

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 October 15, 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 and Nick Vandervelde.

Others Present: Lisa Reas, Administrator, Paulette Z Janssen Administrative Assistant, Dallas Lewallen, Plant Operator, and Hannah Niewoehner, Watershed Coordinator, Scott Neuman, Conservancy Property Manager, Thad Majkowski, and Matt Dorow, representatives for Cedar Corp. 2 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/Vandervelde) to approve the minutes of September 17, 2024, regular meeting, October 5 PIM for Area 9 and PIM for Area 4 minutes. Motion Carried 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Discussion/Possible Action: Baker Tilly Audit Contract

The Baker Tilly Audit Contract renewal proposal was discussed (see attached).

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to approve Baker Till Audit Contract renewal for 5 years. Roll call vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Vandervelde=yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – no Public Comment

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

Plant Operator's Report

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

Discussion Review of Area 9 and Area 4 PIM Meetings

The on-site meetings with Area 9 landowners on Saturday and Sunday went well. The landowners understood the cost benefits to them by providing the District with the necessary easements to place the sewer closer to the homes and seemed accepting of the easement plan. In light of this response, it

would benefit the District to move forward with the easement acquisition now while the response was accepting/favorable.

M/S (Bates/Ellis) direct Cedar Corporation to put together an estimate for easement work for Area 9. Roll call vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Vandervelde=yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Area 4 meeting went well. We need to shoot elevation for basement drainage. Cedar will submit the plans to the WDNR at the end of October beginning of November.

WPDES New Permit Project Work / Land Application

Discussion/Possible Action: Approval of Skid Loader Bid Approval

The skid loader bids were discussed (see attached).

M/S (Ellis/Vandervelde) to approve the bid received from Fabrick of Madison in an amount not to exceed \$65900.00 for the Cat 255. Roll call vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Vandervelde=yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Resolution 2024-05 Amending Order 94-13 Wastewater Management & Service Charge Order for Sewer Connection Requirements no discussion

NON-POINT

Big Green Lake Management Plan/Grants

Discussion: Watershed Coordinator Position – Hannah Niewoehner

The Watershed Coordinator's report was discussed (see attached).

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

County K Carp Barrier Update

Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution 2024-06 WDNR Grant Project Resolution for County K Carp Barrier Upgrade

The DNR Lake Protection Grant we're applying for requires a formal authorizing document committing the District to the project and the 25% cost match that comes with the grant. We are using Duck's Unlimited funding to make that match.

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to Resolution 2024-06 WDNR Grant Project Resolution for County K Carp Barrier Upgrade. Roll call vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Vandervelde=yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

CONSERVANCY

The **Mitchell Glen** boardwalk project was completed by Ben Rowley and his crew with only limited assistance from GLSD. Ben did a great job of removing the structure and replacing elevated walkway sections over a few of the springs and wet spots. The rest of the trail was put into a footpath on the ground or utilized a few steppingstones over a spring. It looks really good, and the tour was a success on Saturday, September 28th.

The **Spaulding Hill Wetlands** Conservancy is coming along. Scott has been doing some additional brush removal and planting of trees/shrubs to mark lot lines and give screening of the easement near the entrance to the property.

Some trails chipping were completed at the **Assembly Creek property** by students from Green Lake High School. They also did some prairie seed collection on the Dawson Prairie that will be used in the prairie restoration at **Spaulding Hill**.

We've had a few complaints at **Tichora** regarding hunters. A hiker called just this week to complain that they were yelled at by a hunter that didn't want them walking in the area they were hunting. Scott installed 4 cameras and a dummy cam on the property. Thus far we've seen a few issues we're addressing. Last week we the cameras caught a scooter and a UTV operating on the property as well as a hunter exiting the property around 8 pm multiple evenings.

NEW BUSINESS

GLA Appearance – no discussion

Fish Rearing Facility Update

We were made aware by the DNR in July that we would not be receiving lake trout fingerlings this year. The State is having some significant shortfalls in its license-funded programs and the fish rearing cooperatives around the state were being shut down for the year. Steve Seiders has been working diligently on the issue for several months and was able to get the DNR to agree to providing the fingerlings to us if Steve and his Cold Water Fishery group raised \$10K in donated funds to provide to the state to cover the state's costs. Steve made this happen and the lake trout are scheduled for delivery on Thursday, October 9.

CLOSED SESSION

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), WIS STATS. – to discuss Employee Compensation. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Vandervelde-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

OPEN SESSION

M/S (Bates/Ellis) Reconvene in Open Session.

Adjourn 10:20 am

Respectfully submitted:

Nick Vandervelde
Secretary of the Commission

Approved 11/17/2024

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