

March 4, 2025 Minutes from Galena Groundwater District Meeting

Hybrid: City of Sun Valley Meeting Room and via zoom
March 4, 2025

Call to Order: 11:00 am

In attendance: Judd McMahan (Board), Pat McMahon (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 February 4, 2025, were distributed in advance of the meeting.

MOTION: Pat motioned to approve as drafted the minutes for February 4, 2025. Judd seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously, by those present.

Financials

Financials for February 2025 were reviewed. February was a mild month for expenses, and two invoices were received in advance of the Board meeting. The year to date was reviewed, as was accounts receivable.

MOTION: Pat motioned to approve the 2 regular payables totaling \$9,500. Judd seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding the statute-required letters recorded at the County and updating these. Bookkeeping will send these to counsel separately, with notes about what remains delinquent. Some conversation regarding local entities who fund CIEF occurred. Board members will inquire with CIEF. Discussion of reporting on fallow for irrigation year occurred, bookkeeping to coordinate time with IDWR in Twin Falls. Revisit an issue of IDWR map and water right not matching. Bookkeeping was asked to resend this to counsel to evaluate with Friedman counsel.

BWGWMA

Pat noted that he has retired from the GGWD seat in the larger BWGWMA conversation. General discussion related to a spring letter to all GGWD members regarding adjusted irrigation dates. Judd will draft a document.

Grant - status

The Bureau submitted a letter to the grant participants, confirming that a new grant application would be necessary to address the cloud seeding review which has been posed. The grant study met an impasse when it became clear that Bureau requirements (daily reporting) literally does not exist, and to extrapolate data made the venture significantly less useful based on such estimating. Discussion to continue use of remaining funds, via cloud seeding quantification, was not approved.

Public Comment

None.

Legal Update

Heather noted upcoming election notice time frame. Bookkeeping has followed up with Mtn Express.

IWUA has a board compensation discussion underway, and this exploratory information was provided to counsel.

Next Meeting Date

The Board re-visited the next meeting date and updated its preference to Tuesday, April 1st at 11am for the next monthly Board meeting. Heather will attend via zoom.

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