

## Landon Jones

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 25, 2024 4:28 PM  
**To:** Landon Jones  
**Cc:** Michaela Ramirez; KOWITZ Chris C \* WRD  
**Subject:** RE: CUP-N-368-24 Church

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Hi Landon,

I was unable to identify the well the application identified on the map and there is no mention of a well log in the application. It is unclear to me if the well exists.

This is a critical groundwater area for high levels of nitrate contamination in the aquifer. What are their plans for a safe drinking water source? I would strongly recommend planning/requiring for treatment of drinking water or seeking water from the nearby Community of Boardman.

This area is covered by the West Extension Irrigation District for water rights and WEID has commented on the process for moving them around should the parking and building areas become lands that are not under irrigation to prevent forfeiture of those rights.

Churches are not considered under the residential exemptions for water use. Commercial/Industrial exempt rules allow for 5000 gallons per day. Any irrigation taking place on the property should come from the WEID water rights and not from the well.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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