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A Board of Directors Meeting of the Galena Ground Water District (District) was held on December 5, 2017, 11:00 a.m. at the Community Library, Ketchum, Idaho

**1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Pat McMahon, Directors Karl Nichols and Judd McMahan present 11:02am. Legal counsel Heather O'Leary also present.

**2. Proof of Notice**

Posted 11-29-17

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the Nov. 5, 2017 Director meeting were approved during today's Executive Session.

**4. Financial Update**

Lallman, Felton, Peterson & Pierce, PA has taken over managing the District books from Karl. Judd made a motion to pay bills for \$1230 from Brockway Engineering and \$1009 from Lallman et al, seconded by Karl passed unanimously.

**5. Idaho Power**

Pat attended an IPCO presentation in Shoshone on the Companies cloud seeding program. Arrangements are being made for a similar presentation at the Districts meeting in January.

**6. Calling Party Negotiation**

Pat discussed a letter he wants the District to sign addressed to the Director of the Idaho Dept. of Water Recourses. It requests the Director to establish an advisory committee to work on a [Ground Water Plan similar to the one in the Malad Valley](#). The advisory committee would include water users from Galena & South Valley Ground Water Districts, municipals, nonprofits, and senior surface water right holders. Karl would rather deal directly with only the larger senior water users that would comprise a majority of the total rights of the possible callers. Karl asked if the findings of the advisory committee are binding, the answer is not for sure but is probable. Pat does not want to use a 'divide and conquer' strategy. The discussion ended when Karl moved to table the matter and Judd seconded, passed unanimously.

The Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART grant for the Silver Creek mitigation project is progressing through the bureaucracy.

**7. Public Comment**

Jim Speck spoke that Joe James from Big Wood Water Users are near to filing a water call. Pat said he has heard the same.

Patti Lousen mentioned there is a Water Collaborative meeting tomorrow (12-6-17) and that the [MTAC Ground Water Model](#) has been updated, now called the 1.1 Model. She said there are two free model runs available to the Water Collaborative. Zach Latham of Brockway Engineering said normally model runs would cost thousands of dollars.

However, the results could be used against the District as was the case in last year's water call.

**8. Other Business**

None

**9. Next Meeting Date**

January 2, 2018 at 11am in the Community Library.

**10. Legal Issues (Possible Executive Session)**

Karl moved to end public meeting and move to Executive Session at 11:45am, seconded by Pat and passed unanimously.

**11. Adjournment**

Executive Session ended and meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.