



# **GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**September 2, 2015, 1:00 p.m. WORKSHOP MEETING**

### **AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

Call to Order

**2. Quorum Call**

Quorum Call

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Approval of Agenda

**4. Approval of Minutes**

A) Approval of minutes of August 17, 2015 Meeting

**5. Public Comment**

Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)

**6. Communications**

A) 2015-09 -01 Motion to Receive and File.

**7. Old Business**

*None*

**8. New Business**

A) Such Other Matters.

**9. Remarks**

A) Chairperson's Remarks.

B) Board Members' Remarks.

**10. Workshop**

A) Update regarding the activities of the PMO

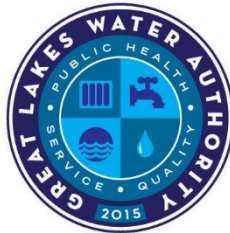
**11. Closed Session**

A) 2015 – 09 - 02 Resolution regarding Closed Session request from William M. Wolfson pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open meetings Act, MCL 15.268 (h) to consider matters exempt from discussion or disclosure pursuant to state or federal statute.

B) 2015 – 09 - 03 Resolution regarding Closed Session request from William M. Wolfson pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Michigan Open meetings Act, MCL 15.268 (c) which allows a Public Body to consider strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing.

**12. Adjournment**

A) Motion to Adjourn.



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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**August 17, 2015, 2:00 PM**

### **MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Quorum Call**

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

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Daddow requested approval of the agenda.

MOTION BY:	GARY BROWN
SUPPORT:	JOSEPH NARDONE
ACTION:	APPROVED

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Daddow requested approval of the minutes of July 8, 2015 Workshop Meeting.

MOTION BY:	EDWARD HOOD
SUPPORT:	ISAIAH MCKINNON
ACTION:	APPROVED

**5. Public Comment**

Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)

Diane Burkowski, Voice of Detroit Newspaper, requested information regarding the \$8.9 million grant Detroit received from HUD to establish flood prevention areas in the City of Detroit as it pertains to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Chairman Daddow responded that any grant that would be received today would be received by DWSD and the Board of Water Commissioners would be responsible as the GLWA lease is not yet affective.

**6. Communications**

**Attachment 6A**

A) 2015-08 -01 Motion to Receive and File

Interim General Counsel William Wolfson brought before the Board three items of communication to receive and file 1) a letter from the City of Canton, 2) a copy of a letter from the MDEQ and, 3) a proposed paper on *Boston A Tale of Two Cities*

MOTION BY:	JOSEPH NARDONE
SUPPORT:	BRIAN BAKER
ACTION:	APPROVED

**7. Old Business**

None

**8. New Business**

A) 2015 - 08 - 02 Resolution

**Attachment 8A**

Resolution regarding a competitive bid for communication services and Board letter.

MOTION BY:	EDWARD HOOD
SUPPORT:	ISAIAH MCKINNON
ACTION:	APPROVED

Recommendations:

Director Baker: The Board should see professional services contracts up front (specifically scope and services).

Director Brown: Contracts that do not go before a GLWA committee should come before the full Board.

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B) Presentation – WRAP Study Group and the proposed WRAP program.

**Attachment 8B**

Presenters: Danielle Morgan from the Heat & Warmth Fund, Mia Cupp from Wayne Metro Community Action Agency, Dana Swindell from Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency, and Julie Cavanaugh from Macomb County Community Services Agency; Q &A Eric Rothstein from the Galardi Rothstein Group

Action:

The Board of Directors requested to see the draft RFP placed on the agenda of the

Operations & Resources Committee.

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- C) 2015 – 08 – 03 Resolution regarding WRAP Committee recommendations.

**Attachment 8C**

MOTION BY: GARY BROWN  
SUPPORT: ISAIAH MCKINNON  
ACTION: APPROVED

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- D) Presentation regarding Bio-solids Facility Update.

**Attachment 8D**

Presenter: Wastewater Treatment Plant Director David McNeeley

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- E) 2015 – 08 – 04 Resolution regarding assigned water customers.

**Attachment 8E**

Interim General Counsel William Wolfson, gave the verbal update.

MOTION BY: JOSEPH NARDONE  
SUPPORT: GARY BROWN  
ACTION: APPROVED

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- F) Update regarding the activities of the PMO.

**Attachment 8F**

Eric Rothstein of Galardi Rothstein Group presented a Program Management Office (PMO) update.

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- G) Such Other Matters.

Interim General Counsel William Wolfson distributed copies of the communications and services contract (agenda item 8A).

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**9. Remarks**

- A) Chairperson's Remarks.

None

- B) Board Members' Remarks.

None

**10. Interim CEO's Report**

**Attachment 10A**

Interim CEO Sue McCormick provided a verbal update.

A) Chairman Daddow requested a motion to receive and file the Interim CEO's Report.

MOTION BY: GARY BROWN  
SUPPORT: ISAIAH MCKINNON  
ACTION: APPROVED

**11. Closed Session**

**Attachment 11A**

A) 2015 – 08 – 06 Resolution regarding Closed Session Request

Chairman Daddow requested a roll call vote to enter into closed session. The closed session began at 3:52 PM.

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

ACTION: APPROVED

The Board returned from closed session at 4:23 PM.

**12. Adjournment**

A) Chairman Daddow requested a motion to adjourn.

MOTION BY: BRIAN BAKER  
SUPPORT: JOSEPH NARDONE  
ACTION: APPROVED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Philson, Secretary pro tem  
DWSD Board of Water Commissioners

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

**Great Lakes Water Authority**  
**Resolution 2015 - 09 - 01**  
**RE: Receipt of Correspondence**

By Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Whereas**      The Board of Directors (Board) of the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is in receipt of correspondence,

**Now, Therefore Be It:**

**Resolved**      That the correspondence received by the Board shall be received and placed on file.

Adopted by the Great Lakes Water Authority Board on: \_\_\_\_\_



On Aug 24, 2015, at 9:26 AM, Jim Lang <[langsmailbox@gmail.com](mailto:langsmailbox@gmail.com)> wrote:

Robert Daddow, Chair, Great Lakes Water Authority:

Let's expand our green canopy in the upper regions of the Clinton, Rouge and Huron watersheds. Trees generate oxygen, capture carbon and absorb water. Tree roots also guide excess surface water down into the ground.

New York City, Philadelphia and Los Angeles already have plans to plant one million trees in 10 years, mostly with tax dollars, volunteers and philanthropy. What I have in mind for southeast Michigan is a different model.

Overlooked by many green infrastructure advocates is that some trees have commercial value other than lumber. We could increase the canopy and simultaneously create or expand commercial fruit orchards, Christmas tree farms, sugar maple groves, nut tree groves and ornamental tree nurseries, in addition to native woodland stands.

Chestnuts are grown as a cash crop in west Michigan. Why not here in southeast Michigan? In California, the meatier English walnut variety is grafted to native walnut rootstock. Why not here?

Growing trees for profit requires lots of water, a resource California and other southwestern states are running out of. Michigan has a water advantage, and we should make the most of it.

If 120 communities in the Great Lakes Water Authority system each committed to planting 1,000 trees per year, we'd have a million more trees - and a magnificent canopy - in less than 10 years. And if done as I suggest, the project would eventually pay for itself twice, first in stormwater control savings and second in cash crops.

-- Jim Lang

(You could have read it on [detroitwatersewerblog.blogspot.com](http://detroitwatersewerblog.blogspot.com))

**Great Lakes Water Authority**  
**Resolution 2015- 09 -02**  
**RE: Closed Session Request**

By Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Whereas** The Board of Directors (Board) of the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) has received the attached request from counsel to meet in Closed Session as allowed by the Michigan Open Meetings Act,

**Now, Therefore Be It:**

**Resolved** That the Board agrees to meet with legal counsel, in closed session, pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act which permits a Public Body to meet in Closed Session to "consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute;" **And Be It Finally**

**Resolved** That an affirmative roll call vote of 2/3 of the Board Members appointed and serving is required for approval of this Resolution.

Adopted by the Great Lakes Water Authority Board on: \_\_\_\_\_



## **GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY**

### **INTERIM COUNSEL**

August 29, 2015

HONORABLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**RE: Closed Session Request**

A meeting in closed session is requested to discuss an attorney-client communication. Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h) allows a public body to meet in closed session: to "consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute." Section 13(1)(h) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (MCL 15.243(1)(h) exempts from disclosure, "information or records subject to the attorney-client privilege." Pursuant to this provision of the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act quoted above, Interim General Counsel requests an opportunity to meet with you in closed session.

Respectfully Submitted,

*William M. Wolfson*

William M. Wolfson  
Interim General Counsel  
GLWA

**Great Lakes Water Authority**  
**Resolution 2015- 09 -03**  
**RE: Closed Session Request**

By Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Whereas** The Board of Directors (Board) of the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) has received the attached request from counsel to meet in Closed Session as allowed by the Michigan Open Meetings Act (the Act); and

**Whereas** GLWA Management has requested the opportunity to meet with the Board to discuss labor strategy pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Act.

**Now, Therefore Be It:**

**Resolved** That the Board agrees to meet with GLWA management, in closed session, pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act which permits a Public Body to meet in Closed Session “For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing;” **And Be It Finally**

**Resolved** That an affirmative roll call vote of 2/3 of the Board Members appointed and serving is required for approval of this Resolution.

Adopted by the Great Lakes Water Authority Board on: \_\_\_\_\_



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**INTERIM COUNSEL**

August 29, 2015

HONORABLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**RE: Closed Session Request**

A meeting in closed session is requested to discuss labor strategy. Section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(c) allows a public body to meet in closed session: "For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing." Pursuant to this provision of the Open Meetings Act quoted above, Management requests an opportunity to meet with you in closed session.

Respectfully Submitted,

*William M. Wolfson*

William M. Wolfson  
Interim General Counsel  
GLWA