

Galena Groundwater District Meeting

Hybrid: Sun Valley City Hall Meeting Room and via zoom
August 3, 2021

Call to Order: 11:02am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Pete Atkinson (Board), Heather O'Leary (GGW counsel), Lisa Davitt (bookkeeping), Corey (SVCo), Chris Bromely (legal), Chuck Matthieson (online), Jim Speck (online), Dave Bell (online), Marybeth Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 11:04am at the Sun Valley City Hall public meeting room, with quorum being established.

Proof of notice was confirmed by Pat McMahon as posted, and Dave had confirmed that the agenda and drafted minutes were included and available on the GGWD website, last week & in advance of the meeting.

Minutes:

Approval of the minutes as presented for the July 6, 2021 meeting was motioned by Judd, seconded by Peter and passed unanimously.

Engineering Update:

No engineering update.

Basin 37 Update:

Heather was asked to speak to Basin 37 updates, and she brought the Board and participants up to speed about July events. The curtailment remains in place for August 15th for irrigation water off in the Bellevue Triangle for everything except potatoes. There are about 7 or 8 members of the Galena Groundwater District impacted by this curtailment, and the District needs to ensure communication with these members has occurred and is understood. Heather confirmed conversation underway with the local Cities, inviting participation and investment – given the December 1st deadline.

Heather also provided brief update on the protest filed on recharge applications, requesting mediation. This was denied. Updated status of this protest will occur around the 18th.

Counsel suggested the Board meet in Executive Session to discuss a few items legal matters.

Pat referenced a meeting with several interested parties including the South Valley Groundwater Management Board and members of the IDWR conducted at the Purdy Offices in Picabo on August 1st. The meeting was productive in being able to gain clarity on many of the necessary components to be factored into the drafted groundwater management plan due before December. A productive conversation, aiding in understanding. The hard deadline to submit the plan to the IDWR remains as December 1, 2021.

Audited Financial Statement

The financials for GGWD were audited, report provided as well as a statement of financial status for the District as of December 31, 2020. The Board asked the webmaster to post the document to the website.

MOTION: To approve the statement, as presented, was motioned by Judd, seconded by Peter, and passed unanimously.

Financials

Invoicing and estimated invoicing was distributed to the Board and discussed at the meeting. Billing for approximately \$20,540 from Lawson Laski; Brockway billing for \$7,145; CPA audit billing of \$4,250 and Davitt Bookkeeping totaling roughly \$2,263 were all considered.

MOTION: To approve the current invoices discussed above, was proposed by Pat, seconded by Judd, and passed unanimously.

Brief discussion about estimated remaining funds, existing commitments and budgeting occurred.

Public Comment

Chris Bromley inquired with Heather regarding the judicial review matter. Heather confirmed that the IDWR represented that the agency record will be filed this week. Mr. Bromley inquired if the judicial review would be pursued, and it was affirmed that the matter will get briefed and decided upon.

Executive Session

MOTION: To go into Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(f), was proposed by Judd, seconded by Peter, and passed unanimously. (11:22am)

MOTION: To exit Executive Session was proposed by Judd, seconded by Peter, and passed unanimously. (11:49 am)

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53am.