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A Board of Directors Meeting of the Galena Ground Water District (District) was held on April 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Community Library in Ketchum, ID.

~ Approved 5-2, 2017 ~

**1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum**

At 11:03 Chairman Pat McMahon called meeting to order. Secretary Judd McMahan, Treasure Karl Nichols, and legal counsel Heather O'Leary and Jim Laski also present.

**2. Proof of Notice**

Posted March 30, 2017

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Approved with change to item 6 from BLM to BOR grant. Motion by Judd, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl and approved unanimously.

**4. Water Call**

Sun Valley Co. filed for discovery- Model boundary and Model for loss. Some tributaries are not included in the boundary because the Model does not work well far reaching tributaries and does not allow for other significant factors would could affect consumption. In addition, nobody assumed that the run of the model would be used for a basis for a water call. More water call information can be found on [Idaho Dept. of Water Resources website](#). Jim Speck asked about assessments regarding surface to ground conversions and what will be the Districts argument? The Board noted that it will defend against the call on behalf of all members and that those called was not necessarily an accurate representation of who should be called. Eventually, the call will most probably be made against the entire District and the District needs to defend appropriately. Members that do not want their assessments being used to defend the call may consider a petition to drop out through the formal process.

Finally, the District is looking into pro-rated formulas based for supplemental and domestic rights. These matters are being considered by the Board and consultants. The Board asked for patience in working through these matters as it's an onerous task and because the District is unique, everyone is learning on the go. Karl reported that after tax season is over, he will engage an accountant to help compile lists in relation to assessments.

The District has filed a Petition to Intervene on behalf of members.

**5. Opt-Out Request – Dick Porter**

Tabled until May 2, 2017 meeting

**6. Engineering Update**

- A. Completion of list with water rights: Zack Latham noted that an initial analysis points to approximately 3,400 acres being irrigated with ground water within the District (does not include Municipal acreage). It was emphasized that the number was for discussion only and should not

be consider conclusive or final. This number, translated into ET rates, may be the driver of actual consumption.

- B. Shape files: Some shape files were completed in relation to point A, above; however, none were distributed and this is still a work in progress.
- C. Compilation of Supplemental Rights including Cut-off Dates: These should be completed in the next two weeks by Brockway and Karl will work with the accountant to classify them appropriately into the spreadsheet
- D. Running the model with GGWD specific rights at a certain date: Members in attendance wanted to see another water model run completed for different dates and for snow-pack specific adjustments. The Board was not opposed to such work but for the time being determined that no runs would be made (which are expensive) as they will be used by the calling parties.

#### **7. BOR Grant**

To fund Silver Creek bank stabilization, measurement weirs for WD37 will be announced in June. Some matching funds will come from WD37.

#### **8. Other Business**

Motion from Judd to approve another Brockway bill for \$6023, Karl seconded and approved unanimously.

Karl would like the District attempt to meet with Big Wood & Little Wood Water Users Assoc. before an expensive trial/discovery takes place to save everyone water, time, and money.

#### **9. Next Meeting Date**

May 2, 2017 at 11am at The Community Library

#### **10. Legal Issues (Possible Executive Session)**

Judd motioned to move into Executive Session, Karl seconded and approved unanimously at 11:37AM. Matters discussed included the water call and work related thereto

#### **11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 pm