

10-04 -22 Minutes from Galena Groundwater District Meeting

Hybrid: Sun Valley Water & Sewer District General Meeting Room and via zoom
October 4, 2022

Call to Order: 11:05am

In attendance: Pat McMahan (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Peter Atkinsons (Board, zoom), Heather O'Leary (GW counsel), Marybeth Collins. Also present: Jim Speck.

The meeting was called to order at 11:05am at the Sun Valley City Hall and via zoom. Quorum was established.

Proof of notice was confirmed by Dave in posted to the website that a meeting will be held, and Pat confirmed that the agenda was posted at City Hall – in advance of today's meeting.

Minutes:

Minutes were distributed. Approval will be postponed until the next meeting.

IDWR & Term Sheet Information

Pat noted that in conversation with surface water users, not all water purchased was used, and some water (estimated to be about 230 acre feet) will likely be available to be resold. This includes some minor percentages of additional fees. Some discussion about resale amounts, reimbursement funds and strategy, etc. were discussed amongst those present.

The Idaho Water Board met, in Hailey, in mid September, and on the whole everyone spoke well of Year 1 and its efforts and experiences. A report from IDWR on Year 1 of the BWGWM Agreement is anticipated in early November, which will likely reference some complications experienced by the CIEF committee.

Financials

Financials for September 2022 and for year-to-date were sent along to the Board under separate cover. The net account balance reflects \$78,501.27 in available funds, an accounts payable list totaling \$12,002.50. Discussion regarding various items occurred, including accounts receivable items and the lingering nature of some of these. A proposal to send along certified return receipt mail was approved, simply to ensure a valid and clear communication path.

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve (a) invoicing for July & August legal fees, (b) bookkeeping for Aug & Sept, and (c) the annual surety bond renewal, as well as expenses related to certified mailings for accounts receivable. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#37-7319 Accounts Receivable

A slightly more detailed review was provided to the Board and Counsel related to the #37-7319, lingering accounts receivable, conversations with the current holder of this water right, water right detail & location, historical information (from GIS, IDWR, ID Business search, Brockway Supplemental list, etc), spreadsheet ideas, Water District 37 information, Brockway participation, etc. Counsel will follow up with Brockway and provide an update prior to next steps.

Public Comment

None.

Legal

It was discovered that a series of BWGRMA information, legal filings and the like had not been noticed/communicated to GGWD as a recipient, including a Motion for Clarification and Reconsideration and Request for Hearing filed by the City of Bellevue for which there is a formal pre-hearing conference scheduled to take place on October 17th. Counsel recommended filing to intervene as soon as possible which would simply continue GGWD's ongoing involvement.

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve to have Counsel draft a doc and file same, this week. Pat seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Additionally, a petition to intervene, filed by Wellsprings Group, had not been received either. This effort is based on a community water system approach. Counsel suggested that this was expanding the scope of the hearing, and as such, Galena GWD might want to consider filing an objection. Further discussion on this topic will take place at the next meeting.

Executive Session.

None.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 11am for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51am.