

## **Approved Minutes**

GLUA Board Meeting: 1/13/2025. 7:00 pm

**Roll Call:** all present... new members Bertrand, Monét, and Boudian Jr. take general oath of office.

Phil Czech recognizes McKenna for his service.

**New Business:** General Discussion

**Business Items:**

1) Approval of 11/11/2024 minutes: motion- Czech, 2nd- Bertrand  
discussion- none All yay- motion carried

2) Financial report:

Phil Czech reports on balance sheet- dated 12/31/2024

Motions to accept Finance Report by Barnwell... 2nd by Dave Hall

Roll Call- yay-7 nay-0

3) Elect an Interim Secretary: Chairman Barnwell explained procedure for new secretary-volunteers needed.

**Old Business:**

1) Update status of project implementation.

hydro investigation is 70% done with application- EGLE reports - 4-6 month review process

Phil Czech asked what's left to implement?

Jim Barnwell responded- close to done.

Any deadline- no deadline....or rush. Waiting for EGLE answers.

Phil Czech point of order to include Sue Semac.

2) Bill Lamb about RFQ Committee members and procedures. 3 firms applied. The 3 were interviewed by the committee.

Timonhy Monet stated RFQ committee members were not properly voted on previously.

The Board passed a motion to establish committee for RFQ. Motion by Czech. 2nd by Barnwell

Paul Bertrand spoke of his concerns about F&V and applications set forth. Talked about merit scoring and

how GLUA received nothing. F&V has never done a complete system. Merit scoring will give money to old projects.... Most likely not new. Is F&V the right company..?

Jim Barnwell spoke of grants. Dave Hall spoke about operations.

Vote to establish RFQ committee. Yays-4 Nays-3- Lyon representatives

3) Dave Hall spoke about the \$1mil grant

4) Sam Boodian Jr. spoke ' what GLUA was actually designed to'. Talked about septic systems and where are the contaminants coming from at this time.

#### **New Business:**

1) Jim Barnwell - Lyon Township reviewing benefits and how that pertains to GLUA in the future.

2) Budget Discussion- Phil Czech spoke of 2025-26 budget worksheet in detail.

Jim Barnwell spoke of where donations/funds came from at this time.

3) At-large position. Barnwell commented on recommendation. Recommends Jim Kaufman and speaks highly

of him..... wants to vote on Kaufman nomination. Motion by Czech. 2nd by Hall.

Yays-4. Nays-3- from Lyon representatives. Motion carried.

4) Sam asked questions about Kaufman.

Barnwell explained Kaufman letter and asked for Tip/Mitt report from Sam.

#### **Public Comments:**

1) Dave Hobson - mentioned Tip/Mitt recommendation and possible septic ordinance. Has GLUA researched

septic inspections..? Barnwell responded not yet.

Low failure rate for septics. Wells contaminated with Nitrates and who conducts studies was mentioned.

From where is the information stemming.?

Paul Bertrand- do Nitrates exceed EPA standards?

Dave Hall stated 4parts/mil - can cause birth defects and hurt the elderly.

2) Lori Andrews- can the budget be placed online for all to see? Spoke of preliminary Tip/Mitt report and the interference with the final report.

3) Patty Dennis- we are here to safeguard the lake. Quit splitting hairs. Save the lake for future generations.

Asked Paul Bertrand if he was in favor of a sewer system...?

Paul responded he spoke to Bob Frye of HLLC....to the finalization of Tip/Mitt report. Stated he is here to represent Lyon Township residents. No statement on sewer.... We will represent the people.

4) Susan Semack - talked next steps...and the committee candidates and the use of the \$1mil. Make plans to meet another time and discuss moving forward on something.

5) Brad Gibson- spoke of following the agenda more closely. People throw out numbers that are incorrect...from CMDHD. Stated septic inspection problems within Lyon Township.... effluent and failing systems.

6) Fred Swinehart- loose conversation about Nitrates must be coming from septics. Stated other nutrients are present. If well has a problem, check for Nitrates.

7) Dave Knific- spoke on well water clarification. Nitrate is natural in ground water. Shallow well will show more. Nitrates do not just come from septics. Do not use scare tactics.

8) John Barta- 53% of property owners in Lyon want a sewer. Less than 1/2 the residents voted for the new board. There is an obligation to property owners.

**Final Motion** : to formerly add Jerry McKenna and Tom Metcalf to agenda revision thanking them for their service. Motion by Czech. 2nd by Bertrand. Yays-7. Nays-0. Motion carried

#### **Board Comments:**

1) Paul Bertrand- spoke of failed septic systems. 70% are ok based on data 6 weeks ago. Explained CMDHD report. 9 failures in Lyon per Nick Sergeant. This project is financial folly. He will not support PA 188 advancement.

2) Phil Czech- referenced septic system that is made of cinder blocks and the 4parts/mil. What about the future.

3) Dave Hall- welcomed new members. Spoke of effluent going into ground water.

4) Jim Barnwell- passed

5) Sam Boodian Jr- referenced Tip/Mitt interim report. Wants report printed for the people.

6) Bill Lamb- passed

7) Timonthy Monét- commented that 53% of acreage was counted per prior statement.... Not people. Stated current project should be rescinded to move forward.

Board concluded with agreement to meet on Wednesday, February 12, 2025@ 9:00 am.

Motion to Adjourn: made by Monét....2nd by Lamb . Yay- 7. Nay-0 Motion carried

Meeting adjourned- 8:53 pm

Minutes finalized on Wednesday, February 3, 2024.

Timonthy L. Monét-

Temporary Secretary appointed by the Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority