

Galena Groundwater District Meeting Minutes from August 2, 2022

Hybrid: Sun Valley Water & Sewer District General Meeting Room and via zoom
August 2, 2022

Call to Order: 11:03am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Heather O'Leary (GGW counsel), Dave Bell, 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 Dave in that both the agenda and drafted minutes were posted on the existing GGWD website, and Pat confirmed that the agenda was posted at City Hall – in advance of today's meeting.

Minutes:

Approval of the minutes as presented for the July 5, 2022 regular meeting.

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

IDWR & Term Sheet Information

General conversation and update related to Station 10 flows, which look good at this point, the additional expenses for storage water and the helpful participation of the CIEF funds toward these costs, upcoming IDWR legal discussion and dates of response, intervener supports, and the like.

Financials

Financials for July 2022 and year-to-date were sent along to the Board under separate cover. The net account balance reflects \$59,449.46 in available funds, an estimated accounts payable list totaling \$15,154.25 and several accounts-receivable items.

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve (a) invoices for June legal fees and July bookkeeping, (b) to issue reimbursement checks for all accounts receivable accounts with a credit balance listed on "recommend reimburse" detail sheet, (c) write off small balances on "rec write off" spreadsheet to bad debt. Pat seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by those present.

Discussion regarding several specific water right situations occurred. #37-8877 was discussed. #37-7319, its shared ownerships over time, its possible surface water ambiguities, and confidence in billing totals were all reviewed. Greater information will be included in the September meeting. #37-8587 was considered, and in light of the Watermaster's documented observations the Board agreed to zero out the current 2022 assessment, reimburse the previous owner for last year's assessment and remove the water right from its annual membership. #37-21950, and the new owners' interest in speaking with an authority, will be followed up on by Judd. A similar issue, #37-22755 will be addressed by Pat. #37-22965 and its surface water relationship, as vetted by the current Watermaster, was explored. The Board agreed to eliminate the outstanding assessment obligations and remove the water right from its membership & assessment rolls. Two major water rights holders, properties on the market, multi-year delinquency, resolution via title insurance claim and other options were discussed.

The Board considered actions it has taken with some members, and defining its policies for consistency purposes.

Mid-Valley #37-21489

The IDWR did not approve a time extension for permit/Water Right #37-21489 and so the right has lapsed. The Board concurred that this right should be removed from the membership list and annual assessment process.

District Deadlines

Conversation specific to deadlines as provided by statute and via local practices were reviewed as were decisions related to these deadlines with the County and the State.

Budget Drafts

Two drafted budgets were provided. Discussion related to expenses anticipated for Year 2 of the term sheet were noted, and fiscal prudence in savings funds were discussed. The public hearing for the budget will occur at the September 6th meeting. Board conversation related to a public conversation, to include South Valley Groundwater District, maybe other local entities with the goal of informing the community regarding the roll GGWD plays in the larger water process. Review will occur. Additionally, bookkeeping will review the annual reporting process for GGWD budgeting.

Public Comment

None.

Executive Session.

None.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, September 6, 2022 for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03pm.