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A Board of Directors Meeting of the Galena Ground Water District (District) was held on September 5, 2017 at 11:00 AM

~ Approved 11-7-17~

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

11:02 am Chairman Pat McMahan called meeting to order. Secretary Judd McMahan, Treasurer Karl Nichols and legal counsel Heather O'Leary also present.

2. Proof of Notice

Notice was posted on August 30, 2017 at the Community Library

3. Approval of Minutes

Karl made motion to approve Minutes from 8-1-17 meeting, Judd seconded. Approved unanimously.

Regarding C. Matthiesen's proposal to compensate the Directors, Karl motioned to not take compensation except for out of pocket expenses. Judd seconded and motion was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of 2018 Budget

A. Weighted Supplemental Rights (SR)

Because SR holders are assessed on water they are not using, Karl made a motion for an adjustment formula and to invoice/bill at new rate unless the Right is in the [State Water Bank](#). There are 69 SR in the District, 17 are currently assessed at less than \$500 year and 52 are paying more than \$500. With the new formula (subject to change if the SR are used), SR holders paying <\$500 will continue paying their current assessment and users paying >\$500 will pay \$500. The new formula will decrease the Budget income \$31,824. Judd seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

B. County List, Refunds, and Process

Regarding refunds to Supplemental Rights holders for previous years, Judd spoke about being cautious of refunding assessments. Pat felt it was the correct thing to do. Patti Lousen asked if the Supplemental Rights are in the State Water Bank earning income for the holders. After some discussion, the decision on refunds will be tabled until research on what is in the Water Bank and what is not until the next meeting on October 3rd.

C. Approval of Budget

A motion to approve the 2018 Budget was made by Karl, seconded by Judd and was approved unanimously.

Bills from Brockway Engineering for \$236 and Lawson Laski Clark and Pogue, PLLC for \$522.50 were approved

5. Grant Update

The Wood River Water Collaborative submitted the [WaterSMART Grant](#) on behalf of the District. The District will administer the grant which will help fund stream bank stabilization on Silver Creek south of Carey on US 93 and remote headgate monitoring for Water District 37.

6. Calling Party Negotiation

Pat reiterated that another water call is in the works and reported hearing an injury amount of 11,850 acre feet of which the District is responsible for about one third and South Valley Water District two thirds. Pat also reminded that the injury amount has not been vetted. Moving ahead with the WaterSMART Grant will reduce the alleged injury. Repairs to Silver Creek could provide additional water to Senior users and WD 37 monitoring will show the increase below the repairs.

7. Public Comment

Jim Speck asked what the water call might cost the District by paying for 11,850 acre feet of water. Using the current IDWR rate for water, approximately \$200,000.

8. Other Business

No other business

9. Next Meeting Date

October 3, 2017 at the Community Library at 11am.

10. Legal Issues (Possible Executive Session)

No Executive Session was held

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.