



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

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Land Conservation Committee Meeting Notice

Date: April 8, 2021 Time: 9:00 AM
County Board Room #0902, Green Lake County Government Center
571 County Rd A, Green Lake WI

AGENDA

Committee Members

Robert Schweder - Chair
Bill Boutwell - Vice-Chair
Katie Mehn
Patricia Garro
Steve Draeger –
FSA Member

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of March 11, 2020 Minutes
5. Federal Agency Appearances
6. Monthly Staff Report & Upcoming Projects
7. Lake and River Report
8. Approval for Golden Sands RC & D to be the designated agent for the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program in Green Lake County
9. Wildlife Damage Resolution Approval – Objection to Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49
10. Clean Sweep Update
11. Farmland Preservation Program
12. DATCP/County Cost-Share Contracts
13. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Date: May 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
14. Adjourn

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be conducted and available through in person attendance (6 ft. social distancing required) or audio/visual communication.

Topic: Land Conservation Committee
Time: Apr 8, 2021 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/94860188889?pwd=WWIEckpkbVpqWnd6OTBKSElrdVZDdz09>

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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.

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Land Conservation Committee
April 8, 2021 Monthly Staff Report

March Projects

1. Layout and discuss how to construct two farmable diversions with the landowner in the Town of Manchester.
2. Create field and tract maps for future Farmland Preservation Program spot checks.
3. Monitor current erosion control permits for compliance with county ordinances and review new permit applications for erosion control and storm-water management.
4. Create maps and data for Green Lake Association to assist in applications for various grants.
5. Begin design of stream crossing, grassed waterway and subsurface drain in the Town of Manchester.
6. Review NMP's submitted – 23 landowners
7. Complete design and DNR Permit Application for Wetland Scrape.
8. Work on design for Grade Stabilization Structure (LWRMP Funding)
9. Review and issue Animal Waste Storage Permit.
10. Attend Virtual WI Land + Water Conference
11. Foxhead Regenerative Ag Meeting
12. SE Tech Update Meeting - Virtual
13. Webinar's – Cover Crop and Conservation Conversations

April Project Focus

1. Begin approximately 70 Farmland Preservation Program spot checks throughout the county as weather and landowners permit.
2. Begin construction of several BMP's that are scheduled for spring installation as contractors become available.
3. Continue to monitor existing erosion control permits, also review, and issue new erosion control and storm-water management permits for applicants.
4. Meet with several landowners to discuss the potential of BMP installation on their properties.
5. Begin the design for an underground outlet in the Town of Green Lake.

Lake and River Report

Puckaway – Breakwater installation was not able to be constructed by ice due to warm temperatures in early winter, and insufficient ice cover. Construction has been planned under Alt. #2, construction by barge. Review team made changes to the layout and dimensions of the breakwater, and the plan was redrafted in February. Met with the Village of Marquette and Lake District for project planning. In the process of bidding project for summer installation.

Twin Lakes – Permits for Cattail Control have been started.

Spring Lake – No updates.

Little Green – Discussions with the lake association how to address watershed runoff issues. Current concerns are related to the volume of water running thru private properties, and potential remedies are being evaluated.

Green Lake – 2000 feet of White Creek were restored. An additional 1000 feet could not be completed due to weather/site conditions, and will be completed when conditions permit. Funding is being provided by the WDNR and Green Lake Sanitary District.

Met with the lake planning team to review recent water quality studies and project planning for 2021.

Grand Lake – Permits/Plans for Trace Dye study have been started. Association has approved the project contract. Green Lake County received a grant to fund 70% of the dye study.



LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
March 11, 2021 - MINUTES

The meeting of the Green Lake County Land Conservation Committee was called to order by Robert Schweder, Chairman, at 9:00AM on March 11, 2021 in the County Board Room #0902 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:
Robert Schweder
Katie Mehn
Patti Garro
Bill Boutwell

Excused:
Steve Draeger, FSA Member

Staff Present: Paul Gunderson
Heidi Weishaar

Others Present: Anna Cisar
Harley Reabe
Cathy Schmit - Zoom

Lexie Meyer – Zoom
Brad Koele – Zoom
Steve Krueger - Zoom

Chip Lovell - Zoom
Tony Daley - Zoom

MINUTES

Motion/second (Garro/Mehn) to approve and file the February 11, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

FEDERAL AGENCY APPEARANCES

Lexie Meyer, County Executive Director of Farm Service Agency (FSA) gave an update via Zoom.

AIS UPDATE – ANNA CISAR

Anna with Golden Sands RC&D brought a brief update to the committee regarding the status of the boat wash station proposed to be implemented at the Dodge Memorial Park boat landing. At the February Parks Commission meeting it was voted upon and passed to have the County staff (Corp Counsel, etc.) work with Anna to put together a resolution, memorandum of understanding, and lease for the upcoming May Parks Commission meeting. Anna also brought forward an update regarding the AIS program funding change for 2022 (Lake Monitoring & Protection Network), and stated that Golden Sands would like to continue to work on behalf of Green Lake County and continue our regional AIS program approach as their designated agent in 2022. This was discussed but will need to be formally voted upon in April's meeting.

WILDLIFE DAMAGE PROGRAM UPDATE – BRAD KOELE

Brad Koele, Wildlife Damage Specialist, reviewed the upcoming proposed legislative changes to the Wildlife Damage Program (Senate Bill 63, <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2021/related/proposals/sb63>). The LCC was opposed to the changes due to lack of local input and inconvenience to the Green Lake County landowners. A letter will be drafted and sent to the State Legislator expressing disagreement.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

Written report was reviewed.

LAKE AND RIVER REPORT

Written report was reviewed.

ANNUAL REPORT

Gunderson reviewed the annual report with the committee and highlighted some of the changes from previous years.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

The Annual Certification letters were mailed out on February 18th. Of the 262 Farmland Preservation participants, 130 have responded by turning in their annual paperwork. The deadline for submission is March 31st.

DATCP/COUNTY COST-SHARE CONTRACTS

None at this time.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Dates: April 8, 2021 at 9:00AM in the County Board Room #0902 of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake.
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Weishaar
Recorder

RESOLUTION NO. -2021

RESOLUTION FOR OPPOSITION TO CHANGES IN WILDLIFE DAMAGE ABATEMENT AND CLAIMS PROGRAM

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 20th day of April, 2021, does ordain as follows:

- 1 WHEREAS, The Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims program, fully funded by a
2 surcharge on hunting licenses, is a voluntary Department of Natural Resources program
3 to assist producers with agricultural losses caused by deer, bears, geese, and cougars,
4 as well as elk and sandhill cranes if hunting those animals is authorized; and,
5 WHEREAS, Green Lake County has participated in the program since its inception in
6 1983 and has administered the program through the Land Conservation Committee;
7 and,
8 WHEREAS, The Wisconsin State Legislature is proposing making changes to the
9 Wildlife Damage and Claims program through Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49 by
10 eliminating the administration of these programs from the Land Conservation
11 Committee and changing the administration to these programs to the DNR instead; and,

Roll Call on Resolution No. -2021

Submitted by: Land Conservation Committee

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain 0

Passed and Enacted/Rejected this 20th day of April, 2021.

Robert Schweder, Chair

Katie Mehn, Vice-Chair

County Board Chairman

Patricia Garro

ATTEST: County Clerk Approve as to Form:

William Boutwell

Corporation Counsel

Steven Draeger - FSA

12 **WHEREAS**, By eliminating any local authority, when landowners have issues and
13 appeals concerning harvest objectives or management of the program, they will no
14 longer appear before the Land Conservation Committee, but would instead have to
15 travel to Madison to appear before DNR officials who don't necessarily have local
16 concerns in mind when rendering a decision.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Green Lake County Board of Supervisors
18 oppose the changes to the Wildlife Damage and Claims program through Senate Bill 63
19 and Assembly Bill 49 which eliminates any local County control of the program and
20 instead gives all authority to the State government officials.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this
22 resolution to Governor Evers, the members of the State Legislature, the Wisconsin
23 Counties Association and the other counties of the State of Wisconsin.