

## Glenda Wiles

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**Sent:** Sunday, November 18, 2018 4:12 PM  
**To:** Glenda Wiles; Ray Hawk; Greg Chilcott; Chris A. Hoffman; Jeff Burrows; Doug Schallenberger  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] Rebuttal Meeting Nov 15th, 2018  
**Importance:** Low

Good Day, Gentlemen! I am writing all of you in regards to the Bechtold portion of the video from 11/15. What I heard dominating this portion of the hearing after we left was the Bechtolds involved in character assassination and defamation. If you remember, it was their leading lines in the first meeting. I consider myself to be an honorable, honest, open-handed individual, I can not stand by and just let this pass. This is our Home. My reputation. We live here and this is public record.

I will try to limit this to verifiable facts and speak directly to issues following as the video proceeds.

- Please contact Brook again as the only reason she bothered to come this time was to express that the dogs had indeed barked up until just a few days before this hearing. Additionally she was afraid to come to the first meeting. I did not prompt her only asked her to verify days in question. NOTE: She did not get her horses until after our first meeting.
- We are not the authors or initiators of this petition. Please refer to the letter from Andy Webber, dated Aug 14th 2018, second page, first paragraph. Also, Sarah's statements in our first meeting concerning same. This not an issue between just two neighbors.
- As stated by Jeff Burrows, another neighbor who was not present at this meeting, reported having been bothered by the dogs after our first meeting. The caller also wanted to shoot their dogs. Also frustration and feeling defeated and did not want to attend second meeting. (Min 39:36) This makes another neighbor who heard the dogs after the first meeting. So far, I count 3 households who said the dogs were barking after the first meeting. Even with cold weather and windows closed.
- Min 40:11 of the video: Sherri stated "that is not possible" Who did she accuse of lying here? Jeff or the person he spoke with?
- My daughter was first barred from going into the Bechtold house early on, after coming home with animal feces on her clothes and saying the house stank really bad. Feces throughout the house. Also the constant quarrels there. She was still allowed on the property to play with the kids. Later, because of the violent conditions there she was not allowed in their front yard. The Bechtolds took great offense. One afternoon, I caught Noah Bechtold ( their son) trying to coax my then 10 year old daughter into an abandoned vehicle on the far north end of their property with 3 other boys. I put a stop to that

immediately. Two of the 3 boys are known to be sexual predators on their younger brother.

(Details, if you want them.) We did inform the Bechtolds of all of these situations. Joe got angry, got right up in my wife's face yelling at her. Their daughter was welcome and still came to play at our house.

Every child in this neighborhood has been forbidden to go to their place. Because of the filth and stench observed even 50 yds away. This decision was purely voluntary on their part knowing and observing the conditions there first hand.

- Yes, you can still hear the dogs inside of the building. Primarily from the western side of their property. Where we live! Building is not insulated.

- The Bechtolds were approached civilly in the beginning and we were even somewhat friends. I even helped him fix his truck one day and tried to patch things up. The real hostilities did not start for a couple months. For those months, I got the same story, dogs are inside, dogs don't bark, they wear bark collars ect.. 3 years later same story. I knew they were in denial way back then.

- Bechtolds state, "Once we were friends" or "they never liked us", which was it? Never can they get their story straight. Read about Andrew Webber's experience with his encounter. Second page, second paragraph.

Same story we all have gotten for years.

- I heard Joe imply I wanted to shoot him. Never happened. As for my shooting, 90% are not gun shots, but M80s chasing off stray dogs, starlings and magpies. Any real shots were safely directed at predatory dogs after my livestock, coons and skunks.

- Min 49:00 Joe says, No negative sign? Later, he admits to putting up a "Trespassers will be shot sign" and it is still in his drive today.

Did he not say "I will take it down"?

- Joe, "Law abiding citizen", later states "he is a peace maker". Joseph Bechtold has multiple domestic violence convictions against him.

The two of them also have some former court issues of non compliance to a court order I believe. Check the records! We listened to the fighting and screaming constantly for over a year. One day we witnessed him punch and manhandle his 17 year old daughter around in his driveway. Sherri saw us witness the act. Sherri immediately made a phone call and the Sheriff showed up soon after. Joe high tailed it off and hid in the bushes. They had to call up additional units for a search party. Days later, he came in tears crying to me.

Blaming his wife and daughter for his actions. Please refer to my first letter and police records. Who should be afraid of whom here? Do I or my family feel safe around a convicted violent criminal? I took his threats seriously! The 17 year old daughter moved out. And we understand the whole family has been placed on medication (Ritolin) and therapy.

- While you were consulting Montana statutes, may it come to your attention the two incidents I mentioned at this meeting plus over two years of neighbors complaining and confrontation. They knew all along that the dogs were a problem. They weaponized their dogs to bully us.

Please refer to my earlier statements that day. Puppies in the horse trailer, I think I have video.

- Sherri says, "3 neighbors stated, Askjel had told them that if they called us, we (Bechtolds) would get violent and retaliate". I would like you to confirm who these neighbors are. Please ask Sherri and the other neighbors when you call. I have had no communication, nor did I even know most of the signers before this petition, except the Gustass, Terry and Mack. This was their independent petition, you keep overlooking the other neighbors and have let the Bechtolds make it about me! Ask them for sources. Also, who are the two people Andrew Weber refers to in the last paragraph of his letter? Not me! He himself states that it was only this petition that brought us in contact with each other, but that he got the advise against going down there, from someone else before meeting us. He also states Sherri said "she only had a couple of dogs". Then, who are the "several other neighbors" he refers to here? Not us. We first met Mr. Webber when he came to drop off the petition. Also, who are the other neighbors who experienced retaliation mentioned in this same letter.
- Again, we did not initiate this petition. I am not some sort of cult leader who has influence over my neighborhood as suggested. Nowhere in this three year process have we threatened, intimidated, coerced or otherwise tried to influence the opinions or actions of any of the signers involved. We were not even present when this petition was initialized. We merely joined as signer # 12 & 13.
- Min 1:12:17 : This is not a "squabble between two neighbors", as Commissioner Hawk continually eludes to. There are even more people affected than signed the petition. There were also additional signatures on our first petition. Some gave up. I did get a bit more animated than others but it is not about me. Remember...my entire family has suffered including our children, we have been lied to, intimidated and threatened for three years by someone we know to be a criminally violent, aggressive and a out right liar. Check the facts!
- "Vigilantly": I used this word because of rumors that we have heard in the neighborhood. Jeff Burrows himself related another neighbor expressing same. We have heard worse than just shooting the dogs.
- We have no money to pursue a Civil suit. We have been told for years by the Sheriff's office, the County Attorney and others, this body was our remedy outside of civil action. I still pray you can resolve this, now and for the future.
- Min 1:18:06 Joe mentions "The people who lived there before".

Charley Sebastian, had BBQ and beers together several times at our place. Then he borrowed and wrecked my car, refused to pay the \$280 damage. Later, accidentally busted his irrigation head with pipe wrench and sledge hammer. Geysers erupted! Then stood in his yard and watched me frantically trenching and digging as my woodshop and property got flooded and damaged. Six days tearing out walls drying and cleaning. Next, he left his truck out of gear and it rolled, took out my fence, some trees and the entire front deck \$6,000. Never, ever so much as a "sorry". Yes, I had a problem with Charley. Charley had work in Missoula. Thought that was why he moved.

- Joe disabled? I have seen him heft feed sacks, buck hay and lift a trailer tongue on the hitch. And yes, with the new fence line installed, the dogs all have closer access to our property. Does not appear to be an extended drive as Sherri stated.
- "Foul Smell" was mentioned by Cory Gustass and others in first meeting. Junkyard? Roll by the property. Even their livestock is not safe. Inquire to the neighbors about the treatment of their livestock when you call. This also goes to why the dogs bark, whine and cry. What sort of treatment causes this incessant barking and whining? Not love and care!
- Many months ago, we showed a video of the conditions of the puppies to the Humane Society. They were appalled and we were told the Bechtolds were added to their 'no buy' list right then and there. They advised us to give a copy to the Sheriff, which we did. Sheriff later said he was disgusted but..... they had water. It is common practice for puppy mills to show and exchange their dogs outside and away from the conditions of the puppy mills. Notice she does not sell from her home.
- 1:21:00 Joe says "one litter a year" later she says "That's what I do for a living." Is it one litter a year or does she make her living from it?
- 1:22:00 This video was to show the conditions the dogs were living under. As mentioned above. (we have over 2yrs of videos) Permission was requested and granted from the Property owner (Joan Axtel). If you watch the video, you may observe the fence between us and the Bechtolds' property. Plus the conditions which possibly cause the barking.
- If I ever shot a cat, which I never did, he should have called the sheriff. Another lie. A cat did lay dead and obvious in their drive for over a week after they ran it over. They later kicked it in the ditch. Brooke was witness to that disgustingness as well as children going to the school bus each day!
- 1:28:00 I explained that situation from the 4 a.m. morning barking. I went to call. Please go back and check the video.

If you gentlemen would please take the time to verify this information. Call everyone on the list. Ask about their contact with the Bechtolds. I believe you will find I have never engaged in threats, intimidation or violence, I have not lied or engaged in deception. That I dealt with this issue with as much tolerance and civility as could be expected under the circumstance. Pay attention to the details! The big picture will show just who is trying to shuck and jive us all here! I have never in my life been accused of lying, but rather accused of being honest to a fault. They knew for years they were a nuisance and they allowed it to continue for years. Then even when called out about it by you gentlemen, they allowed it continue.

Thank you for your time, patience and attention to this matter. I hope by the end of this that not only the dogs quit barking, the dogs also will no longer suffer and my honor and integrity restored in your eyes. Again, please query other neighbors on these contested issues.

I remain at your disposal, if you have further questions.

Thank You,  
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