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A Board of Directors Meeting of the Galena Ground Water District (District) was held on May 1, 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 11:04am with Director Judd McMahan, Director Karl Nichols and legal counsel Heather O'Leary.

2. Proof of Notice

Notice posted 4-24-18

3. Approval of Minutes

Judd moved to approve Minutes from 4-3-18 meeting, Karl seconded and motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial Update

No bills to be paid

5. Silver Creek / Hwy 93 Project Report

Chuck Brockway is working on the modeling. Zach Latham will check with Idaho Dept. of Transportation on culvert under US 93 cleaning. Question regarding whether the District needs to let IDWR know what the District is doing- Not until the District has a mitigation plan, currently District is only in the study mode.

6. Upcoming Election

No nominations for Middle Division were received, no election needed and Karl Nichols will continue as Middle Division Director for a term of 3 years (until 2021). Idaho code [42-5218](#)

7. Rate Discussion

The Directors are looking at 50% discount on Municipal rights as a way to adjust for Domestic, Fire and Commercial uses in the cities. Also discussed credits for Aesthetic rights that are coupled with Irrigation. There are many uses and the Board will evaluate any rights and adjust case by case. Karl stated that there will be a minimum assessment regardless of mixed uses because of District administrative costs associated with each user. Pat suggested that the Board define the cost associated with all of the various water right classifications used by the Department of Water Resources.

Pat reported nothing new on the Draft memo to Big & Little Wood Water Users Association. A formal reply is anticipated. As the memo is reviewed and refined, the final memo would most likely go before the users to approve or not.

8. Public Comment

Jim Speck supposed how a well west of the Big Wood might affect water in the Little Wood and asked if the District has thought about running the [W.R. Groundwater-Flow Model](#) excluding certain wells. Because callers must show harm, it is possible some wells on the District may not cause harm. Discussion continued on a Model run with various wells excluded. The Board said it represents all members and it is not in the Districts interests to divide the District geographically.

The cost of Model runs have been said to be between \$700 and several thousands of dollars. Zach Latham said he will track down a price and who can actually do the Modeling.

9. Other Business

None

10. Next Meeting Date

June 5, 2018 11am

11. Legal Issues (Executive Session)

None

12. Adjournment

11:35 am.