

**GENEVA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (GLEA)
WILLIAMS BAY, WISCONSIN
Board of Director's Meeting in Room 204, George Williams College
Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 6:30 pm.**

Minutes

Members/ Staff Present: M.J. Fesenmaier (City of Lake Geneva), T. O'Neill (City of Lake Geneva), J. Weiss (Town of Linn), J. Lovell (Town of Walworth) L. Lundberg & R. Umans (Village of Williams Bay), T Peters & J. Schmidt (Director), Aimee Townsend (Admin. Asst.)

Guest: Tom Nickols Water Alliance, Janet Happ GLC, Karen Yancey GLC

Members Absent: P. Kenny (Village of Fontana), R. Pappas (Village of Fontana), B. Whiting (Town of Linn), D. Rasmussen (Attorney)

GLEA Board of Directors Meeting Called to order By Chairman L. Lundberg at 6:30 pm

Roll Call

General Business:

Comments from the public. The public made no Comments.

1. **Motion by R. Umans / J. Lovell to accept the November 11 and November 23 minutes. CU**
2. Monthly Review Items:
 - a. **Motion by R. Umans / J. Weiss to accept the November 2021 Income Statement. CU**
 - b. **Motion by R. Umans / J. Weiss to accept the November 2021 Balance Sheet. CU**
 - c. Bookkeeper's November Disbursement Report and running donation report were reviewed.
 - d. Staff Report:
 - Director's report for November-December 2021. The board did not have any questions for either T. Peters or J. Schmidt on their reports. **Motion by M.J. Fesenmaier / R. Umans. CU**

Possible action on the following business.

- 1) Starry Stonewort Trinke Estate
 - a) Shared Service agreement GLEA take care of logistics, dredging, etc., GLA, Trinke, Alliance and GLC take care of fund raising.

GLEA had a meeting with the DNR and ILM that is doing the permitting for the Trinke project on Dec. 7th. Drafting new permits for all three lagoons because it going to be over 3,000 cubic yards of sediment. This is going to cost \$800,000.00.

M.J. Fesenmaier made a motion to have our attorney draft a shared services agreement blank template for the GLEA for the dredging project in Trinke Lagoon. Seconded by: J. Lovell

Discussion: We need a financial commitment by February 1st. The goal is to dredge by Labor Day of 2022. Should have permits from DNR by March. Have a service agreement drawn up so that we can add persons who commit to help cover costs later.

Roll call vote: Williams Bay: No, Walworth: No, Linn: No, Lake Geneva: Yes, Fontana: Not present, Motion does not pass.

Fundraising: T. Nickols of the Water Alliance said that they have been active in helping with SSW activities in the past and would be glad to be active in the future in helping us with fundraising. The Trinke Homeowners must have a large stake in this and should be involved in the funding. Need to find out how much the Trinke homeowners are willing to pay. It is unlikely that DNR will fund any more grants, as they previously funded two rapid response grants. GLEA staff does not feel that the science and past experience justify dredging. There is no guarantee it will solve SSW. Discussion about doing a cost analysis for dredging was had. Trinke Estates will have to dredge the same way we are doing it due to SSW. Several potential solutions besides dredging were discussed, disengaging the lagoon from the lake. Have piers on the lake rather than the lagoon.

A J. Lovell/R. Umans motion to have Baxter & Woodman conduct a cost analysis on dredging the lagoon to a depth of two feet for SSW management and 4 ft. for navigation and to have it available for the January meeting. CU

b) Review of evaluation & recommendations of 2021 hand pulling.
Report on the hand pulling from the dive guys. Disturbing this site by dredging, hand pulling, or other mechanical means, may encourage the spread of SSW. We have done mechanical and chemical for 2 years and it has only gotten worse. DNR will not likely give permits unless improvement is show. **No action at this time will review for action at the January meeting.**

2) CD3 Machine

a) **J. Weiss/M.J. Fesenmaier motion to have J. Schmidt discuss the shared service agreement between GLEA and GLC on responsibilities of the CD3 unit and to bring it back to the board at the January meeting.** Discussion included mechanical and operation issues. Also discussed was the possibility of communities purchasing their own and that the unit should be located longer at launches that launch more boats.

3) Lake Management Plan Grant

a) A written request to GLC for grant application and all materials CC: DNR, USGS, SEWRPC, Elected Officials, GLEA Board.

With all the changes on the lake, it was suggested by SEWRPC and DNR to update the lake management plan. The rescinded GLEA letter of support for the Geneva Lake Conservancy's (GLC) grant application of a lake management grant for the preparation of a lake management plan was discussed. It was asked why the GLEA was not invited into the application process? T. Nichols stated that the GLEA was invited numerous times over the last three years and T. Peters indicated he/GLEA was not going to be doing the grant application. The GLC went ahead and applied. T. Peters stated he reviewed his files, and he could not find any record of being asked. He also stated that he sent to the Alliance, GLC, SEWRPC and GLEA board a list of items that he felt should be included in the lake management plan and heard nothing back. T. Peters ask for verification of the requests made to the GLEA to author the grant. It was agreed that that information would be sent it to J. Schmidt, GLEA Director.

GLEA felt that there was a need to gather more information on the lake before a management plan is drafted. The GLEA is onboard with the need for a new lake management plan, we just wanted to be involved in developing the deliverables in the grant application and the contents of the plan. We also understand that the grant money would be used in part to pay SEWRPC to author most of the plan. GLC stressed that they want to work in a collaborative manner and that the letter we sent was not

collaborative. GLC mentioned that the GLEA does not have the staff to do it and that they were in the middle of a director's transition. They felt it needed to be done now. T. Peters mentioned that there were some items in the grant application that the GLEA has budgeted to do in 2022. Also, he did not understand what was to be done in the Big Foot Creek Watershed.

If the grant for the preparation of a new lake management plan is accepted, regardless of who wrote the application, SEWRPC will draft the plan. It should be a team effort.

- 4) Water Alliance Townhall meeting December 8th.
No comments
- 5) Bank Account Information
 - a. Signature cards
J. Schmidt is officially on the account as of 12/1/2021
- 6) Company Credit Card
The credit card application was submitted on 11/30/2021
- 7) Transfer of Funds from CD
CD funds were transferred on 12/1/2021.
- 8) Ted's retirement party
We were \$21.00 under budget.
- 9) WDNR – GLEA update on SSW.
Townhall 2022, late winter early spring, hope to have it via zoom.
- 10) USGS Contract for 2022-2023
The GLEA has budgeted \$18,979. The actual cost is \$18,800 there was a 4% increase, we have asked to be billed quarterly. Dr. Robertson with USGS has requested to have a meeting with DNR and GLEA for Geneva Lake sampling needs for the year. This meeting has not been scheduled yet but shooting for early January, early February. Ted budgeted an extra \$300.00 under misc. So USGS can get a second sample. We do bacteria sampling at the beaches; they sample the lake. **Motion to approve USGS contract 2022-2023 made by: R. Umans, Seconded by: J. Weiss, CU**
- 11) Odling Gravel Pit
The meeting will be with the DNR Wednesday 15th, regarding the creek and maybe talk to them about Trinke. This Wednesday, L. Lundberg has a meeting with 2 DNR about Southwick Creek. He is going to walk through an entire creek. They are going to discuss who is responsible and liable to pay for the removal of the gravel in the lake. And what it has done to the register trout stream.
- 12) Set Next Meeting Date
The next board meeting date is scheduled for January 20.
- 13) Adjournment at 8:26 pm **Motion by J. Weiss / R. Umans. CU.**

Dated December 9, 2021. Upon approval, posted at the GLEA office and website www.genevalakemanagement.com/
These minutes were recorded and transcribed by A. Townsend, Admin. Asst., J. Schmidt & T. Peters, Directors.

Approved 1/20/2022