



# **GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY**

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**September 2, 2015, 1:00 PM**

## **MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Daddow called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

**2. Quorum Call**

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

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Daddow requested approval of the agenda.

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

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Daddow requested approval of the minutes of August 17, 2015 Meeting.

MOTION BY:	EDWARD HOOD
SUPPORT:	BRIAN BAKER
ACTION:	APPROVED

**5. Public Comment**

None

**6. Communications**

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

**Attachment 6A**

Interim General Counsel William Wolfson brought before the Board an email

communication from Jim Lang, to receive and file.

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

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7. **Old Business**

None

8. **New Business**

A) Such Other Matters.

None

9. **Remarks**

A) Chairperson's Remarks.

None

B) Board Members' Remarks.

None

10. **Workshop**

A) Update regarding the activities of the PMO

Eric Rothstein of Galardi Rothstein Group presented a Program Management Office (PMO) update – a fuller briefing will be given on the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting date.

11. **Closed Session**

A) **2015 – 09 - 02 Resolution** regarding Closed Session request **Attachment 11A**

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 **Attachment 11B**

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.

Chairman Daddow requested a roll call vote to enter into closed session at 1:25 PM.

Quorum call:

Chairman Robert Daddow, Directors Brian Baker, Edward Hood, and Joseph Nardone

ACTION: YES

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Chairman Daddow called a recess at 1:30 PM.

Director Gary Brown joined the meeting at 2:10 PM.

Chairman Daddow called the meeting back in session at 2:10 PM.

The Board returned from closed session at 4:15 PM.

The only matters discussed were attorney-client communications.

**12. Adjournment**

A) Chairman Daddow requested a motion to adjourn.

MOTION BY: BRIAN BAKER

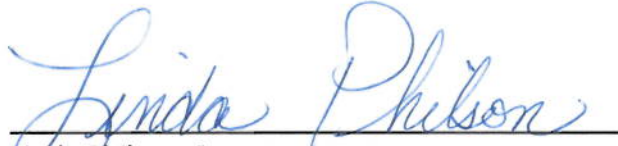
SUPPORT: JOSEPH NARDONE

ACTION: ADJOURNED

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:16 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: JOSEPH NARDONE

**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: September 2, 2015

On Aug 24, 2015, at 9:26 AM, Jim Lang <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: September 2, 2015



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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 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.

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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*

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Interim General Counsel  
GLWA