

Galena Ground Water District
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A Board of Directors Meeting of the Galena Ground Water District (District) was held on September 6, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Community Library in Ketchum, ID.

~ Approved 11-1-2016 ~

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

Pat McMahon called meeting to order at 10:07, with Judd McMahan, Karl Nichols present.

2. Proof of Notice

Requirement was met

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to table approval of 8-2-16 until Oct. 4, 2016 was made by Karl and 2nd by Judd. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Financial Review

Bills for \$2700 from Brockway Engineering and \$200 from Lawson Laski Clark & Pogue were approved

5. Approval of Budget and Assessments

During last month's Executive Session, it was determined that the 2017 District budget will need to be increased 10 times the 2016 budget. The 2016 budget was the first year of the District and the budget was set by Idaho Statute at \$3.00 per .02CFS. With another water call in the pipe line, there is the need for a complete inventory of the user's water rights, building a mitigation fund and other defenses for the water call. The Sun Valley Water and Sewer District will be most impacted by the increase. It was noted that Hailey Mayor Haemmerle would like to see the District be more aggressive on mitigation. It was also noted that City of Hailey has failed to join the District. Karl motioned to approve the 2017 District budget at \$30/.02CFS, Judd 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Draft Term Sheet

Pat read from a Term Sheet prepared by some members of the South Valley Ground Water District and one from the Galena GWD. The Terms were given to Big Wood Canal Co. for their review. It listed 8 objectives such as reduce irrigation season, 10% reduction in water use, enforcement of the ½ acre Domestic Exemption, funding for the

Silver Creek bank stabilization project along with four other objectives. It was decided to not post the Terms as it is a Draft and some users might construe the Terms as final.

7. Public Comment

A representative of Cliffside HOA asked about the 10 fold increase in the 2017 Budget. The explanation is that \$3/.02CFS is not enough money to fund the District let alone pay for the water call. Cliffside with 6 residential lots and an Irrigation right of .12CFS will see their assessment increase from \$18 last year to \$180 in 2017. The District Board felt that is a very reasonable cost for water right representation.

8. Other Business

The Smart Water Grant from Bureau of Reclamation was turned down. Because the District is not a large user of water in the first place, there is not large amount of water or energy to be saved compared to other applicants. Next year the BOR may have a “small user” grant. The Sun Valley Institute for Resilience will again help with a grant next year.

Resolution 2016-01 authorizing Blaine County Tax Collector to bill and collect the District’s assessments next year was made by Karl, 2nd by Judd and passed unanimously. Judd made a motion to adopt a new non-irrigator opt in request, 2nd by Karl and passed unanimously.

Today is the last day to comment on the inclusion of the District in the ESPA Critical Water Management Area. The District feels it should not be included and will submit a comment to IDWR.

Southern Director Judd McMahan’s term ends Dec. 31, 2016 and Nominations are open for that seat.

9. Next Meeting Date

Oct. 4, 2016 10am at The Community Library

10. Legal Issues (Possible Executive Session)

Moved and 2nd to meet in Executive Session at 10:58 am

11. Adjournment

Executive Session adjourned at 11:37 am