



## **BYLAWS OF THE GAGES LAKE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**Approved April 11, 2024**

### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

This organization will be called the Gages Lake Conservation Committee, hereinafter known as the GLCC.

### **ARTICLE 2: DEFINITIONS**

“Communities” – Wildwood, Wildwood Park District, Dady & Decker, Allen Farms, Idlewild subdivisions in Gages Lake, the Water’s Edge Development and the four homeowners on Route 45.

“Members” – All residents with lake use rights in the Communities.

“Board” – The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and three Directors of the GLCC.

### **ARTICLE 3: PURPOSE**

To promote, through cooperative community interest, the conservation of Gages Lakes, a glacial lake, for the recreational use and enjoyment of the Communities and its Members.

To maintain a quality sport fishery, using the advice from and services of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (“IDNR”) and the Lake County Health Department (“LCHD”).

To sample water quality and monitor results in consultation with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (“IEPA”) and the LCHD Lakes Management Division.

To make the Members aware of their impact on the health of Gages Lake and to help provide conservation education.

To raise funds to support various conservation activities.

The guiding principle in GLCC deliberations and actions shall be “what is best for the lake” and for the Members represented by the GLCC. A healthy lake is important to all Members’ property values.



**ARTICLE 4: MEMBERS AND ELIGIBILITY**

All Members of the Communities who are in good standing, including those where paid dues are applicable.

All regular GLCC meetings are open to Members.

**ARTICLE 5: BOARD OF THE COMMITTEE, VOTING RIGHTS AND VACANCIES**

The Board of the GLCC shall consist of volunteer representatives voted in by the Communities. The Board makeup will be fixed for the period of one year and will be voted on at the last meeting of the calendar year, or shortly thereafter. In the event of a vacancy or resignation, the President will recommend an interim representative be named by the Board.

Only Board members are eligible to vote on the business of GLCC.

The Board will be comprised of the following representatives:

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| 1 – President      | 1 – Secretary |
| 1 – Vice President | 3 – Directors |
| 1 – Treasurer      |               |

All Board members will be unpaid volunteers serving the Communities for the good of the lake and the purposes listed in Article 3 above. No part of the income or assets of the GLCC shall inure to the financial benefit of any Board member or their family members.

**ARTICLE 6: ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Board members shall be elected from the Members of the Communities at the GLCC January meeting, or shortly thereafter.

**ARTICLE 7: OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

The President, or the Vice President should the President be absent, shall call and conduct the meetings and make project assignments to other Board members.

The Secretary shall take minutes of the meetings, keep a file of the approved minutes, work with the President to develop meeting agendas, and carry out such correspondence as is required by the Board.

The Treasurer is the custodian of GLCC Funds. The Treasurer shall keep the books and manage the accounts of the GLCC, file the annual corporate report, report on any financial transactions and balances on hand at each meeting, and shall receive, promptly deposit, and disburse funds in keeping with these bylaws as amended.



**ARTICLE 8: MEETINGS**

The Board will determine regular meetings of the GLCC.

Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, Vice President or any two other Board members provided 5 days' notice is given to all Board members by those calling the meeting.

Meetings of the GLCC will be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order unless superseded by the bylaws as amended.

**ARTICLE 9: OPERATING PLAN AND BUDGET**

The Board members, together with any appointees made by the President, will develop an annual operating plan and budget for the GLCC and present it for discussion.

**ARTICLE 10: FINANCES**

To develop each of the Communities' shares of the budget for the year, a suggested donation will be requested.

The treasury balance at the end of each year will be carried over into the next year's operating budget.

Expenditures or contracts of \$100 or more must be presented to the Board for approval. The President and Treasurer are registered as signatories of the GLCC with the bank of record. All checks, drafts or contracts should be signed by the Treasurer, or in the Treasurer's absence, by the President.

**ARTICLE 11: AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

These bylaws can be amended by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of the Board.

Notice of a proposed amendment must be given to all Board members at least 10 days in advance of a meeting to consider an amendment to the bylaws.

**ARTICLE 12: DISSOLUTION**

If the GLCC were to be dissolved, the Treasury balance, after payment of outstanding debts, will be returned to the Communities and/or the Members in proportion to their contributions over the last year. If there were still a balance after that distribution, it would be returned to the donors in proportion to their contributions for the preceding year, etcetera, until the balance is zero.