

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

**The monthly business meeting of the GLEA will be held at the Agency's office.
105 N Elkhorn Rd., Williams Bay, WI 53191
Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 5:30 pm.**

Virtual Meeting Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89100496954?pwd=MkdYamtZaXNyVGg3SVJBtXZtUStVQT09>

Minutes

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

Roll Call

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

Guest Present: none

Board Members/ Staff Absent: C. McAdam (L).

General Business:

Public Comments

No public comments.

- 1. Motion by R. Umans to approve March 21, Board of Directors meeting minutes. Seconded by A. Rasch. CU.**
- 2. Monthly Review Items:**
 - a. **Motion to approve March 2024 Income Statement by A. Rasch. Seconded by R. Umans. CU.**
 - b. **Motion to approve March 2024 Balance Sheet by A. Rasch. Seconded by R. Umans. CU.**
 - c. Bookkeepers March 2024 Disbursement report was made available for review.
 - d. Bookkeepers March 2024 Donation report was made available for review.
 - e. **Motion to approve March 2024 Treasure's report by A. Rasch. Seconded by R. Pappas. CU.**
 - f. **Motion to approve Director's report for March –April 2024 by R. Umans. Seconded by R. Pappas. CU.**

Possible action on the following business.

1. 2024-2030 Plan

For review only, no action taken.

2. Human Resources

a) College Intern

There were 25 applicants. Interviews start Monday, April 22. The anticipated start date is May 20.

b) OSHA Workplace Compliance

Motion to purchase a portable fume hood for the amount of \$2,695.00 if a used one is not found by April 26 made by R. Pappas. Seconded by R. Umans. CU.

3. Water Quality/AIS

a) Mobile CD3 Unit

The unit is still in storage in the Town of Linn.

b) Local AIS Ordinances Chapter 30

GLEA hosted the training with the DNR. The Villages of Fontana, Williams Bay and Lake Geneva all had officers in attendance. The ordinance that was adopted only adopted the definitions of Aquatic Invasive Species, which will require that the officers identify the AIS and issue a ticket for the specific species. Both Fontana and WB police chiefs felt that this would be difficult to enforce. They will bring this back to their municipalities to state any aquatic plant matter is not allowed to be transported. Lake Geneva officer was going to do the same and talk with the police chief and attorney as well to see about getting the ordinance amended.

c) USGS Stream Gauge

Waiting for the cost from USGS.

d) Water Alliance Meeting April 22

Director Schmidt will not be able to attend the meeting in person but will try to join virtually.

4. Grants/Projects/Equipment

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

The Macro Survey will be in September. The PI survey will be sometime around the end of June and July. The Nearshore will be at the end of June and the beginning of July.

b) Environmental Education Foundation High School Internship Grant Application

EEF is meeting next week, and the GLEA is hosting the meeting at our office and on Zoom.

c) Fontana Drone Club

Fontana Drone Club will be doing wake enhancement drone survey, buoys, and pier surveys. They will work directly with DNR on that portion, as Fontana will incorporate it as part of a summer school project and apply for a community foundation grant for boats.

d) Clean Boats Clean Waters

The County has hired an LMPN Intern. Once training is scheduled GLEA will contact the municipalities with the date and times. They are looking at the week before Memorial Day. Director Schmidt is working on becoming a certified CBCW trainer as well.

e) GLEA APP

A prototype app for the GLEA was discussed. It would help streamline fieldwork. Look at budgeting for next year.

5. Marketing/Fundraising/Events/Conferences

a) Newsletter

Currently being worked on. Possibly move to a bi-annual newsletter and do more E-blasts.

b) Wisconsin Lake's Convention

Director J. Schmidt attended the WI Lake's Convention, and there were numerous sessions on wake enhancement. Several lakes in SE WI have successfully passed local ordinances restricting the use of ballast, wake shaping devices, and wake enhancement features.

c) Walworth County Lakes Association

The GLEA will be hosting the Walworth County Lakes Association meeting in October, featuring Wisconsin DNR AIS staff. They will talk about the local AIS to Walworth as well as what is happening at the federal level.

d) Informational Meeting with DNR

The GLEA will try to schedule an informational meeting for late May or Early June with the DNR for a Saturday morning or during the week after 5 pm.

e) Lake Management Plan Focus Groups

The GLC and SEWRPC are hosting two focus groups as part of the Lake Management Plan Update. The Director has been asked to present and represent the GLEA at both of these meetings. Eric Olson, Extension Lakes, will be moderating both sessions.

1. Water Quality- May 20, 6-8 pm

2. Boat Traffic and Recreational Use- May 21, 6-8 pm

6. Municipalities Updates and Reports

a) City of Lake Geneva – Lagoon Outlet Piers- the City of Lake Geneva Harbormaster asked if the GLEA would provide a letter on where the GLEA stands about piers in the Lagoon.

b) Town of Linn – Lakey Lane – waiting on funding request.

c) Village of Fontana – Construction on Shabona started. Stop before Memorial Day and start back up in the fall.

d) Village of Williams Bay –Womens Leadership Center is removing trees. Southwick Creek DNR permit by early October.

e) Town of Walworth- A. Rasch is on the town board.

7. New/ Other business items

a) GLEA Board Elections

Discuss next meeting.

b) Committees

Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department has asked if the GLEA would be willing to participate in the WI Land and Water Tour. They would like for the GLEA to be a stop on the tour and discuss the AIS ordinance and CD3 Units in Williams Bay.

New business: GLEA will participate in a documentary about AIS that is being made by a Student at Aurora University.

8. Next Meeting Date

a) May 16, 2024.

Motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. by R. Pappas. Seconded by R. Umans. CU.

Dated April 18, 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 05-16-2024