



# GREEN LAKE COUNTY

## Land Conservation Department

571 County Road A  
PO Box 3188  
Green Lake, WI 54941-3188

Phone: 920-294-4051  
FAX: 920-294-4056  
Email: [lcd@co.green-lake.wi.us](mailto:lcd@co.green-lake.wi.us)

### **Land Conservation Committee Meeting Notice**

**Date: February 9, 2017 Time: 9:00 AM**  
**Committee Room #0903, Green Lake County Government Center**  
**571 County Rd A, Green Lake WI**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Committee Members**

*David Richter,*  
*Chair*  
*Katie Mehn*  
*Vice-Chair*  
*Patricia Garro*  
*Joanne Guden*  
*Robert Schweder*  
*Arnold Dahlke,*  
*FSA Member*

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of January 12, 2017 Minutes
6. Public Comments (3 min limit)
7. Appearances
8. Wildlife Damage – 2016 Claims
9. Monthly Staff Report & Upcoming Projects
10. Lake and River Report
11. DATCP/County Cost-Share Contracts
12. Farmland Preservation Program
13. Poster Contest
14. Land Conservation Easement Program
15. Legislative Issues
16. Correspondence
17. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: March 9, 2017 at 9:00 AM
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
18. Adjourn

Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office.  
All line items are subject to any and all action by this committee, unless noted.

Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or audio assistance should contact the Land Conservation Office at 294-4051 not later than Noon on the day preceding the meeting.

***"Our highest responsibility is to protect and enhance land and water resources that will sustain current and future generations."***

*Green Lake County is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer*  
Visit our Web site: [www.co.green-lake.wi.us](http://www.co.green-lake.wi.us)



**LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
January 12, 2017 - MINUTES**

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Vice-Chair Katie Mehn at 9:00AM on January 12, 2017 in the Committee Room #0903 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Katie Mehn  
Joanne Guden  
Robert Schweder  
Arnold Dahlke, Jr., FSA Member

Excused:  
David Richter, Chair  
Patti Garro

Staff Present: Paul Gunderson  
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present:

**AGENDA**

**Motion/second (Guden/Schweder)** to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

**Motion/second (Schweder/Dahlke)** to approve and file the December 8, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**APPEARANCES**

**WILDLIFE DAMAGE – 2016 CLAIMS**

This topic is moved to next month.

**MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS**

Written report was reviewed.

**LAKE AND RIVER REPORT**

Written report was reviewed.

### **DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS**

Gunderson reported that the best management practice cost sharing grant was reduced from \$57,000 to \$48,800 by the DATCP.

None at this time

**Motion/second** ( \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ ) to approve cost-share contracts. Motion carried.

### **FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

All Certificate of Compliances were mailed along with the 2017 Annual Certification requests. In addition, landowners received information on upcoming Nutrient Management and Snap-Plus trainings.

### **LAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM**

Gunderson went over his ideas for the buffer program and the committee gave their input on issues they foresee. Changes will be made and presented at the next meeting.

### **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

Harley Reabe and Sara Guenther will be attending a meeting in Madison at the State Capitol in an effort to lobby for increased County Land Conservation staffing and cost-sharing grants.

### **APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

Green Lake Association will be hosting an appreciation luncheon at Christianos Pizza January 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 AM. All Land Conservation staff and Committee are invited.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- Future Meeting Dates: February 9, 2017 at 9:00AM in the Committee Room #0903 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake.
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

### **ADJOURN**

**Motion/second** (**Guden/Dahlke**) to adjourn at 10:22AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar  
Recorder

**Land Conservation Committee**  
**February 9, 2017 Monthly Staff Report**

**January 2017 Projects**

1. Review/Update Nutrient Management Plans – 10 landowners (FPP)
2. Work on design for Grade Stabilization Structure (EQIP)
3. Work on design for waste treatment system for feed leachate. (EQIP)
4. Attended Technician Training – Juneau
5. Site visits to look at concerns of runoff from fields with manure applications.
6. Webinars – Cover Crops the Good and the Bad, & Phosphorous Stratification in Soil. (2 CEU's for CCA Certification and 1 CEU for Conservation Planner Certification)
7. Completed a roof runoff system and grassed waterway design.
8. Begin design of another roof runoff system and grassed waterway.
9. Answer various questions and concerns regarding the new Certificate of Compliance forms that we mailed out and create more forms per requests.
10. Contact 2 landowners to confirm status in Farmland Preservation Program and have one of the landowners sign a Voluntary Notice of Noncompliance form to withdraw from FPP.
11. Conservation training in Juneau with NRCS and DATCP.
12. Begin and complete streambank restoration project in Green Lake Township.
13. Sign up a new FPP participant per a request from her operator.
14. Begin designs for 2 grade stabilization structures within BGL watershed.
15. Meet with landowner to discuss plans for grade stabilization structure on his property.
16. Attend various webinar trainings that are currently being offered.

**February 2017 Project Focus**

1. Complete roof runoff and grassed waterway design.
2. Complete design of grade stabilization structure and stream crossing.
3. Complete design of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade stabilization structure.
4. Conduct FPP inspections as time/weather permit.
5. Continue work on Rock River TMDL project.

**Lake and River Report**

Lake Puckaway - No Current Updates

Twin Lakes – Drafting of the Lake Management Plan is underway.

Spring Lake - Drafting of the Lake Management Plan is underway.

Fox River – No Current updates.

Grand Lake – Drafting of the Lake Management Plan is underway.

Green Lake – Staff attended quarterly planning meeting with WDNR, GL Sanitary District, Green Lake Association, and NRCS. 2017 monitoring and construction projects were laid out.

Little Green Lake –

- The Aerator System was in operation from mid-June to late-September
- A new 3-year lease agreement was finalized with the Fernwood Campground LLC for the continued use/access to our storage building that houses the equipment that runs our Aerator System. The lease expires on 12/31/2018.
- The weed harvesters were operational from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>. A total of 43 loads and 17,200 cubic feet of weeds were removed. The weeds included Eurasian Water Milfoil, Curly Leaf Pondweed, Coontail and Filamentous Algae.
- A long-term Lake Management Planning project was launched in May 2016 with Onterra. A Lake Planning Committee was formed in May. A property owner survey was conducted in August/September (a total of 96 surveys were completed). Water sample data and weed growth inspections were conducted throughout the summer.
- Fish stocking results for Fall, 2016 are:
  - 466 Musky (DNR program)
  - 168 Northern Pike
  - 1,000 Walleye
  - 1,000 Crappie
  - 100 pounds of Fathead Minnows
- A review/update is underway of our Emergency Action Plan and the Dam Inspection, Operation and Maintenance Plan documents.