

Merritt, Allen

From: Merritt, Allen
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2010 10:27 AM
To: 'Scott Lish'
Subject: RE: Draft transfer 76646 - David Beck
Attachments: Beck - BLM.xlsx; Draft76646TransferApplication revised.doc

Scott,

Attached is the spreadsheet that I prepared during drafting the Beck/BLM transfer. I'm not sure of the numbers in Mr. Knop's e-mail. You may wish to compare what the water right records shows and what any appraiser did.

As for a letter from me, I'm a little hesitant given Mr. Knop's comments about not wanting to look at drafts since, as of today, no transfer application has been filed.

I did meet with Mr. Beck last week and the draft application was modified (acres shuffled around a little with little overall impact to splitting the rights as the spreadsheet shows and what your e-mail description captures). Attached is the modified application which potentially could be modified again before it is actually filed.

I think it more appropriate to wait to see what is finally filed before sending out any letter. Please note that this application is the responsibility of the applicant's to explain and not necessarily mine.

Allen

From: Scott Lish [mailto:Robert.Lish@zionsbank.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2010 4:02 PM
To: Merritt, Allen
Subject: FW: Draft transfer 76646 - David Beck

Mr. Merritt.

Please take a look at the correspondence below and please provide a letter on letterhead confirming the details of the water right transfer for David Beck. Please mail to the following address:

Paul Knop
Zions Ag Finance
500 Fifth Street
Ames, IA 50010

If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

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From: Paul Knop
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2010 7:53 AM
To: Scott Lish
Subject: RE: Draft transfer 76646 - David Beck

Scott

In the 1998 appraisal they had 5 water rights; all number have changed since that time. Appraiser spoke of adequate water for 1995.20 acres but only had 1759 acres irrigated of the total of 2114.8 acres. We now have 2074 acres left.

Your comments below make sense but FAMC and us do not know the water situation and are unable to tract what you say with the forms provided. We don't have the knowledge to do that. So we need Mr. Merritt on the letter head of of the IDWR to confirm what you said and point out where we can find that information on the water right attachment. Point out the acres of water rights going to the BLM and how many acres to remain with Mr. Beck on our security.

Finally FAMC and us do not want to look at drafts. FAMC wants to see the final product otherwise need to go through the whole process again when the final is done. I think we need have at least the irrigated acres on our security that we had originally 1759 acres with adequate water then we will get approval from FAMC.

Paul

From: Scott Lish
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 2:21 PM
To: Paul Knop
Subject: FW: Draft transfer 76646 - David Beck

Paul,

David Beck is trying to transfer water rights from his property to a piece of BLM property that he farms. David has a pivot on the BLM property and operates it however there are no water rights to the property. He is proposing to transfer water rights from property that currently has a feedlot and from some corners that he does not currently farm. As far as the operation is concerned the water is not being used in its current configuration. David has been using this water for the BLM piece however he has not gone through the proper channels until now (Idaho Department of Water Resources). The request is also to help tie together 5 deep wells that will give Mr. Beck more flexibility as to where he can use the water. Essentially with the system tied together he can use water from any well on any piece of property that he currently owns and farms. Note that the water rights asking to be transferred to the BLM piece will be transferred out of Mr. Beck's name and into BLM's. I have discussed this with Alan Merritt of IDWR and he confirmed the request and the situation. I am forwarding the draft application which will be come a complete application upon our approval and permission to transfer said water rights and a map. Let me know what questions you might have regarding this request

Sincerely,

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From: Merritt, Allen [Allen.Merritt@idwr.idaho.gov]

Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 12:57 PM

To: Scott Lish

Subject: FW: Draft transfer 76646

From: Merritt, Allen

Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 10:27 AM

To: 'susie_kay_beck@hotmail.com'; 'Fredric_Price@blm.gov'

Subject: Draft transfer 76646

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