

Galena Groundwater District Meeting

Hybrid: Sun Valley City Hall Meeting Room and via zoom
November 2, 2021

Call to Order: 11:02am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Peter Atkinson (Board), Heather O'Leary (GGW counsel), Dave Bell (website – via zoom), Marybeth Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am at the Sun Valley City Hall public meeting room, with quorum being established.

Proof of notice was confirmed by Pat in that the agenda and drafted minutes were online, and the agenda was posted at City Hall – in advance of today's meeting.

Minutes:

Approval of the minutes as presented for the October 5, 2021 meeting was motioned by Judd, seconded by Peter and passed unanimously.

Engineering Update:

Pat provided that the senior water right holders have sent along a draft of their proposal, that there are three (3) presenters (North, South & Cities) and a chart which all participants agree upon at this point. The Director was absent from the conversation. There were no action items on the seniors' list. Dave Shaw stated that the Department (IDWR) is asking for information, via calls.

Basin 37 Update:

Pat brought everyone up to speed on various items being reviewed including minimum streams flows, curtailment, trajectories for 2021, 5 sources of water, and nuanced items such as Milner-Gooding which contains twice the volume of the Big wood River but has not been a recognized asset amongst the existing tools. Intervention from governmental entities might be the remaining option. It is less than clear as to why the Director has been absent from participation.

Financials

Lisa had emailed the Board with documents reflecting account balances. Billing presented for approval included Davitt Bookkeeping for \$2,257.50; Lawson Laski for \$25,227.90 (which includes 10,763 from Brockway) and \$250 for monitoring reimbursement.

MOTION: To approve the three (3) invoices discussed above, was motioned by Judd, seconded by Peter, and passed unanimously.

Legal Notice Update:

Discussion of upcoming legal notices required by GGWD were referenced, or affirmed as completed.

Public Comment

There were no public comments, in writing, in person or online.

Other

Recharge applications were discussed between the Board and Counsel, as well as legal communications received from the Department, scheduled meetings with Eric Powell, January 24th in person hearing, Travis Thompson taking the lead on the Jan 6th hearing, etc.

Dave spoke of the website backbone no longer being supported, which will require the District to make updates. The District has been utilizing the Land Trust's tool. More research will be accomplished in the coming months.

Executive Session

The Board discussed going into executive session at approximately 11:17am.

MOTION: To commence Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206(l)(f) was proposed by Judd, seconded by Peter, and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To complete Executive Session at 11:38am was proposed by Pat, seconded by Judd, and passed unanimously.

No follow up discussed.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, December 7, 2021 for the next regular meeting.
The Board also planned a special meeting for November 9, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.