

# Grand View-Bruneau Ground Water Management Area

## Public Meeting - Meeting Minutes

Rimrock High School  
Auditorium  
6:00PM - December 6, 2022

### WELCOME

Meeting came to order at 6:10 pm at the Rimrock High School Auditorium – 39678 State Highway 78, Bruneau, ID.

### INTRODUCTIONS AND ATTENDANCE

#### *Committee Attendance:*

Sid Erwin  
Roy Mink  
Kent Frisch  
Gene Tindall  
Billy Wolfe  
Bill White

#### *Public Attendees:*

Mary Mink  
Celia Draper  
Greg & Lisa Callen  
Connie Prow  
Grant & Mark Hegerhorst  
David Ward  
Matthew Clements  
Ted Cantrell  
David Lahtinen  
Chet & Cathy Sellman  
Dan Mori  
Tanner & Landon Wing

Preston Koehn  
Joe Merrick  
Rohl Hipwell  
Bev White  
Mark Frost  
Douglas Meyers  
Jennifer Black  
Bart Fowers  
Les Isaac  
Carlos Ensz  
Chris Unruh  
Shane & Michelle Ward

#### *IDWR:*

Gary Spackman  
Rob Whitney  
Erik Boe  
Laura McSherry

### GBGWMA MANAGEMENT PLAN – OVERVIEW (ERIK BOE, IDWR)

Copies of the GBGWMA Management Plan were made available to attendees. Erik presented informative PowerPoint slides that included regional aquifer characteristics, development of the management plan, and specific goals and strategies to stabilize the declining aquifer system.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rohl Hipwell inquired about proposed cold water aquifer recharge sites. Erik clarified that specific recharge locations would be determined following acquired funding and hydrogeologic and feasibility study.
- David Lahtinen voiced his concern that implementation of a moratorium should have occurred decades ago. Erik explained that new applications in the Grand View-Bruneau GWMA have been processed similarly to moratorium areas and that the area is now included in the recently revised Snake River Moratorium.
- David Lahtinen cited Idaho Code §42-106, “Priority. As between appropriators, the first in time is first in right”, and voiced an urgent need for increased IDWR statute enforcement. Robert Whitney explained that the management plan is an alternative to possible future curtailments. He described successful examples of voluntary mitigation such as coalitions, current recharge areas, and voluntary curtailment with possible compensation.
- David Mori asked if curtailment compensation would be provided by the federal government. Erik and Robert noted that compensation could come from various sources depending on the specific circumstances.
- Rohl Hipwell questioned who would monitor water use for the ground water district. Erik specified how ground water districts could monitor diversions; compensated hydrographers are similar to watermasters in water districts.
- David Ward wanted distinction between geothermal and shallow cold water aquifer geology. Erik described the area’s lithologic conditions and recharge mechanisms. Described the sedimentary and volcanic water bearing geologic units that span the extent of the GWMA, and the shallower fluvial deposits in the Bruneau area.