

July 7, 2026
Galena Groundwater District Meeting
Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Room at the Sun Valley Water & Sewer District
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Call to Order: 10:03 am

In attendance: Judd McMahan (Board), Brian Barsotti (Board), Corey Allen (SVCo), Heather O'Leary (counsel), Keri York (WRLT) 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

Drafted minutes for the June 2026 board meeting were submitted in advance of the meeting for review.

MOTION: Approve minutes from June 3, 2026 board meeting was recommended by Brian, seconded by Judd and passed unanimously.

FINANCIALS

Discussion of current financials through the end of June 2026 were presented, including banking balances, outstanding receivables and a few payables items. Brief questions regarding a few credit balances.

MOTION: Approve paying all invoices as presented, was recommended by Brian, seconded by Judd and passed unanimously.

GREAVES / WRLT

A public information campaign was discussed by Keri York, of the Wood River Land Trust. Expense to date has been paid by WRLT, but GGWD can reimburse, if it chooses to participate in the process. The campaign seeks to address aquifer information and speak to how it works. It could be an ongoing campaign. Signage at the airport is one of the items within the marketing items, possibly other 'fallow' signage items, public facing yard items.

Keri also spoke of the Wood River Collaborative, CIEF / BWGWMA and outreach / education related to water. There is much current publicity regarding local drought, and regional drought. Erin Greaves (McCall) can address both immediate actions and long-term targeting for different groups of water users (SFH, HOA, outreach strategy). A press release would be quick, discussion of a web page as distinct from the Wood River Collaborative, defining actionable items people can do, a storyboard on water rights, partnering with the airport, blending with WRLT social media, possible assistance, taglines, etc. Some discussion regarding who is the target in this campaign occurred.

MOTION: Approve the Greaves campaign, and reimburse WRLT, was recommended by Brian, seconded by Judd and passed unanimously.

BROCKWAY

In specific consideration of ground over usage analysis, Heather will connect with Erick Powell to hone in on specifics sought by Judd, and will confirm a timeframe for that response.

RAIN ENHANCE

Brian spoke regarding efforts to follow up with presenters at the Law Seminar in June, and their drone efforts which can be more strategic in snow generation than existing plane or land based locations. The Board agreed to pursue this conversation, and Judd will look into the LiDAR presenter related to documentation of actual mountain range elevations to aide in spring water projections.

OTHER

The Swan Falls / Trust Water letter was discussed, as was the upcoming County discussion related to Oppenheimer / Flying Hat east land to be transferred to Hailey – specifically how those irrigation water rights may work. Also discussed was the problem of fallow and County/City re-assignment to remove the ‘ag exemption’. Judd will follow up with Jim Williams. Enforcement by IDWR was discussed.

BOARD Compensation

Discussion regarding the significant time & effort to support the GGWD suggests that some compensation, or at a minimum a reimbursement for items, be considered.

MOTION: Approve a fixed rate of \$150/hr. for all Board members when in attendance at meetings, work related to GGWD support.

Counsel will verify if this is a 1099 item, or a W-2 item, as well as draft a resolution for this compensation discussion which will be retroactive to April 1, 2026.

BWGWMA

The next meeting is forthcoming. Issues of non-use for Little Wood water rights, minimum flows for Willow Creek were referenced as well as sub-alliances at work (portions of the Cities are putting together a GW plan). Water purchase by CIEF was discussed including rates from Payette (\$70/ac ft) and a private water right holder (\$250/ac ft).

Public Comment

Corey noted a few items related to long term commitment for water purchased, Stanton & Willow Creek flows, flows on the Big Wood side and continued exploration. Diversion complicates the process of establishing minimums.

Legal Updated

Technically, the County needs the assessment list by July 21st, per statute. Inquiry with Morgan Drage at the County provides some latitude of no later than the middle of August. Some discussion regarding missing water rights from the GGWD list occurred.

Confirm: next Meeting Date

The first Tuesday in August is August 4, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28am