

GENEVA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY
WILLIAMS BAY, WISCONSIN
**Virtual Ad-Hoc Committee meeting on Geneva Lake Environmental Agency's Future
Minutes.**
March 31, 2021

Members identified as being present; M.J. Fesenmaier (LG), J. Weiss (Linn Twn.), P. Kenny (VOF).

Others were present including but not limited to C. Jones (Linn Twn.), J. Happ (meeting host), T. Nichols (GLA), and C. Coleman (Alliance). T. Peters, (GLEA).

There was some concern over the wording of the meeting on the agenda. Peters mentioned that this is a working meeting of the ad-hoc committee on the future of the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency. The wording was in error and had been corrected for the agenda version on the GLEA's web-site.

The meeting was called to order by member J. Weiss, at 2:38 pm. P. Kenny nominated by J. Weiss. **Motion by J. Weiss to have P. Kenny act as chair. CU**

There were no comments from the public.

P. Kenny asked Peters to give an overview of his draft recommendation on the organizational chart of the future GLEA and listing of positions and responsibilities.

P. Kenny felt that whatever direction the GLEA goes, it should include the Water Alliance, but the question is how to do that?

J. Weiss felt that discussion should start on the GLEA's Uniform agreement and By-Laws, specifically section 2 Purpose.

M.J. Fesenmaier felt that we should go through the Uniform agreement, section by section, review and suggest modification to allow for a future direction of the GLEA and lake management.

It was suggested that section 1., Composition was OK as written.

M.J. Fesenmaier suggested purpose should be more clearly written to express that the GLEA does the science and gives it to the communities/public for comments. She noted that implementation is not mentioned in section 2, and that the GLEA, working with the communities, should be involved in the implementation phase.

J. Weiss suggested that Implementation should be addressed and maybe included in the Uniform Agreement and By Laws

It was mentioned that the communities need to work together. The example was given of what would happen if one community does not buy into the implementation? This would be problematic from a team implementation perspective and from a financial support perspective.

There was considerable discussion on the Water Alliance and GLEA doing much of the same type of work and combining them either by having the Water Alliance incorporated into the GLEA or by some other means, would be a move worthy of investigation.

M.J. Fesenmaier mentioned that she will submit her thoughts on this whole matter of reviewing the Uniform Agreement and By-Laws.

There was a consensus that this is a unique opportunity to move forward on the future of the GLEA and lake management making both stronger and more effective.

Next meeting set for April 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm with place and mode to be determined.

J. Wiess moved to adjourn at 3:45 pm (?). CU

Transcribed by Ted Peters. 4/1/21.

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