

GREEN LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT
REGULAR 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 April 14, 2026, 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 Mike Streit.

Others Present: Lisa Reas, Administrator, Paulette Z Janssen Administrative Assistant, Dallas Lewallen, Plant Operators, Hannah Niewoehner, Watershed Coordinator, Thad Majkowski, representatives for Cedar Corp. and Vanessa Wishart representative for Stafford. 1 person 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, the GLSD Office and the GLSD website.

BOARD DUTIES

Overview of GLSD Board Duties and Responsibilities – Vanessa Wishart

Wishart discussed the power point presentation she prepared regarding Board Duties and Responsibilities (see attached).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

M/S (Bate/Ellis) approve the minutes of March 16, 2026, PIM for Area 9, March 18, 2026, Regular Meeting, April 1, 2026, State of the Lake, April 9, 2026, Public Hearing for Area 9 and Special Meeting minutes. Motion Carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – no comments

TREASURER'S REPORT

M/S (Bate/Streit) approve March, 2026, Treasurer's Reports. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Streit-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

Plant Operator's Report

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

Discussion Area 9 Sewer Extension Update Area 9

Reas explained that all easements have been secured. The project bid was awarded to Egbert Excavating and approved by the Board on April 9, 2026. The construction timeline is still to be determined, but the project is thought to be starting May 1, 2026.

WPDES New Permit Project Work / Land Application Update

Construction continues at the GLSD wastewater parcels as well as the service and administration buildings. Power has been provided to the land app property, contractors are working on the wiring, pumps, valves etc. to be ready for May 1 start up.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approve Pay Request #8 for August Winter

Reas reported that the seventh pay request from August Winter has been submitted (see attached).

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to approve Pay request #8 for August Winter in an amount not to exceed \$140,050.00. Roll call vote: Ellis=yes, Bates=yes, Streit=yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion/Possible Action: Approve Change Order

No change order at this time.

Beyers Cove Road Sewer Extension Update

Reas explained that construction continues at the County Shop. Egbert Excavating started the sewer extension work March 30, 2026 the work should about take 3 weeks and is close to being on schedule even with the heavy spring rains.

NON-POINT

Discussion: Watershed Coordinator Report – Hannah Niewoehner

Niewoehner reviewed the watershed coordinator report (see attached). Reas outlined for the board the great job Hannah did on putting together and submitting the latest GLSD TRM grant.

Properties Update

Reas explained that Scott has been working at the Tichora property to repair the broken fence. Scott is also working with a pier company to repair/replace the damaged Norwegian Bay boardwalk.

Discussion/Possible Action: Carp Barrier Update

The bid for replacement of the Carp barrier was awarded to Egbert Excavating. Work on the project is scheduled to begin in September or October.

Discussion: GLSD Mission Statement

Reas explained to the board that she feels the GLSD mission statement needs to be updated. Reas provided a few examples of other organizations' mission statements and asked the board to bring ideas for the change to the May meeting.

Discussion/Possible Action: Goose Round-up

Reas explained that there is an increasing issue with E. coli bacteria at our beaches and boat launches around the lake. This likely also extends to other waterfront parks and larger private parcels around the lake where there are no homes/structures and there is open space. Non-transient geese are growing in population, and their droppings are causing these bacterial issues in the nearshore shallows. The Green Lake County Health Department is very concerned about the issue and has been working with the GLSD and County Land Conservation Department on options to lessen the goose population.

In addition to Green Lake County, we engaged the City of Green Lake and the Green Lake Conference Center on their interest in addressing the problem. One effective solution is a potential goose roundup. This would involve agency staff from the US Dept of Agriculture working to round up and remove the geese during their molting season since they are unable to fly during that time. This would reduce, hopefully significantly, the population of geese fouling these beach/open space areas. The cost for this

is a thousand dollars per area of removal. Each partner with land involved has tentatively committed to the project though cost has been a concern for the City and GLCC. The District's interest and involvement is based on the health concern and the fact the GLSD weekly beach sampling has identified the elevated E. coli levels. The board directed Reas to keep them apprised of the issue and to let them know if there were funding shortfalls as the District would discuss potential assistance to complete the project.

Discussion/Possible Action: Water Quality Testing

As mentioned during the Goose Roundup update, Reas explained that the GLSD has been doing E. coli sampling for roughly 30 years on Green Lake. The State covers the cost of the testing; the GLSD funds the overnight shipping as well as any follow-up samples that are driven to the State Lab of Hygiene. Reas wanted to clarify, the GLSD does not analyze the samples; we send them to the State where they culture the samples for 24 hours to then evaluate bacteria colonies found.

Reas wanted to clear up some potential misunderstanding regarding the program. There had been some concern that the GLSD was actually "testing" the water. That is not the case; GLSD staff only sample the water at each site, put the samples on ice, and ship them to the state for analysis. There had been previous discussion about the GLSD turning this work over to the County Health Department as they are the entity that is responsible for ensuring community health. However, Reas explained that the GLSD is statutorily given a level of similar power as a Town Sanitary District. Reas reiterated that protecting the lake and the public health fits into the District's scope of work.

Reas also gave the board an overview of the sampling the District has done on and off in the past regarding blue-green algae. The board also discussed blue green algae sampling by District staff and analysis at the State Lab of Hygiene.

M/S (Streit/Bate) to direct staff to take water samples and send them to the State Lab if the GLA finds elevated blue algae in their weekly lake testing practices. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Streit-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Discussion: Set Date for Auditor Presentation

The board discussed when to schedule the review of the 2025 Audit by Baker Tilly. The board requested that Baker Tilly attend the regular May 2026 meeting.

Discussion: Administrative Assistant Replacement

Reas explained that the advisement for the replacement Administrative Assistant will be published in Green Lake Reporter newspaper the weeks of 4/13/26 & 4/20/26.

Discussion/Possible Action: Review of GLSD Committees

Reas explained to the board that we have eliminated the Aqweed committee because it became defunct over the past decade. She further explained that there is a Lake Management Team & local resident Fish Committee and that the GLSD board has one seat on the Committee. Currently Justin Ellis holds that spot. The board created a Watershed Land Acquisition and Funding committee. Reas asked the board if they feel there are other committees they would like to create, none were suggested.

Discussion/Possible Action: Boating Ordinance

Reas explained that the GLA is working with Stu Marks to create a small project to put 2 temporary booms along the causeway on County Road A adjacent to the bridge where Silver Creek enters Green Lake. The purpose of these booms is to try to hold back the duckweed, so it is easier for the weed harvester to pick up.

The GLA is working to get this through DNR permitting, the state has determined that we need to have the project identified in a current Boating Ordinance on the lake. Additionally, the GLA anticipates that their exclosures/alum project in planning for 2027 in the CKM will also need this kind of Boating Ordinance identification. To this end, the GLA has asked the District to update our current Boating Ordinance to include these 2 projects. The board discussed the request and debated expanding the Ordinance to encompass other lake issues. The board directed Reas to continue researching the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Closed Session

M/S (Bates/Ellis) The Board of Commissioners may Convene in Closed Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), WIS STATS. – to discuss Employee Compensation and considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The purpose of this closed session is to discuss the evaluation of the District Administrator. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Streit-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Open Session

M/S (Bates/Ellis) to reconvene in Open Session. Roll call vote: Ellis-yes, Bates-yes, Streit-yes. Motion Carried 3-0.

Adjourned 10:27 am

Respectfully submitted:

Mike Streit
Secretary of the Commission

Approved May 21, 2026

Prepared by Paulette Z Janssen
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