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June 16, 2023

Water Transfer Hearing Panel
c/o Chief Engineer – Division of Water Resources
Kansas Dept. of Agriculture
1320 Research Park Drive
Manhattan, KS 66502

Re: Public Comment for the Hays/Russell Water Transfer Application, OAH No. 23AG0023 AG

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is on behalf of the Russell County Commissioners and is to express our support for the Cities of Russell and Hays in their efforts to use the water rights that they both respectively own from the Edwards County property jointly owned by both cities.

Allowing the waters rights to be used by both cities will guarantee the future of the communities and will allow them grow and prosper with a secured water source for many years to come which will in turn benefit the state.

Both communities are the largest cities in their respective counties and being such anything that benefits the ~~state will benefit the counties and in turn benefit the state. This will allow both the cities to~~ their Economic Development prospects knowing that they have a secured water source for years to come.

In closing the Russell County Commissioners fully support the transfer of water from the Edwards County property to the Cities of Russell and Hays.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter for Russell and Hays and as always if you have any questions or there is anything else we can do to help get this project completed please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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