

Galena Ground Water District
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A Board of Directors Meeting of the Galena Ground Water District (District) was held on October 2, 2018 at the Community Library.

~ Approved 11-6-18 ~

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

Pat McMahon called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. With Director Judd McMahan, legal counsel Heather O’Leary and Jim Laski present. Director Karl Nichols joined the meeting around 11:10 am

2. Proof of Notice

Met

3. Approval of Minutes

Judd motioned to approve minutes from 9-4-18 and Pat seconded, passed unanimously.

4. 2018 Budget

Karl said the 2018 assessments have been filed with the County which cover most users of the District. The District bookkeeper is assembling bills for users not billed by Blaine County.

5. Calling Party Negotiation

From negotiation meetings Pat has had with BWLWWUA (Big Wood and Little Wood Water Users Association), they are planning on making a water call in December 2018. Representatives of BWLWWUA include: Rob Hubsmith, Fred Brossy, John Arkoosh, and Joe James. Pat will continue negotiating and the District will need to file a mitigation plan that is acceptable and approved by Idaho Department of Water Recourses.

6. Public Comment

Laura Gvozdas and Chuck Matthiesen ask some questions: Have any terms in the negotiations changed? Yes, no change in irrigation season and curtailment removed from discussions. How long will terms last before renegotiations? Maybe a 2 year agreement. How many members in BWLWWUA are making a call? Not known, but a sizeable amount of water shares. Is the \$50,000 payment to small? Appears to be an acceptable amount. The 50K will not go very far to defend a water call. Why haven’t the Cities joined the District? They feel they will lose control and think they can do better by not joining. Is there anything District members can do to help the Board? Stay informed, ask questions, and spread information to other users. If an agreement is made, can BWLWWUA still make call on individual users? No.

7. Other Business

Judd will be meeting with South Valley Ground Water District discussing mitigation options.

8. Next Meeting Date

November 6, 2018 11am at Community Library

9. Legal Issues (Possible Executive Session)

Not needed

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am