

Galena Groundwater District Meeting

Hybrid: Sun Valley City Hall Meeting Room and via zoom
August 4, 2020

Call to Order: 11:02am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Karl Nichols (Board – via zoom), Zack Latham (Brockway), Erick Miller (Brockway), Lisa Davitt (GGW bookkeeping), Heather O'Leary (GGW legal), Jim Speck (via zoom).

The meeting was called to order at 11:02am at the Sun Valley City Hall public meeting room.

Proof of notice was confirmed as Dave posted the agenda on the website the previous Friday (07.31.20) and Pat posted an agenda at City Hall's public bulletin Board on the same day.

Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the June 9th, 2020 meeting was proposed by Judd, seconded by Karl and passed unanimously.

Engineering Update:

Eric provided some verbal update to information provided to the Board related to groundwater modelling. In effect, there is no single scenario – rather multiple recharge sites are suggested primarily in Silver Creek in the spring (Little Wood for irrigation season purposes) and Big Wood in the fall. Heart Rock Ranch came into conversation related to the fall component.

Financials

Lisa presented the Board with bills for Lawson Laski (20,067.75 – June 2020) as well as bookkeeping (\$1308.75 for June and 676.25 for July). Bills were approved.

An updated draft budget, reflected last months inputs, was discussed. Revisiting some of those components were discussed (membership disappointment about a rate increase vs possible legal expenses related to a call, nearterm engineering costs, communication to constituents, billing vs payment actually received, etc. Karl spoke to budgeting for engineering costs related to the management plan where it is not clear whom the fellow participants might be – making it difficult to defend ongoing expense which might be futile. Zack (Brockway) spoke to possibility of a 2021 need for wet water (and its attendant efforts, and costs). Lisa will redraft budget, for September Board meeting decision.

Legal deadlines with the County were referenced. Lisa stated that the County contact (Morgan) is not looking for information until September, so the District is still able to utilize County assistance outside of the deadline.

General discussion about December billing (and annual invoicing process), speaking with constituent but also the practical financial reality of the current moment. Pat has been working on a membership update letter to be included with the December mailing, as part of brining all constituents up to speed on elastic costs and District purpose and plans.

The management plan is substantially static from the February 2020 draft. Pat confirmed that the current steps for GGWD in the short term are to finish the management plan, as the number for impact seems to have been reasonably defined, and to get the management plan in front of the Water

Director. Brockway will resend the most current Plan to Heather (legal) for purposes of Board dissemination.

Public comments.

Jim Speck noted two items of public disclosure by GGWD: (a) a copy of the documentation referenced earlier (Brockway report on modelling) and (b) confirming no overt updates to Feb 2020 management text. Pat confirmed the later. Jim also suggested that knowing whom GGWD is negotiating with related to the management plan makes it a useful plan.

Next Meeting Date

The Board decided on September 8, 2020 as the next meeting date due to the IWUA Conference on September 1, 2020, the normal date.

Executive Session.

Director McMahan made a motion to commence Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206. Director Nichols seconded and upon a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved by all three Board members present.

The Board ended Executive Session at 11:57am, with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59am