

Galena Groundwater District Meeting January 5, 2021

Hybrid: Sun Valley City Hall Meeting Room and via zoom
January 5, 2021

Call to Order: 11:00am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Zack Latham (Brockway), Heather O'Leary (GGW legal), Jim Speck (via zoom), Laura Gvozdas (Sun Country mgmt.), Corey Allen (SVCo), Lisa Davitt (GGWD bookkeeping), Marybeth Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 11:02am at the Sun Valley City Hall public meeting room, with quorum being established.

Proof of notice was confirmed as Dave Bell had posted the agenda on the GGWD website and Pat had posted an agenda at City Hall's public bulletin Board.

Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting was proposed by Judd, seconded by Pat and passed unanimously.

Engineering Update:

Zack had no major updates, and confirmed that Eric would be on the BWGWMD committee meeting, scheduled later in the day.

Some conversation around this BWGWMD meeting, presentations by Jennifer Sukow and Carl Pendleton and impacts on domestic rights.

Financials

Lisa reported that the District holds approximately \$236,000 in the bank, with all annual invoicing having been sent out. As of December 31st, \$84,000 of the total annual billing had been received in payment. Billing presented at today's meeting include: \$4,393.75 in bookkeeping expenses, \$1,738.50 in legal expenses and \$312.72 from Idaho Water. Brockway invoicing referenced today will be included in the next legal billing.

Board

Discussion about information sent along by legal related to qualifications for board appointment to fill a position and board election occurred, and a few people at the meeting suggested names of people for the existing Board to consider.

Public comments.

Jim Speck inquired about GGWD decision to file a protest to two (2) water rights being reviewed. This inquiry was based on sound issues and an inability to distinguish what was decided upon. Pat clarified that GGWD did agree to file a protest. Heather brought everyone up to speed on the response by Ann Vonde, and her written response to GGWD opposing the petition for two primary reasons (a) due her information received at the IDWR, but not to her within IDWR and (b) perception that a petition now is perceived as having negative impact to current negotiations, being 'late' in the conversation. Some discussion around timing of the protest (within the guideline), nature of receipt (entity versus personally within the entity), unusually specific response and current status of a court reply, awaiting order and the likelihood of Corey Skinner being appointed to review the rights, and related filings.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

Executive Session.

None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19am