

## Galena Groundwater District Meeting

Hybrid: Sun Valley City Hall Meeting Room and via zoom  
December 1, 2020

Call to Order: 11:00am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Zack Latham (Brockway), Heather O'Leary (GGW legal), Dave Bell (GGWD IT), Jim Speck (via zoom), Chris Bromley (SVCo), Corey Allen (SVCo), Lisa Davitt (bookkeeping).

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 the previous week (11.25.20) and Pat had posted an agenda at City Hall's public bulletin Board.

### Minutes:

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting was proposed by Judd, seconded by Pat and passed **unanimously**.

### Engineering Update:

Zack spoke to water rights 37-23110 and 37-23111, and the unclear refraction of impact these rights may have depending on how the administration of these rights occurs (above the reservoir, etc.). Conversation amongst those present occurred. The current list of entities which have filed a protest about these two water right applications occurred, demonstrating a wide footprint of concern and need for additional information.

### Financials

Heather noted that the District had legal requirement to take certain actions for calendaring and billing and County efforts. Lisa confirmed that these actions had been taken on behalf of GGWD. Pat inquired about any bills to be approved, and Lisa confirmed that no new bills, since conversation earlier in the month, were received.

### BigWood Groundwater Management Committee

Pat confirmed that the wide number of participants invited by the IDWR was hopeful and that it was good to be talking. He expressed optimism given the agenda components of the next meeting, the number of participants, and the real possibility of a Spring 2021 approval process. Chris Bromley confirmed overall optimism. He spoke to modelling inputs, the study authored by Tim Luke noting multiple supplies of water source available, delivery paths, and other information reflected in this study, among other items. Pat referenced the practical component of negotiations, and the District consider what it is willing to negotiate giving up in effort to hone an agreement. A variety of options were referenced, and Erick (Brockway) report might be a source of information for ideas. Economic factors were discussed, as a part of the statute itself (from 1950's revisions), as an item of importance for various chambers of commerce, etc. A study from John Church was noted, which puts some financial inputs to the larger economic picture. Feasibly an economist might be contracted for updated and distinct numerical perspective. Suffice, many pieces to this puzzle.

### Public comments.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

Executive Session.

At 11:30am and per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f): To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated, the Board accomplished a roll call, with both Pat McMahon and Judd McMahan being present. Executive session was closed at 11:41am.

Pat made a motion to direct counsel to join in the protest of water right applications #37-23110 and #37-23111. Judd seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44am

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