

## September 6, 2022 Minutes Galena Groundwater District Meeting

Hybrid: Sun Valley Water & Sewer District General Meeting Room and via zoom  
September 6, 2022

Call to Order: 11:03am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Peter Atkinsons (Board), Heather O'Leary (GGW counsel), Dave Bell, Marybeth Collins. Also present via zoom: Jim Speck, Laura Gvozdas, Sun Country Management.

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 the post office (City Hall Bulletin Board removed due to exterior painting) – in advance of today's meeting.

Open Budget Hearing – The Board Chair opened the meeting up to public participation.

### Minutes:

Approval of the minutes as presented for the August 2, 2022 regular meeting.

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

### IDWR & Term Sheet Information

General conversation and updates were discussed which included discussion of IDWRs willingness to consider fallow commitment at the end of the season, in arrears, or in the course of the year where the action occurred but the communication and awareness was in hindsight rather than in advance. Pat referenced that the watermaster was tracking the storage water purchased, and its distribution – in order to be able to report to the purchaser (GWWD) who received the water for 2022 use.

The Water Resource Board will be conducting a meeting in mid-September locally. More information on the time and place will follow.

Public question about enforcement of September 15, 2022 irrigation cut-off date occurred – with some clarification from the GGWD Board about what such review looks like. IDWR generally sends members of its staff out to review the area of curtailment, or in this case – the area which has committed to irrigation shut off – for information, tracking, etc.

Additional public question inquired about 2023 water forecasting and the timing of same. GGWD Board confirmed that this review will occur in early 2023 to be more definitive and useful. The Board also confirmed that there will be a review of "Year 1" specific to the successful impact on the aquifer.

### Financials

Financials for August 2022 and year-to-date were sent along to the Board under separate cover. The net account balance reflects \$57,272.11 in available funds, an estimated accounts payable list totaling \$163.25 and several accounts-receivable items.

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve (a) invoice for April & June legal fees, and (b) to void a re-issued check which has again exceeded the 6-month business check parameter [Boweta] and to apply a second check of similar issue [Pale Gem] to a minor outstanding balance. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### District Deadlines

Brief discussion of budget and approval timing occurred, related to the County's deadline vs the State's deadline. Given the County's parameters, and the District's preference to utilize this tool for assessment collections, - a budget does need to be approved at today's meeting.

#### 2023 Budget

The 2023 budget draft, discussed last month, was reviewed for reason in a line-by-line capacity. Discussion of external impacts to fiscal estimates were reviewed for magnitude. Public inquiry included how storage water costs were determined, anticipated legal items which might occur in Yr. 2, and reserves. Counsel noted the District's protest of the Hiawatha recharge application and the appeal of the District Court decision which is pending before the Supreme Court. The Board discussed billing methods in assessment per cfs per water right and assessment based on water consumption as reported by the watermaster. A 'rosetta stone' of identifying information (County property tax ID, water right number and WMIS number) is being created/assembled in order to assess this opportunity but is not available for the 2023 budget year being discussed.

#### Budget Public Comment Closed

With no further questions, the public comment period was closed at 11:52am.

#### Budget for 2023

The Board had reviewed two proposed budgets, reflecting different assessment amounts. Board members expressed concern for current cost increases through the economy.

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve a membership assessment amount for the 2023 budget year in the amount of \$90.00/.02 cfs of irrigation in water right, and which provides for a budgeted income amount of \$396,310 and a budgeted expense amount of \$371,100 with remaining income of \$25,210 to be assigned to prudent reserve.

#### Public Comment

None.

#### Executive Session.

None.

#### Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 11am for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58am.