

Galena Groundwater District Meeting

Hybrid: Sun Valley City Hall Meeting Room and via zoom
July 7, 2020

Call to Order: 11:04am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Karl Nichols, Dave Shaw (GGW website), Zack (Brockway), Erik Miller (Brockway), Lisa Davitt (GGW bookkeeping), Heather (GGW legal), Jim Laski (GGW legal), Jim Speck, Sun Country Management

The meeting was called to order at 11:07am 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 (07.03.20) and Pat posted an agenda at City Hall's public bulletin Board on the same day.

The drafted meeting minutes from June 9, 2020 meeting were read, and an update on the Shoshone water bid was discussed (bid failed in a coin toss).

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

Engineering Update:

Eric and Zack were both in attendance at the meeting, to discuss the Water Plan / Impact Analysis Project and status. Erik referenced that the average annual acre feet number was 12,000, although this is a highly general number. The Board and Brockway discussed using the waterbank water as a tool, strong recommendation about a water study, senior users seeking to add water, Gooding Canal for storage, etc.

Pat referenced a few items including Water District 1's status, goodwill actions that GGWD might want to consider, South Valley fiscal leanings, etc. He confirmed that a report from Christy Molyneux to be sent to the Director (IDWR) as due and could Brockway have a report to the GGWD by Sept 1 in order to meet this looming deadline for the report. Erik confirmed this was achievable and Brockway will follow through with this date in mind.

The Board discussed the comfort level of 12,000 acre feet per year as "reasonable". Karl spoke to a matrix for success being a key component not included in the previous water plan. Conversation around the Big Wood and the Little Wood sides occurred, as well as 100 cfs at Silver Creek, Magic Reservoir – and the recharge factor. Also expressed were non-entities expressing their thoughts to GGWD, and the option to legal pursue items was a component discussed for the current water plan.

Zack confirmed that the submission of the water plan, approval by the IDWR Director, a commitment to the 12,000 plan would define a 'hook' for injury, and discussion of IDWR indemnification. 30cfs in a 200 day irrigation system = 12,000 annual acre feet. Rescinding or changing, once approved, would be a real task.

Brockway agreed to have a report for the next GGWD Meeting.

Financials

Lisa presented the Board with a bill containing two components: legal services, including the passthrough cost for engineering. Brockway will provide GGWD with detail invoicing for this charge. The bill was approved for payment.

The Board discussed its upcoming slate of three (3) Directors.

Motion to approve the following slate: Pat McMahon to be Chairman, Judd McMahan to be Treasurer and Karl Nichols to be Secretary for the upcoming fiscal year. Karl proposed, Judd seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Current financials were discussed, including the \$50,000 from Water District 1, and the additional members of the District that GGWD might not current be aware of, perception of culpability, and solid reasoning for such commitment.

County Assessments were discussed, as a part of the Budget conversation. The County aides the GGWD in collection of funds, if GGWD provides accurate information to the County, which includes legal description, parcel numbers, Owner name to comply with the County requirements. Karl provided a second iteration of the GGWD budget and assessments came into consideration given the District 1 good will agreement, the likelihood of professional fees and a series of pending reimbursements.

Lisa will revisit the assessment component of the budget to be a 4x number of the draft 2 version, and send that to the Board by the end of the week, in order to continue to prepare for the County Assessment book deadline of August 1st, and a budget deadline of September 15th.

The Board considered the wide ranging assessments over the years (a component driven partially by learning curve and partially by professional fees for engineering and legal) and Judd suggested a focused conversation to the GGWD members providing insight and confirming what the funds are for and defining the values received to date, creating a clearer partnership conversation.

No public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04pm