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A Board of Directors Meeting of the Galena Ground Water District (District) was held on January 3rd 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Community Library in Ketchum, ID.

~ Approved 2-7-17~

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Pat McMahan called meeting to Order at 11:02 with Directors Karl Nichols, Judd McMahan and legal counsel Heather O'Leary present.

2. Proof of Notice

Notice met, posted 12-29-16

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from 12-6-16 approved unanimously.

4. Opt-Out Requests

Deer Creek's opt-out request of right 37-466 (a conversion of an 1880 surface right) was approved. Lane Ranch's request for opt-out of 37-2635 was tabled until February 7th meeting. Karl reported several other users want to opt-out. The Board advises that opting out for the reason of Assessments only is not a legitimate reason according to State Statute ([Title 42 Chapter 52- 42-5251](#)). Karl also said the Board must be consistent, diligent and firm when dealing with opt-out requests.

5. Public Comment

Comment about the term sheet sent to Big Wood Canal Co.: need proof for CFS decrease requested, what are the specifics, what is the maximum CFS the Big Wood River is supposed to supply Magic Reservoir to meet requirements and there appears to be no urgency on a reply to BWCC regarding the term sheet. South Valley Ground Water Dist. was granted to intervene in the [ESPA Ground Water Management Area](#) and should the District also participate. Mariel Platt represent City of Hailey said Mayor Haemmerle felt the term sheet is premature and not specific. Question as to when all the assessments for 2017 would be mailed- remainder of the assessments not associated with parcel numbers were mailed last week. Flying Hat Ranch has concerns about where the District money is being spent and if the increase in assessments can be expected raise the same amount next year. There is no short answer now and decisions regarding Supplemental Rights, senior vs. junior rights (and the definition of Sr. and Jr.) are months away.

6. Other Business

A small scale water efficiency grant was discussed and Judd will look into it.

7. Next Meeting Date

February 7, 2017 11am at the Community Library

8. Legal Issues (Possible Executive Session)

No executive session

Idaho Code 74-206(1)(c): To acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; and
Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f): To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

9. Adjournment

Karl Moved to adjourn and Judd Seconded at around 11:50 am