

6-06-23 Minutes from Galena Groundwater District Directors Meeting

Hybrid: City of Sun Valley Meeting Room and via zoom
June 6, 2023

Call to Order: 11:03am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Peter Atkinson (Board), Heather O'Leary (GGWD counsel via zoom), Marc Riemann (later in the meeting), and Marybeth Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am 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), accomplished in advance of today's meeting.

Minutes:

Minutes for both May 2, 2023 monthly meeting minutes and the May 24, 2023 special meeting minutes were distributed in advance of the meeting.

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve as drafted the minutes for both May 2, 2023 and May 24, 2023. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by those present.

Financials

Financials for May 2023 were sent under separate cover and reviewed in general at the meeting. Very little activity in May. Budget to actual, LGIP reporting timeframe, and accounts payable (2 regular vendors) were reviewed. Accounts receivable detail was reviewed based on County, regular billing and the pending supplemental-based billing. Timing, unique conditions and a variety of items were referenced and continue to be addressed with individual District members.

Several budget and Agreement related items were considered including Year 2 water purchase and the status of that item including exploration into current need, intelligent options in the event of light necessity, the concept of water-on-demand purchase as a new test, etc. Fallow was discussed, with dialogue around GGWD fallow incentives compared to Water Bank possible rental incomes and the problem of inconsistency in water management. Fallow requires leaving the water unused and therefore maintained in the local system whereas banking uses that water, in a different location – a contrast to preservation or protection. A few brainstorm items were voiced, including possible purchase of water rights, questions around cities' efforts to have rights assigned as fully consumptive (an inaccurate reflection of all water used), and temporary fallow oral agreements.

Supplemental Review and Update

This January item remains in process.

Public Comment

Marc Riemann, on behalf of Eccles Window Rock Ranch, LLC, inquired about the calculation of the assessment for water right no. 37-885B. The Board agreed to review it and follow-up directly with him.

Next Meeting Date

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

Executive Session

The Board discussed going into executive session at 11:44am, with roll call establishing Pat McMahan, Peter Atkinson and Judd McMahan present, confirming quorum.

MOTION: To commence Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206(l)(f) was proposed by Judd, seconded by Peter, and passed unanimously by those present.

MOTION: To complete Executive Session at 11:56am was proposed by Judd, seconded by Pat, and passed unanimously.

There were no items for decision, stemming from this session.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59am.

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