DOJ challenged the Joint Finance Committee's (JFC) practice of arbitrarily vetoing Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program grant approvals through anonymous objections. This violates the separation of powers outlined in the WI constitution. The outcome of the case could have significant implications for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program. Supporters of the program are being asked to express support for Knowles Nelson. The GLSD has been the recipient of this important program and should consider providing a letter of support as well. Reas was directed to write a letter of support.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

***M/S (Ellis/Vandervelde)*** The Board of Commissioners may go into closed session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g), the Green Lake Sanitary District Board of Commissioners will enter into closed session to confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the District with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The purpose of this closed session is to discuss a claim filed by the Thomas W. & Edith B. Johnston Trust. Roll call vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Vandervelde=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, Vandervelde=yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

No action taken.

Adjourn 11:11 am

Respectfully submitted:

Nick Vandervelde  
Secretary of the Commission

Approved 07/13/2024

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