

Galena Ground Water District
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INAUGURAL/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2015
10:00 AM
COMMUNITY LIBRARY
415 Spruce Avenue
KETCHUM, IDAHO

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Establishment of District (Confirmation of Election Results and Canvassing by County Commissioners)
3. Establishment of a Quorum
4. Proof of Notice
5. Election of Chairman
6. Appointment of Secretary
7. Appointment of Treasurer
8. Assessment Discussion / Authorization
9. Treasurer Bond Discussion / Authorization
10. Budget
11. Next Meeting and District Office
12. Communication/ Newsletter
13. Other Business
14. Adjournment

Minutes 11-18-15

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A Board of Directors Meeting of the Galena Ground Water District (District) was held on November 18, 2015 at the Community Library located at 415 Spruce Avenue in Ketchum, ID.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Those present, including Board members introduced themselves.

2. Establishment of District

Paul Arrington, the Attorney currently representing the District noted that the District was formed by affirmative vote of more than 50% of the ballots received and that the County Commissioners had canvassed the vote. Per Idaho Code, this is the first meeting of the District and several mandatory items (in addition to others) will be discussed at this meeting.

3. Establishment of a Quorum

After it was reported that the District was formed, it was noted that a quorum of the Board was established with three of three Board members present, as follows:

Pat McMahan
Judd McMahan
Karl Nichols

Also present was Paul Arrington, Esq. and several member of the public.

4. Proof of Notice

It was reported that proof of notice was given in accordance with Idaho Code as the Meeting Notice was posted at the Meeting Place five days prior the meeting and the agenda was posted 72 hours prior to the meeting. In addition, although not required by Code, the meeting was noticed in the November 11, 2015 edition of the Idaho Mountain Express.

5. Election of Chairman

A chairman of the District needs to be elected.

MOTION: Karl Nichols moved to nominate and elect Pat McMahon as Chairman. The motion was seconded. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Appointment of Treasurer

A treasurer needs to be appointed.

MOTION: Judd McMahan moved to appoint Karl Nichols as the Treasurer. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

7. Appointment of Secretary

A Secretary needs to be appointed.

MOTION: Pat McMahon moved to appoint Judd McMahan as the Secretary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

8. Assessment Discussion

It was reported that the Board is leaning towards assessing \$3 per .02 CFS for the initial 2016 assessment but after discussion, as decision had not been made yet.

A very lengthy discussion ensued about the nuances as to who is automatically a member, who *should* join the District, and who *can* join the district. The general sense of the Board and the public present was that the code and IDWR practice/realities are not necessarily in alignment. There several legal questions surrounding the nomenclature and definition of “domestic use” in regards to community wells that are clearing using domestic water for irrigation. This matter will be researched and clarified as best as possible prior to the meeting.

The general sense of the Board was that all potential members who are using water for irrigation and subject to a call should be allowed to join the District.

9. Treasurer Bond

It was reported that the Board needs to set a bond in the amount of at least \$5,000 or another amount as determined by the Board. After discussion, the sense of the Board was that only a \$5,000 bond should be set at this time with the understanding that this can be revisited in the future.

MOTION: Judd McMahan moved to authorize the posting of a \$5,000 bond and to give the Treasurer the authority to do so. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

10. Budget

The Budget will be voted upon at the next meeting.

11. Next Meeting and District Office

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on November 30, 2015 at the Community Library.

It was noted that the District must set an official office and until further notice, the official office is the Community Library.

12. Communication/ Newsletter

Pat McMahan noted that the District has a website – www.galenagwd.com – and future communications will be posted on the website. In addition, mailings will be sent to members, as appropriate.

13. Future Goals

The public asked what the goals of the District were and the Board responded that the purpose of this District as well as other districts in the state is to provide a unified plan to avoid water curtailment. Such a plan will include several factors but it is too early to determine exactly what they will be.

14. Adjournment

MOTION: Judd McMahan moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

As such, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted