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A Board of Directors Meeting of the Galena Ground Water District (District) was held on February 6, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at the Community Library, Ketchum, Idaho

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

2. Chairman Pat McMahon called meeting to order at 11:00am with Directors Karl Nichols, Judd McMahan, and legal counsel Heather O'Leary present.

**3. Proof of Notice**

Notice posted 1-29-18.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Karl moved and Judd seconded to approve Minutes from 1-2-18. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Financial Update**

Karl presented a draft year end 2017 financial report. It shows approx. \$260,000 carry over to 2018. Next year's assessments may go down but currently the District is comfortable with building funds for an inevitable water call from senior users. The report will be posted on [Galena GWD](#).

Bills for \$2000 to Lallman, Felton, Peterson & Pierce PA, \$1200 to Lawson, Laski, Clark, and Pogue, and \$401 to Brockway Engineering were motioned to be paid by Judd and seconded by Pat. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Silver Creek / Hwy 93 Funding Request**

Pat reviewed the grant and explained there are 2 parts. The first is Measurement and that part is nearing completion with the funding to Water District 37 to buy the measuring devices. The 2<sup>nd</sup> part being the actual ground work which can not start until a study is completed on the effects that the bridge on US 93 has on Silver Creek flows. The study can't be paid for by the grant. The project is a major component for the District with its mitigation needs. In a show of good faith to senior users, Karl moved to approve \$5600 from the District to pay for the work by Brockway Engineering. Judd second the motion and motion passed unanimously.

**7. Public Comment**

Patti Lousen from WR Land Trust gave an update on a valley wide resolution involving all local governments and private businesses. The [Wood River Water Collaborative](#) has been meeting for several months on a non-binding resolution to encourage water conservation and water loss prevention. The resolution if passed by the Cities, County, and local business involved with water usage could be helpful in obtaining future Grants. Karl felt the District may support the resolution but needs to see it first. Patti will be sending information to the Directors. With Patti's departure from the WR Land Trust, she also introduce Amy Trujillo, the new Deputy Director of the Wood River Land Trust. The District recognized Patti for her guidance in creating the Galena Ground Water District, tireless enthusiasm, and years of dedication & service to our home.

Gail Goodrich representing the Valley Club HOA asked about some of the members of the HOA opting out of the District. They feel they have mitigated through Dry Lot LLC recharge rights (3-24-1883). The District said the HOA is the permit holder of the water right and the HOA would need to make the request following the requirements set forth in the State Statute (Title 42 Chapter 52, [42-5241](#))

**8. Other Business**

Pat received an inquiry from a user asking about anomalies in their assessment. Pat and Karl both concurred that there are still a few bugs to work out with the user's accounts and water rights all related to the IDWR's data.

**9. Next Meeting Date**

March 6, 2018 at 11am at The Community Library.

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:58 am.

**11. Adjournment**

At 12:35 pm.