

## GENEVA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (GLEA)

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**Monthly Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 26, 2025 - 4:00 PM.**  
**105 N Elkhorn Rd., Williams Bay, WI 53191.**  
**Virtual: Join Zoom Meeting**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89984505781>  
Meeting ID: 899 8450 5781

### Members:

Chairperson Patrick Kenny  
Vice Chairperson Mary Jo Fesenmaier  
Rick Pappas, Jim Weiss, Carol McAdam, Alex Rasch, Rob Umans, LaMarr Lundberg

## MINUTES

The GLEA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm, Thursday, June 26, 2025, by Chair P. Kenny.

### Roll Call

**Board Members/ Staff Present:** P. Kenny & R. Pappas (F) (Virtual), M.J. Fesenmaier (LG), J. Weiss (L) (Virtual), L. Lundberg (WB), H. Baseman (Director), A. Townsend (Admin. Asst.).

**Guest Present:** None

**Board Members/ Staff Absent:** C. McAdam (L), R. Umans (WB), A. Rasch (W), T. Jochman (Attorney)

### General Business:

#### Public Comments

None.

1. **Motion to approve May 15, 2025 and May 29, 2025 board meeting minutes made by R. Pappas. Second by**
2. **J. Weiss. CU.**
3. **Monthly Review Items:**
  - a. **Motion to approve May 2025 Income Statement and Balance Sheet made by P. Kenny. Second by J. Weiss. CU.**
  - b. Bookkeepers May 2025 Disbursement and Donation reports were made available for review.
  - c. Treasure report 2025 was available for review.

### Possible action on the following business.

#### 1. USGS Updates

Discussion - Lake Level Corporation, Water Alliance, and GLEA are not using the information that is coming from the USGS flow gage nor from the height gage. Most useful to the Lake Level Corporation would be a lake level sensor that would convey the level remotely to LLC; they feel the USGS gage is not accurate. They are not expecting any financial help with a lake level sensor but if GLEA could be a partner and help that would be good. GLEA will research what is the best option and why the USGS one is not viewed as accurate. GLEA will continue the White River phosphorus testing. **Motion to remove gages where information is not being used made by R. Pappas. Seconded J. Weiss. CU.**

#### 2. Algae Report of Geneva Lake

Algae on the lake was tested and is regular green algae. Followed Blue-Green Algae Protocol with visual, and microscope identification – posted informational update on social media. Fielded many calls about it from June 10<sup>th</sup> through now.

#### 3. Updates from Town Meetings

Blue Green Algae Protocols have been accepted by all four municipalities. The E. coli protocol has been accepted by Williams Bay and Lake Geneva. Williams Bay accepted the E. coli Protocol with the stipulation that GLEA

will call after the third high E. coli reading so they can approve cost. The E. coli Protocol will be presented to Linn and Fontana in July.

**4. Hillside Rd.**

There have been high E. coli readings. Would like to test further up the stream to try to pinpoint the areas where the highest readings are coming from and see if we can gain data to prove it is coming from leaking septic systems or farm runoff so that we can get movement from the county if it is septic. May need to do MST testing once we pinpoint the area to confirm source. J. Weiss recommended we remove the testing spot in the lake while we do the other spots to save cost on testing. **Motion to add two more test spots at Hillside to pinpoint where the high E. coli is coming from made by J. Weiss. Seconded by R. Pappas. CU**

**5. Difference between Buoys and Piers** (regarding the lake's ecosystem health)

Discussion – GLEA does not want to take a stand on Buoys and Piers but feels comfortable coming to a recommended statement like the Wake Sport recommendation. Potential things to think about for recommendation: size, light-penetrating, elevated, floating, seasonal, etc. Ask is that board members think about what recommendation they would be comfortable making so it can be voted on at the July board meeting.

**6. Legal Services Update**

Board agreed to stay with our legal counsel with the known limitations as long as it works for both parties.

**7. Audit**

Move to July board meeting.

**8. Booklet for Geneva Lake Association Meeting in July**

**Motion to print 500 pieces made by R. Pappas. Seconded by P. Kenny. CU.**

**9. Grant Updates**

Grants from GLA, Williams Bay Lions Club, Big Foot/Fontana Lions Club approved for the purchase of the AlgeTorch. An ask of \$750 is out to the Lake Geneva Jaycees for the rest of the cost. Arrival in 2-4 weeks, Will get insurance quotes for the Algae Torch for the July board meeting.

**10. Upcoming Events**

July 9, 2025 Macroinvertebrates with Fontana Ecology Club. July 15-16, 2025 Nearshore Fisheries with contractor and Fontana Ecology Club, also GLAS interns participating and Walworth County intern. July 22, 2025 Fish crib install hopefully – barge usage being donated by Gage Marine. July 23, 2025 Volunteer group beach cleanup. July 26 GLA Meeting – Director to present. Looking into GLEA to have a booth at the Williams Bay Art Show and both the Williams Bay and Lake Geneva Farmer's Markets. Next board meeting Thursday, July 17 – those in attendance confirmed they can be there – guest speakers arranged.

**11. Municipalities Updates and Reports**

- a) **City of Lake Geneva** – Seawall replaced, Lagoon cleanup, Piers.
- b) **Village of Williams Bay** – No updates.
- c) **Village of Fontana** – No updates.
- d) **Town of Linn** – No updates.
- e) **Town of Walworth** -- No updates.

**12. Next Meeting Date**

- a) July 17, 2025, 4:00 pm.

**Motion to adjourn at 4:32 p.m. by J. Weiss. Second by R. Pappas. CU.**

Dated July 3, 2025. Upon approval, posted at the GLEA office and website <https://www.gleawi.org/>.  
These minutes were recorded and transcribed by H. Baseman, Director and A. Townsend, Admin. Asst.

**Approved 7/17/2025**