

MEMO

TO: Water District No. 67 Files
FROM: Gary Spackman *Gary*
RE: Water District Meeting
DATE: February 6, 1997

I attended the annual meeting for Water District No. 67, Weiser River, on February 3, 1997, in Cambridge, Idaho. The chairman of the meeting, Milton Kerner, and the secretary, Mary Ellen Pugh, were re-elected. Gerry Myers was also re-elected as the watermaster and his proposed budget was adopted. All of the advisory committee members who served last year were re-elected. I was questioned at length about the adjudication and its worth. Several of the water users asked why the adjudication court couldn't just decree the water rights in the Weiser drainage, feeling that none of the issues being discussed or litigated were really pertinent to them. It was difficult for me to explain why issues being addressed by the courts continuing action might affect the ultimate adjudication of their rights.

Water users in the Weiser area are preparing letters to Idaho's congressional delegation requesting that our congressmen attempt to obtain congressional approval for construction of storage dams in the Weiser basin to prevent future flooding. This may include an attempted resurrection of Galloway Dam. I've attached a copy of the draft correspondence.

Finally, some of the water users complained about our stream channel alteration program, alleging that the bureaucratic red tape for issuance of a permit for a stream channel alteration is so burdensome that it prevents them from doing necessary work that would prevent future flooding.