

WTWG Minutes for Monday, June 27 at 10:30 AM

Dave Brown
Stuart Crane
Stephan Fanciullo
Chris Lynch
Tom Ring

Dar Crammond by phone
Phil Crane
Carron Helberg
David Murillo
Ron Van Gundy

Meeting was called to order at 10:50 AM by David Murillo. The group approved the minutes of 6/06/05 as written except for a comment from Chris Lynch about the effects on operations he noted that if the transfer is for instream flow from a natural flow right on a tributary it should be water neutral, as the water simply stays in the river and passes downstream at the time it is available and requires no more or less water from storage.

Post 1905 – Dar Crammond discussed the need for the US to substantiate their water rights. Swauk Creek is assumed under the CFO for KR D. The left bank at Prosser is under the CFO for KID or SVID. These were not confirmed in court, they are in limbo. We will be following the lands anyway. DC is putting the court documents together or will change the acres downward. The US is transferring into the trust under 9042 like SMID natural flow rights. The court is the last hurdle. David Murillo asked about the order to follow the US lands. DC said that Jerry Kelso will send out an email to notify everyone.

The group agreed on July 25th, Monday at 10:30 AM with the deadline for new transfers to be on Tuesday, July 19th by COB.

The group wanted the summary emailed to them.

DC wondered if anyone has looked at the revised metering order. Tom Ring said he looked at it and did not see anything to revise.

Phil Crane and Stephan Fanciullo joined the group. The group discussed the first new transfer, 2005-47 for Kendall Wahlquist. PC noted that no quantities added, the CFO will specify each water right, and it is located by Prosser. PC and TR discussed this transfer. It was noted that this was the original water right, which was owned in the 1970's, by J K Acquavella. Operationally it is fine as long as it is divided correctly and does not increase the total. This transfer is recommended.

The group continued with the second new transfer, 2005-48 for the City of Cle Elum. PC commented that Shirley Dixon asked a lot of questions on this transfer, and it is only 8 wells not 12. Located near Cle Elum and the water is the same with only a POD. Capacity would be 3,000 gal/minute, and they are required to report to Ecology. SF feels they need to report to Reclamation. It is adding the wells to the diversion. TR feels we need more information, but made a comment that the wells are shallow enough to be affected by surface water. PC said they will screen, measure and report and we need to

adjust both the City of Cle Elum and South Cle Elum. This needs to go through SEPA, currently it is in the 45-day window and since it won't be done by then, so it will be sent back to start over. The group asked questions like, is it a consolidation of water rights, an additional POD, or expansion. SF would like to see it tracked better. DC stated that Cle Elum water rights are cloudy, and currently has found only limited records. The group decided they need more information before they can make a decision. PC said they will come back to the group in two months.

The group adjourned at 11:30 AM.