



State of Idaho

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### NOTICE OF WATER DISTRICT MEETING

In 1989, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) created a water district for the purposes of distributing the water rights of the water users who divert water from the low temperature geothermal aquifer underlying the area of Stewart Gulch, Ada County. The water rights were decreed in the case of Silkey v. Tiegs, 51 Idaho 344, 5 P.2d 1049 (1931). The water district was active during the early 1990's. Beginning in 1998, the users did not conduct the annual district meeting, a watermaster was not selected, and monitoring and regulation ceased. The district became inactive.

IDWR received a petition for a special meeting of the water district. Based on the request, IDWR determines, as required by Idaho Code § 42-605(11), that a special meeting is necessary to address matters that cannot be delayed until the next annual meeting.

**Please take notice that A SPECIAL MEETING OF WATER DISTRICT 65S, STEWART GULCH, SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON OCTOBER 24, 2002. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE STATE OFFICE OF THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, 1301 NO. ORCHARD, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, BOISE, IDAHO 83706. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2:00 P.M.**

The meeting is being held to conduct the district business normally completed at the annual spring water district meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to reactivate Water District no. 63-S. Business will include the selection of a chairman, secretary/treasurer, and an advisory committee. A budget for the water district will be adopted. **A watermaster will be elected and his compensation set.** Please come to the meeting prepared to discuss the need for monitoring and regulation of water diversions.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2002.

Gary Spackman  
Western Regional Manager

MINUTES FOR THE GROUND WATER DISTRICT 63-S (Stewart Gulch)  
MEETING ON MARCH 16, 2006

**PRESENT:**

Rose Ryan  
Mary Ryan  
Tom Terteling  
Ken Neely  
Lori Graves  
Vicky Music  
Garnette Monnie  
Helen Miller  
Ed Squires  
Dave Hendrickson  
Dana Hofstetter  
Tim Luke

Minutes from the March, 2005 meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. The checking account has a current balance of \$706.97, everybody has paid their assessment and all bills are paid.
2. Ken's bill for 2005 was \$2,850.90. Ken noted that Table 3, page 8 (from his Watermaster's Report Ground Water District 63-S (Stewart Gulch) March 10, 2005-March 16, 2006) of \$2,860.90 is our assessed bill for 2006.
3. Tom brought up the fact that the bill was inadvertently sent to Terteling Co. and he paid the bill by mistake. Dave will reimburse Terteling Co. for payment of the bill. Garnette noted that in the future that the bill needs to be sent directly to our treasurer, Dave Hendrickson.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Nominated and voted in new officers. Tom is chairman. Mary is secretary and Dave is treasurer. We used the voting procedures under 42-605 where there is one vote per member and if a tie-breaker is needed then we vote by amount of water used by each member.
2. Ken presented his Watermaster's Report for 2005-2006. The overall condition of the wells is good with a 9% increase in usage. This is a natural cause and effect to the aquifer because of the water usage over the past year. Reasons for increase of water usage this past year: the golf course use their hot water well while they were resolving problems they had with their cold water well and the other wells in the area experienced us and downs similar to surrounding areas. The water isn't as low as in years past. Ken explained that when looking at artesian wells a negative number refers how high the water would shoot up in the air (Watermaster's Report figures 2,3, 4, 5, and 6). Ken discussed the various monitoring devices on the wells in our water district.

The Whitehead, Flora house, and Flora shed wells are shut down to take readings on the wells.

3. The Whitehead well was discussed. There are four homes and they are using way below 13,000 gallons a day per each house. The 1990 order said domestic wells may use up to 13,000 gallons per day and may not exceed that amount. In 2005, 11,888 gallons per day were used by the four houses on average. They aren't using a lot of water. The owner of the well wasn't present however, Helen Miller was in attendance. We discussed the Whitehead well and decided that they are in the district and can have a vote for this year. However they are not required to measure their water usage but they are a monitoring point. Their water cannot be turned off. It was pointed out that we should wait until right is decreed and then see if they are in our district. At that time it should be their decision if they want to be part of our district. Helen pointed out that the water users of the Whitehead well would like to be included in the water district so they can have a voice. They have what is considered a diminimous right. Helen was designated as proxy for next year for the Whitehead well.
4. Ken Neely was elected to be our water master for next year after a short discussion.
5. Helen Miller brought us a summary she had compiled on Silkey vs Tiegs, Ryan, and Edwards (1927-1933).
6. Helen Miller told us about the Collister Neighborhood Assn. Plan. She brought us copies of the part that discusses the geothermal resources in our neighborhood. The neighborhood assn. wants comments and corrections while this document is in draft form. It was pointed out and discussed that table 3-14-1, on page 5 about geothermal wells located within the Collister Neighborhood, contained some incorrect information. Ken Neely was not consulted about this information, but he will contact them and help them with correct information.
7. We set the next meeting date for Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 1:30 at the Quail Hollow Golf Course Clubhouse. It was noted that when the secretary receives the letter from the Water Resources Department she needs to contact Dave to make sure the date is ok before letters are mailed to water district members.

Meeting adjourned 2:35 pm

Submitted,

Mary E. Ryan