

Galena Groundwater District Meeting Minutes July 5, 2022

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

Call to Order: 11:09am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Heather O'Leary (GGW counsel), Brian Olmstead, Dean Stevenson, 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 June 5, 2022 regular meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes for June 5th meeting, as presented, was motioned by Judd, seconded by Pat, and passed unanimously.

IDWR & Term Sheet Information

General conversation around water districts, in Idaho and in desert areas, was discussed in conjunction with Dean and Brian from the Idaho Department of Water Resources attendance at the public meeting. A wide variety of reference points were expressed including water currently held in several reservoirs, water availability for purchase, State tax dollars available for projects, et cetera. Conversation around Galena Groundwaters' general membership makeup (20% agricultural and 80% small water-right holder with small properties), its cities and its assessment methodology occurred, with reference to other Idaho groundwater districts. Brian & Dean referenced a variety of tools now available from the State related to grants and loans, for such items as sustainability. Also discussed were opportunities in well oversight (and a pending legal matter in Rigby related to junior water rights vs wells), realities of 'unintended consequences' in water in Silver Creek instead of Magic Reservoir, ditch efficiencies, learning from other desert oriented states' errors in population growth, the normalcy of drought and some historic cyclical nature, the physical nature of the Wood River aquifer (annual recharge), staffing issues at IDWR which impacts its ability to commence rigorous studies, the Three Year terms sheet and its more practical lifespan, etc.

Engineering Update:

No specific engineering update was presented.

Term Sheet

No update.

Financials

Financials for June 2022 and year-to-date were sent along to the Board under separate cover. The net account balance reflects \$193,179.22 in available funds, an estimated accounts payable list totaling \$155,542.75 and a simple narrative on various pending accounts receivable items was included. A drafted

budget was provided, and alternative assessment methods were discussed again. Additional research and proposal drafts were requested.

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve all invoices presented for payment, including an estimated amount for the wheeling fee for water purchased. Pat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

District Deadlines

Conversation specific to deadlines as provided by statute and via local practices were discussed.

Public Comment

None.

Executive Session.

None.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, August 2, 2022 for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14pm.

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