

Minutes from October 1, 2024 Galena Groundwater District Directors Meeting

Hybrid: City of Sun Valley Meeting Room and via zoom
October 1, 2024

Call to Order: 11:07 am

In attendance: Judd McMahan (Board), Peter Atkinson (Board) Pat McMahon (Board), Jim Laski (counsel) 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 having been accomplished at least 72 hrs. in advance of today's regular monthly meeting.

Minutes:

Minutes for the regular monthly meeting, held on September 3, 2024, were distributed in advance of the meeting.

MOTION: Pat motioned to approve as drafted the minutes for September 3, 2024. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by those present.

Financials

Financials for September 2024 and year-to-date information had been submitted for review in advance of the meeting. Bookkeeping reviewed September, year to date and balance sheet items as well as the payables. Some monthly information had not been received as of the date of the meeting, and so will be addressed in November and one of the payables for water purchase which had been held in September based on anticipated updates was held again in October as the need for water purchase was in discussion still within the BWGWMA. Assessment via County collection was discussed, as were the many not collectible via County. Some over-budget income was noted (an irrigation right which will be converted in 2025, and which the Board decided to assess early in 2024 - and unbilled cemetery assessment).

MOTION: Pat motioned to approve the accounts payable list for a total of \$2,250.00. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Accounts receivable was reviewed.

Brief discussion of pending legal items (public notice of assessment being published in November and statute-defined mailing dates for 2025 assessments) was noted.

BWGWMA

Pat had forwarded an email received from Golden Eagle HOA requesting special date adjustments for the irrigation. All members received copy of the request. He brought some updates on the current status for this agreement which generally suggests that the original 3-year agreement be extended by a second three-year term as (a) the critical missing piece of Camas Prairie water remains missing, (b) AIA model for water cuts (April water supply & forecasting) has not been vetted and will require data to test, (c) monitoring infrastructure (scada) should be expanded among other items. In effect a drafted letter to the IDWR Director sent out for review amongst the committee suggests an agreement extension with a few updates based on items learned in the first three years.

Judd took time to acknowledge Pat's strategic efforts at the most recent meeting and express gratitude.

Individual details (CIEF funds, fallow, Condition 161, possible storage water agreements with Burley Irrigation, Magic Reservoir current levels, Kendra Kaiser water-modelling, etc.) were referenced.

Water District 37

Pat provided that WD37 was reviewing its budget and would likely be expanding monitoring items, and maybe labor. Cloudseeding expenses had not yet been determined and the district had funds on hand in anticipation of a decision. Staffing changes were in process and this had some net effect on expenses. Board members were also retiring. The next meeting is January.

Peter inquired about cloudseeding, and general discussion occurred related to its methods, locations, materials, estimated value in actual snowfall, etc. Reports are available for this item.

Public Comment

None.

Legal Update

None.

Next Meeting Date

The Board re-visited the next meeting date and updated its preference to Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 11am for the next monthly Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51am via motion by Peter, seconded by Judd and confirmed unanimously.