

GENEVA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY
WILLIAMS BAY, WISCONSIN
Board of Director's Meeting Official Minutes.
April 15, 2021

The GLEA board meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm, Thursday April 15, 2021 by Chair Lundberg at the City of Lake Geneva's council chambers in a GoToMeeting format.

Members/staff in-person present: M.J. Fesenmaier (LG), T. O'Neill (LG), L. Lundberg (W. B.) T. Peters (Director).

In-person guest, M. Lillie (GLA). K. Yancey (GLC). T. O'Neill (LG).

Members virtually present: P. Kenny (Fontana), J. Weiss (Linn), J. Lovell (Walworth Twn.),

Guest virtually present: D. Malmin, T. Cavanaugh (Trinke), C. Coleman (Alliance)

Members Absent: R. Pappas (Fontana), Boyd Whiting (Linn Twn),

General Business:

1. Motion by J. Weiss to accept the March 18, 2021 minutes. CU.

2. Monthly review items.

a. P. Kenny moved to accept the Income Statements for March 2021. CU.

b. J. Weiss moved to accept the Balanced sheet for March 2021. CU.

c. The March 2021 disbursement and donation reports were distributed. Peters noted nothing out of the order No action.

d. Peters reviewed his report giving an overview of the proposed stream testing for the summer of 2021 by Dr. Splinter and the UW-Whitewater team. He also talked about the CD3 boat cleaning station and the GLEA's proposed commitment. Further discussion on the boat cleaning station per the agenda item. **Motion by M.J. Fesenmaier to accept the Director's report. CU.**

Discussion and possible action on the following business.

1. Other than the replacement of a W. Bay rep, it appears that all other members will remain on the GLEA board.
2. Peters was asked to explain exactly what the 2021 GLEA management for SSW is. He explained the three different strategies for the three different locations. Extensive discussion followed on GLEA's approved SSW management strategy. C. Coleman felt it was not aggressive enough and more needs to be done. K. Yancey has concern that if more SSW is found, there will not be enough time to do anything about it. Peters was asked to finish the explanation of the adopted SSW management to include hand pulling at the lagoon outlet. For the deep-water population, the strategy was to monitor the population including underwater observation and respond accordingly. Because of its depth it is unlikely that boats will be spreading it. Disturbing that population could increase its presence.

Colman and Yancey stated that after the meeting with WI DNR AIS specialist and lake biologist they felt we should be more aggressive. T. Cavanaugh mentioned that Trinke is ready to help with SSW management including being a financial partner. Peters stated the adopted management strategy was based upon numerous discussions, literature searches, meetings with lake management peers and WI DNR personnel. It was mentioned by several that it is new science and that nothing has been found to work beyond short term and that there is no "silver bullet".

The question was asked what is meant to be more aggressive. No contract signed yet? Yes, including both locations, harder effort at pulling, maybe no anchor buoy, pull all SSW in lake. It was suggested to review what the WI DNR has published and what has worked and what has not. Pike lake was mentioned as a lake where a "do nothing" approach has been used and it is the only lake where the population has not spread.

Conversation moved to addressing Trinke lagoon and dredging. Discussion followed on the past attempt to dredge the lagoon (2019) and why it did not get done. It was said that although expensive, it could be financed locally as there are many who would contribute to protect the lake including the communities. It was mentioned that Geneva Lake has invasive species and that generally they have come to an equilibrium with the lake system because the lake is a healthy lake and has dealt with these invasive without drastic impacts to the lake system. It was mentioned that Trinke is dredged about once every 20 years, and chemically treated annually for navigation. It was mentioned that dredging would not happen till fall due to the amount of time needed to put the project together.

The concern with Trinke lagoon is that it will serve as a nursery for the propagation and spread of SSW throughout Geneva Lake. It will be an expensive operation but when considering the value of the lake and the property around the lake it would be worth the expense. Consensus was to dredge the whole lagoon if SSW is found within the whole lagoon. The process of putting together this dredging project should start immediately. Dredging will be expensive but what is the value of the lake? **M. J. Fesenmaier/P. Kenny moved that we contract for the dredging of Trinke Lagoon ASAP. 4 years, J. Lovell abstained.**

Peters asked if there were any other areas of the SSW management strategy that needed to be discussed and amended. It was asked if hand pulling needed to be changed. Peters stated he believes that each hand pulling permit is site specific, and any additional SSW found would require a permit to hand pull or implement any active management. It might be a good message to mention that the GLEA has elevated its attention to SSW management. **P. Kenny/M.J. Fesenmaier motion that if there is a significant increase in the amount of SSW, the GLEA should have a back-up hand pull permits available to pull other places and times due to significant increases of SSW. CU.**

Item 3 and 4 on the CD3 boat cleaning station's O & M and the GLEA role were addressed together. The packet info on the CD3 boat cleaning station including locations schedules, maintenance and general info was discussed. J. Weiss suggested that eventually the owner, and party responsible for O & M should be the same to minimize future conflicts. Peters reviewed his conversation with a Hennepin CO MN that oversee seven CD3 and owns two. Generally, he has had good luck with them and supports their use. Peters explained that while the unit is in transit, the party moving it would carry the liability. It was also mentioned that it is anticipated that the community receiving the unit will move it. Cleaning of unit would be conducted by a septic hauler as part of O&M. Location for storage was discussed with the City of LG street Dept. garage being considered. It was asked how long it takes to clean a boat. **M.J. Fesenmaier moved that the GLEA commit to the unit's O & M for 2021 and approve the maintenance schedule. CU.**

3. Peters introduced Matt Messer who was attending virtually. Matt gave a brief overview of his background. **Motion by J. Weiss to hire Matt Messer for the summer of 2021. CU**
4. Peters gave an overview of the Clean Boats Clean Waters staff search. He indicated that he would run the program on hours and not necessarily number of staff.
5. The ad-hoc committee on the future of the GLEA met and discussed broadening our partners and responsibilities. Next meeting will be 6:30 pm May 22, 2021 at LG in the GoToMeeting format. He asked for agenda contents from the members to post the agenda.
6. Peters mentioned that the state has a PO4 fertilizer use ordinance. It was suggested to list the communities' contents of the ordinance on the GLEA web site.
7. A discussion on the proposed zoning standard changes for Lake Geneva's ES-1 district will result in an increase in impervious areas on lots close to the lake. Peters will attend the meeting on Monday May 19 and express that concern.
8. A passive management structure, proposed by our BFCW Study engineers, to address the TP and iron issues in the Big Foot Creek watershed was discussed.

9. **P. Kenny moved to approve and sign the lake protection letter to go out to the Geneva Lake residents. CU**
10. Nothing to add by the commissioners.
11. Next meeting date set for May 20, 2021 same time, place, and method.
12. **J. Weiss moved to adjourn. CU at 8:36 pm.**

Dated April 16, 2021. Upon approval, 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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