

**GENEVA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (GLEA)
WILLIAMS BAY, WISCONSIN**

**The monthly business meeting of GLEA will be held at the Agency's office.
105 N Elkhorn Rd., Williams Bay, WI 53191
Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 5:00 pm.
MINUTES**

GLEA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm, Thursday, August 15, 2024, by Chair P. Kenny.

Roll Call

Board Members/ Staff Present: P. Kenny & R. Pappas (F), M.J. Fesenmaier (LG), J. Weiss (L)(remote) R. Umans & L. Lundberg (WB), J. Schmidt (Director), A. Townsend (Admin. Asst.), H. Huss (Intern), T. Jochman (Attorney).

Guest Present: D. Malmin, K. Leith.

Board Members/ Staff Absent: C. McAdam(L), A. Rasch (W).

General Business:

Public Comments

None.

- 1. Motion to approve July 18, 2024, meeting minutes made by R. Umans. Seconded by M.J. Fesenmaier. CU.
Motion to approve July 18, 2024, special joint GLEA and GLLEA meeting made by R. Umans. Seconded by M.J. Fesenmaier. CU.**
- 2. Monthly Review Items:**
 - a. Motion to approve July 2024 Income Statement by R. Umans. Seconded by M.J. Fesenmaier. CU.**
 - b. Motion to approve July 2024 Balance Sheet by R. Umans. Seconded by M.J. Fesenmaier. CU.**
 - c. Bookkeepers July 2024 Disbursement report was made available for review.
 - d. Bookkeepers July 2024 Donation report was made available for review.
 - e. Treasure's report for July 2024 was reviewed.
 - f. Motion to approve High School Intern's report July – August 2024 by P. Kenny. Seconded by R. Umans. CU.**
 - g. Motion to approve Lake Manager Intern Report July – August 2024 by R. Pappas. Seconded by R. Umans. CU.**
 - h. Motion to approve Directors Report for July – August 2024 by R. Umans. Seconded by M.J. Fesenmaier. CU**

Possible action on the following business.

1. Administration/Human Resources/Finance

a) CD Renewal

Money was removed and added to the money market account. The remaining balance was left in the CD and renewed for 12 months.

b) Staffing

J. Schmidt informed the board that the agency needs another full-time employee. Will look at budgeting for next year.

c) Proposed Budget

The draft budget has been sent to R. Umans.

d) Municipal Funding Allocation Request

Motion to request an increase of \$5,000.00 made by R. Pappas. Seconded by M.J. Fesenmaier. CU

e) Lease renewal for 2025.

Our lease will be up on December 31, 2025.

- f) **Friends of GLEA as the primary source for corporate donations and sponsorship**
Motion to have our attorney start the paperwork to become a 501c3 made by M.J. Fesenmaier.
Seconded by R. Umans. CU.
- g) **Attorney Recognition**

The Agency's attorney has been named Top 40 Under 40 Trial Lawyer in the State of Wisconsin.

2. Water Quality/AIS

A drafted PR for the board to review.

- a) **City of Lake Geneva Lagoon Update**
There are dead fish in the Lagoon.
- b) **City of Lake Geneva CD3 Unit**
The unit was hit and totaled. We are working with the insurance company. We are waiting to hear from the CD3 Company about getting a price for a replacement unit. Lake Geneva Public Works picked up the extra unit from Williams Bay and moved it to Lake Geneva.
Continue MST testing.
- c) **Mobile CD3 Unit**
Fontana will be using utilizing the Mobile CD3 Unit.
- d) **Chapter 30 Update**
Amendments have been sent to the municipalities. J. Schmidt will resend it to Fontana and Williams Bay.
- e) **AIS Boat Decontamination Dip Tank System**
Quagga Mussels have now been confirmed in Geneva Lake. DNR will not be issuing a press release. The Municipalities can require transient boaters to go through a decontamination system like they do out west if each municipality with a launch were to install one. If only one municipality were to install a system, it would be considered limiting access. The Board requested that J. Schmidt bring more information on this system to next month's meeting.

3. Grants/Projects/Equipment

- a) **Aquatic Plant Point Intercept Survey/Starry Stonewort – Update**
Starry Stonewort has been found in Geneva Bay in about 16 feet of water. J. Schmidt suggested a reverse ordinance be used to prevent the further spread of the starry stonewort when boats come out of Trinke Lagoon to try and prevent further spread.
- b) **Macroinvertebrate Survey**
The survey is scheduled for October 1. The rain date is October 2. A boat is needed for this survey.
- c) **Final Report of The Nearshore Fisheries Survey**
Motion to approve the Nearshore Fisheries Survey made by M.J. Fesenmaier. Seconded by R. Umans. CU. Due to boat and pier density and overall use, the Geneva Lake littoral zone is declining. **Motion to move forward to get DNR permit to build artificial/ biodegradable reefs made by M.J. Fesenmaier. Seconded by R. Umans. CU**
- d) **Boat**
Researching the cost of purchasing a boat. Look at adding to the 2025 budget.
- e) **Annual Docked and Moored Boat Count**
Water Safety Patrol wants to do the boat count on Labor Day. Walworth County Health Dept. interns want to help with the boat count. We will need a boat to do this.
- f) **Ideal Wake Enhancement**
GLEA staff, with the help of Aurora University Professor Chris Wells, obtained underwater footage showing that an average-sized speed boat on Geneva Lake was able to disturb sediment. This indicates that the ideal wake campaign is a critical study.
- g) **Clean Boats Clean Waters**
Clean Boats Clean Waters grant it due November 15.

Fontana: 245.75 hours – complete
Williams Bay: 283 hours - complete
City of Lake Geneva: 165.5 Hours
Town of Linn: 156 hours

h) Fontana Joint 8 School District Outdoor Educational Building

Fontana School District is working on plans for an outdoor education center. High school students have expressed an interest in doing an environmental education as an after-school program as part of their internship. Fontana has offered us the use of this building. They have asked if we would be able to contribute to the cost of the building.

4. Marketing/Fundraising/Events/Conferences

a) Newsletter

Being worked on and finalized.

b) Walworth County Lakes Association

There is a WCLA meeting on Saturday hosted by Whitewater Rice Lake District featuring Aquarius Aquatic Harvesting Equipment and regulations on mechanical aquatic plant harvesting. The GLEA will host the October meeting and feature P. Siwula and A. Kretlow of WI DNR.

c) National Spearfishing Association Championship

The DNR will not be issuing a press release for event this.

d) Annual Mailing

The annual mailing has been sent out and we are receiving donations.

e) Freshwater Collaborative Initiative

Executive Director of the Freshwater Collaborative, Dr. Marissa Jablonski, will meet with local teachers and hear about their projects directly from our interns. The GLEA Director will also pitch several projects that could be incorporated into their curriculum.

5. New / Other Business Items

a) Geneva Lake Use Committee

The Geneva Lake Use Committee does not meet unless given something to work on. Board members and staff will work on finding out more information on the makeup of the committee.

b) Director's Time off

The Director will be out of the office in the second week of September. Also, Friday, September 27, 2024.

6. Municipalities Updates and Reports

a) City of Lake Geneva – Looking for an Administrator, dumpster lids still open.

b) Village of Williams Bay – No updates.

c) Village of Fontana – Working on an easement agreement for Bigfoot Country Club.

d) Town of Linn – no updates.

e) Town of Walworth -- no updates.

f) Geneva Lake Association – No Report

7. Next Meeting Date

a) September 25, 2024, 5 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. by R. Umans. Seconded by J. Weiss. CU.

Dated August 21, 2024. Upon approval, posted at the GLEA office and website <https://www.gleawi.org/>. These minutes were recorded and transcribed by J. Schmidt, Director. A. Townsend, Admin. Asst.

Approved 11/14/2024