

Minutes 07-11-23 Galena Groundwater District Directors Meeting

Hybrid: City of Sun Valley Meeting Room and via zoom
July 11, 2023

Call to Order: 11:01am

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 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 the regular monthly meeting, held on June 6, 2023, were distributed in advance of the meeting.

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve as drafted the minutes for June 6, 2023. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by those present.

Financials

Financials for June 2023 were sent under separate cover and discussed briefly at the meeting. Very little activity in June 2023. Budget to actual, LGIP reporting, and accounts payable (1 regular vendors) were reviewed. Accounts receivable detail was reviewed based on County, regular billing and the pending supplemental-based billing.

South Valley Groundwater's counsel discussed with Pat the possibility of cost sharing related to data review for a specific benchmark of the BWGWMA. The Board was in support of this idea. More information will be forthcoming.

A drafted budget for FY2024 was included to commence review, given County and statute guidelines. As part of this discussion the current fiscal year forecasting was referenced. Some discussion related to grant expenses and water purchase occurred.

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve the payables (Lawson, Laski for \$6,339.00). Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by those present.

Other

The Governor has initiated a Water Summit and Pat asked Judd to be a presenter at this gathering in Boise on August 7th, to speak on behalf of GGWD regarding the BWGWMA from a groundwater standpoint and experience. Judd agreed.

Supplemental Review and Update

There are no updates. Counsel to inquire.

Legal Update

Heather provided that the District is subject to the following date parameters:

- August 1 = assessment book reporting is due
- September 15 = County reporting for FY24 assessment review, inclusion
- Budgets are due between Aug & Nov 1, however above deadlines suggest that Aug 1st is practical in order to meet statute and county deadlines

Additionally, several upcoming legal filings, depositions, trial dates were referenced related to various legal efforts:

- July 11th -- expert report deadline for the parties who are arguing against IDWR's conclusion that applications for municipal water use and for domestic use from community water systems shall be considered fully consumptive
- July 14th – depositions may begin for the experts of the parties who are arguing against IDWR's conclusion that applications for municipal water use and for domestic use from community water systems shall be considered fully consumptive
- August 11th – expert report deadline for the parties who are arguing in support of IDWR's conclusion that applications for municipal water use and for domestic use from community water systems shall be considered fully consumptive
- August 29th -- depositions may begin for the experts of the parties who are arguing in support of IDWR's conclusion that applications for municipal water use and for domestic use from community water systems shall be considered fully consumptive
- October 2nd – deadline to complete all discovery/submit pretrial briefs and, if desired, exhibit and witness lists
- October 16-19th – Hearing in Boise

Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

The Board discussed going into executive session at 11:33am, with roll call establishing Pat McMahon, 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 11:40am was proposed by Pat, seconded by Judd, and passed unanimously.

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

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed next meeting to be Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 11am for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41am.