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A Board of Directors Meeting of the Galena Ground Water District (District) was held on March 5, 2019 at 11:00 AM at The Community Library.

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

Pat McMahon called the meeting to order at 11:05 am with Directors Judd McMahan and Karl Nichols, legal counsel James Laski and District bookkeeper Lisa Davitt present.

2. Proof of Notice

Proof of Notice met

3. Approval of Minutes Note: Action Item

Karl moved and Judd seconded to approve Minutes from 2-5-19, motion passed unanimously.

4. Auditor/2018 Reports Note: Action Item

2018 Financial Reports have been published in Idaho Mountain Express as required by statute. Karl recommended the CPA firm Arritt, Robins, Waters to complete District audit. Pat made motion, Judd seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The audit will start after tax season and cost around \$4000.

A request has been made of the District consultant invoices. District counsel Jim Laski said the request should be made as a Public Records Request and that the District should redact some information.

5. Modeling Discussion and Possible Action Note: Action Item

Eric Powell from Brockway Engineering has written proprietary software that interfaces IDWR Ground Water Model program. The software will allow District to quantify damages to Callers. Callers will need to do their own calculations and show damages. It is hoped that each of the results will be close to the same and negotiations can be made around those results.

6. Water Call Note: Action Item

Pat has given the calling party (Big Wood Water Users Assoc.) the District members in good standing. Users not in good standing will not be protected during a water call. It is reported that South Valley Ground Water Dist. has met with IDWR with a management plan for a water call. The Board agreed that time has pretty much run out for a water call bringing any curtailment this irrigation season.

7. Silver Creek Measuring Items Note: Action Item

Discussion of water loss on Silver Creek. The loss is thought to be considerable and knowing that loss will be beneficial during negotiations with callers. Karl moved to have the District pay \$1500 for its one third share for a measuring device on Silver Creek and up to \$1000 for monitoring the device for 3 years. Judd seconded, motion passed unanimously. Water District 37 and South Valley GWD are the other two thirds of the measuring project.

8. Settlement Agreement (Public)

Discussed and covered in the above items.

9. Public Comment

Gary Lipton from Flying Heart Subdivision wanted to know how to pay his share of delinquent Flying Heart assessment. Options of opting out of the District or applying to IDWR to divide the right among the owners were discussed. The Board will email information on advantages to paying assessments (not paying and not being represented during a call were discussed in Agenda item 6). Gary will distribute the information to the 16 lot owners that have the water right out of the 40 Flying Heart lot owners. The HOA by not paying the assessment is not being responsible to the 16 lots owners that have the water right and jeopardizing the owners with a property lean.

10. Other Business

Lisa Davitt has sent Fritz Haemmerle representing Supplemental WR 37-2725 an amended assessment crediting some fees for that right.

11. Next Meeting Date Note: Action Item

April 2, 2019 at the Community Library at 11am.

12. Legal Issues Including Settlement Agreement Note: Action Item

None held.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:52am.