

From: James Kingston
To : Roger Warner, IDWR
Re : Official Complaints

Since the water right order by IDWR of 1993-1995, the Williams Lake Water Board has not lived up to the order.

- 1) The Water Board has not stopped the practice of small pumps from the lake being connected to house plumbing. This creates a risk of lake water being placed into the new drinking water system. Cross connections are a serious health hazard.
- 2) Irrigation of lots with drinking water reserved for "in house only" use was not stopped. No attempt was made to stop this practice until the June '06 Board meeting, when a resolution was passed but not implemented even after protests from district users. Eleven years later, the Board still asks what is "in house use?"
- 3) Speculation with the system's water has been extensive. Hookups have been taken to homes not included in the original order on lots that can be sold as separate property for speculative profit. Theft of service has not been addressed or stopped.
- 4) Meters that were part of the original order were never installed and have still not been installed. One meter that was installed on the discharge side has been broken since mid-1998 and is still not fixed. Therefore, no discharge records exist that are correct. Occasionally using a bucket and a stopwatch to measure water flows or using a 12 hour bedroom clock for measuring power usage is neither sufficient nor accurate.
- 5) Water rights for the lake water were not used by installing a lake water irrigation system as was planned in 1995. Also these rights were re-secured in 2005 after 11 years of non-use by, it appears, giving known, untrue information to IDWR's Mr. Wilson. There have been no pumps or power for a lake water system since 1996.
- 6) A proper water testing device was never installed at the source.
- 7) Waste of water has never been addressed including a leak equal to 1600 gallons a day and a 30,000 gallon per day issue that ran from September 2005 to April 2006.
- 8) The homeowners at the lake, who are the ones affected by the original order, were never given proper information on how to follow that order or on the very specific

Expanding demand on this system will destroy the existing dependability of the system and our ability to meet future EPA and health requirements.

Why should those of us who have real investments at the lake pay to make money available so 3 or 4 guys can sell tax title lots? I pay \$88.00 for every dollar a sand lot pays today.

This scam is as old as time – promise everything, then sell and run and leave others to hold the bag. One example of this is Williams Lake itself. A water system was promised when lots were sold by the original developer. The covenant protection was then never filed and on and on.

Another example is that only about 70 lots at the lake have lakeshore access – the other hundreds of lots have none. What is that except another example of the damage speculators do to other people who trust what they say? They promise and never deliver.

I built this water system with the protection of the IDWR order in 1995. Speculation was a specific issue that IDWR wanted to avoid. Now, speculators want to “throw out the original order and move forward.” (Board meeting tape of June, 2006) Did the Board tell IDWR the truth in April, 2005? In my opinion, they are not now being honest on any of the issues.

An unimproved lot pays \$15.00 a year for water. I pay \$1648.00 per year and with the new user fee the Board wants to put into effect, I will pay over \$2100.00 per year for water to my homes. In addition, I have not used a drop of water from the system in 11 years. I use my well as they did not even bring a line to my house until 2005. As it turns out, this line doesn't function as it freezes tight in the winter.

To ask me to obligate my homes so they can get a bond to provide water to lots is not right or fair. We pay based on value. If everyone paid the same it would be fair and protect us from speculators. In my opinion, 2 or 3 of the speculators serve on the Water Board and the rest of the members have a speculative agenda also. The idea that if you pay the tax for water, you have the right to water sounds good. However, in reality, plans based on this thought are a free ride for speculators.

In my opinion, in terms of proper and honest management, this Board is speculating and is dysfunctional on water matters!