

Galena Ground Water District
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A Board of Directors Meeting of the Galena Ground Water District (District) was held on August 2, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Community Library in Ketchum, ID.

> APPROVED 11-1-2016 <

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Chairman Pat McMahon, Directors Karl Nichols and Judd McMahan present 10:00am. Jim Laski also present.

2. Proof of Notice

Requirement was met, Notice posted 7-29-16

3. Approval of Minutes

Karl Nichols moved to approve the minutes from 6-7-16 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Financial Review and Initial Presentation of the Budget

Karl presented draft 2017 budget with several options related to an increase in rates in anticipation of more expenses in the 2017 CY. It was noted that last year's budget was capped by an interpretation of State Statute because related to Districts in their first year during formation. This year the District will have higher expenses in the Engineering and Legal categories. In addition, other general expenses will be higher including administration. Proposed 2017 Budgets can be seen on the GalenaGWD.Com web site under Financial Information tab. The 2017 Budget is set for approval at the September 6th meeting.

5. Engineering and Water Call Update

Jim Laski reported the water call was dismissed and would most likely be refiled. Jim also mentioned that Idaho Dept. of Water Resources is proposing forming a [Ground Water Management Area](#) to include Galena GWD. Sun Valley Co. has already protested this proposal and has requested the Galena GWD also protest. [Comments](#)* can be made through September 1, 2016

Zach Latham from Brockway Engineering is in the process of inventorying the Point of Use and Points of Diversion (POU & POD) of all the users in the District. The inventory would include the Blaine County Tax Assessor's information so that the Assessor can include the District's assessments on the users tax bill.

6. Public Comment

Jon Bowling and Shaun Parkinson from Idaho Power talked about IPCO's cloud seeding program and the positive results we all are benefiting from with this "long term management tool". Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Nevada also have extensive seeding operations.

Jim Speck representing several users felt the District should join SV Co. in protest the inclusion of the District in the ESPA Ground Water Management Area.

7. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday September 6, 2016 10am at The Community Library.

8. Legal Issues (Possible Executive Session)

Judd made a motion to meet in Executive Session, Karl 2nd and passed unanimously at 10:50 am

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 11:35 am

* Comments should be directed to Kimi White, by email to kimi.white@idwr.idaho.gov or by postal mail to IDWR, Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0098.