

5-24-23 Minutes from Galena Groundwater District Special Meeting

Meeting conducted via zoom.
May 24, 2023

Call to Order: 11:04am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Peter Atkinson (Board), Heather O'Leary (GGWD counsel), and Marybeth Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am via zoom. Quorum was established.

Proof of notice was confirmed (posted at City Hall and online at www.GalenaGWD.com), accomplished in advance of today's meeting.

Drafted Resolution 2023-01

Galena Groundwater District and South Valley Groundwater District partnered to apply for a Bureau of Reclamation (BoFR) grant, with the goal of creating a focused study of the Big Wood Basin water supply, incorporate a variety of additional factors (climate, population, use, etc.) in order to mathematically consider allocation for stakeholders in consideration of their respective water rights. The districts have agreed to bear fifty percent of the total cost of the BoFR Study, estimated to total \$988,000, over the course of three years set forth for the project. As part of the initial administrative preparation for the grant, the Board of Directors for both South Valley Groundwater and Galena Groundwater were to document a resolution affirming the grant commitment.

Counsel drafted a resolution, and the Board reviewed and discussed several aspects of this agreement including confirmation of South Valley Groundwater Districts Board approval earlier this month, a drafted budget related to this project and its impact on the existing approved budget, practical benefits anticipated from the study, etc.

Judd motioned to approve the resolution as drafted and Peter seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None

BWGWMA and litigation before the Idaho Supreme Court -

On June 5, 2023, at 11:10am - Idaho Supreme Court will hearing oral argument on the pending appeal. Al Barker will be speaking on behalf of groundwater users (South Valley Groundwater Users and Galena Groundwater Users) as part of ongoing litigation with Idaho Department of Water Resources. There will be others speaking as well.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed next meeting to be Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 11am for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34am.