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A Board of Directors Meeting of the Galena Ground Water District (District) was held on March 6, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at the Community Library, Ketchum, Idaho

~ Approved 4-3-2018 ~

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Pat McMahon called meeting to order at 11:03am with Director Judd McMahan and legal counsel Heather O’Leary present. Director Karl Nichols was not able to attend.

2. Proof of Notice

Notice posted 2-28-18

3. Approval of Minutes

Judd motioned and Pat seconded to approve the February 6, 2018 Minutes, passed unanimously.

4. Financial Update

Pat reported there is \$189,133.50 in District bank account.

5. Silver Creek / Hwy 93 Project Report

Zach Latham from Brockway Engineering gave a brief progress report on the project. Next step, survey cross sections of the flooded area before Idaho Transportation Dept. clears obstructions in culvert that is causing false wetland. Zach will work with Bruce Smith of Alpine Enterprises, Inc. on the survey in the coming weeks.

6. Upcoming Election

Karl Nichols’ Middle Division Director position is up for election this May. Petition Nominations for the position can be made starting April 3rd and submitted to the District. Nominees and Petition signers must reside in the Middle Division, additional information can be found on GalenaGWD.com/elections.

7. Rate Discussion

The District has been billing the same rate for combined Natures of Use (i.e.: Commercial, Fire, Domestic) rights since District inception. Ground Water Districts can only charge for Irrigation and the Board is looking at adjustments to Uses other than Irrigation. There is a possible \$69,000 that may be returned to users that were billed for uses other than Irrigation. The discussion was tabled until Director Nichols is present.

8. Public Comment

Chuck Matthiesen asked: A) if there are any water calls currently, Pat said no. B) if there were a call, would there be curtailment this year, Pat thought that would also be no. C) and Chuck also asked if the Board had considered his recommendation the Board get some compensation. Pat and Judd both said no to compensation at this time and thanked Chuck for his support of the District and Directors work.

9. Other Business

Zach asked if the Model Committee had made any decisions regarding the free Ground Water Model runs with the IDWR. Pat said the committee has met twice, with the software being updated, felt one run would probably be a comparison between the two versions of software on the 100% curtailment model that IDWR ran last year.

9 Cont. Other Business- Laura Gvozdas from Sun Country Property Management asked if Sun Valley was supporting the Wood River Water Collaborative conservation resolution. Pat said the Sun Valley Water and Sewer Dist. is supportive and has asked the City of Sun Valley to also support it. Chuck Matthiesen asked whether water savings from the resolution will be beneficial in defending a water call. Pat said it could help and won't hurt.

10. Next Meeting Date

April 3, 2018 11:00 am at The Community Library

11. Legal Issues (Executive Session)

Not held.

12. Adjournment

Adjourned at 11:42 am