

12-6-22 Minutes from Galena Groundwater District Meeting

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

Call to Order: 11:03am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Peter Atkinsons (Board), Heather O'Leary (GGW counsel, via zoom), Marybeth Collins. Also present: Chuck Matthiesen.

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 (via email) that notice was posted to the website that a meeting will be held, and Pat also confirmed that the agenda was posted at City Hall and the SV USPS Office – in advance of today's meeting.

Minutes:

Minutes for the November meeting minutes were distributed in advance of the meeting.

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve as drafted the minutes for November 1, 2022. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IDWR & Term Sheet Information

Pat distributed the GGWD drafted response due to the Idaho Department of Water Resources specific to reporting in on GGWDs participation and observations for Year 1 of the BWGWM Agreement. Discussion of CIEF Committee support, communication with membership, water consumption issues in information and data, fallow and Station 10 occurred.

Financials

Financials for November 2022 were sent under separate cover and reviewed in general at the meeting. Bookkeeping confirmed that legal notice for annual assessments (via newspaper) had occurred, and that the mailing of annual assessments had been accomplished prior to December 1, 2022. There will be a few additional ones mailed, based on recently received updates specific to property transfers.

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve current payables totaling 22,544.90. An IWUA invoice will be addressed in January 2023. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Decision related to establishing an LGIP account will be addressed in January 2023.

A response to fallow land was received and discussion occurred about District responsibilities, incentives and other alternatives for a willing landowner.

Public Comment

None

Legal

Heather provided update on deadline dates for the District. Counsel also brought the Board up to date on the Idaho Supreme Court appeal, including progress on a reply brief to augment the record, timing on filings, etc. A draft of the brief will be sent to the Board, for its review, before the end of the week. Counsel also re-affirmed that GGWD filed a joint response with South Valley GWD to the City of Bellevue's Motion to Consolidate the Big Wood River GW Management Area proceeding with the Snake River Basin proceeding which stated that the Districts do not consolidation regarding common issues but that bifurcation of issues unique to one basin would be necessary. There is a pre-hearing conference on Thursday in the Big Wood River GW Management Area proceeding, where it is anticipated that the Director will provide some elaboration.

Following acreage, a component for GGWD meeting the terms of the BWGWM Agreement, and possible options for incentives was discussed. Counsel will research statute and provide information.

Executive Session.

None.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 11am for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.48am.

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