

Galena Groundwater District Meeting Minutes- February 1, 2022

Hybrid: Sun Valley City Hall General Meeting Room and via zoom
February 1, 2022

Call to Order: 11:03am

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:03am at the Sun Valley City Hall and via zoom. Quorum was established.

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

Minutes:

Approval of the minutes as presented for the January 4, 2022 regular meeting and January 18, 2022 special meeting

MOTION: To approve the minutes for both meetings, as presented was motioned by Judd, seconded by Pat, and passed unanimously.

Engineering Update:

No specific engineering update was presented.

BWGWCM Committee Update:

The Term Sheet has been executed by all parties and the management plan is currently being written. Discussion of the fallowed ground component of Galena Groundwaters larger commitment to the Agreement was discussed - that due date is April 25th to define this detail.

Pat noted that there was a meeting scheduled later this week to explore the mechanics for funding participation by the various cities who are participating in this agreement. Additional conversation about the additional acre feet of water (1,500+17%), sales prices for water, AFRD 2 and interviewing for a new water master. Also discussed was an updated (2022) list of GGWD members as sourced from IDWR, a letter to the membership about progress, water related to GGWD members currently in the water bank, Brockway conversation, and the like.

Legal Update

Heather provided update on the January 6, 2022 hearing with Judge Wildman. There is not a particular timeframe for the judge to provide opinion.

In response to the submittal of water rights adjudicated within the State, the Federal Government has recently directly that all water rights, including stockwater and domestic water will have to be addressed. This involves about 70,000 rights. This may have implication for GGWD.

Financials

Financial information had been emailed to the Board with documents reflecting account balances, a draft from the CPA for the year end financial statement, etc. Discussion about the accounts receivable, from both a research basis and from a CPA audit qualification, were explored. Counsel will be reviewing whether a District member may opt-out of the District if his/her water right is leased to the water supply bank as well as whether an outstanding assessment from the District transfers with the real property when it is sold to a new owner.

MOTION: To approve the 2022 budget to include a line item for storage water was proposed by Judd, seconded by Pat and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve \$6,500 for the annual audit and \$2,000 for bookkeeping was proposed by Judd and seconded by Pat. This motion passed unanimously.

Other

None

Executive Session.

At 11:54am 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 12:06pm.

MOTION: To approve to create a press release on behalf of GGWD related to the BWLWGWU Agreement; to draft a letter to Brockway and to draft a letter to the GGWD Membership was proposed by Judd, seconded by Pat and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm.