
Review Memorandum

Date: January 22, 2021

To: File 87-10830

From: Alex Dagleish

Re: Claim 87-10830

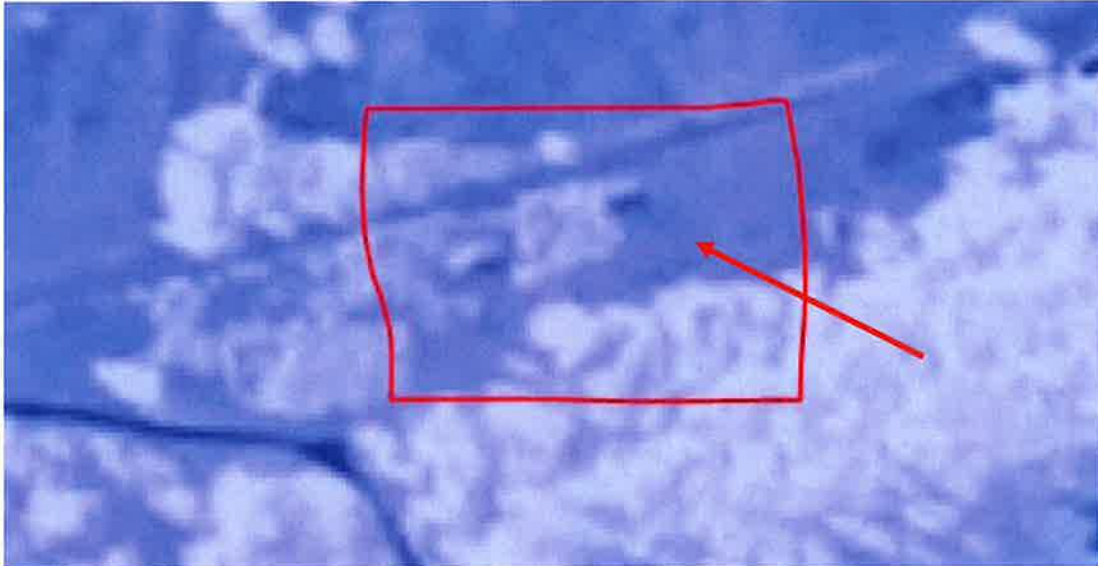
Background:

Claim 87-10830 was filed by Thomas Gorman and Lee Anne Eareckson for domestic use on parcel No. RP40N05W043934. The claim document proposed two points of diversion, one from groundwater and one from an unnamed stream tributary to Four Mile Creek.

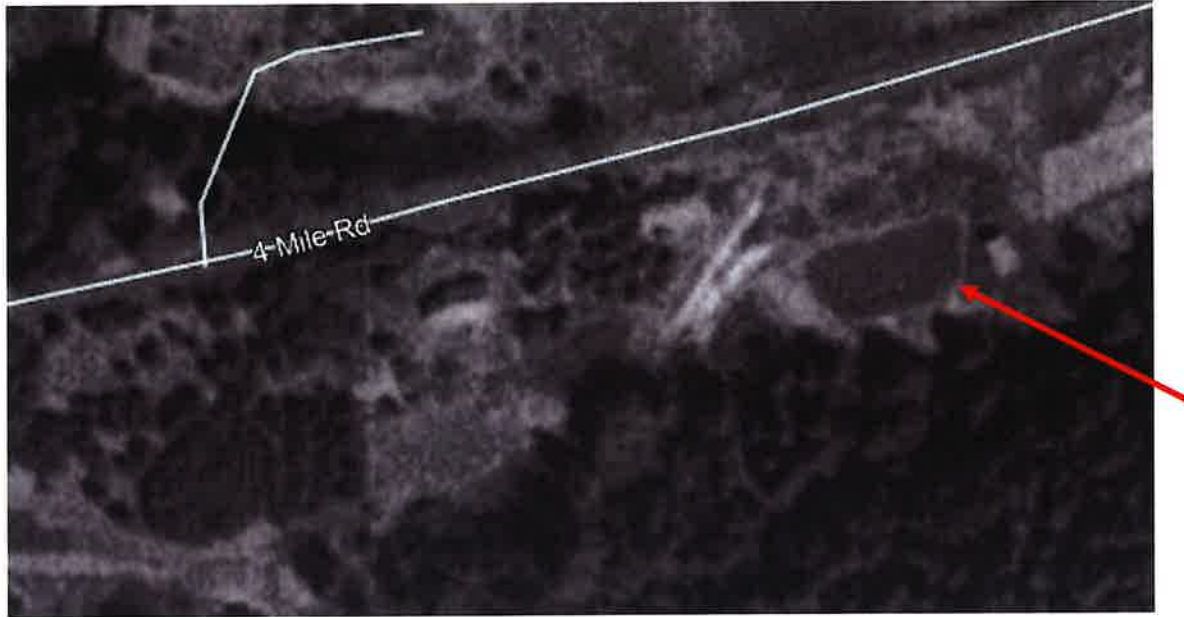
The claim file also states under the remarks that the CFS is for household use and garden watering from the well and the claimed AF of 0.5 is for a wildlife pond.

Beneficial Use:

Based on past aerial imagery the pond is not clearly visible. The photo below is from 1987, which supports the thought that the pond was not in place.



Below is an image from 1992 (Google Earth), and the pond appears visible in the photo.



I called the claimants on 1/22/2021 and spoke to Thomas Gorman. I wanted to inquire about the wildlife pond and if it were on the parcel when they bought it in 1988. He stated that the pond was put in within the first 5 years of living there. This would explain why it is apparent in the 1992 photo but not the 1987 photo. Thomas also stated that the well provides water to the home and the unnamed stream provides incidental water to the wildlife pond. He went on to explain that the fields across 4 Mile Road drain unused or wastewater and this water flows under the road through a culvert and it collects in the wildlife pond. Mr. Gorman stated that the pond usually dries up at one point or another during the year.

Because the pond was established sometime around 1990, and the mandatory permit requirement for surface water is 1971, I believed the claimants needed to file an application for permit for their pond.

I sent the application for permit form and instructions to Mr. Gorman on 1/22/2021 via email.

For this claim, only the domestic use from groundwater was recommended.