

APPROVED Minutes
Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority
GLUA Meeting: 02/12/2025

Call to Order- 9:00 am

Roll Call- Barnwell, Czech, Bertrand, Lamb, Cook, Monét present. Hall absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Business Items:

- 1) Monét made temporary secretary for this meeting
- 2) Elect Bill Lamb permanent secretary. Motion-Barnwell 2nd-Bertrand
All members voted **Yay**. Motion carried
- 3) Approval of minutes from 01/13/2025. Motion-Czech 2nd-Bertrand
All members voted **Yay**. Motion carried.

New Business:

1) Jim Barnwell - the future of GLUA. Chairman Barnwell spoke of Act 233 of 1955 purpose and explanation. The GLUA responsibilities and limited scope were discussed. Outlined the Articles of Incorporation concerning the Townships and they were at odds. Essentially there is a stalemate.

Barnwell asked for a motion to pass a Resolution for the Townships to start the dissolution of GLUA process by 03/31/2025. Motion-Barnwell 2nd-Czech

Chairman Barnwell read the Resolution.

Discussion:

Phil Czech- asked about the funds and to amend or pay back those funds. Mentioned Item B about dissolving GLUA.

Jim Barnwell stated that he's leaving it to the Townships.

Paul Bertrand- decisions should be made by facts not opinions. Asked if the attorney was used to write the Resolution. Spoke of how to repurpose GLUA and how to make a technical correction. Read an EPA statement. Recommends reaching out to Rep. Bergman's office. He stated he would like a legal signature on the Resolution. Asked the Board to wait on the Resolution vote. Explained alternative uses of money and GLUA.

Timothy Monét- asked about the repurposing of GLUA and the money and stated that it is possible to repurpose the money- not GLUA.

Bill Lamb- stated this is not a happy day. Commented there has been a lot of discussion about the \$1million grant without sharing that information.

Brian Cook- talked about the Resolution and scope of the Resolution. Not sure about repurposing GLUA and creating a new Authority for the grant money. Believes GLUA should be dissolved bringing peace back to the area....and give people a break. Brian requested removing the end date.

Timothy Monét- spoke of 'vaulting' the money per the EPA suggestion.

Paul Bertrand- asked to table the Resolution

Jim Barnwell- GLUA was created for a purpose. Give it to the Townships.

The proposed resolution was amended eliminating "by March 31, 2025" and "or received" in the last paragraph. Barnwell agreed to amend the Resolution, Czech agreed to the amendments.

Roll Call: Lamb-yes, Barnwell-yes, Cook-yes, Monét-yay, Czech-yes, Bertrand-no
Motion carried.

2) Health Insurance: not doing much on health insurance.

Phil Czech- asked about liability to Brian Cook.

Brian Cook- responded full insurance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Patty Dennis- Lyon Township- thanked GLUA members. Stated this was a very sad day for not working on a sewer. Referenced Limnotech studies and bulk of nutrients come from septic. Commented that individuals made fun of no grants... and now with grants we are done.

Phil Czech- spoke of septic systems

Brad Gibson- Gerrish Township- thus is a sad day today. The need for a sewer will not go away. Comment on the audacity of people who want to now use the grant and repurpose the money. Referenced Lyon people who were nasty about this project.

John Barta- Lyon Township - very sad day. He has always supported the step sewer. Lyon Township majority wanted a sewer. Disappointed in those who destroyed this project.

Marty Barta- Lyon Township- wanting a new Authority...why? Lyon members are appalling for trying to use the money to create a new Authority. Appreciates Mr. Cook stepping in....but peace will not come.

Jim Barnwell- GLUA Chairman- lots of dissension between people. All nutrient loading studies have been looked at in the past. Encourages Mr. Bertrand to supply information.

Brian Cook- reserves his judgment... not for or against the sewer.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion-Lamb 2nd-Bertrand
all voted yes. Motion adjourned- 10:07 pm

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Temporary Secretary - Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority