

**Grand View-Bruneau Ground Water Management Area**  
**Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes**  
Bruneau Emergency  
Center  
1:00PM - February 16, 2024

**WELCOME**

Meeting convened at 1:00pm at the Bruneau Emergency Center – 32531 Belle Avenue, Bruneau, ID.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND ATTENDANCE**

*Committee Attendance:* Sid Erwin, Russell Schiermeier, Chris Black, Roy Mink, Gene Tindall, Bill White

*Public Attendees:* Mary Mink, Dan Stimpson, Connie Tharp, Sarah Quidgeon

*IDWR:* Tim Luke, Rob Whitney, Erik Boe, Mike McVay

**OLD BUSINESS**

Copies of the March 1, 2023, meeting notes were provided and briefly reviewed. There were no related questions or comments.

**Ground Water District Status Update (Sid Erwin)**

Sid Erwin provided updates on his effort to get a Ground Water District on the ballot by May 21, 2024. He expressed his appreciation for the work completed by Tim Luke and Erik Boe in developing maps and related water right lists for the five divisions of the proposed Ground Water District (GWD). Sid is working on finding volunteers to serve as future division directors. Petitions for creating the GWD need to be circulated and have enough signatures by early March to get on the ballot. Sid is also working on satisfying the related requirement to post a bond required by the County.

**Flow Meter Cost Share Possibilities (Connie Tharp, NRCS – Sarah Quidgeon, ISCC)**

Connie Tharp updated the group about the Idaho National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI). She provided maps showing local priority areas for FY24. Parts of the Bruneau River and Big Jacks Creek watersheds are in the planning phase. There may be some related cost share funding through EQIP for flow meters and irrigation management projects.

**GWMA Water Budget (Mike McVay)**

Mike McVay has developed a preliminary water budget for the GWMA. He is concerned with using 60% for the water use efficiency and is looking for local knowledge/assistance from residents to answer questions that could help refine his water budget. Mike has questions about the water in lower Jacks Creek and where it comes from. Chris Black said mostly return flows from ground water wells and springs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**NEXT MEETING**

TBD; Will occur in February or March of 2024

**ACTION ITEMS**

None