

08-01-2023 Minutes Galena Groundwater District Directors Meeting

Hybrid: City of Sun Valley Meeting Room and via zoom
August 1, 2023

Call to Order: 11:02am

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 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 July 11, 2023, were distributed in advance of the meeting.

MOTION: Peter motioned to approve as drafted the minutes for July 11, 2023. Judd seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by those present.

Financials

Financials for July 2023 were sent under separate cover and discussed briefly at the meeting. Very little activity in July 2023. Budget to actual, LGIP reporting, and accounts payable (2 regular vendors) were reviewed. Accounts receivable detail was reviewed based on County, regular billing and the pending supplemental-based billing.

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve the payables (Lawson, Laski for \$7,011.00 and Pat McMahon for \$19.00). Pat seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by those present.

The Board requested that, in referenced to drafted technical information received via Lawson, Laski – that the financial impacts be defined by the bookkeeper, and sent to the Board prior to the next meeting.

Drafted budget for FY2024 was referenced. Eliminating a line item for infrastructure repairs was suggested. Some discussion related to grant expenses and water purchase occurred.

Pending

A series of items pending Board decision were referenced including the unresolved issue of 37-8118 with the City of Hailey, the request by 37-885B to be not included in billing based on surface, nominal and supplemental use; grant project approval status (Sept), Year 2 water purchase (market reflects \$80 currently), fallow credits (pending supplemental review), were briefly afforded status update.

Legal Update

Heather spoke again to the District responsibilities with 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

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

- August 9th – informal settlement conference in the Matter of Application for Permit No. 37-23381 in the Name of Hiawatha Canal Water Users Assn of Lateral or Laterals, where any protestors, such as the District, must be in person at the court. Heather will attend.

- August 11th – expert report deadline in the Matter of Big Wood River Ground Water Mgt Area/In the Matter of Applications for Permit for the Diversion and Use of Surface and Ground Water within the Snake River Basin 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 25th – Idaho Supreme Court date for the pending appeal, where Appellants have 30 minutes and the respondents have 30 minutes to present oral argument.
- 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 11:28am, 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 12:19 pm 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, September 5, 2023 at 11am for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23pm.