

Galena Groundwater District Meeting

Hybrid: Sun Valley City Hall Meeting Room and via zoom
September 8, 2020

Call to Order: 11:00am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), 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 11:00am 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 (09.04.20) and Pat posted an agenda at City Hall's public bulletin Board on the same day.

Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the August 4th, 2020 meeting was proposed by Judd, with typos corrected, seconded by Pat and passed unanimously.

Engineering Update:

Erick confirmed that a call back earlier in the day provided a good conversation, with solid meeting documentation to follow. Conversation about separate Brockway Engineering invoicing received which should have been sent to Lawson Laski.

Financials

Lisa presented the Board with bills for Lawson Laski (\$13,959.50 of which 11,039.50 is Brockway engineering cost). Bills were approved.

MOTION: To approve \$13,959.50 in expense to Lawson Laski was proposed by Pat, and seconded by Judd, and passed unanimously.

Groundwater Management Plan

Pat met with the South Valley Groundwater District on Monday, September 7th. The management plan is updated, to include a few paragraphs about the 2021 season, and has been reviewed and approved by the South Valley Groundwater District. Given the nature of the Big Wood, and many other local surface water areas – a call is of real possibility and this management plan is intended to find a solution for all water users in this basin. If Galena Groundwater District approves the plan, then it will be delivered to the Chair at IDWR for their review and possible approval. Erick confirmed that he would forward a copy of the most recent plan to Lawson, Laski.

MOTION: To approve and execute the Groundwater Management Plan and deliver it in person to the Chairman at the Idaho Department of Water Resources as soon as reasonably possible was proposed by Judd, and seconded by Pat, and passed unanimously.

2020-2021 Budget

The budget was reviewed briefly.

MOTION: To approve a fiscal budget of \$156,593 which reflects a collection of \$30.00 per .02cfs was proposed by Pat, and seconded by Judd, passing unanimously.

A drafted enclosure letter, referencing the rate increase as well as the evolving realities that water rights holders, and members of the Galena Groundwater District have to consider. Adjustment to the drafted letter were discussed briefly, and will be reviewed a final time. The plan it to include it in the December annual billing.

Public comments.

Jim Speck requested a copy of the proposed management plan as well as the budget approved in todays meeting. These will be posted on the GGWD website.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, October 6, 2020, as the regular meeting timeframe.

Executive Session.

None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27am

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