

**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.
Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 6:30 pm.**

Minutes

Members/ Staff Present: M.J. Fesenmaier (City of Lake Geneva), J. Lovell (Town of Walworth), L. Lundberg & R. Umans (Village of Williams Bay), J. Schmidt (Director).

Members present virtually Via Zoom: 6:50 pm, P. Kenny (Village of Fontana), 7:30 pm, J. Wiess (Town of Linn)

Guest Present: T. Dunn, C. Roan.

Members Absent: R. Pappas (Village of Fontana), T. O'Neill (City of Lake Geneva), B. Whiting (Town of Linn), D. Rasmussen (Attorney), T. Peters (Consultant), A. Wisnionski (Lake Manager Asst./Intern), A. Townsend (Admin. Asst.).

GLEA Board of Directors Meeting Called to order at 6:30 pm by Vice Chairperson Fesenmaier

Roll Call

General Business:

No comments were made.

**1. Motion by L. Lundberg to approve September 15, 2022, minutes. Seconded by M.J. Fesenmaier. CU.
R. Umans Abstained from voting**

2. Monthly Review Items:

a. **Motion to approve September 2022 Income Statement by R. Umans. Seconded by J. Lovell. CU.**

b. **Motion to approve September 2022 Balance Sheet by R. Umans. Seconded by J. Lovell. CU.**

c. Bookkeeper's September 2022 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 September - October 2022 by R. Umans. Seconded by J. Lovell. CU.**

Possible action on the following business.

1. Whole Lake PI Survey

Results have not been received. The contractor is behind due to employees and covid. The RFP for 2023 has been started. Depending on the budget for 2023, this might be able to be done in-house next year.

2. Grants

a) AIS Prevention 5 CD3 Units

A letter of support was sent to the board, both for municipalities and local organizations. There was a pre-application meeting with various DNR staff. The application will be sent to our AIS Coordinator for review before it is submitted. This would provide all four municipalities with one roadside CD3 unit at each of their public launches. The GLEA will purchase and manage each unit. The GLEA is requesting that each municipality install these units as they will be going on your property. This means the municipalities will have to apply for any necessary permits to install the units. This was recommended by the DNR staff. This way the GLEA does not have to go through the bid process to install these units. **Motion by J. Lovell to add a mutually agreed upon location to letter and a return by the date of October 31st. Seconded by R. Umans. CU**

b) Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant

CBCW grants will be submitted again, and the deadline is November 15. The hours at the launches have not been met. We have until October 31st to meet the requirements. The grant schedule may be adjusted so that there is not this problem next year.

c) **Cost Share CBCW**

A signed agreement from the municipalities will be needed to go ahead with the cost share that would be reimbursed by the GLEA. We have not heard back from Williams Bay or the Town of Linn. Williams Bay and the Town of Linn administrators will be contacted regarding the cost share. The GLEA will manage the CBCW programs for Williams Bay and the Town of Linn should they prefer not to participate in the cost share of this program.

3. **Water Quality / AIS**

a) **CD3 Machine**

The CD3 unit has been winterized and it is being stored at the Town of Linn Fire Department. Thank you, Town of Linn, for arranging this. The costs associated with managing the unit this year have been put into an invoice.

Motion by J. Lovell to send the invoice with accompanying letter to the GLC. Seconded by R. Umans. CU

b) **Water Alliance**

J. Schmidt attended the water Alliance meeting and gave updates on CBCW, CD3, Lake Wide PI Survey, 2022 Boat count, and Bigfoot Creek Study. On the agenda of this meeting, the GLEA was expected to give an update on Septic Systems. J. Schmidt tried to explain to the Water Alliance that the GLEA and Linn Sanitary District are two entirely separate government entities that operate independently from one another. J. Schmidt suggested at this meeting it would probably be in the best interest of the Water Alliance to invite any organizations from which they would like to receive reports or updates to their meeting rather than allow misinformation to spread.

c) **Lake Management Plan**

Had a meeting with SEWRPC to discuss the lake management plan. Informed them that we were not included in the prep meetings and had to file a FOIA to receive the submitted grant application. Since this meeting, SEWRPC has been provided the GLEA updates on the Lake Management Plan, such as a date being set for the Open House at Horticultural Hall.

d) **Local AIS Ordinances Chapter 30**

Spoke to another attorney, and he can draft the Chapter 30 Ordinance. His rate is \$100 an hour. Contact D. Rasmussen and let him know we are moving forward. **Motion by J. Lovell to pursue the writing of this ordinance with a cap of \$500. Seconded by R. Umans. CU**

e) **Walworth County Farmland Preservation Plan Update**

Walworth County is in the process of updating the [Walworth County Farmland Preservation Plan | Walworth County, WI](#)

f) **Beach Testing (Lake Geneva)**

The City of Lake Geneva would like to be included back into the Grant for the beach testing. J. Schmidt will inquire to see if the City of Lake Geneva can be reinstated back into the original grant.

4. **Projects/Equipment**

a) **USGS Stream Gage**

The City of Lake Geneva will not be completing the bridge project as it was removed from the budget. The cost to move the gage would cost about \$5,000-\$10,000. The timeline of this move is not set.

b) **2022 Boat Count**

Gage has 750 boats throughout IL and WI. Unfortunately, the GLEA has been unsuccessful in receiving the actual number of boats that are strictly utilized on Geneva Lake. Due to this, the boat count for 2022 will not be accurate. SEWRPC stated that our boat count is of significant value even though we are only counting dock or moored boats.

c) **DNR Boat Use**

There is a concern with liability and the DNR will not be able to allow the GLEA to use.

5. **Marketing / Fundraising / Events**

a) **Website**

Intern and Admin. Asst. are keeping up the website.

b) **Social Media**

Intern has been keeping our social media updated with photos of fieldwork.

c) **Materials**

Marketing materials have been well received. Especially hats, as marketing materials.

d) **Friends Hackmatack Event**

The Friends of Hackmatack are having their annual meeting and asked if the GLEA would be interested in sponsoring the event, Art Show event on November 8 in Crystal Lake at Dole Mansion. Sponsorship starts at \$100.00.

e) **Walworth County Lakes Association Meeting**

GLEA hosted the WALCO Lake and there were about 25 people in attendance.

f) **In Search of Eagles**

We will be hosting a location for this event in January of 2023.

6. **Conferences**

a) WI Lakes Leaders call for Crew 14 – Seminar III

J. Schmidt is officially one of 400 people in Wisconsin who successfully went through this program.

7. GLEA Discussion

a) District/Commission

It has come to the attention of the GLEA that there is a lot of misinformation being spread about the different lake management types. The GLEA board realizes that lake management has become increasingly expensive. J. Schmidt expressed concerns about the future of the GLEA, as Geneva Lake was the first lake in the State of Wisconsin to have a designated Government Agency dedicated to lake management. The GLEA board was provided with a document highlighting the differences between lake management organization types. **Motion by M.J. Fesenmaier to set up a Zoom and in-person informational meeting for the GLEA board, local municipal elected officials, and municipal administrator or designated attendees. Along with other organizations involved in lake management such as GLC, GLLC, and GLA. With allowing 3 representatives from each organization or municipality. Seconded by R. Umans. CU**

b) Staffing

Adding another staff member would allow us to do certain things in-house such as the PI- Survey and other projects. This would also allow the Director to focus on fundraising and other aspects of the job rather than fieldwork.

c) Budget

There are two budgets, both are balanced. One has an added staff member, and you can see the difference between the fundraising amounts.

8. Technology

a) Copier

Called various nonprofit organizations asking if they would be interested in the unit and no one was. **Motion by R. Umans to dispose of copier. Seconded by J. Lovell. CU.**

9. Municipalities Updates and Reports

a) City of Lake Geneva

No updates.

b) Town of Linn

J. Wiess gave an update on piers more than 100 ft. As the Town's attorney is working on scheduling a meeting with DNR regarding this matter.

c) Village of Fontana

No updates.

d) Village of Williams Bay

R. Umans reported that the Village of Williams Bay is no longer pursuing the rerouting of Southwick Creek due to the lack of grant funding and the cost associated with this project. The GLC is into looking and working on other avenues to get this project completed.

e) Town of Walworth

No updates.

10. Set Next Meeting Date

Find out which dates work better to host the informational meeting, and then use the other date for the regularly scheduled board meeting. December 8 or 15.

Motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm by R. Umans. Seconded by J. Lovell. CU

Dated October 20, 2022. 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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