# Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources

### **CHANGE: PU WORKSHEET & ORDER PD BETTER DESCRIBED**

1. File Number: <b>10002</b>	2. Status Change Date: <b>8/26/2021</b>	3. Change Num:	4. Field Office:	5. GMD: <b>01</b>
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8b. Landowner(s) New to system   OX TOWN LLC 1580 OXTOWN DR TRIBUNE KS 67879	Person ID 65210 Add Seq#	8d. WUC New to sys	stem □	Person ID 65210 Add Seq#
9. Documents and Enclosure(s):	Seal Check Valve	-		Comply: H & E Letter
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## KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Division of Water Resources

### <u>M E M O R A N D U M</u>

TO: Files DATE: August 12, 2021

**FROM:** Leslie Ireland **RE:** Water Right, File Nos. 9,589-D2;

10,002; 24,950; 36,139 & 39,942

Brain Baalman on behalf of Ox Town LLC and Thomas Rodriguez as owners of File No. 9,589-D2, have completed an application for approval to change the use made of water from irrigation use to stockwatering use and to change its place of use and the current stockwatering place of use under the remaining files. The application to change File No. 9,589-D2, was received on April 5, 2021 and modified June 22, 2021, for the newly approved division. The applications for the other referenced files were received on July 26, 2021.

The referenced files appear to be in good standing, as per K.S.A. 82a-718 and 82a-732, with the exception of the primary well under File No. 10,002 that is still pending a meter update from the 2019 change approval. The applications comply with K.A.R. 5-5-2a, *Complete change application*.

Water Right, File No. 9,589-D2, authorizes one (1) well to divert 1,125 acre-feet (AF) at a maximum rate of 2,700 gallons per minute (gpm) (6.02 c.f.s). The well is located near the center of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 18, Township 16 South, Range 40 West, (18-16-40W) Greeley County in the Ladder Creek Basin. The place of use is 322.25 irrigated acres in the West Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and a small portion in the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of 18-16-40W. The right has no additional and is not located in a special use area but is located in the Western Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 1, (GMD 1). The source of supply for this right has been determined to be the Ogallala Formation (Code 211).

The water right owner proposes to convert the entire 1,125 AF authorized for irrigation use under File No. 9,589-D2 to stockwatering use pursuant to K.A.R. 5-5-9 *Approval of application for a change in the use made of water from irrigation to any other type of beneficial use of water.* Based on the calculation submitted with the application and the Greeley County 87% consumptive use adjustment, the requested change yields 318.93 million gallons (978.75 acre-feet) available to be converted to stockwatering use under File No. 9,589-D2. The application indicates the appropriate reduction in quantity. It appears the application meets GMD1, K.A.R. 5-21-7 *Change in the use made of water from irrigation use to any other type of beneficial use, as* the District has or will be revoking the regulation in the near future in favor of K.A.R. 5-5-9.

The irrigation of the authorized 322.25 acres in 18-16-40W under File No. 9,589- D2 will be eliminated. The currently authorized stockwatering place of use for the feedlot located in the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of 20-16-40W, Greeley Co., will expand to be described as originally described on the application for File No. 9,589 and confirmed on August 12, 2021, with a phone call form Brian Baalman and email to Levi at the feedlot, as being located in all of Section 20, and the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 19, all in Township 16 South, Range 40 West, Greeley County, Kansas. It will be authorized by File Nos. 9,589-D2; 10,002; 24,950; 36,139 & 39,942.

Under File No. 9,589-D2, the change in use made of water from irrigation to stockwatering complies with *K.A.R. 5-5-3, Change in consumptive use* with the stated reduction in quantity.

The expansion of the feedlot under File Nos. 9,589-D2; 10,002; 24,950; 36,139 & 39,942 will result in 434.72 mgy (1,334.1AF) authorized for stockwatering use. The submitted justification lists a five-year projection of approximately 87,000 head to be watered at 15 gallons per head per day utilizing 476.325 mgy. The stockwatering use will include a feed mill. The justification for the additional quantity complies with K.A.R. 5-3-22 *Maximum reasonable quantity of water for livestock and poultry*.

There are four (4) well owners located within one-half (½ mile) of the proposed existing wells The July 28, 2021 mailing of the nearby notifications did not yield any responses of any kind as of today's date.

The letter to THYRA JUDYNE THOMPSON was returned undeliverable but Cavenne the water use correspondent was pc'd on the letter. 8/26/2021 li/dwr

The primary well location of File No. 10,002 will be updated to the feet distances as determined by Mitch French, Garden City Field Office on April 28, 2021, from 4,957 feet North and 5,002 feet West to 4,981 feet North and 4,944 feet West. The update is approximately 65 feet from authorized. The standby well remains as authorized. The update complies with K.A.R. 5-5-6, *Failure to construct diversion works at authorized location*.

In a letter dated August 3, 2021, Kyle Spencer, District Manager, GMD No. 1, stated the District recommends for approval of the requested changes.

Mike Meyer, Water Commissioner, Garden City Field Office was contacted for a comment on the proposed change. He recommended approval of the proposed change per his email dated August 12, 2021.

Conditions of the approval will require the installation of a water flowmeter and check valves if anything is injected into the water through the diversion works according to K.A.R.5-3-5(c), *Check valves*. Water level measurement tubes and WWC-5 information are not applicable to the changes.

Based on the above discussion, it appears the requested changes are not unreasonable, will not result in an increase in consumptive use, impairment of existing rights unlikely, and the source of supply will remain the same, it is recommended that the referenced applications be approved.

Leslie Ireland

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Environmental Scientist

Water Appropriation Program

From: Meyer, Mike [KDA]

Sent: Thu 8/12/2021 7:07 AM

To: Ireland, Leslie [KDA]

Subject: RE: Review & Recommendation Change File No. 9589D2 UMW PU\_ 10002 xxxx PU

sorry I had this flagged to reply and that was a week of over whelmed work. please approve

Mike

From: Ireland, Leslie [KDA] <Leslie.Ireland@ks.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 5, 2021 9:52 AM **To:** Meyer, Mike [KDA] < Mike.Meyer@ks.gov>

Subject: Review & Recommendation Change File No. 9589D2 UMW PU\_ 10002 xxxx PU

Mike,

Please let me know if you could recommend these changes.

File No. 10002 will have the pd location updated.. also looks like it has a pending meter issue.. I attached this order.. standard stuff.. but if you could look at the PU description to confirm it looks ok...with that all of section 20 wording...

As always comments and concerns are welcome.

Thank you,
Leslie Ireland
Environmental Scientist
Change Application Unit
Division of Water Resources



From: Ireland, Leslie [KDA]

Sent: Thu 8/12/2021 10:34 AM

To: levi.oxtown@wbsnet.com

Cc: Meyer, Mike [KDA]

**Subject:** Water Right, File Nos. 9589-D2, 10002, 24950, 36139 & 39942

Attachments: 9589D2xxx PU MAP.pdf

Levi,

I was contacted by Mr. Baalman and he instructed me the expansion of the feedlot into Section 19 will only be on the Northeast Quarter remaining on the property owned by Oxtown LLC. This was what was originally proposed. I've attached the map that will replace the maps on the later filed applications.

Per his call and confirmation the place of use for this facility under the referenced water right files will show the authorized stockwatering place of use in our documents to be:

all of Section 20 and the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section 19, all in Township 16 South, Range 40 West, Greeley County, Kansas.

I plan on wrapping up the documents for their final review today.

Take care,, be heat smart,

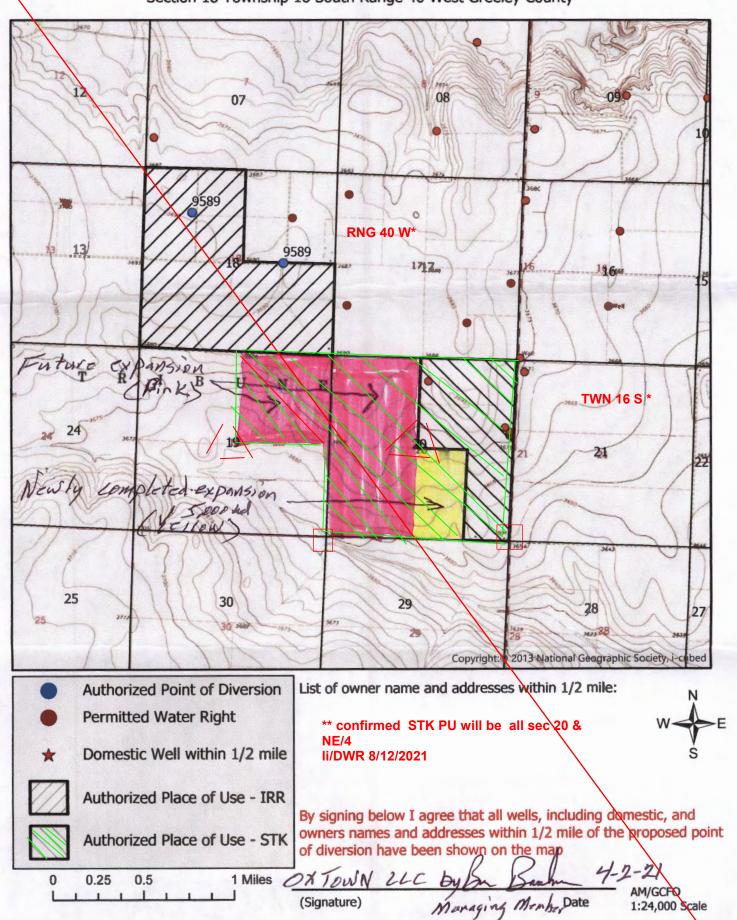
Leslie Ireland Environmental Scientist Change Application Unit Division of Water Resources



WATER RIGHT, FILE NO. 9589-Water Right, File Nos. 9589-D2, 10002, 24950, 36139 & 39942 \*\*

PROPOSED PLACE
\*\* OF USE STK USE \*\*

Section 18 Township 16 South Range 40 West Greeley County



## KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Mike Beam, Secretary of Agriculture

**DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**Earl D. Lewis Jr., Chief Engineer

# APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE AND ORDER IN THE MATTER OF THE AUTHORIZED POINT OF DIVERSION WATER RIGHT, FILE NO. 10,002

The Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, after due consideration of the written application of Brian Baalman on behalf of Ox Town LLC, 1580 Ox Town Drive, Tribune, Kansas 67879, received in this office on July 26, 2021, for approval of a change in the location of the place of use under the certificate of appropriation issued pursuant to the application for permit to appropriate water for beneficial use, as modified and amended by the Order of the Chief Engineer dated August 28, 2013, approving the application to change the place of use and use made of water, and the Order of the Chief Engineer dated January 2, 2019, approving the application to change the point of diversion, finds that the change is reasonable and will not impair existing rights, and that the application should be and is hereby approved.

The effective date of the change shall be the date this order is executed by the Chief Engineer, after which the authorized location of the place of use shall be:

a feedlot located in all of Section 20, and the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section 19, all in Township 16 South, Range 40 West, Greeley County, Kansas,

located substantially as shown on the map accompanying the application to change the place of use, and the location of the authorized points of diversion shall be more accurately described as:

one(1) well located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW½ SW½) of Section 16, more particularly described as being near a point 7 feet North and 5,123 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section (standby well); and

one(1) well located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW½ NW½ NW½) of Section 21, more particularly described as being near a point 4,981 feet North and 4,944 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section (primary well),

both in Township 16 South, Range 40 West, Greeley County, Kansas.

All diversion works into which any type of chemical or other foreign substance will be injected into the water pumped from the diversion works shall be equipped with an in-line, automatic, quick-closing check valve capable of preventing pollution of the source of the water supply. The type of valve installed shall meet specifications adopted by the Chief Engineer and shall be maintained in an operating condition satisfactory to the Chief Engineer.

The water right owner shall properly install acceptable water meters on the diversion works authorized under this water right, prior to the use of water, in strict accordance with the Kansas Administrative Regulations 5-1-4 through 5-1-12 adopted by the Chief Engineer. The water right owner shall notify the Chief Engineer when installation of the water meters has been completed. The water right owner shall maintain the water meters in an operating condition satisfactory to the Chief Engineer, at all times during diversion of water and shall maintain records from which the total quantity of water diverted may be determined. The water right owner shall also report the reading of said water meters and the total quantity of water diverted annually to the Chief Engineer. Such records shall be furnished to the Chief Engineer by March 1 following the end of each calendar year.

In all other respects, the Certificate of Appropriation issued pursuant to Approval of Application, File No. 10,002, for permit to appropriate water for beneficial use, is as stated and set forth in the Certificate of Appropriation dated April 25, 1972, as modified and amended by the aforementioned orders.

Ordered this a6 day of August, 2021, in Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas.

Lane P. Letourneau, P.G. Water Appropriation Program Manager Division of Water Resources

Kansas Department of Agriculture

State of Kansas ) ) SS County of Riley )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26 day of August , 2021, by Lane P. Letourneau, P.G., Program Manager, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Notary Public



### RIGHT TO A HEARING AND TO ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

If you are aggrieved by this Order, then pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1901, you may:

- 1) request an evidentiary hearing before the Chief Engineer, or
- 2) request administrative review by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Failure to request an evidentiary hearing before the Chief Engineer does not preclude your right to administrative review by the Secretary.

To obtain an evidentiary hearing before the Chief Engineer, a written request for hearing must be filed within 15 days after service of this Order as provided in K.S.A. 77-531 (i.e., within a total of 18 days after this Order was mailed to you), with: Kansas Department of Agriculture, Attn: Legal Section, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502, FAX (785) 564-6777.

If you do not file a request for an evidentiary hearing before the Chief Engineer, you may petition for administrative review of the Order by the Secretary of Agriculture. A petition for review shall be in writing and state the basis for requesting administrative review. The request for hearing may be denied if the request fails to clearly establish factual or legal issues for review. See K.S.A. 77-527. The petition must be filed within 30 days after service of this Order as provided in K.S.A. 77-531 (i.e., within a total of 33 days after this Order was mailed to you), and be filed with: Secretary of Agriculture, Attn: Legal Division, Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502, FAX (785) 564-6777.

If neither a request for an evidentiary hearing nor a petition for administrative review is filed as set forth above, then this Order shall be effective and become a final agency action as defined in K.S.A. 77-607(b). Failure to timely request either an evidentiary hearing or administrative review may preclude further judicial review under the Kansas Judicial Review Act.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On this	day of		, 2021, I	hereby ce	ertify th	nat the fore	egoing Ap	oproval of
Application for Ch	nange in Place of	Use and	Order in the	Matter of	f the A	Authorized	Point of I	Diversion,
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OX TOWN LLC								
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With photocopies to:

TRIBUNE KS 67879

Garden City Field Office Groundwater Management District No. 1

Division	of Water	Resources

1320 Research Park Drive Manhattan, KS 66502 785-564-6700 www. agriculture.ks.gov



900 SW Jackson, Room 456 Topeka, KS 66612 785-296-3556

Mike Beam, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

August 31, 2021

OX TOWN LLC BRIAN BAALMAN 1580 OX TOWN DR TRIBUNE KS 67879

RE: Water Right, File Nos. 9,589-D2; 10,002; 24,950; 36,139 & 39,942

Dear Mr. Baalman:

Enclosed are the orders executed by the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, approving the applications for change, under the referenced files.

Your attention is directed to the enclosures and to the terms, conditions, and limitations specified in the approvals for change. A condition of the approvals is that a water flowmeter meeting 5-1-4 through 5-1-12 must be installed on the diversion works authorized. Records in this office indicate that meters are installed for the referenced files, however the approval of the use made of water for File No. 9,589-D2, requires that the meter that will be utilized for the new use be reviewed. Please complete and return the enclosed form, *Notification of Completion of the Diversion Works and/or Installation of Flowmeter Instillation* prior to diversion of water for the stockwatering use under File No. 9,589-D2.

Since these orders modify the original documents referred to above, they should be recorded with the Register of Deeds as other instruments affecting real estate.

An annual water use report must be filed with the Chief Engineer by March 1, following the end of each calendar year. If a complete annual water use report is not received by the deadline, then a fine may be assessed and all water use under such permit or right may be suspended. Reports submitted in paper form will be assessed a \$20 per file number paper filing fee. In order to avoid this filing fee, you may submit your report online at www.kswaterusereport.org.

If you have any questions, regarding the enclosed approval documents please contact us at 785-564-6640. Should you have questions regarding the meter requirement or additional requirements please contact our staff at the Garden City Field Office at 620-276-2901. If you wish to discuss a specific file, please have the file number ready so that we may help you more efficiently.

Sincerely,

Kristen A. Baum

Kristen a Baum

New Application and Change Unit Supervisor

Water Appropriation Program

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Garden City Field Office

Groundwater Management District No.1

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On this 31 day of August, 2021, I hereby certify that the foregoing Approval of Application for Change in Place of Use and Order in the Matter of the Authorized Point of Diversion, under Water Right, File No. 10,002, dated 24 August 2021 was mailed postage prepaid, first class, US mail to the following:

OX TOWN LLC 1580 OX TOWN DR TRIBUNE KS 67879

With photocopies to:

Garden City Field Office
Groundwater Management District No. 1

Division of Water Resources