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Sincerely,

Frank Chutal (Signature)

Frank Chutal (Printed Name)

504 N 8th St (Mailing Address)

Atwood KS 67730 (City, State, Zip Code)

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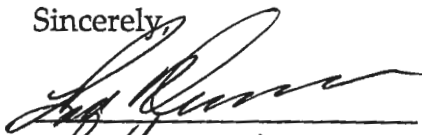
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(Signature)

Tom Hanzon

(Printed Name)

2451 Co Rd 7

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Wayne L. Carpenter (Signature)
Wayne L. Carpenter (Printed Name)
2257 Co Rd 2 (Mailing Address)
Brewster, KS 67732
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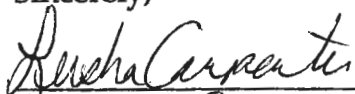
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Leisha Carpenter

(Printed Name)

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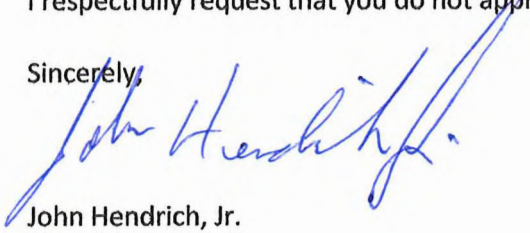
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Sincerely,



John Hendrich, Jr.
1720 N. Caldwell Ave.
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Ben L. Hoeting (Signature)

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3175 Co Rd 4 (Mailing Address)

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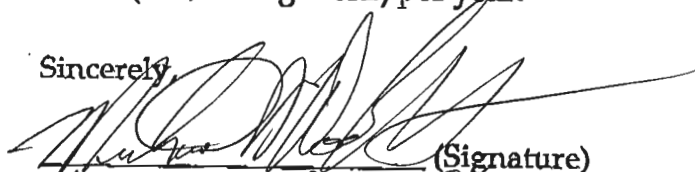
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(Signature)

MICHAEL D. WOODFER (Printed Name)

1665 WEST 5th (Mailing Address)

COLBY, KANSAS
67701 (City, State, Zip Code)

Fax

To: Ronda Hutton From: Jon Frissen

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Re: _____ cc: _____

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● Comments:

jfrissen@stc.net

Thank-you
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Sincerely,

William H. Rickard (Signature)

William H. Rickard (Printed Name)

2179 County Rd 11 (Mailing Address)

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Dear Mr. Barfield,

I am opposed to the Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA) plan proposed by the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4.

Additional Comments (if any): We have a circle located in the SD-6 (ours is in thomas county) and have taken a severe financial penalty for being in this LEMA. Our well still pumps what it did in 1975 so I question why we were included in SD-6. I voiced my opposition at the time, but being only one of very few in opposition my voice was shouted out. We have taken a huge Income loss with no compensation for taking our property.

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Yes

Sincerely,

Kevin W. Work (Signature)
Kevin W. Work (Printed Name)
P.O. Box 384 (Mailing Address)
Colby, KS
67701 (City, State, Zip Code)

To the Chief Engineer

In the matter of GMD 4

District wide LEMA

I am writing in opposition to the GMD 4 LEMA. I will provide you with two examples on my farm that cause me the most concern and will cost me financially.

Water Right Number 31073-00

N1/2 of sec 7-9-33

My dad bought this land back in the 1990's. At that time it had a towable pivot that serviced 2 circles one on the east $\frac{1}{4}$ and one on the west $\frac{1}{4}$. The water right listed the full 320 acres as wetable. The well sits in the center of the pivot on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$. Dad found it was considerable work to water the east and decided to just apply water the west circle. At that time the west circle had more potential.

In 2015 I was able to purchase Stramel Farms from my Mom and Dad's estates. Stramel Farms Inc is the owner of this water right. Technology had greatly improved since the 90's. Especially in farming techniques and cropping rotations. I also have better access to corn and soybean hybrids than Dad did in the past. In 2015 I made the financial commitment to proceed with restoring the east circle. All of this was covered by the existing water right. It didn't require and changes or modifications. It was watered 2015,2016 and 2017.

Then comes the district wide LEMA. I was surprised when I checked the allocation provided by the GMD webpage. It stated that this would receive only an allocation for the one circle. 125 acres @ 15.4 inches or 802 acre ft over 5 years. This effectively reduces me to 7.7 inches over the 2 pivots.

Water Right 13786 and 31530

These water rights also have issues. They over lap and the GMD 4 website does not show a correct allocation for these either. They also pump across a township line. Currently both townships are the same color but what if that changes in the future?

I have not changed anything not already covered under current law or my current water right. I was and I am still currently operating properly under current water law. So if I am forced to change then did current water law change? Even more scary is did this LEMA change my water right? It is defiantly retroactive. I am told that I will have to appeal this with the GMD. Why do I have to subject my water rights to an appeal? Who am I to appeal to? Staff? A board made up of whom? Can you guarantee me a fair hearing of my peers? Where are my Due Process Rights? I find it very difficult to simply close my eyes and rely on a fair decision. According to the LEMA the board has final decision. (Section 5C)

I am a conservationist like many of my fellow neighbors and nobody forced to be that way. It is who we are. Please don't force us to be in a LEMA that doesn't seem to conserve. Especially one with this many problems.

Bert Stramel

