

Galena Groundwater District Meeting 9-07-21

Hybrid: Sun Valley City Hall Meeting Room and via zoom
September 7, 2021

Call to Order: 11:04am

In attendance: Judd McMahan (Board), Peter Atkinson (Board), Heather O'Leary (GGW counsel), Lisa Davitt (bookkeeping), Corey Allen (SVCo), Chris Bromley (SVCo legal), Chuck Matthiesen (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 Dave in that the agenda and drafted minutes were online, and the agenda was posted at City Hall – the week prior to today's meeting.

Minutes:

Approval of the minutes as presented for the August 3, 2021 meeting was motioned by Peter, seconded by Judd 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. Protests have been filed against Applications to Appropriate Water Nos. 37-231I- and 37-231II, and the hearing is set for January 2022. Discovery, related to the filed protests, will commence in October. In the interim, vested effort into a settlement is also in process.

In August, there was a general meeting conducted with The Department (of Water Resources), and the members of Basin 37, surface and groundwater users. Another meeting is anticipated to be scheduled for September, although a date has not yet been established. The 'technical advisory' committee is also planning to meet to develop mutually agreed upon matrix items to be part of the management plan proposal.

Financials

Year to date balance sheet and income statements were sent out prior to the meeting, along with an invoice to pay (Davitt Bookkeeping \$676.25), and a minor reimbursable from Brockway which will be reflected in the Lawson Laski billing when it is received. January through Sept income reflects \$144,790.54 received and \$195,394.12 funded in expenses through July. Some additional legal (and engineering) expense remains pending for August. Reimbursement checks have been cut, and Judd signed these, related to dues inadvertently collected for non-irrigation water. These will be sent this week, cleaning up a pending item of some time. Funds remaining in the checking account total \$49,462.61, and while accounts receivable reflects approximately \$24,000 in unpaid dues – this total actually covers several years and there is caution about the short term receipt of these various items. The accounts receivable list was discussed in a general way. No immediate decisions were made, but a few calls will be followed up on, for current year receivables.

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

Additional discussion of months remaining in the current year, funds availability and options, budgeting for the upcoming year (and important notice dates related to that process), etc. were also expressed.

Public Comment

No comments.

Executive Session

None.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29am.

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