Galena Groundwater District Meeting

Hybrid: City of Sun Valley Meeting Room and via zoom
September 5, 2023

Call to Order: 11:01am

In attendance: Pat McMahon (Board), Judd McMahan (Board), Peter Atkinson (Board), Heather O'Leary (GGWD counsel, and Marybeth Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 am at the Sun Valley City Hall and via zoom. Quorum was established.

Proof of notice was confirmed (posted at City Hall and online at www.GalenaGWD.com), accomplished in advance of today's meeting.

The Public Comment period for the 2024 proposed budget was opened.

Minutes:

Minutes for the regular monthly meeting, held on August 1, 2023, were distributed in advance of the meeting.

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve as drafted the minutes for August 1, 2023. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Financials

Financials for August 2023 were sent under separate cover and discussed briefly at the meeting. Light activity in August and year to date is moderate as well. Some discussion on expenses anticipated in the next two months, the major category issues for accounts receivable and simple accounts payable (2 regular vendors) were reviewed. Discussion of the drafted update for supplemental billing, and anticipation of use for that tool occurred.

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve the payables (Lawson, Laski for $18,650.83 and Marybeth for $3000.00). Pat seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

In follow up to Board request to define a scope of fiscal impact for the drafted supplemental update – bookkeeping provided general estimates for changes to the existing supplemental rights and for the proposed rights to be brought into the supplemental discussion. A placeholder of $50,000 was noted, but decisions such as when to implement proposed updates directly impact that estimate.

Drafted budget for FY2024 was referenced. Eliminating a line item for infrastructure repairs was suggested. Some discussion related to grant expenses and water purchase occurred.

Pending

Several updates were discussed. The Board directed conversation with the owners representative for #37-885B to understand scope of use.

Specific to a BWGWMA meeting to be held this afternoon, the Board explored upcoming items such as water purchase, surface water users needs, CIEF funding, monitoring equipment installations and ongoing monitoring requirements, water accounting program, etc.

MOTION: Judd motioned to authorize the Board Chairperson to use discretion with up to $50,000 at todays BWGWMA Committee meeting, specific to possible alternatives for water purchase, an action required by the BWGWMA but possibly not needed by surface water users. Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Legal Update

Heather referenced upcoming dates:

- September 15 - County reporting for FY24 assessment review, inclusion
- Budgets are due between Aug & Nov 1

Heather spoke to the Idaho Supreme Court hearing.

The Public Comment period for the 2024 proposed budget was closed at 11:48am, with no attendance or comments received.

Budget Approval

MOTION: Judd motioned to approve the proposed assessment of $90 per .02cfs of irrigation water for the 2024 budget. This was seconded by Pat and the motion passed unanimously.

The current supplemental list will be utilized for planning purposes.

Public Comment

None.

Pat McMahon departed the meeting at 11:59 so as to participate in the BWGWM Committee meeting in Shoshone.

Executive Session

The Board discussed going into executive session at 12:00 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 12:11 pm was proposed by Peter, seconded by Judd, and passed unanimously.

There were no items for decision, stemming from this session.

Next Meeting Date

The Board confirmed next meeting to be Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 11am for the next regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19pm.

Galena Ground Water District Budget

	$90.00 / .02cfs *[v2]* 2024 Budget	
Income		
GGWD Assessment	180,000	Adjusted down slightly for changed accounts, etc.
County Assessment	112,000	
Supplemental Assessment	60,000	
Grant Income	-	
LGIP Interest	2,500	
Other	100	
Total Income	**354,600**	Net reduce roughly $50k on new supplemental inputs
Expenses		
Agreement Expenses		
Grant Expense	5,000	
Mitigation Water		
Storage Water	180,000	Yr 3 of 3 1,755 purch @ $100 / ac ft + 1500 cr ft @ $15 / ac ft for wheeling
System Improvement		Non-use
Subtotal Professional Fees	**185,000**	
Administration		
Bookkeeping Admin	14,000	
County 1.5% Fee	4,000	
Bond	500	
Conference Room/Meeting	500	
Office, Postage, etc.	4,000	Legal notice, postage, envelopes, banking fees, etc
IWUA	500	
Travel/Conference Reimbursement	1,000	Anticipate new BWGWMA travel
Web/IT	2,500	New website, allows for billing, communication, bill pay
Subtotal Administration	**27,000**	
Professional Fees		
Accounting	7,500	COLA increase allowance
Engineering Fees	20,000	Reasonable allowance for Yr 3 in Yr 3
Legal Fees	100,000	Est approx $9,000/mo
Subtotal Professional Fees	**127,500**	
Water Right Adjustments	**5,000**	Fallow: flex
Bad Debt	**9,500**	Unresolved clean up: supplemental
System Improvement	**-**	
Total Expenses	**354,000**	
Net Income/Loss	**600**	**Goal: basic operation in legal year**