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A Board of Directors Meeting of the Galena Ground Water District (District) was held on April 5, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Community Library in Ketchum, ID.

~ Approved 5-3-16~

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

Meeting called to order at 11am by Chairman Pat McMahon, Directors Karl Nichols and Judd McMahan present.

2. Proof of Notice

Proof of Notice met.

3. Approval of Minutes

No changes to Minutes from March 1, 2016. Judd motioned to approve, seconded by Karl. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial Review

Karl reported there is just shy of \$7000 in the District checking account. \$13,000 in the receivables. Approximately \$11,000 is from users that need to “opt-in”, e.g. Municipals, Aesthetic, Heating/Cooling. The remaining approximant \$2000 from users already in the District that have not paid, either because of ownership change, incorrect address of owner or for some reason have opted not to pay.

5. Newsletter/Statements

Coming soon- Karl is working on a Newsletter and is waiting for more News to include. See item 6, 7 and 8.

6. Water Grant

A new grant from Bureau of Reclamation submitted by South Valley Ground Water District, Galena GWD, Big Wood Canal Co., Big Wood and Little Wood Water Users [Association](#) and The Nature Conservancy. The grant letter is posted on [GalenaGWD.com](#) galenagwd.com under Grants page. Smart Grant applications are due April 30, 2016. The Board will work with the grant writer – Ken Lavery – to obtain more information. Anybody who wants to be included in the grant should contact [Karl via e-mail](#). There was some concern about the mechanisms of the grant including disbursement of funds, measurement of goals, etc. The sense of the meeting was to get more information from Kent.

7. Conversation with Mayor of Hailey

Mayor Fritz Haemmerle contacted Karl regarding the Districts goals and positions regarding water calls. Mayor Haemmerle would like to see the District join and contribute to the current litigation against Big & Little Wood Water Users. The City of Hailey might join the District with its Municipal Rights if the District signed on to the

water call. The Board feels that the District should currently focus on working collaboratively with other users rather than spending money on litigation. The Board is also waiting for legal counsel for advice. See item 8.

8. RFP Requests

A. Legal

RFP's were received from McHugh Bromley PLLC from Boise, Givens Pursley LLP from Boise and Lawson Laski Clark & Pogue PLLC from Ketchum. The Board discussed the merits of each firm and felt using a local firm would work best for the District. Judd made the motion to contract with Lawson Laski Clark & Pogue, seconded by Karl. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Water Consulting

Brockway Engineering PLLC was the only firm submitting a proposal. The Board discussed extending the deadline for proposals, it was decided to contract with Brockway because of their knowledge of the area and that they had a local representative. Motion made by Pat and seconded by Judd. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Public Comment

It was noted that this Board meeting was one of the most attended with about 13 users and interested public. A question to the Board asking if mitigation might entail cashing out calling water users. The Board said that is one of many options. Karl gave a pie in the sky ballpark figure on the cost of mitigating- about \$7000 per cfs using the current total cfs of users in the District now. He also said that this amount is substantially less than if users not in the District were to do their own mitigation. Another method being looked at by the Board is the Eastern Snake Plains Aquifer (ESPA) model- were all the users made concessions, including the callers. Pat explained there is a tiered rate depending on seniority. Also of concern to the users was the fact that a lot of money was being spent on litigation by some users rather than solving the problem of less water available in the basin and all users working together and making adjustments.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:43am

Next meeting Tuesday May 3, 2016- 11am at the Community Library. After that:
May 3rd - June 7th - July 5th - August 9th - Sept. 6th - Oct. 4th - Nov. 1st - Dec. 6th