

**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, July 18, 2024, at 5:00 pm.  
Minutes**

**GLEA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm, Thursday July 18, 2024, by Chair P. Kenny.**

**Roll Call**

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

**Guest Present:** L. Grayson.

**Board Members/ Staff Absent:** R. Pappas (F), C. McAdam (L).

**General Business:**

**Public Comments**

None.

- 1. Motion by R. Umans to approve June 20, 2024, meeting minutes. Seconded by A. Rasch. CU.**
- 2. Monthly Review Items:**
  - a. Motion to approve June 2024 Income Statement by R. Umans. Seconded by A. Rasch. CU.**
  - b. Motion to approve June 2024 Balance Sheet by M.J. Fesenmaier. Seconded by R. Umans. CU.**
  - c. Bookkeepers June 2024 Disbursement report was made available for review.
  - d. Bookkeepers June 2024 Donation report was made available for review.
  - e. Motion to approve June 2024 Treasure's report by A. Rasch. Seconded by M.J. Fesenmaier. CU.**
  - f. Motion to approve Intern's report for June-July 2024 by R. Umans. Seconded by A. Rasch. CU.**
  - g. Motion to approve Directors Report for June-July 2024 by A. Rasch. Seconded by M.J. Fesenmaier. CU**

**Possible action on the following business.**

**1. CD Renewal**

**Motion by M.J. Fesenmaier to move \$20,000.00 out of the CD into MM. The remaining balance is to be put into a CD for 12 months. Seconded by R. Umans. CU.**

**2. Water Quality/AIS**

- a) City of Lake Geneva Harbor Master Introduction.**  
Introduction of E. Nicia, Lake Geneva Harbor Master.
- b) City of Lake Geneva Lagoon Update**  
Getting bids/proposals for replacement Seawall.
- c) City of Lake Geneva Riveria Dumpster Issue**  
Continue MST testing.
- d) Mobile CD3 Unit**  
Fontana Lakefront has the mobile unit on their July committee meeting.

### 3. Grants/Projects/Equipment

#### a) **Macroinvertebrate Survey, Aquatic Plant PI, Nearshore Fisheries Survey**

The Nearshore Fisheries Survey with the Fontana Joint School District students was a success. A concerning discovery was made at the Yerkes lakefront. Once boasted great biodiversity in last year's survey, we only managed to find one fish. Likely a result of ongoing development in the area. Sediment erosion reaching into the lake despite the presence of erosion fencing was observed. Our PI survey is scheduled for next week, with Fontana Joint School District students joining us. The Macroinvertebrate survey is planned for September. To address the situation at Yerkes Lakefront/Women Leadership Center, I propose initiating weekly surveys using a sein. Will Contact Holiday Camp to see if we can get access.

#### b) **Environmental Education Foundation Grant**

Received the EEF grant for our high school students.

#### c) **Boat**

J. Schmidt requested the board approve the cost of a boat rental for the Aquatic Plant Survey.  
**Motion by R. Umans to rent a boat for the Aquatic Plant Survey, at a cost not to exceed \$1,250.00 Seconded by J. Weiss. CU**

#### d) **Ideal Wake Enhancement**

We need to start mapping and measuring the depths of each slow no-wake buoy so we can make informed decisions about the areas of the lake that need to be restricted from wake enhancement devices and their uses. This work will require a boat.

#### e) **Clean Boats Clean Waters**

J. Schmidt gave update on the hours for the CBCW for each municipality.

Fontana: 245.75 Hours

City of Lake Geneva: 151.5 Hours

Williams Bay: 97 hours

Town of Linn: 6 hours

We will request an invoice from the Village of Fontana for \$2,400. Thank you to Landre Staggs, Fontana's Lakefront Manager, and the boat launch staff for completing the 200 hours.

#### f) **Internship Project**

The GLEA interns have been shadowing with various local partners, including the Walworth County Health Department, US FWS/ Friends of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, and Kettle Moraine Land Trust. With specific focuses, such as Emma is working on an Aquatic Plant Field Guide for Geneva, Herry and Meghan are working on the Wake Enhancement Project, Moria is working on macroinvertebrates, and Riley is working on AIS/CBCW and Fisheries.

#### g) **Chapter 30 Ordinance Update**

A revised amendment from our Attorney has been received and needs to be reviewed before it is sent to the municipalities.

### 4. Marketing/Fundraising/Events/Conferences

#### a) **Informational Meeting with DNR about Genev Fisheries and Fishing Tournaments**

J. Schmidt reported that the agency had been receiving positive feedback from members of the public, who expressed interest in having more meetings with DNR staff. The Board acknowledged the positive feedback and discussed the possibility of organizing additional sessions in the future.

#### **Meeting with the National Spearfishing Association Championship:**

The Board discussed the upcoming National Spearfishing Association Championship scheduled for Friday, September 27, from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It was the consensus of the Board that the DNR should be responsible for notifying residents and visitors about this event.

**Motion:** M.J. Fesenmaier moved that GLEA staff draft a template letter for each municipality to send to the WDNR, requesting that they handle public notifications regarding the tournament. The motion was seconded by J. Weiss CU.

- b) **Recreation Safety Focus Group with Walworth County Health Department**  
Recreational Open Water Safety Focus Group is Monday, July 22; I encourage the municipalities to have their staff sign up for the focus groups as the County is looking for things it can improve on for the municipalities for open water safety. The county received a life jacket loaner system grant and is looking for several municipalities to install these at their launches.
  - c) **Newsletter**  
Working on finalizing.
  - d) **Walworth County Lakes Association**  
GLEA is hosting the Walworth County Lake Association meeting in October with Patrick Siwula and Amy Kretlow from Wisconsin DNR AIS.
  - e) **Geneva Lake Association Annual Meeting**  
GLEA was invited to speak at the GLA annual meeting, and our intern staff was also invited on August 3 at the Lake Geneva Country Club.
5. **New / Other Business Items**
- a) **Geneva Lake Use Committee**  
Board requested this be added to the August Agenda
  - b) **Director's Time off**  
The Director will be out of the office July 31 – August 2, 2021, due to a medical procedure.
6. **Municipalities Updates and Reports**
- a) **City of Lake Geneva** –Update Chapter 30 revision, Proposal of World of Ice.
  - b) **Town of Linn** – Linn Pier repairing, out of commission until end of September.
  - c) **Village of Fontana** – Easement with Bigfoot Country Club. Stormwater Management.
  - d) **Village of Williams Bay** –Update Chapter 30, DNR Tournament.
  - e) **Town of Walworth** -- no updates.
7. **Next Meeting Date**
- a) August 15, 2024, 5 pm.

**Motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. by R. Umans. Seconded by A. Rasch. CU.**

Dated August 1, 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 8/15/2024.**