

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

**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.**

Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

Minutes

Members/ Staff Present: R. Pappas (Village of Fontana), M.J. Fesenmaier (City of Lake Geneva), L. Lundberg & R. Umans (Village of Williams Bay), J. Schmidt (Director), T. Peters (Consultant), A. Townsend (Admin. Asst.), J. Weiss (Town of Linn)
Joined at 6:34 pm

Guest Present: T. Jochman (Attorney), D. Malmin, T. Dunn.

Members Absent: P. Kenny (Village of Fontana), J. Lovell (Town of Walworth), T. O'Neill (City of Lake Geneva), D. Rasmussen (Attorney).

GLEA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Vice Chairman M.J. Fesenmaier.

Roll Call

General Business:

Public Comments

D. Malmin commented on the Town of Linn Board's decision not to accept a stationary CD3 Unit and the confusion on when they will be used by boaters.

1. **Motion by R. Umans to approve December 8, 2022, minutes and December 15, 2022, special informational meeting minutes. Seconded by J. Weiss. CU.**
2. Monthly Review Items:
 - a. **Motion to approve December – February 2023 Income Statement by R. Umans. Seconded by M.J. Fesenmaier. CU.**
 - b. **Motion to approve December – February 2023 Balance Sheet by R. Umans. Seconded by J. Weiss. CU.**
 - c. Bookkeeper's December – February 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 December 2022 - March 2023 by R. Pappas. Seconded by J. Weiss. CU.**

Possible action on the following business.

1. Geneva Lake Conservancy invoice for the CD3 has not been paid. **Motion by R. Umans to have the G.L.E.A. absorb the cost. Seconded by J. Weiss. CU**
2. GLEA involvement in Lake Management Plan
The GLEA will continue to support SEWRPC by providing data and previous research.
3. Water Quality/AIS
 - a) Water Alliance
GLEA should develop a 5-year plan and get out a monthly column in the Regional News.
 - b) Discussion Geneva Lake Management Plan meeting on January 26.
No comments were made.
 - c) Local AIS Ordinances Chapter 30 Ordinance
Tyler Jochman presented a draft of the ordinance to the board. **Motion by M.J. Fesenmaier for the GLEA Board members to take the draft to the municipalities and the GLEA Director to email it to the municipalities' administrators and boards. Seconded by R. Pappas. CU.**
Motion by J. Weiss to pay T. Jochman's invoice for \$300.00 for drafting the Chapter 30 ordinance. Seconded by R. Umans. CU.

4. Grants

a) AIS Prevention 5 CD3 Units

We received the grant for 4 CD3 Units from DNR for a total project cost of \$14,809.76 with a grant award of \$11,1107.32. The total cost of materials is \$13,770.

The Municipalities installing and accepting a unit must fill out a form for tracking labor hours and materials cost as a donation to this project. Form 8700-362 Donated Equipment or Equipment worksheet and Form 8700-35 Donated Professional Services used as a match. **Motion by R. Umans to accept the adjusted grant. Seconded by M.J. Fesenmaier. CU.**

b) Cost share CBCW

Motion by R. Umans to accept to cost share for the Clean Boats Clean Waters with the local municipalities. Seconded by J. Weiss. CU.

c) Environmental Educational Foundation Career Day Grant

The EEF would like the GLEA to sponsor/write a grant for a career day. **Tabled till the next meeting as more information is needed.**

5. Projects/Equipment

a) USGS Stream Gage-Relocation

We are currently at a standstill until the bridge is replaced.

b) Boat

J. Schmidt found a local with a 1977 Mako 19 with a 1999 Mercury Optimax 135 Hp outboard.

Cost of \$6,900.00. **Motion by R. Umans to purchase the boat. Seconded by J. Weiss. CU.**

c) SEWRPC Sub-PI Scope of Work

This survey is looking at both Starry Stonewort and Forked Duckweed. J. Schmidt expressed his concern about the forked duckweed populations. The population went from 6% to 27% in a few years. We have no documented records of an increase like this in our data. The GLEA will have to provide a boat and pilot for the survey. There is an estimated 100 hours of fieldwork to complete this survey. At the cost of \$8,000.00. **Motion by R. Umans to approve the SEWRPC Sub-Pi. Seconded by J. Weiss. CU.**

d) Nearshore Fish Survey Scope of Work

With the Lake Management plan being updated, it is important to assess the fisheries population of Geneva Lake as part of the Lake Management plan update. Fisheries are an important part of the lakes' overall health. If we do not conduct this survey, the Geneva Lake Management Plan update will not be a complete lake management plan. It would be missing a key factor in how to manage it. **Motion by R. Umans to approve the Nearshore Fish Survey at the cost of no more than \$5,000.00. Seconded by J. Weiss. CU.**

6. Marketing/Fundraising/Events/Conferences

a) Website

We have merchandise on our website utilizing pointful, an on-demand printing service through Wix. We have no inventory and do not do any shipping. This is all done through the website. Profit is anywhere from \$5.00 to \$50.00.

b) Social Media

J. Schmidt is trying to keep up with social media.

c) Ice-on Contest

There were 5 winners the guessed the correct date of January 31st. There was a total of 234 students entered from 15 schools. GLEA will be doing a press release.

d) Wild Things Conference

The DuPage County Forest Preserve District invited me to tour the facility. This facility was built using federal NOAA and EPA grant money to clean up a superfund site on the Des Plaines River. A facility like this might be an option for Bigfoot Creek if we can get federal grant dollars. I have invited DNR, USFWS, and SEWRPC staff to join me for a facility tour. This is only one of 30 facilities in North America currently. Heidi Bunk shared my invitation with her supervisor. She asked me if all 13 Water Quality department staff members could attend to learn more about the propagation cycle and grants to clean up superfund sites. This facility has propagated over 25,000 mussels and several endangered macroinvertebrates. DNR is looking at possibly arranging a bus for the tour.

e) Wisconsin Lakes Convention

Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers convention is April 18 thru 21. J. Schmidt will be attending the conference.

f) Director involvement in Southeastern Wisconsin Lakes Conference.

J. Schmidt has been asked to join the Southeastern Wisconsin Lakes Conference Committee focus group. I have invited C. Colman, co-chair of the Water Alliance, to join me on this committee. This is to learn more about other lakes' capacity issues and recreational impacts. The forum has a date of May 19, and the location is TBD, most likely UW Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences Campus.

- g) Advanced Lake Leaders
There will be three Advanced Lakes Leaders Seminar sessions this year. One in May, one in September, and one in October. Topics have not been announced yet. Will wait to see what the topics will be about.

7. GLEA Discussion

- a) District/Commission informational meeting Discussion.
J. Schmidt will develop a plan for the next meeting.
- b) Lease/ Office Space
Not sure what is happening with GWC after December.
- c) Meeting Location
There will be a \$100 room charge for us to use this meeting room.

8. Staffing

- a) Intern
Will be posting for a summer intern position.
- b) Fulltime Staff Person
Will not be pursuing this at this time.

9. Budget

- a) Option 1
Intern only
- b) Option 2
Has an additional staff person.
- c) Approval of Budget
Motion made by R. Umans to move forward with option 1 with revised numbers. Seconded by M.J. Fesenmaier.
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10. Technology/Equipment

- a) IT Consultant
J. Schmidt has been working with an IT Consultant to try and get files cleaned up.
- b) Walkies Talkies
Discussed the use of walkie-talkies for the launches. No decision at this time.

11. Municipalities Updates and Reports

- A. City of Lake Geneva
 - 1. Letter to the editor
- B. Town of Linn
No updates.
- C. Village of Fontana
R. Pappas gave an update about the Townhouses across from the Abbey.
- D. Village of Williams Bay
 - 1. Southwick Creek Dredging
Have permits and approval, but with Hwy 67 under construction, it will have to wait.
- E. Town of Walworth
 - 1. Lake Petite Development/Big Foot Farms
400 homes proposed at Big Foot Farms.

12. New/ Other business items

None at this time.

13. Next Meeting Date

- a) April 27, 2023

Motion to adjourn at 8:44 pm by R. Umans. Seconded by J. Weiss. CU

Dated March 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.

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