

Music, Vicky

From: Tim Folke [tsfcpa@srvinet.com]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 8:58 AM
To: Music, Vicky
Subject: RE: Good news!

Thanks! From the way he sounded when I mentioned the possibility of him attending a hearing in Boise, I don't think a person could get him to the 'big city' even if an entire team of mules was pulling him. I think the prospect of either going to Boise or rescinding is a 'no brainer' to him. Not that Boise is a bad place - actually it is about the nicest 'big' little city I've seen in the US, and I've seen quite a few.

Tim

-----Original Message-----

From: Music, Vicky [mailto:Vicky.Music@idwr.idaho.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 8:28 AM
To: Tim Folke
Subject: RE: Good news!

Tim and Carolyn -

Excellent! I will attempt to call him but in any case, will sent him a letter asking him to withdraw his protest and I will enclose a form with which he can do that. I will also put a copy of your email in the file.

After he withdraw, the process can continue on a shorter timeline.

Vicky Music

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Folke [mailto:tsfcpa@srvinet.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2009 9:57 AM
To: Music, Vicky
Subject: Good news!

Good morning Vicky:

I hope you had a good time off! As of Saturday morning, 9/12/09 we had received no letters of protest other than the one from Mr. Lloyd Brown (copy of which I emailed to you. As you recall, the protest deadline was 9/8/09).

So, Carolyn and I drove up to Council and went to his house at 301 3rd Ave. at 1:00 pm and introduced ourselves to him.

The meeting went wonderful. Both he and his wife (I think her name is Barbara) are very pleasant older folks, I would say in their late 70s.

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have a very nice home, and invited Carolyn and I in. We sat at the dinner table and I told him we had received his letter and wanted to clarify some things. We outlined the fact that, contrary to his impressions he conveyed in his letter, there was nothing illegal about the dam. I invited him to call Don Horton (head of Adams County Planning & Zoning - 253-6125) to verify that there were no

'public hearings' or 'impact studies' required (which of course we did ourselves last fall, reverifying the same with Mr.

Horton last week.) We also went over the fact that we have worked with Sonny Hornbaker and John Falk of IDWR in resolving all safety issues. We also mentioned that any hysteria could, without too much trouble, be traced back to one individual on the Adams County Sheriff's Department who took it upon himself to create undue panic and then followed up by giving misleading information to the newspaper.

The whole time I was saying this Mr. Brown was smiling and nodding in agreement. When I was done he said he knew exactly who we were talking about on the Sheriff's Department and that the individual in question had been the source of many other concerns in the community. He also conceded to our other points regarding legality and safety, saying 'you never know which rumor to believe around here.' But then, he asked the following question which clarified the entire reason for his concern: "What about the subdivision with 80 houses you folks are planning to put in?" (!)

I was totally unprepared for this question, and could just stare flabbergasted at Carolyn who stared back at me. We asked him what he was talking about, since this was the first time we ever heard of such a thing.

We explained that we bought the property both as an investment and to run livestock on, and had absolutely no plans for a subdivision, nor did we care to replace beautiful countryside with housing tracts - both Carolyn and I view subdivisions with about as much affection and enthusiasm as we do influenza.

He said the rumor started with Fred Glemser, the realtor we bought the property from. We explained that the property had been on the market for some time prior to us buying it, and it is possible that, back in 2004 and

2005 when real estate was 'hot' some prospective buyer may have made some suggestion, since that was when the Tammarack Resort was going in up by Donnelly and all sort of speculators were jumping on the bandwagon. But, it certainly wasn't us nor did we ever entertain such a notion. I also pointed out that we had just recently replaced the old fence with a new barb-wire fence - certainly not the type of fence one would put up for a subdivision.

He laughed and both he and his wife seemed quite relieved. We talked a bit more, mostly about local stuff. My impression is that he is a fine, proud and independent old man and I did not feel it my place to ask him to write a letter rescinding his protest. I did tell him that IDWR would probably be contacting him and that he may be requested to attend some sort of hearing. He replied that he had done all he was going to do, and saw no need now to attend any hearing, nor did he have any desire to do so. We parted, I believe, as very good neighbors.

Well, that's about it - the whole issue was the fear of an 80 unit subdivision and had nothing to do with water or dams. At this point I assume you folks will need to somehow contact him. His address is Lloyd Brown,

301

3rd Ave. Coundil, ID 83612 and the phone book shows his phone # to be 253-4494.

Please feel free to forward/share this email with anyone at IDWR. I'll try to call you sometime Monday.

Sincerely,

Tim Folke

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