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A Board of Directors Meeting of the Galena Ground Water District (District) was held on January 2, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at the Community Library, Ketchum, Idaho.

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

Chairman Pat McMahon called meeting to order at 11:10am with Directors Karl Nichols, Judd McMahan, and legal counsel Heather O'Leary and Jim Laski present.

**2. Proof of Notice**

Posted 12-28-17

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Karl moved and Judd seconded to approve Minutes for December 5, 2017 meeting, passed unanimously.

**4. Financial Report**

Karl reported that Lallman, Felton, Peterson & Pierce, PA are still updating member records to reflect their water rights, appropriate billing rates, etc.

**5. Grant Update**

Pat participated in a conference call with Bureau of Reclamation and others. The grant is moving forward. Brockway Engineering has provided a quote to administer the grant but it is unknown if the grant will cover that cost. The Bureau of Reclamation is considering the proposal.

**6. Calling Party Negotiation**

Nothing new.

**7. Idaho Water Resource Board Update**

Pete Van Der Meulen from [IWRB](#) said they are actively waiting to hear when the water call is coming. The Board is available to provide low interest loans, help with planning and support sustainable management of Idaho's water.

Pete discussed the dropping water table around Mountain Home and the deep concern the Air Force has and plan to bring water from C.J. Strike to the area. He also talked about recharge and that a lot of water is not being used that could be. Zach Latham asked about the revised rule on leasing water for more than 1 year, which is now in effect. Pattie Lousen asked Pete about continued grants. He said the IWRB is attempting to get out of funding complete grants, to fund matching grants instead and underwrite low interest loans. The Board would like to see more applications from other areas of the State and less from the Big Wood Basin.

Pete is optimistic about a change in the current weather pattern and that should clouds appear, Idaho Powers clouding seeding should provide additional moisture.

**8. Water District 37 Report**

The annual members meeting is Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> in Shoshone at 1:30pm. Water Master Kevin Lakey has found users to install data recorders as part of Galena GWD's grant.

**9. Public Comment**

Pattie Lousen reminded the Board of the [Wood River Water Collaborative](#) meeting January 16<sup>th</sup>. She also said she was leaving the Wood River Land Trust. The Board thanked her and Mariel Miller from City of Hailey (who is also leaving) for their service to the Wood River valley.

**10. Next Meeting Date**

February 6, 2018 11am Community Library

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

No executive session

**12. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 11:46am