

**GENEVA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (GLEA)
WILLIAMS BAY, WISCONSIN
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes.
June 15, 2023**

**The monthly business meeting of the GLEA will be held in Room 108,
in Lowrey Hall on the campus of George Williams College of Aurora University
350 Constance Blvd., Williams Bay, WI 53191.**

The GLEA meeting was called to order at 6:35pm, Thursday June 15, 2023, by Chair P. Kenny, Room 108 Lowrey Hall, George Williams College Campus, Williams Bay, WI.

Roll Call

Members Present: P. Kenny (F), T. Dunn (L.G.), C. McAdam (L) A. Rasch (W), L. Lundberg & R. Umans (W.B.)

Staff Present: J. Schmidt (Director), A. Townsend (Admin. Asst.), A. Wisnionski (Intern).

Guest Present: D. Malmin, M.J. Fesenmaier.

Members and Staff Absent: R. Pappas (F), T. O'Neill (L.G.), J. Weiss (L), D. Rasmussen (Attorney), T. Jochman (Attorney), T. Peters (Consultant).

General Business:

Public Comments

M.J. Fesenmaier questioned why there is no citizen rep. appointed to GLEA from Lake Geneva and mentioned that a monitoring well had been installed to monitor the fuel that has leaked over the years.

1. Staff and New Board Members Introductions

2. Board Officer Elections

a) **R. Umans motioned to nominate P. Kenny for Chair. Seconded by A. Rasch. CU.**

b) **P. Kenny motioned to nominate J. Weiss as Vice Chair. Seconded by A. Rasch. CU.**

3. Motion by R. Umans to approve April 27, 2023, minutes. Seconded by A. Rasch. CU.

4. Monthly Review Items:

a. **Motion to approve April-May 2023, Income Statement by R. Umans. Seconded by A. Rasch. CU.**

b. **Motion to approve April-May 2023, Balance Sheet by R. Umans. Seconded A. Rasch. CU.**

c. Bookkeeper's April-May 2023 Disbursement Report was made available for review.

d. Bookkeeper's ongoing Donation Report was made available for review.

e. Action on Staff Report:

* **Motion to approve Director's report for April-June 2023 by R. Umans. Seconded by A. Rasch. CU.**

* **Motion to approve Intern's report for May-June 2023 by R. Umans. Seconded by A. Rasch. CU.**

Possible action on the following business.

1. Water Quality/AIS

a) Water Alliance

J. Schmidt met with SEWRPC, GLC, and Water Alliance Co-Chair. They are moving forward with a Lake District and actively pursuing a district. Ms. Yancey stated in this meeting that the municipalities had asked the Water Alliance to take the burden of Lake Management away from the municipalities in previous discussions they have had with the municipalities. R. Umans and P. Kenny said there was no need for any discussion on this item. No action was taken on this item.

b) Beach Testing

Due to the shipping delays, GLEA has been driving the samples to Madison as we get the results the next day. There is an additional cost for mileage; however, the results are more accurate, and we are spending less time having to retest. This also allows the GLEA additional time to resample if needed. **Motion by R. Umans to approve dropping off samples instead of shipping. Seconded by A. Rasch. CU.**

c) Local AIS Ordinances Chapter 30 - Update

The Village of Fontana Attorney D. Thorpe and the City of Lake Geneva Attorney D. Draper have been working with Attorney T. Jochman to redraft the ordinance. J. Schmidt presented this ordinance at the Town of Linn Harbor Committee, and it was tabled. It was presented to the Village of Williams Bay, and they are pursuing the ordinance. The Walworth County Land Use Committee would like to use the Municipalities that adopt the ordinance as a case study before adopting it countywide. The town of Delavan and the City of Delevan both expressed support to Walworth County Staff about this ordinance and are currently exploring options. The Town of Delevan has requested that J. Schmidt present this at a Town committee meeting.

2. Grants

- a) AIS Prevention 4 CD3 Units-Update
All four Stationary Units have been installed and are functional. A. Wisnionski has mapped the units and is working on usage reports for the units. The map has been submitted to DNR. To date no one has filled out the volunteer survey.
- b) Clean Boats Clean Waters-Update
The City of Lake Geneva, Villages of Fontana, and Williams Bay have all signed on to do CBCW, and the GLEA is staffing the Town of Linn launches with T. Peters and L. Burchard, who were both inspectors last year. Williams Bay has yet to start logging any hours due to staffing issues.
Current Hours: Fontana: 42, Lake Geneva: 78, Williams Bay: 0, Linn: 15.5.
- c) Geneva Lake Association Grant
The GLA grant has been submitted to help fund the PI Survey.

3. Funding

- a) **Friends of Geneva Lake Environmental Agency**
J. Schmidt has been exploring several options to help with funding. Being a government agency, the GLEA is not able to accept corporate sponsorships like a 501© 3 would be able to. This entity would be eligible for different grant opportunities that government agencies are not eligible for. There would have to be a separate board of directors, while GLEA would have to be the agency to dictate where and what the funds would go to. **Motion by P. Kenny to pursue Friends of GLEA 501©3. Seconded by R. Umans. CU.**

4. Projects/Equipment

- a) GLEA Boat-Update
GLEA has been in contact with Gage Marine about utilizing a boat for lake management.
- b) Boat Count
GLEA has accepted C. Colman's offer to help with the Annual Boat Count. The GLEA plans to conduct the boat count sometime in mid-July.
- c) Near Shore Fish Survey
This survey is scheduled for the end of July beginning of August.
- d) SEWRPC PI Survey
GLEA is still awaiting confirmation from Gage Marine on the type of vessel they will be donating for the survey.

5. Marketing/Fundraising/Events/Conferences

- a) Website
A. Wisnionski and A. Townsend have been keeping the website updated.
- b) Social Media
A. Wisnionski has been keeping our social media up to date and posting all the fieldwork she has been doing.
- c) Scheduling CD3 Dedication/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
The CD3 dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Friday, July 7th between 9 am – 10 am. GLEA will do a press release.
- d) CD3 Stationary Signs/Vehicle Magnetics
The GLEA is now more visible thanks to Sass Graphix who helped develop the vehicle magnetic and signs for the CD3 Stationary Units.
- e) Southeastern Wisconsin Lakes Forum
J. Schmidt participated in the Southeastern Wisconsin Lakes Forum and presented the local chapter 30 AIS ordinance. An attorney specializing in environmental law expressed an interest in exploring why DNR has approved piers more than 100 ft when there is a local 100-foot ordinance. J. Schmidt will follow up with the attorney and find out what it will cost.
- f) Annual Mailing/Newsletter
The annual mailing has been sent to the printer and will be ready to send out in the next couple of weeks. The newsletter has been reformatted. T. Peters has written an article for the newsletter. Hope to have the newsletter out by mid-July.

6. Office

- a) Lease/ Office Space
Aurora University is extending our lease until December 30, 2023, but is unable to renew our lease beyond that until they know exactly what is happening. They are hoping to know more by August/September. It is my recommendation to the board that we start actively looking for office space to rent for January 2024. **No formal action was taken at this time.**
- b) Meeting Location
GLEA will continue board meetings at GWC in room 108.

7. Technology/Equipment

Nothing at this time.

8. Municipalities Updates and Reports

- a) City of Lake Geneva – no updates.
- b) Town of Linn – no updates.
- c) Village of Fontana – no updates.
- d) Village of Williams Bay
 - 1. HWY 67 completed.
- e) Town of Walworth
 - 1. Shodeen Development was not approved– a new proposal for the development will be presented in September.

9. New/ Other business items

Time off requested.

10. Next Meeting Date

- a) July 20, 2023.

Motion to adjourn at 7:11 pm by R. Umans. Seconded P. Kenny. CU.

Dated June 20, 2023. Upon approval, posted at the GLEA office and website <https://www.gleawi.org/>.

These minutes were recorded and transcribed by Jacob Schmidt, Director. Aimee Townsend, Admin. Asst.

APPROVED Thursday July 20, 2023