

**GENEVA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY
WILLIAMS BAY, WISCONSIN
Board of Director's Meeting Official Minutes.
August 29, 2019**

The GLEA meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, Thursday August 29, 2019 by Chair L. Lundberg, Room 204 Lowrey Hall, George Williams College Campus, Williams Bay WI.

Members Present: L. Lundberg (W. B), Roy White (Linn Twn), P. Kenny (Fontana), D. Skates (LG).

Also Present: Ted Peters (director), Guests; D. Malmin , K. Leith, Tim Dunn, (LG Alderman) C. Schultz (Regional News), J. Straus, T. Cavanagh, S. Cavanagh, J. and Mrs. Holmes, A. Petersen, T. O'Neill, L. Otto, J. Weiss. Others may have been present, but they did not sign in.

Members Absent: J. Lovell (Wal. Twn), J. McMannamy (WB)

General Business:

1. Peters Reviewed the finding of two recent aquatic plant survey that concentrated on the previously identified areas of starry stonewort. The rove and diver survey confirmed SSW in Trinke Lagoon and at the Onterra site. The WI DNR identified SSW in Trinke Lagoon with a new population in the second bay of the Lagoon. They also identified several additional sites in the proximity of the Onterra site.
2. Peters discussed the three management options for SSW both in the lagoon and in the lake with discussion on a rough time-line with cost. Options include; dredging, chemical treatment and a proposal by the dredger which included having Trinke Creek by-pass the lagoon and discharge directly into the lake (attached to the minutes).
3. Peters read his position on the options, with his recommendation of tabling action on dredging and approving a fall chemical treatment of the Lagoon (attached to these minutes). **A motion was made by R. White to have the GLEA table any action on the dredging of the Trinke Lagoon currently and to approve the chemical treatment of Trinke Lagoon for the fall of 2019 subsequent to and contingent upon the WI DNR's recommendation from their September 11, 2019 on-site review. Motion seconded for discussion by D. Skates.**

At this time the J. Status asked about the public comments section that was to be at the beginning of the meeting. Peters acknowledge his error in overlooking it but then suggested opening the floor for public comments.

J. Straus express his concern about not dredging and felt that everything should be done to dredge the lagoon as it is important to protect this unique and high-quality Geneva Lake. T. and S. Cavanagh both express a desire to have the lagoon dredge to control SSW. Questions were asked about the chemical treatment and why it was being consider now when it looks as if it didn't work before. D. Malmin also expressed his feelings that dredging the lagoon should have been done. He also felt that if the lagoon is chemically treated it should be curtains. The Cavanagh's stated that Trinke would not object to curtaining off the lagoon again. T. O'Neill asked how valuable is Geneva Lake? and that whatever it cost to protect it should be done. J. Holmes asked some questions about the process and something else not recorded. J. Weiss stated that regardless of the cost, when spread over the residents of the lake would be minor, what is right for the lake is what should be done.

Extension discussion followed on the management of SSW in the lake and in the lagoon with the board, Peters and the audience.

L. Lundberg call the question and the vote by the GLEA board on the motion. CU.

Peters than stated that he will need to change the scope of at least one of the grants the GLEA has received from the WI DNR for the dredging project.

The GLEA board then moved on to the agenda of the GLEA Board's August business meeting.

General Business

1. **Motion by P. Kenny to accept the minutes from the June 20 and August 8, 2019 GLEA meetings. CU**
2. **Monthly review items.**
 - a. **Motion by P. Kenny to accept the June and July 2019 GLEA Income statement. CU**
 - b. **Motion by P. Kenny to accept the June and July 2019 GLEA Balance Sheet. CU.**
 - c. The GLEA 's disbursement reports for June and July 2019 were reviewed with a **motion by P. Kenny to accept. CU**
 - d. Peters explained the donations report and what was SSW donations and what was GLEA regular donations. He mentioned the GLEA 's annual solicitation flyer was just sent out.
 - e. **Motion by P. Kenny to accept the staff reports. CU**

Other Business

1. Peters explained the status of the PO₄ Initiative, specifically the bacteria testing on three streams on the south shore.
2. Three of the five sample dates have been collect as part of the Big Foot Creek Study. Water quality shows visual impairment and the test data confirms past degraded water quality. They will need to hire new some new students as four of the five will be leaving for college soon.
3. With the change in the nature of the SSW management, we need to consider how to address the Go-Fund-Me money that has been raised. We will still need money to implement the chosen SSW management of chemical treatment over time.
4. **Motion by P. Kenny to transfer \$20,000 from the MM to a CD. CU**
5. Effectiveness of chemical treatment was discussed above.
6. Nothing new from bank. Peters asked the board to consider the need to borrow any money at this time?
7. It is believed that the three of the communities have approved the new Shared Service Agreement. Lake Geneva wants a dollar amount included in the agreement. Peters questions if the Agreement is needed.
8. Discussion on Clean Boat Clean Waters and the Geneva Lake communities applying together. Peters suggested getting a "committee" of the launch attendants to meet to discuss and work on applying for the CB -CW grant on behalf of the lake community.
9. **Motion by R. White to approve Peters to teach the GWC class at 3:50 pm – 7:35 pm . on Wednesday from August 28 – Dec 11 2019. CU.**
10. There has been an interest by several subdivision to have the GLEA test their private beaches during the summer. Peters explained a plan and will figure out a cost and get back to the board. The Triathlon has also asked the GLEA to test Fontana's beach on September 18, before the event on Sept 21. Peters is to figure out a fee to include lab, transportation and time.
11. Peters gave an update on the chloride sampling by SEWRPC as a part of the Regional study on chloride trends in SE Wisconsin.
12. **Motion by P. Kenny to approve reimbursement to Peters for the cost of renting two Gordy's boats for one of the plant survey in the amount of \$768.04. CU.** Peters felt it would be reimbursable under one of the grants.
Reminded the board of his retirement and that he would be willing to work with the new director during the transition. He mentioned the Aimee would be vital in that transition and urged them to consider giving her a raise.

Nothing to add by the commissioners.

Next meeting set for September 12, after the DNR 's Trinke plant review for chemical treatment.

Motion to adjourn by P. Kenny at 8:26 pm.

Dated August 30, 2019.

Posted at the GLEA office and website www.genevalakemanagement.com/

These minutes were recorded and transcribed by Theodore W. Peters, Director GLEA

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