

**Conference Notes**  
**Pearson Transfer #72547**  
**From: J. Westra**

**Date: 7/20/06**  
**Location: Glenns Ferry City Hall**  
**Attendance: see attached roster**

**Nate Jones- Applicant**

The conference began with the applicant Mr. Jones presenting the transfer purpose; change of the P/D to a downstream location—Little Canyon Creek and the county road, see map. A new land owner (Caven) had plowed out the ditches that conveyed the historical diversion 1-1/2 mile upstream. A Parma lift pump will lift the water from the creek to gravity ditches at the P/U ( no change of P/U). As a compromise, Mr. Jones would continue to use the historic diversion location as a measurement point for water district watermaster regulation. If historic P/D was not deliverable the pump would be off--- etc. The watermaster would have access to this measurement point.

**Dick Anderson- Protestant**

Mr. Anderson had concerns regarding the extra costs for the watermaster regulation, who would be paying for it? The watermaster gets \$75 per call. He expressed concerns about Bob Hall and him not getting entitled flows. Moving the P/D to the road would allow an expansion of water for the Pearson rights. The historic P/D is normally dry by this point in the season. The creek at the road as significant pick-up from springs and waste water.

Related issues:

- His experience that it takes a day lead time to see changes in water flow on the creek to his place.
- There continues to be illegal diversions thru town with pumps placed in the creek. Maybe time again to walk the creek thru town.
- Feels that the Trail diversion is not regulated properly, headgates are left partly open, Trail continues to divert after 4/1. Critical of IDWR's supervision of the water district operation.

**Mrs. Viner-Smith- Protestant**

As Mr. Anderson concerned about expansion of the right. Discussed her struggle with the ditches thru her property. Some piping was done to correct flooding and washing issue on the fields. Ditches did pick up waste from Batruel and spring flows. Also concerned about water district/watermaster costs.

**IDWR**

- Discussed the protest process with the group. The proposal from Mr. Jones could be documented in the transfer conditions if agreed by the protestants.
- Access to the historic measurement location is implied for the watermaster to perform his duties.
- Discussed the pro-cons of more regulation by the watermaster comes with a financial cost. Can't have it both ways. If the water users want better regulation they need to voice their opinions at the next water meeting.
- 61-371A is the number 2 senior right on the creek.—just junior to Viner- Smith

**Action Follow-up**

-The protestants and Mr. Jones will make a visit to the historic diversion site. Will discuss settlement at that time.

-Call up in 30 days for status- set hearing if no progress.