

Galena Groundwater District Meeting

Hybrid: Sun Valley Water & Sewer District General Meeting Room and via zoom
December 7, 2021

Call to Order: 11:08am

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:08am at the Sun Valley Water & Sewer District central meeting room, with quorum being established.

Proof of notice was confirmed by Dave - in that both the agenda and two sets of 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 November 2, 2021 regular meeting and November 9, 2021 Special meeting was motioned by Judd, seconded by Pat and passed unanimously.

Engineering Update:

No specific engineering update was presented.

Basin 37 Update:

Heather spoke with Tim Luke, IDWR, related to the perceived remaining issues for the Term Sheet, which had been due on December 1st - a date which has been adjusted to be December 25th based on the remaining items and their related necessary research. The remaining items to be resolved seems to be: #3 - additional dry year measures being quantified by the tech group (which will be meeting twice this week for this purpose), with the goal of finalizing some parameters for discussion by Dec 10th, and the second item to be agreed upon is who will pay for storage water. Heather did note that IDWR spoke very highly of the ongoing & sustained work contribution by Pat McMahon in and through this negotiation process. Heather noted that positive conversations with the Governor, via Michelle Stennett, have also been quite useful in the confidence of the term sheet.

Financials

Financial information had been emailed to the Board with documents reflecting account balances. GGWD has approximately \$3,255 in available funds as of November 30, 2021 and including invoicing being presented for payment (Lawson Laski for \$19,346.82 for October and \$12,482.11 for November (both of which includes billing Brockway), \$380.84 for Express Publishing (public notice for dues), \$351.60 for Pat McMahon (reimburse postage for assessment mailing) and two additional checks cut related to reimbursing historical billing on non-irrigation water. Also presented at the meeting for payment was \$260 to IWUA specific to Pat's registration attendance at the annual convention. A few items were discussed which suggest Board decision around delinquencies. Counsel will research a few code details, and other questions, and follow up.

MOTION: To approve the five (5) invoices, and two re-issued payments discussed above, was motioned by Judd, seconded by Pat, and passed unanimously.

Some discussion about bookkeeping temporary solution was presented as well.

Pat also addressed a likely expense as part of the larger term sheet agreement where GGWD's portion of the supplemental water component will run an estimated \$87,174.20. The agreement reflects 1,500 acre feet (plus an added 17% in transference volume) and \$8 in wheeling costs will likely be part of the water mitigation costs in 2022.

Legal Notice Update:

Several GGWD deadlines were reviewed including the payment of assessments being due December 31st (an item not requiring Board action), the submittal of delinquencies to the County by Jan 14th (an action item by the Board), etc.

Public Comment

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

Other

Discussion of various items occurred including the status of the petition for judicial review (set for hearing on Jan 6th via zoom); the Term Sheet deadline and interim meetings scheduled.

The drafted information letter remains in draft. Pat hopes to be able to communicate a decision within the narrative.

Discussion of District 37 meeting in Shoshone next week (Dec 14) was referenced and supporting documents for this meeting (agenda, drafted minutes) were provided. This meeting will include conversation on cloudseeding and budgets.

Executive Session

None.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, January 4, 2022 for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48am.