

Galena Groundwater District Meeting March 1, 2022

Hybrid: Sun Valley Water & Sewer District General Meeting Room and via zoom
March 1, 2022

Call to Order: 11:01am

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:01am 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 February 1, 2022 regular 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.

BWGWM Committee Update:

Some general discussion about local conversation occurred amongst counsel and Board members. Real interest in commitment to this new agreement was expressed by all. Some general discussion around the difference between a management plan and a settlement plan was noted - and the personal interest of the director of IDWR in maintaining oversight and ability to impact, which occurs via a management plan. Brief discussion of the recently published judicial results followed, referencing both the confirmation that the Director did have the authority for actions taken in 2021 as well as violation of prior appropriation law related to ground water supply. The net result was to affirm the management plan moving forward.

The final draft of the conjunctive management plan is due at the beginning of April, and Pat stated that he is participating in a necessary rewrite for the 1991 Wood River moratorium - which is a carryover & necessitated by components of the April Management Plan.

Reference to the various drafted GGWD letters to its membership and to Brockway representatives - specific to sourcing components to aide the District in meeting its annual commitments within the management plan were reviewed. Judd has drafted communication and pat confirmed that he will follow up in the next week with inputs and contributions for these items.

Financials

Financial information was reviewed. The focus of accounts receivable clean up has presented and will continue to present the Board with several opportunities for decision on policy. Discussion of reporting components including cash on hand, monthly reporting to further develop cash flow

understanding, reasoning for budget updates, payables at hand, the impacts of accounts receivable review and adjustments on the reporting for the current year, uncleared checks and how to address these, income via County detail, and several individual ownership issues were referenced.

MOTION: Judd proposed that

- (a) any uncleared checks payable to members who have current dues owing be voided and that credit be applied to outstanding assessments;
- (b) re-issue all checks listed which show as uncleared and resend;
- (c) issue reimbursement-of-overage checks to the few credits on the accounts receivable;
- (d) pay all payables presented at meeting; and
- (e) approve the budget update which reflects the inclusion of the storage water line item, and related adjustment to engineering and legal line items.

These were seconded by Pat and passed unanimously.

Several member-related items were discussed including lack of understand and related efforts to bring information to conversation, water master involvement, supplemental issues, property transfer, domestic in HOAs, sourcing alternative paths of access for conversation, etc. In contrast, Flying Heart Ranch continues to remain unresponsive, through the years and in recent focused efforts to invite conversation.

MOTION: To lien Flying Heart Ranch property was proposed by Judd, seconded by Peter and passed unanimously.

Counsel to draft information for review.

Other

Finding a solution to the December request to find new website support, in both online formatting and in staffing, was discussed. Members of the Board participated in an online demonstration which was an impressive experience. More information will be requested.

Upcoming election parameters for the “north” seat was briefly discussed. Previous communication will be re-circulated.

Executive Session.

None

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, April 5, 2022 for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56am.