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David Barfield, Chief Engineer
Kansas Department of Agriculture,
Division of Water Resources
1320 Research Park Drive
Manhattan, Kansas 66502

Fax: 785-564-6777
Email: David.Barfield@ks.gov

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): *With the proposed LEMA, they have not, in my opinion, researched the valuation of land (Property) taxes on irrigated acres. The valuation in Sherman Co. is very high and if we lose our water down to 14" or less, I know the valuation will not go down and we will still be paying the same as fully irrigated land. I do not think this topic has been discussed or fully researched.*

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or

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Sincerely,

Barry Guyer (Signature)
Barry Guyer (Printed Name)
1411 Arcade (Mailing Address)
Goodland, Ks 67735 (City, State, Zip Code)

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Sincerely,

Sharon R. Mann (Signature)

Sharon R. Mann (Printed Name)

125 Broadway (Mailing Address)

Goodland KS 67031 (City, State, Zip Code)

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Water Right # 23888

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Sincerely,

Wilburn Holloway (Signature)
Wilburn Holloway (Printed Name)
2266 Co. Rd. 12 (Mailing Address)
Colby, Ks. 67201 (City, State, Zip Code)

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James L Fritz (Signature)
James L Fritz (Printed Name)
1196 Co Rd 22 (Mailing Address)

Colby KS 67701 (City, State, Zip Code)

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Sincerely,

Ann N. Friesen (Signature)

Ann N. Friesen (Printed Name)

1065 Maize Rd (Mailing Address)

Colby KS 67701 (City, State, Zip Code)

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Sincerely,

David Houston (Signature)
David Houston (Printed Name)
1821 rd 330 (Mailing Address)
Reading, Ks
66868 (City, State, Zip Code)

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Sincerely,



(Signature)

Fred Albers

(Printed Name)

2092 RD 34

(Mailing Address)

Rexford TX

677517

(City, State, Zip Code)

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Sincerely,

 (Signature)

Jon Friesen (Printed Name)

P.O. Box 763 (Mailing Address) 1065 Maize Rd

Colby KS 67901 (City, State, Zip Code)

Ronda Hutton
1320 Research Park Drive
Manhattan, KS 66502
Ronda.hutton@ks.gov
785-564-6777

In regard to the Local Enhanced Management Act in the State of Kansas, Local Ground Water Management District Number Four; I wish to express my dissatisfaction with "THE" due process, as is allowed by law. Water "Rights" allowed by the State, are property rights and should be considered so. Eminent Domain is the only legal way to reclaim private property. I hope you consider the rights of the people. Thank you.

Brian Friesen
1403 U.S. Hwy 83
Colby, KS 67701
785-443-2878
bfriesen@st-tel.net

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Friesen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the top of the "i" in "Friesen" across the top of the signature.

December 10, 2017

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I am opposed to the GMD #4 District Wide LEMA. This plan does not follow the prior appropriation, first in time first-in right, doctrine. No rules and regulations have been adopted or published to "effectuate and administer" the LEMA act. As an irrigator in Thomas County, I have no clear idea how this act would apply to my water rights. Water rights are property rights. This is established by The Kansas Legislature and by the Chief Engineer's brief. Kansas Statues also state that once the Chief Engineer approves a water right he cannot take it away. This plan denies access to perfected water rights which is taking. If the state of Kansas is willing to alter these rights, what might happen in the future with other property rights.

Respectively,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doyle E. Saddler".

Doyle E. Saddler
1375 County Rd 26
Colby, Kansas 67701

From: Gary Moss [<mailto:garyemoss79@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 6:18 PM

To: Hutton, Ronda <Ronda.Hutton@ks.gov>

Subject: GMD #4 Lema written comments

My name is Gary Moss 3185 N Rd 90 W Rexford, Ks 67753.

My comments are in favor of the district wide LEMA. I have farmed in Sheridan county since the late 1970s and all of our irrigation wells are in the Sheridan 6 LEMA.

It is always hard to implement change. Which is exactly what we found when we formed our Sheridan 6 LEMA. The corn price was over \$7/Bu. We thought this was the worst time to be cutting back but knew we needed to do something as we were renozzling sprinklers every year due to depletion. What we have learned over the last 5 years

is that we were wasting water with the old mentality of keep the wells running so as not to get behind. And that you can raise as good a corn crop on less water.

With the use of moisture probes, it helps to keep the wells off without wondering if you are getting behind and also lets you know when to turn them back on.

I know there is concern about the boundaries but I don't know how you do anything without boundaries. Case in point is the Kansas, Nebraska border. where things are different just across the state line. I know there are concerns about the blue and yellow areas in the same township and the thinking that it is not fair to the blue

areas. My argument is that we were all blue areas at one time and the time to do something is before you become red. Knowing what I know now, after 5 years of our LEMA, I wish we would have started cutting back sooner. Before we became a high priority area.

In closing, I just want say that as a 4th generation farmer with two sons and grandkids that will be 5th and 6th generation farmers, I would rather pump a short amount of water for a lot of years, rather than a lot of water for a short amount of years.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Gary Moss

December 8, 2017

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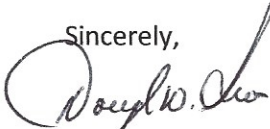
I do own and have interest in wells that are within the boundaries of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 that use at least one acre-foot of water per year.

I do not agree with the boundaries established within the district. I have felt from day one that all irrigators in the district should be treated the same. I do not agree that an irrigator on one side of a road should have different regulations than one on the other side.

I do not mind conserving water and have with my rotation of crops. I am very conscientious of my water use, but I have neighbors that are not. Unfortunately they are on the side of the road that provides different regulations.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,



Douglas W. Irvin
Irvin Farms, Inc.
915 Fountainview Ct.
Goodland, KS 67735

Sheila Frahm
PO Box 849
Colby, KS 67701-0849

12/10/17

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I believe I am at significant risk of loss of economic value to my irrigated cropland if the LEMA proposed by GMD #4 takes effect. I think there are 2 on-going legal challenges to the proposed plan. A) There seem to be many questions regarding the appropriateness, and possibly legality, of the methods by which the plan has come to this point, and B) there certainly are constitutional takings issues involved with the plan.

I own an irrigation well that is within the boundaries of the northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 that uses more than one acre-foot of water (325,851.4 gallons) per year.

Sincerely,



Sheila Frahm

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PO Box 849, Colby, KS 67701-0849

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Any restrictions need to apply to everyone. I am in favor of cutting back water use but not if certain townships are not restricted. cts the same aquifer.

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Sincerely,

Joseph G Waldman (Signature)

Joseph G Waldman (Printed Name)

5853 County Road 4 (Mailing Address)

Park KS 67751 (City, State, Zip Code)

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Sincerely,

Berwyn Petersen
BERWYN PETERSEN PRES
SQI FARM INC.
Box 96
Rusk, Ne 68977

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Respectively,

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Sarah Jane Saddler
1375 County Rd 26
Colby, Kansas 67701

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Sincerely,


Berwyn Peterson
235 North 6th St
Hebron Ne 68370

Fax

To: Ronda Hutton From: Jon Folesz
 Fax: _____ Pages: 2
 Phone: _____ Date: _____
 Re: _____ cc: _____

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• Comments:

Was just dropped by my office
and sending it on.



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 (Signature)
Vincent Gilad (Printed Name)
935 S Range (Mailing Address)
Colby, ks. 67701 (City, State, Zip Code)