

## Galena Groundwater District Meeting Minutes from June 7, 2022

Hybrid: Sun Valley Water & Sewer District General Meeting Room and via zoom  
June 7, 2022

Call to Order: 11:09am

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:09am at the Sun Valley City Hall and via zoom. Quorum was established.

Proof of notice was confirmed by Pat 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 May 3, 2022 regular meeting.

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

### Resolution regarding delinquent assessments:

Heather spoke to Idaho Statute # 42-5241 which addresses issues of unpaid assessments and defines any penalties or fees which might be assessed. Heather provided a drafted resolution for Board review and approval, which brings Galena Groundwater into step with statute guideline. Language for lien filing and related costs were also discussed and incorporated. Distinction of assessment method (direct mailing from the District or via County billing) was considered. The recommendation is to commence this process for the 2023 assessment year.

**MOTION:** To accept as presented, the drafted 2022-01 Resolution related to late and unpaid assessments, late fees, penalties and lien costs, etc. for GGWD was motioned by Judd, seconded by Peter. The motion passed, unanimously.

All Board members executed the Resolution, which will be recorded with the Blaine County Recorder and will be kept on file at Counsel offices.

**MOTION:** To release liens filed against a few initial members for unpaid assessments was motioned by Judd, seconded by Peter. The motion passed, unanimously.

Some conversation around what is possible in an opt-out scenario.

### Engineering Update:

No specific engineering update was presented.

### Term Sheet

Various District responsibilities within the term sheet were discussed including the status of the fallowing for Yr 1 (commitment is 200 acres, participation thus far is 18ac) and a few pending conversations for fallowing. Water purchase was discussed. A source was found for water this year, at \$75/acre foot. Water storage agreement, per the term sheet, reflect that GGWD will acquire 1,500 ac ft, plus 17% carriage as well as separate wheeling fees. Given that the Hailey Gauge reflects a flow rate in the 'very dry' category – there is an additional storage water delivery requirement. This second water delivery will be funded by CIEF Funds for this 2022 year.

### Basin 37 Update:

Station 10 Gauge, per the term sheet, should be maintained at a minimum of 32 cfs. This year, this flow rate has already dropped below 32cfs, however the level has been improved again with the removal of beaver dams. Some discussion occurred around the term sheet, the feasibility of meeting the terms for 2022 / within the existing conditions (drought) and the IDWR feedback related to achieving all terms in Year 1. SWAZI update for June 1 was referenced.

**MOTION:** To allow the Board Chair the discretion to purchase storage water when it becomes available was motioned by Judd, seconded by Peter. The motion passed, unanimously.

Brief conversation about being helpful related to a possible basic study occurred.

### Financials

Financials for May 2022 and year-to-date were sent along to the Board under separate cover. The net account balance reflects \$193,127.02 in available funds, an accounts receivable of \$93,970.07 (of which approximately \$21, 696.34 is billed through the County and therefore anticipated in July), and the majority of the budgeted expenses still to be addressed.

**MOTION:** To pay two invoices as presented – the March legal invoicing and the Seminar Fee for IRWA event was motioned by Judd, seconded by Peter. The motion passed, unanimously.

### District Deadlines

Counsel provided a general update on the various deadlines for the District which are coming up in the next few weeks.

### Public Comment

None.

### Executive Session.

None.

### Next Meeting Date

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.