

GENEVA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (GLEA)

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Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 2025 - 2:30 PM.
105 N Elkhorn Rd., Williams Bay, WI 53191.

Virtual: Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85449922472>,

Meeting ID: 854 4992 2472

Members:

Chairperson Patrick Kenny

Vice Chairperson Mary Jo Fesenmaier

Rick Pappas, Jim Weiss, Carol McAdam, Alex Rasch, Rob Umans, LaMarr Lundberg

MINUTES

The GLEA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm, Thursday, August 21, 2025, by Chair P. Kenny.

Roll Call

Board Members/ Staff Present: P. Kenny & R. Pappas (F), M.J. Fesenmaier (LG), R. Umans & L. Lundberg (WB), A. Rasch (W), H. Baseman (Director), L. Madison (Intern), A. Townsend (Admin. Asst.).

Guest Present: Mackenzie Wann (Virtual), Lynn Grayson (Virtual)

Board Members/ Staff Absent: J. Weiss & C. McAdam (L), T. Jochman (Attorney)

General Business:

Public Comments

None.

- 1. Motion to approve July 17, 2025, board meeting minutes made by R. Umans. Second by A. Rasch. CU.**
- 2. Monthly Review Items:**
 - a. Motion to approve July 2025 Income Statement and Balance Sheet made by A. Rasch. Second by R. Pappas. CU.**
 - b. Bookkeepers July 2025 Disbursement and Donation reports were made available for review.**
 - c. Motion to approve Treasure report 2025 made by A. Rasch. Seconded by R. Pappas. CU.**

Possible action on the following business.

1. Lake Management Plan Draft Two Review

No changes at this time, possible additions in September. Projected timeline for approval is this fall.

2. Lake District Statement of Position was Reviewed.

No changes.

3. E. Coli Updates and Discussion

- GLEA is looking at updating and improving testing for 2026 season. Installation of aerator at the Riveria helped lower the E. Coli numbers. Composite testing is being done at Lake Geneva Beach in correlation with the three individual sample locations in order to use the information to improve E. coli testing for the 2026 season. Water samples have been taken to WI State Lab and Walworth County to compare the composite and individual testing. GLEA is looking into the type of testing the WI State Lab and Walworth County are doing.
- Lake Geneva Harbor Master was asking to do more trend testing, which would be testing three times a week for a season. But GLEA testing this summer will help identify some what of a trend to make better processes going forward.
- GLEA was asked to do additional testing of the Bunea Vista creek. The readings came back high, and signage was posted. Due to the concern there the WI State Lab is working with us on MST testing five of

the creeks feeding into Geneva Lake and White River.

- Additionally, Sparky and Henry have been testing other areas around the lake for E. coli and GLEA will be analyzing those numbers and what they are telling us this fall.

4. Steel Piers Updates – DNR Response

DNR allows steel piers. If a pier is made of steel and meets all dimensional and placement criteria within the pier planner guidelines, then that structure is exempt from needing a permit from my program. Generally speaking, wood vs metal will not be the deciding factor in whether or not a department permit is required – it is based solely on the structure's size, location, configuration, number of slips for shore frontage, etc.

GLEA board discussed that steel piers require aerators to keep water from freezing close to the pier. This leads to concerns about unstable ice. Steel piers do not require cribs which provide good habitats for fish. Currently there are five steel piers on the lake. Four more are planned for next year

5. Piers & Buoys Statement

The Piers & Buoys statement letter to City of Lake Geneva and Piers, Harbor, Lakefront Committee is okay to send out.

6. Audit

Get information on when it was performed last and what it will cost.

7. Grant and Funding

- DNR Surface grant needs to be done before September 15, 2025.
- Changes to GLEA phones will save \$130.00 a month.

8. Municipality Contracts

The municipality contract a.k.a. request for operating funds was approved and contracts will be sent out this week.

9. Fall / Spring Projects

Fall projects include: reach out letter to past donors, septic system regulations for each municipality, E. Coli sources, phosphorus levels in the streams, organizing student projects, update website, having talks with homeowners' associations, collaborate with schools, and grants.

10. Intern Update

CBCW hours are in except for Williams Bays. Initial numbers for boat count were a little over 4,000 boats – press release will go out once all numbers are in. A couple buoys were damaged this season. The farmers market and art shows helped with outreach, awareness and letting people know who we are, and we received donations. Ten fish cribs have been installed. Interns made plant and field guides to hand out. Worked with land use and resource interns. Worked on Starry Stonewort mapping. Logan will be returning next year.

11. Municipalities Updates and Reports

- a) **City of Lake Geneva** – Birds on the Riveria roof, garbage dumpster and one other event triggered the MST testing last year. The city is aware of this. Still need action on these items.
- b) **Village of Williams Bay** – No updates.
- c) **Village of Fontana** – No updates.
- d) **Town of Linn** – No updates.
- e) **Town of Walworth** -- No updates.

12. Next Meeting Date

- a) September 18, 2025, 4:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 3:14 p.m. by A. Rasch. Second by R. Umans. CU.

Dated August 27, 2025. Upon approval, posted at the GLEA office and website <https://www.gleawi.org/>. These minutes were recorded and transcribed by H. Baseman, Director and A. Townsend, Admin. Asst.

APPROVED 09/18/2025