

January 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes Galena Groundwater District

Hybrid: City of Sun Valley Meeting Room and via zoom
January 7, 2025

Call to Order: 11:05 am

In attendance: Judd McMahan (Board), Peter Atkinson (Board), Heather O'Leary (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 (posted on website, local City Hall board) - having been accomplished at least 72 hrs. in advance of today's regular monthly meeting.

Minutes:

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

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

Financials

Financials for December 2024 and drafted year end information had been submitted for review in advance of the meeting. Bookkeeping reviewed December briefly, and major categories for year to date and balance sheet items were addressed, as well as the payables. LGIP interest was noted, the short term benefit of relief from BWGWMA water purchase in 2023 and 2024. Some examination of engineering costs for agreement expenses occurred. One of the invoices that the District has in its payables reporting is for 2024/Year 3 water purchase which has been held since September based on anticipated updates to the BWGWMA. The invoice was for material not received, and the irrigation year has passed. The Board determined the invoice should be zero'd in the financial software

MOTION: Peter motioned to approve the 4 regular payables totaling \$10,106.81. Judd seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Accounts receivable items were reviewed briefly, and the recommendation to move funds to LGIP in advance of the Blaine County distribution for January 2025 was evaluated and approved. Bookkeeping will move those funds.

Information related to annual audit, and financial statement for 2024 has been submitted to the CPA, and the engagement letter received January 6 was executed, after discussion, at the meeting and will be submitted to the CPA as part of the agreement.

Discussion regarding assessments not received by December 31, 2024 (a statute provision) occurred.

BWGWMA

As a look ahead for BWGWMA-Extension commitments, estimated costs were drafted. Discussion regarding the BWGWMA extension agreement, and related obligations (action items, fiscal estimates, good will efforts) occurred.

Election for May 2025

Also as a look ahead for the year - one of several items on the January agenda reminded the Board of which seat rotates in 2025. Statute related actions and dates will occur in April, for the annual May election process.

Supplemental Water Policy

The current GGWD supplemental water policy was evaluated in consideration of a perspective that, given some supplemental water rights remain subject to surface water right dates. Brockway submitted a list of distinct

supplemental water rights. These rights can submit an opt out request to the GGWD Board, requesting that the right not be included in District membership, or related fees. The Board determined that the current written Supplemental Policy will continue to be the method of determining annual assessment for all types of supplemental water rights. Bookkeeping was directed to follow up.

Public Comment

None.

Legal Update

Heather reviewed several upcoming statute related dates.

Executive Session

The Board discussed going into executive session at 11:59 am, with roll call establishing Peter Atkinson and Judd McMahan present, confirming quorum.

MOTION: To commence Executive Session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) was proposed by Judd, seconded by Peter, and passed unanimously by those present.

MOTION: To complete Executive Session at 12:05pm was proposed by Peter, seconded by Judd, and passed unanimously.

No decisions were made.

Next Meeting Date

The Board re-visited the next meeting date and updated its preference to Tuesday, February 4 at 11am for the next monthly Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06pm via motion by Peter, seconded by Judd and confirmed unanimously.