

## Galena Groundwater District Meeting Minutes April 5, 2022

Hybrid: Sun Valley Water & Sewer District General Meeting Room and via zoom  
April 5, 2022

Call to Order: 11:04am

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:04am 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 on the existing GGWD website, and the agenda was posted at City Hall - in advance of today's meeting.

### Minutes:

Approval of the minutes as presented for the March 1, 2022 regular meeting.

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

### Engineering Update:

No specific engineering update was presented.

### Legal

Counsel spoke briefly about timing & decision - specific to a cross-appeal action by the Board.

### Basin 37 & BWGWM Committee Update:

The IDWR Board had met, recently and as part of the Board meeting - agreed to fund the CIEF component in a 2 to 1 match, meaning that for every \$1 paid in by GGWD, the IDWR would match that with \$2 for the 2022 year. There had been active discussion with regard to "buying water" being a conflict for the Board, however it was noted by South Valley GWD that the existing verbiage did in fact allow for this particular use of CIEF funds. While water had been on the market in late 2021 at a rate of \$35/acre foot, rates in late March were in excess of \$70/acre foot. Demand for saleable water is exacerbated by the USGS forecasting that the upper reservoirs are unlikely to fill this year.

The Director did publicly confirm to the IDWR Board that he would be executing the BWGWM Committee's proposed 3-year management plan.

### Financials

Financial information was sent prior to the meeting for purposes of review and question at the meeting itself. Accrual reporting reflects a moderate bank balance (\$196,214.49) heading into the irrigation season when several large fiscal commitments will need to be met. Some discussion of the ongoing accounts receivable (87,905.34 in unpaid assessments), and working through delinquency information one-by-one occurred. Some conversation about GGWD's legal tools for delinquency included property lien, penalties & fees, etc.

**MOTION:** Judd proposed that pay all payables presented at the meeting, totaling \$8,145.95, be paid.

This was seconded by Peter and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Jim Speck inquired about suspension of benefits related to unpaid dues. He also spoke to the NWRFC forecast of 130 KAF. This measuring tool (130 KAF falls into the “very dry” category) sets in motion several actions by GGWD as part of the BWGWMC Term Sheet, including a consumption reduction of 11,260 ac ft in groundwater irrigation use across the District, fallowing acres, etc. Mechanics for achieving this were discussed. Specifics such as how to allocate this reduction, historic usage for special cases, etc. Both Judd and Pat spoke to starting on a voluntary basis, and hoping that the term sheet – given its newness- is viewed as a practice rather than a literal commitment to the larger process. In issues of non-compliance, direct calls and contact will be made, IDWR monitoring equipment, etc. were all referenced.

Executive Session.

The Board discussed going into executive session at approximately 11:48am.

**MOTION:** To commence Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) was proposed by Peter, seconded by Judd, and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** To complete Executive Session at 12:20pm was proposed by Pat, seconded by Judd, and passed unanimously.

The Board will draft a letter to the membership which will contain information about Year 1 requirements of the term sheet actions, encourage the membership to seek information on the GGWD website, request owner contact information and reference the number of members curtailed in 2021.

The Board authorized Judd to make decision on the appeal process discussed by Counsel.

**MOTION:** To approve authorization of Judd to finalize this decision was made by Peter, seconded by Pat and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, May 3, 2022 for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24pm.