



June 24, 2022

Dear Ground Water Management District No.1:

This letter serves as overwhelming support from the City of Scott City for the Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA) being proposed by Kansas Groundwater Management District #1 (GMD #1).

Securing water resources and the depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer is and will continue to be the biggest challenge for Western Kansas for the decades to come. Scott County is a huge contributor to the Kansas agricultural economy. This is not just an agricultural or economic issue, but also a national security issue in ensuring that the fertile lands this Country has been blessed with can continue to meet food supply demands for the U.S. population.

The LEMA being proposed by the GMD #1 will result in a decrease in water use for agricultural purposes in the district. GMD #1 has been doing an excellent job educating irrigators while also receiving buy-in from these individuals to support the LEMA. GMD #1 has had numerous discussions with these individuals to develop a LEMA that will work for the district. It is much easier for these individuals to accept a local solution than one that may be mandated by the State. We also understand that a LEMA will not stop the rapid depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer and additional water restrictions may have to be made, but it will give valuable time to continue to educate irrigators, develop more efficient farming techniques and potential new breakthroughs in technology which all combined with LEMAs could solve this challenge.

The City has a vested interest in the success of the proposed LEMA and the continued success of GMD #1. Please accept this letter as our support for a proposed LEMA by GMD #1 and we are willing to assist you in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

Everett M. Green

Mayor

City of Scott City, Kansas