

# March 5, 2024 Galena Groundwater District Regular Meeting

Hybrid: City of Sun Valley Meeting Room and via zoom  
March 5, 2024

Call to Order: 11:07am

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

The meeting was called to order at the Sun Valley City Hall & via zoom and quorum was established.

Proof of notice was confirmed (posted at City Hall and online at [www.GalenaGWD.com](http://www.GalenaGWD.com)), having been accomplished in advance of today's regular monthly meeting.

## Minutes:

Minutes for the regular monthly meeting, held on February 6, 2024, were distributed in advance of the meeting.

**MOTION:** Peter motioned to approve as drafted the minutes for February 6, 2024. Judd seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by those present.

## Financials

Financials for February 2024 were submitted for review in advance of the meeting. Bookkeeping reviewed the February expenses, and year to date info, discussed the list of payables to expand on what these items covered and discussed the accounts receivable as a whole and with reference to a few specific conversations underway including ownership changes not disclosed to the District, County collections, ongoing efforts, items which will likely involve legal, etc. Two specific water rights were discussed for purposes: #37-22019 and 37-23013. One of these is water banked, which is to say in use, and the other has no overt history in the District.

**MOTION:** Judd motioned to approve the accounts payable list for a total of \$12,902.40. Pat seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## Public Comment

None.

## BWGWMA Update

Pat discussed the most recent Big Wood Groundwater Management conversation held in Hailey, which included a significant number of IDWR staff including the Director. Corey Skinner has been defined as Tim Luke's replacement for the next phase of this agreement, and the Director made clear the pragmatic benefit of choosing the Agreement in order to be a defense in the larger East Snake River Plain legal effort. Initial questions were invited at the front side of this upcoming Agreement discussion, and some questions posed include: does a substantial water year alleviate responsibility (specific responsibilities not defined) and is the IDWR modelling the last line of defense. CIEF funds, and CIEF longevity was discussed, as well as how the Camas model, and results, will play into the Agreement. The next meeting for the BWGWM Committee is set for March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Legal Update

Heather referenced the anticipated decision from the Director stemming from the October 2023 Administrative Hearing, and hopes for something shortly.

## Executive Session

The Board discussed going into executive session at 11:36 am, 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 Pat, seconded by Judd, and passed unanimously by those present.

**MOTION:** To complete Executive Session at 11:50 pm was proposed by Pat, seconded by Judd, and passed unanimously.

No decisions were reached.

Heather referenced the May 2024 election, where the 'middle district' seat will be up for rotation. Peter is willing to remain on the Board. The District will, in good faith, publish a notice in the paper reflecting the nomination information. Bookkeeping will follow up with Idaho Mountain Express.

## Other Business

None.

## Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed next meeting to be Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 11am for the next monthly Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53am