

# March 3, 2026 Minutes - Galena Groundwater District Meeting

## Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Room at the Sun Valley Water & Sewer District  
March 3, 2026

Call to Order: 11:03 am

In attendance: Judd McMahan (Board), Peter Atkinson (Board), Brian Barsotti (Board), Heather O'Leary (counsel), Chris Bromley (Community School) and Marybeth Collins.

The meeting was called to order at the meeting room of the Sun Valley Water & Sewer District, and quorum was established.

Proof of notice was confirmed.

### Minutes:

Minutes for the regular meeting of February 3, 2026, were distributed in advance of the meeting.

**MOTION: Brian motioned to approve as drafted the minutes for February 3 2026 and Peter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

### Financials

Lien Filings will be postponed until decision at the April meeting.

Financials for February 2026 were reviewed, as well as year to date budget comparison, accounts payable and accounts receivable.

**MOTION: Brian motioned to approve the Express Publishing invoice on hand. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

### BWGWMA Update

Judd referenced a series of items including the water supply outlook for April 1<sup>st</sup> (and if it may be >210KAF or not). He spoke to several mechanics in the management agreement, including reduction in consumption of acres, baseline numbers, current benchmarks for acre-feet being used, surface water users, the IWRRRI model and its suggested priority dates, conversations with IDWR and CIEF's ability to pay for fallowed acres. Also - discussed for fallow was the confluence of the Big Wood and Little Wood rivers, and any available acreage above this and Drinkers of the Wind request for irrigation extension and possible fallow of some area.

Judd proposed to seek Brockway Engineering's skill to analyze 2025 usage data, generate water summaries, establishing a WMIS/WR linkage more readily understandable and work to create a method to analyze and determine who is overusing, what portion of GGWD water is banked, etc.

**MOTION: Brian motioned to approve consulting with Brockway, via Lawson, Laski. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

### Public Comment

Chris Bromley was in attendance, representing the Community School and was requesting review of the original fallow agreement between GGWD and The Community School, based on City of Sun Valley requested landscaping changes as a component of construction at School property. This requirement will reduce their fallow by a few acres, as they are required to extend the bike path, and to revegetate some area after construction. The Board was amenable to the update and counsel will follow up.

Some discussion regarding what water was located at this property occurred.

**MOTION: Brian motioned to approve updating the 2026 fallow agreement to reflect the reduced acreage available for fallow. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Legal Update

Heather affirmed the upcoming statute deadlines: notice in the newspaper for the rotating Board seat (South for 2026), and the need to publish in 4 consecutive editions. Follow up with the IT webmaster will be accomplished, to ensure that more information is handy.

Executive Session

The Board discussed going into executive session at 11:42 am, with roll call establishing Brian Barsotti, 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 12:18pm was proposed by Peter, seconded by Judd, and passed unanimously.**

No decisions were made.

Next Meeting Date

The first Tuesday in April is April 7, 2026, and the regular meeting at 11:00am is set.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.

