



GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 22, 2015 MONTHLY MEETING

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairman Daddow called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

2. Quorum Call

Chairman Robert Daddow, Secretary Gary Brown, and Board Members Brian Baker, Edward Hood, Isaiah McKinnon, and Joseph Nardone

3. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Daddow requested approval of the agenda.

MOTION BY:	ISIAAH MCKINNON
SUPPORT:	JOSEPH NARDONE
ACTION:	APPROVED

4. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Daddow requested approval of the minutes of December 12, 2014 Organizational Meeting.

MOTION BY:	BRIAN BAKER
SUPPORT:	GARY BROWN
ACTION:	APPROVED

Chairman Daddow requested approval of the minutes of January 7, 2015. Workshop Meeting

MOTION BY: BRIAN BAKER
SUPPORT: GARY BROWN

Item No. 7D – Resolution regarding the professional service contract with the Firm of Gabriel Roeder Smith and Company should reflect that the date for the unfunded accrued actuarial liability should read as of June 30, 2014.

ACTION: APPROVED as amended

5. **Public Comment**

Chairman Daddow stated there have been news media reports implying that DWSD financial information was not real or accurate. He said that the first mediation with Judge Cox held in May, the Authority received factual financial information from DWSD. Chairman Daddow stated that he believe that during any of the discussions with DWSD personnel only factual information was provided as requested. He also stated that one of the biggest drivers of this Authority was Mayor Mike Duggan when he broke ranks with the Emergency Manager (EM) and indicated that the dollar amounts should be paid as a control premium and would stay within the system.

In Mid-June, there was a rush to meet the 60-day deadline and the Board travelled farther and faster retrieving information from the City and DWSD than it had in the year before hand when it was dealing directly with the EM staff. He commends Ms. Bateson and her staff for their efforts. He said that the water system remains physically distressed in a sense that the revenues projected are not coming in as was thought last summer. The sewer side of the equation is better. There is more concern on the water side. He stated that the concerns are being addressed and believes that in the next three or four months it will be addressed with numbers that are credible.

Chairman Daddow said that the City has signed a contract to bring about a brand new financial system that will correct the City side of the equation and DWSD will also release a request for proposal on a system for DWSD, Authority, and Operations. Part of the problem is that we do not have timely, accurate and relevant financial information today. The financial statements are not complete and does not believe the cause is any ill-will or inappropriate behavior by anyone either at DWSD or the City.

Ms. Erma Leaphart a member of the Sierra Club and a Detroit resident came before the Board to talk about her attendance at a community meeting held by DWSD discussing the proposed green infrastructure project in Northwest Detroit. She applauds the Department's collaboration with other city departments (DPW) to unroll projects for storm water management. She looks forward to the many discussions of green infrastructure and its benefits.

She also wanted to express concern for citizens with health issues and struggling with their water bills. She hopes the Department can create an affordable plan that is feasible for all.

6. Old Business

- A) Discussion regarding formation of the Audit Committee and establishing the first meeting of that Committee. First meeting is to be held on or before February 10, 2015.

Chairman Daddow stated that this (Item 6A) would be addressed under New Business agenda item 7D.

MOTION BY: BRIAN BAKER

- B) 2015 – 01 - 02 Resolution ratifying December 20, 2014 resolution adopting Interim GLWA Purchasing Policy.

SUPPORT: JOSEPH NARDONE

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION BY: GARY BROWN

- C) Review of 2015 - 01 – 06 Resolution establishing 2015 Meeting Schedule.

SUPPORT: EDWARD HOOD

The February meetings were amended to reflect the changes to Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. and Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. The remaining conflict dates (April 15, May 20, June 17, August 19, and September 16) will be addressed at a later time.

ACTION: APPROVED as amended

7. New Business

MOTION BY: GARY BROWN

To nominate Robert Daddow as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of GLWA

SUPPORT: JOSEPH NARDONE

MOTION BY: EDWARD HOOD

- A) 2015 – 01 - 10 Resolution regarding election of Robert Daddow as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes Water Authority.

SUPPORT: GARY BROWN

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION BY: ISAIAH MCKINNON

To nominate Gary Brown as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of GLWA

SUPPORT: JOSEPH NARDONE

MOTION BY: ISAIAH MCKINNON

- B) 2015 – 01 - 11 Resolution regarding election of Gary Brown as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes Water Authority.

SUPPORT: JOSEPH NARDONE

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION BY: BRIAN BAKER

To nominate Isaiah McKinnon as Secretary of the Board of Directors of GLWA

SUPPORT: JOSEPH NARDONE

MOTION BY: BRIAN BAKER

- C) 2015 – 01 - 12 Resolution regarding election of Isaiah McKinnon as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes Water Authority.

SUPPORT: JOSEPH NARDONE

ACTION: APPROVED

MOTION BY: EDWARD HOOD

- D) 2015 – 01 - 13 Resolution regarding appointment of Brian Baker, Robert Daddow, and Joseph Nardone to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes Water Authority and schedule the first meeting on February 6, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

SUPPORT: GARY BROWN

ACTION: APPROVED

- E) Discussion of Committee Structure.

The Board will discuss the structure of the Audit Committee at its February 5, 2015 workshop.

- F) Discussion of the appointment of liaisons to the Committees of the City of Detroit, Board of Water Commissioners. Workshop item.

- G) 2015-01-14 Resolution adopting Committee Structure of the Board of Directors of the GLWA. No action taken. Workshop item.

MOTION BY: GARY BROWN

- H) 2015-01-15 Resolution appointing interim counsel relative to GLWA Bonds and Offerings.

SUPPORT: ISAIAH MCKINNON

ACTION: APPROVED

- I) Discussion of status of lease negotiations

MOTION BY: BRIAN BAKER

- J) 2015-01-16 Resolution naming members of the negotiating team representing the Board in lease negotiations with the City of Detroit.

SUPPORT: JOSEPH NARDONE

ACTION: APPROVED

- K) 2015-01-17 Resolution appointing counsel to represent the Board in lease negotiations with the City of Detroit.

This resolution was placed on the workgroup meeting agenda as an “action item”.

MOTION BY: BRIAN BAKER

- L) 2015-01-18 Resolution appointing feasibility consultant of Plante Moran.

SUPPORT: EDWARD HOOD

ACTION: APPROVED

- M) Update regarding the activities of the Program Management Office (PMO)

Mr. Eric Rothstein of the Galardi Rothstein Group presented an update of the PMO transitional activities.

- N) Such other Matters

MOTION BY: GARY BROWN

To receive and file communication from I Welch

SUPPORT: EDWARD HOOD

ACTION: APPROVED

8. Adjournment

MOTION: BRIAN BAKER

SUPPORT: JOSEPH NARDONE

ACTION: APPROVED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Prepared by: _____
Marian King-Bell, Board Secretary
DWSD Board of Water Commissioners

Approved by: _____
Isaiah McKinnon, Board Secretary
Great Lakes Water Authority Board of Directors