

Approved Minutes
Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority
Regular GLUA Meeting May 20, 2025

Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority Monthly Meeting, May 2025 held at Gerrish Township Hall.

Call to Order: 7:04 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present – Jim Barnwell, Phil Czech, Bill Lamb, Brian Cook, Paul Bertrand, Timonthy Monet

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chairman Barnwell amended the agenda shifting Old Business first, then New Business. Also added to New Business the discussion of a potential hire of attorney for GLUA. Lastly, setting new meeting date.

Motion was made by Brian Cook to accept the amended agenda as presented. Seconded by Paul Bertrand. In favor – all present. Opposed – none.

New Business (*out of order but as presented*)

1. Update Status of Dissolution

- a. Lyon Township: Chairman Barnwell asked Bertrand for an update on Lyon Township position and/or status on the dissolution of GLUA. Bertrand explained there has been contact with Lyon Township's attorney and there is a list of steps involved and they are working on it. He stated he is still uncomfortable with the potential debt aligned to the MDARD grant and whether or not GLUA is responsible for reimbursement.

Monet stated that GLUA's Article of Incorporation states both townships (Gerrish and Lyon) must agree to the notion of dissolution. He asked: After all this time has passed, why has Lyon township not acknowledged the notion of dissolution?

2. Discussion of MDARD grant by GLUA Board

- a. Brian Cook stated there is a 30-day notice of cancelation for the MDARD grant. Motion was made to close out/cancel the MDARD grant by Timonthy Monet. Phil Czech seconded. Roll call vote: In favor – Barnwell, Czech, Lamb, Monet, Cook. Opposed – Bertrand. Motion passed 5-1.

Old Business

1. Review of Completed Audit

- a. Czech discussed the details of the audit that was completed by Mr. Tyler Waters. The final cost was \$1,100. Completion date was April 12, 2025. Motion to accept the audit of GLUA financials as presented was made by Bertrand. Seconded by Monet. In favor – all present. Opposed – none.
Motion was made by Monet to forward the audit to both Gerrish and Lyon Townships. Seconded by Bertrand. In favor – all present. Opposed – none.

New Business, *continued*.

1. Update Status of Dissolution

- b. Gerrish Township: Jim Ostling shared timeline – GLUA passed a resolution on Feb. 12, 2025 asking both townships to start the dissolution process of GLUA. Gerrish Township board passed a dissolution plan on March 20, 2025. Gerrish has been working with their attorney to complete the necessary steps. The two attorneys (Lyon and Gerrish) have had some meetings. Ostling shared how both GLUA and Gerrish have started the dissolution process but Lyon has not. He requested a timeline from the Lyon Township board.

Czech asked: We have an EGLE grant still open for \$40,000. He is seeking legal opinion on whether or not this grant could be used to reimburse the \$1,100 cost of the audit. Cook requested a copy of the EGLE grant. Monet commented: Lyon Township with their lack of commitment to begin the dissolution process of GLUA, has tied the hands of Gerrish Township moving through the process.

2. New Motion

- a. Barnwell presented a new motion, seconded by Monet – motion noted below.
- b. Roll call vote: In favor – Lamb, Czech, Barnwell, Monet. Opposed – Bertrand, Cook. Motion passed 4-2.

Motion:

Whereas at the Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority Board (GLUE) meeting of February 12, 2025 the GLUA board passed a motion recommending to Gerrish and Lyon Township to begin the dissolution of GLUA and that Gerrish Township did enact a motion on March 20, 2025 to facilitate this request;

Whereas, that in “April – Legal from Gerrish and Lyon have met and agreed upon a dissolution plan,” and that delaying this process is only time consuming and creating additional costs of the residents of the townships,

Therefore, the GLUA Board hereby requests that Lyon Township immediately responds to this request and acknowledge its support for or against dissolution.

Furthermore that the Townships work towards the dissolution in a prompt timeframe in the best interests of the parties while complying with all of the requirements of any regulation, laws and the GLUA Articles of Incorporation.

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3. Letter from Supervisor Hill

- a. Phil Czech presented a draft of answers to address Supervisor Hill's questions stated in the letter. GLUA Board discussed each question and corresponding answer. Motion was made by Monet to forward the written answers to Gerrish Township board. Seconded by Bertrand. In favor – all present. Opposed – none.

4. EPA Letter

- a. Motion was made by Czech to send a letter to EPA, about closing the one-million GLUA grant. Seconded by Monet. Roll call vote – in favor: all present. Opposed – none.

5. GLUA Attorney

- a. Barnwell gave examples of potential need for GLUA to have their own legal representation. Cook stated we may need legal advice to determine what to do with remaining funds. Board discussed at length. Decision was made to put on a future meeting agenda.

6. Draft New Motion

- a. Barnwell read a potential new motion that will be on the next meeting agenda. Motion pertains to authorization for sharing information to aid the dissolution of GLUA.

7. Next Meeting Date

- a. Next meeting date will be June 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Motion presented by Cook. Seconded by Bertrand. In favor – all present. Opposed – none.

Public Comments

- 1. Jim Ostling has a spreadsheet of all people/organizations and their respective donations.
- 2. Susan Semack stated she objects to hiring a third attorney to look at distribution of funds. The township attorneys already have a plan.

Board Comments

1. Czech stated he believes it is unfair to ask Paul Bertrand questions related to his Lyon Township supervisor position.
2. Lamb stated we need to resolve GLUA dissolution issues quickly to prevent further financial burden to township tax payers.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Monet. Seconded by Cook. In favor – all present. Opposed – none. Adjourned at 8:23 PM.