

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 Thursday, July 18, 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 and Justin Ellis. Nick Vandervelde was absent.

Others Present: Lisa Reas, Administrator, Paulette Z Janssen Administrative Assistant, Dallas Lewallen and Stuart Marks, Plant Operator, Thad Majkowski, Matt Dorow, and Mark VanWeelden representatives for Cedar Corp, Jon Cameron representative for Ehlers. 8 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 (Ellis-Bates)** to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2024, regular meeting and July 03, 2024, special meeting minutes. Motion Carried 2-0-1

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

**M/S (Ellis/Bates)** to approve the June Treasurers Reports. Roll call vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Vandervelde-absent. Motion Carried 2-0-1.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action: Cash Flow Analysis Agreement with Ehlers**

Jon Cameron and Lisa Trebatoski gave an overview of the cash flow analysis requested by the District to evaluate where the GLSD is positioned in relation to current sewer rates (see attached).

**M/S (Bates/Ellis)** to approve the agreement with Ehlers to perform a cash analysis report in an amount not to exceed \$3500.00. Roll call vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Vandervelde-absent Motion Carried 2-0-1.

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

Green Lake County Chief Deputy Matt VandeKolk, Wardens Brad Latza and Heather Hunt, spoke with the board regarding boating safety on Green Lake. Their overall comments indicated they felt there is adequate law enforcement on Green Lake but that additional educational outreach regarding safe boating would be beneficial.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike & Pat Sias, W1967 Belle Mapps Ct, stated that they continue to support area 9 being sewerred. They also stated that there are 17 acres for sale in the area that could be developed.

Reas read an email from Brett Fichte, W1959 Belle Mapps Ct, stating that he also supports a sewer project in Area 9.

Justin Ellis read a text from Peter Kearney, W1909 Belle Mapps Ct, stating that he also supports a sewer project in Area 9.

## WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

### **Plant Operator's Report**

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

### **WPDES New Permit Project Work / Land Application**

#### **Discussion: GLSD Short-term Borrowing Update**

Reas explained this agenda topic was covered by Ehlers presentation.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action: Cedar Corporation Engineering Agreement for Final Design/Bidding Phase for the WWTP Upgrades**

Cedar provided their estimated costs to complete the final project designs for the facility upgrades included in our Clean Water Funding (CWF) application, as well as the new infrastructure to move our treated wastewater to the new parcels, the dosing pond and other infrastructure needed to put water onto the landscape. Cedar's work preparing the CWF final application as well as administering the funding would be part of this cost. This agreement covers the brunt of the Engineering services for the District to get to the actual project construction (see attached).

**M/S (Bates/Ellis)** to authorize Cedar Corp to perform engineering and consulting services for the WWTP upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$170100.00. Roll call vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Vandervelde-absent. Motion Carried 2-0-1.

Suspend Regular meeting 9:00 am.

### **Public Hearing Regarding The Facility Plan for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements**

Mark VanWeelden did a power point presentation regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements (see attached).

Mark VanWeelden from Cedar Corporation presented a power point presentation regarding the Facility

### **Public Comment**

Jeff Andrews

Asked how the \$188.00 annual payment will affect people with septic systems. VanWeelden and Reas explained that the plan at this time is for the project costs to come out of property taxes for each owner in the district. The payment will not affect treatment fees for septic or holding tanks separately also.

Kathy Murkowski

Asked what happens to the wastewater during the months of November through February when you're not spraying where does go and how is it treated. VanWeelden explained that the waste is stored in the plant ponds until we can land apply in May.

Murkowski also asked what the annual operation cost for chemical treatment vis land application.

VanWeelden explained that chemical treatment annual cost is \$70,000.00 and land application is \$20,00.00.

Murkowski asked about contamination of groundwater. VanWeelden explained that for a system of this nature the Wisconsin administrative code has fairly stringent requirements so it is regulated by the DNR and the state still, so we would certainly be meeting those requirements. The DNR didn't have concerns about contamination after reviewing the District's irrigation plans.

Public Hearing adjourned at 9:46 am

Reconvene Regular meeting

## **NON-POINT**

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

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

See attached report.

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

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

Reas explained Brendan Woodall of US Fish and Wildlife brought up some critical points regarding the GLSD providing cost sharing of prairie plantings in the watershed. To safeguard our annual contributions to this program, we need a framework with project limitations. Reas will firm up the program limitations and bring it back to the next meeting for board approval.

### **County K Marsh**

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

As discussed last month, the District sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for design/engineering services for our County K carp barrier replacement in May/June. Duck's Unlimited, from whom we're receiving a \$100,000 grant toward the project, determined that they don't have capacity to take on the workload with an October/November deadline for having 80%

of the design/plan complete in time for the DNR grant and they also stated DU would require some payment for their services which could provide some savings to the GLSD, but it may not be a significant savings over the private engineering services we are considering.

As the DNR has directed the GLSD to have the project in the later stages of design before submitting a DNR grant funding application, selection of a proposal was needed. Ted Johnson said he had no hesitation using a private engineering firm and liked the idea of other carp management companies being brought into the mix via the proposals. Reas stated that DU did say they thought they could put roughly \$20,000 of \$100,000 grant award toward the design costs completed by a private engineering firm. Reas further stated the GLSD has available funding in our Lake and Watershed Fund to cover the balance of the RFP costs.

**M/S (Bates/Ellis)** to authorize Cedar Corp to perform engineering and consulting services for the Carp Barrier on County Road K in an amount not to exceed \$37,000.00. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-absent. Motion Carried 2-0-1.

## **FISH COMMITTEE**

### **DNR Changes to Cooperative Fish Rearing Program**

Reas reported that we were notified in late June by the DNR that they will not be operating any of the fish co-ops in the state for the fall of 2024.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **GLA Appearance – no discussion**

Adjourn 10:13 am

Respectfully submitted:

Nick Vandervelde  
Secretary of the Commission

Approved 08/27/2024

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