

## April 4, 2023 Minutes Galena Groundwater District Meeting

Hybrid: City of Sun Valley Meeting Room and via zoom  
April 4, 2023

Call to Order: 11:03am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Peter Atkinsons (Board), Heather O'Leary (GGWD counsel via zoom), 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 (posted at City Hall and online at [www.GalenaGWD.com](http://www.GalenaGWD.com)), accomplished in advance of today's meeting.

### Minutes:

Minutes for the March 2023 meeting minutes were distributed in advance of the meeting.

**MOTION:** Judd motioned to approve as drafted the minutes for March 7, 2023. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Brockway Update

The supplemental water right list has been under review since early January 2023, and that review continues at this point. Pending the results of the review, a few billing items remain on pause. In separate conversation, Counsel had sent out Idaho Statute # 42-5232 Subsection 9 which provides support for current supplemental water right process applied by GGWD to the annual assessment process for these particular rights.

### BWGWMA – Galena Year 1

Bookkeeping provided status update on Year 1 reporting and some variances within the reporting process as it currently exists, as well as providing update on the process of understanding WMIS information for water rights within the District.

### Board Seat Rotation and Election

The South Valley seat, held by Judd, is the seat which is up for election this year. The application period for someone who is willing to run for this seat and meets the election parameters, opened today and will remain open until April 18<sup>th</sup>. Dave has made election application forms easily available on the website.

### Idaho Water Resource Board

Pat spoke with counsel at IWRB and confirmed that this is no conflict of interest in his participation at the Board level of GGWD in consideration of his recent appointment to the IWRB.

### Financials

Financials for March 2023 were sent under separate cover and reviewed in general at the meeting. Very little activity in thus far. Payables and receivables were discussed

**MOTION:** Judd motioned to approve all payables as presented, totaling \$7,476.00. Pat seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Brief inquiry about the Bureau of Reclamation grant, an item which has started in conversation but for which there is no budget. This will be revisited when more clarity on timing and reasonable annual expenses occur.

### Public Comment

None

Legal

Counsel spoke to the recent legal updates which had been communicated to the Board members. The first is the oral argument pending with the Idaho Supreme Court and which can be viewed via zoom. Al Barker will be speaking on behalf of both GGWD and SVGWD. There is some additional request by others to speak, however this expanded participation is still under review. The second item is the moratorium adjustments to address overlap items for the BWGWMA and the ESPA. This legal item will have a few deadlines in the next several months in anticipation of a hearing which will be held in October.

Counsel confirmed sending information about fallow offset to the Valley Club contact, and looks forward to response.

Regarding discussed fallow by Friedman Airport, this will not be occurring after all. And, communication to the City of Hailey for 37-8118 remains in flux.

Executive Session.

None.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed next meeting to be Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 11am for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34am.

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