Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources

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KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Division of Water Resources

<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: Files

DATE: March 12, 2018

FROM: Austin McColloch

RE: Multi-Year Flex Account Application, File No. 20157007-MF

& Water Right, File No. 17,283

Jeff Weilert has filed the above referenced Multi-Year Flex Account application to appropriate 460 acrefeet of groundwater to be diverted at 810 gallons per minute for irrigation use. File No. 20157007-MF overlaps in point of diversion and place of use with base right, Water Right, File No. 17,283. The flex account has a commencing date of January 1, 2015 and an ending date of December 31, 2019.

The quantity of water requested was based on the calculation criteria given in K.S.A. 82a-736, is five times the authorized quantity of the base water right. Water Right, File No. 17,283 is authorized 92 acre-feet at 810 gallons per minute. This brings the authorized quantity to 460 acre-feet and Water Right, File No. 17,283 will be suspended from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019.

In an email discussion on March 12, 2018, Stockton Field Office Water Commissioner, Kelly Stewart, recommended approval of the Multi-Year Flex Account Application.

Based on the above discussion, it appears that the proposed use of water is reasonable and meets the requirements of K.S.A. 82a-736 for Multi-Year Flex Accounts. It is recommended that the referenced application for term permit be approved for a term to begin on January 1, 2015 and expire on December 31, 2019.

Austin McColloch

Environmental Scientist

STATE OF KANSAS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1320 RESEARCH PARK DRIVE MANHATTAN, KS 66502 PHONE: (785) 564-6700 FAX: (785) 564-6777



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GOVERNOR JEFF COLYER, M.D.

Jackie McClaskey, Secretary of Agriculture COPY

March 29, 2018

VANIER LAND COMPANY, L.P. 834 E PRESCOTT SALINA KS 67401

RE:

Base Right, Water Right, File No. 17,283

Multi-Year Flex Account, File No. 20157007-MF

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is the order/permit executed by the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, suspending the base right referenced above, and approving your Application for Term Permit to Establish a Multi-Year Flex Account, for File No. 20157007-MF. Your attention is directed to the enclosures and to the terms, conditions, limitations, and requirements specified in the Application and its "Attachment A", which are incorporated in this enclosed order/permit. The approval of this multi-year flex account term permit affords you the ability to divert water without annual limits, during the set period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021, inclusive. However, the use of water in excess of 460 acre-feet within the five-year set period listed above, shall result in the immediate revocation of this multi-year flex account term permit, and imposition of penalties as provided in K.A.R. 5-14-10.

Prior to any further diversion of water, a water flowmeter which meets or exceeds specifications adopted by the Chief Engineer must be installed on each point of diversion authorized by the base right, and otherwise in accordance with Kansas Administrative Regulations 5-1-4 through 5-1-12 adopted by the Chief Engineer. A seal will be placed on the water flowmeter by the Division of Water Resources in such a manner as to render the meter non-removable from the measuring chamber without breaking the seal. If the seal is broken without the written permission of the Chief Engineer, it shall constitute a violation of the order of the Chief Engineer. If the water flowmeter is repaired or replaced during the duration of the multi-year flex account, then such flowmeter must be equipped with an anti-reverse flow mechanism.

The applicant shall file an annual water use report with the Chief Engineer by March 1, following the end of each calendar year. Please note that the enclosed multi-year flex account term permit expires on <u>December 31, 2021</u>.

The approval of your application constitutes a term permit to appropriate water for beneficial use as set forth in the application. It does not constitute authority under K.S.A. 82a-301 through 305a, to construct any dam or other obstruction. It does not give authority to access any right-of-way, or authorize injury to, or trespass upon, public or private property, nor does it obviate the necessity of obtaining assent from federal or local governmental authorities, when necessary. Please be advised that K.S.A. 82a-728 sets forth, in essence, that it is unlawful to divert or threaten to divert water for the use you propose without first acquiring approval of the Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 785-564-6640. If you call, please reference the file number so we can help you more efficiently.

Sincerely,

Kristen A. Baum

New Application Unit Supervisor Division of Water Resources

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Jeff Weilert

Stockton Field Office

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Jackie McClaskey, Secretary of Agriculture

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

David W. Barfield, Chief Engineer

ORDER AUTHORIZING MULTI-YEAR FLEX ACCOUNT FOR BASE WATER RIGHT, FILE NO. 17,283 UNDER TERM PERMIT, FILE NO. 20157007-MF

After due consideration, the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the "Chief Engineer"), makes the following ORDER:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, It is the decision and order of the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, that effective the date of this Order, base Water Right, File No. 17,283 is suspended, and Term Permit, File No. 20157007-MF is approved. The total quantity of water that may be diverted during the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019, under the authority of this Multi-Year Flex Account, Term Permit File No. 20157007-MF, **shall not exceed 460 acre-feet.**

At the time of this Order approving Multi-Year Flex Account, Term Permit File No. 20157007-MF, the point of diversion authorized by base Water Right, File No. 17,283, is as follows:

one (1) well located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW½ SW½ NE½) of Section 24, more particularly described as being near a point 2,920 feet North and 2,370 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section, in Township 11 South, Range 20 West, Ellis County, Kansas.

By law, this is the authorized point of diversion for the multi-year flex account term permit. The point of diversion authorized under this multi-year flex account term permit may change automatically upon the Chief Engineer's issuance of any approval of an application to change this authorized point of diversion under the base water right. Any such change shall amend the above recital of the authorized point of diversion of this multi-year flex account term permit to reflect the change, and shall be incorporated by reference herein should any such change occur during the multi-year flex account period.

The Multi-Year Flex Account, Term Permit File No. 20157007-MF authorized place of use is as follows:

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By this Order, base Water Right, File No. 17,283 and Term Permit, File No. 20157007-MF shall be subject to the terms, conditions, limitations, and requirements contained in the Application for Term Permit to Establish a Multi-Year Flex Account (including its "Attachment A"), which was received in the office of the Chief Engineer on **September 3, 2015** and which terms, conditions, limitations, and requirements are incorporated herein, in addition to the terms, conditions, limitations, and requirements provided below:

Use of water in excess of <u>460 acre-feet</u> within the five year set period of <u>January 1, 2015</u> through <u>December 31, 2019</u>, shall result in the immediate revocation of the multi-year flex account term permit described in this Order, and imposition of penalties as provided in K.A.R. 5-14-10.

An acceptable water flowmeter shall be installed and maintained on the diversion works authorized by this Order, along with each point of diversion authorized by the base water right, and otherwise in accordance with Kansas Administrative Regulations 5-1-4 through 5-1-12 adopted by the Chief Engineer.

A seal shall be placed on the water flowmeter by the Division of Water Resources in such a manner as to render the meter non-removable from the measuring chamber without breaking the seal. If the seal is broken without the written permission of the Chief Engineer, this shall create a rebuttable presumption that the point of diversion was unlawfully operated.

If the multi-year flex account term permit can no longer be exercised because of an order issued by the Chief Engineer, including an intensive groundwater use control area order, a minimum desirable streamflow order, or an order to administer water rights to prevent impairment, then any base water right may be exercised to the extent that the following conditions are met: (a) The base water right is in priority, including priority with respect to any established minimum desirable streamflow. (b) The annual quantity of water authorized by the base water right has not been diverted during that calendar year. (c) The five-year quantity authorized by the term permit has not been completely used. (d) The use of water under the base water right does not impair water rights senior to the base water right.

JUDICIAL REVIEW

This is a final agency action as defined in K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2). You may pursue judicial review of this order as provided in the Kansas Act for Judicial Review (K.S.A. 77-601 *et seq.*). A petition for judicial review must be filed in a Kansas court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after service of this Order as provided in K.S.A. 77-613. Any request for hearing or petition for administrative review shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the attention of: Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, Fax: (785) 864-6777.

Ordered this 27 day of , 2018, in Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas.

NATER RESOLUTION DAVID W. BARFIELD David W. Barfield, P.E.

David W. Barfield,

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 27 day of 1000, 2018, by David W. Barfield, P.E., Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture.



Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On this day 20157007-MF, dated mail to the following:

, 2018, I hereby certify that the foregoing Order, File No. , 2018, was mailed postage prepaid, first class, US

VANIER LAND COMPANY, L.P. 834 E PRESCOTT SALINA KS 67401

With photocopies to:

JEFF WEILERT 2195 HYACINTH AVE HAYS KS 67601

Stockton Field Office

Staff

APPLICATION FOR TERM PERMIT TO

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ESTABLISH A MULTI-YEAR FLEX ACCOUNT
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Manhattan, Kansas 66502 (GROUNDWATER ONLY)

STATUTORY FILING FEE OF \$400.00 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION (Make check payable to the Kansas Department of Agriculture)

We are pleased that you are considering the use of a Multi-Year Flex Account to assist in your water management planning. Flex accounts offer a new tool to assist in crop planning and water management. We understand that the best crop and water use decisions are made in the field, at the local level.

The concept behind Multi-Year Flex Accounts is that water management and improved conservation is best left to you - the owner / operator. Flex accounts give you five years of flexible water planning. At the conclusion of the five years, you may return to normal use, with no change in your base water right. If the flex account tool is useful to you, you can continue with the program for an

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10. That as the owner, or a duly authorized agent of the owner, by signing below, I understand that if this application is approved, a term permit will be issued for a period of not more nor less than five (5) consecutive calendar years and that this term permit will suspend the appropriation of water under the Certificate of Appropriation for Beneficial Use of Water or the Vested Right that is used as the basis for this Multi-Year Flex Account for the effective period of the Flex Account. The Term Permit is subject to state law and applicable rules and regulations including any applicable groundwater management district regulations. See Attachment A.

As landowner/agent pursuant to this application, I agree to supply upon request any additional documentation necessary to support the review of this application. I understand that failure to provide all necessary documentation in support of this proposed Multi-Year Flex Account will result in the dismissal of the application. Further, I understand that such dismissal will result in the loss of the application filing fee, but shall not limit the applicant's standing to file subsequent Multi-Year Flex Account Applications for Term Permit on this base water right or other base water rights.

The undersigned declares that as owner of the authorized place of use as identified herein, or representative of the same, I am authorized to make this application in his or her behalf, and declare further that the information provided herein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. e final a⊎

By signing, I acknowledge that during the period authorized pursuant to the Multi-Year Flex Account, all conditions are binding upon all owners, heirs or assignees.

NOTE: The application must be signed by each owner of the authorized place(s) of use covered by the water right. If married. the spouse must also sign. Please indicate if there is no spouse. If land is being purchased under contract, the seller must sign as landowner until such time as the contract is completed.

In the event that all applicants cannot appear before one notary public, they may as necessary sign separate copies of the application before any notary public conveniently available to them. All copies signed in this manner shall be considered to be valid parts of the application.

If the request is signed on behalf of any owner by someone with legal authority to do so (for example, an agent, one who has

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DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Attachment A

Landowners/Operators are the critical component in the success of Multi-Year Flex Accounts and, in fact, to all water rights administration. Good records and measurement are keys to insuring that all water users are able to maximize use, while, to the extent possible, conserving this natural resource. The legal requirements for a Multi-Year Flex Account mirror the requirements for any water right.

The following are requirements or suggestions provided for your consideration:

Requirements: The Multi-Year Flex Account is based upon an existing water right. The base Water Right(s) is, in effect, suspended during the term of the Flex Account, and may be exercised only under the specific conditions described in K.A.R. 5-16-7. However, once the Flex Account term ends, the base water right resumes, unless the right is placed in another Flex Account or other special program;

- A. Except as noted below in paragraph C., the applicant will ensure there is a properly installed water flowmeter on the approved diversion works prior to the actual first use of water which meets all of the current specifications described in K.A.R. 5-1-4 through 5-1-12;
- B. That the applicant agrees to allow the inspection of the flowmeter installed to measure water use;
- C. If the flowmeter was properly installed prior to current specifications, Division of Water Resources (DWR) may grant an exception from current specifications if the meter flow tests accurately. An inaccurate meter will require a meter installation that meets current specifications;
- D. That the applicant agrees to report any and all instances which result in a water flowmeter malfunction on the next business day following the discovery of said malfunction:
- E. That the applicant agrees to repair or replace said flowmeter within 15 days of the discovery of any malfunction or within any authorized extension of time needed to complete the repairs. The replacement of said flowmeter will result in the new flowmeter meeting current specifications;
- F. That the applicant agrees to notify the Division of Water Resources in writing on a form prescribed by the Chief Engineer of the water flowmeter installation and any water flowmeter repair or replacement event;
- G. That the applicant agrees to maintain a record of the quantity diverted under the approval of this Multi-Year Flex Account at the first of each month of the period of authorization. Further, the applicant agrees to make such information available upon request by the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources, Chief Engineer or his/her authorized representative;
- H. The place of use or use made of water authorized pursuant to the proposed Multi-Year Flex Account shall not be changed during the period of the Multi-Year Flex Account;
- 1. Any change in the point of diversion will be based on a change to the base water right;
- J. The Multi-Year Flex Account, just like the base water right, remains subject to any and all Orders of the Chief Engineer, which includes but is not limited to: Minimum Desirable Streamflow; Intensive Groundwater Use Control Areas, Local Enhanced Management Areas, and/or orders related to impairment of a senior water right;
- K. Failure to comply with the above referenced stipulations and conditions may result in revocation of the Multi-Year Flex Account permit, and imposition of penalties as provided in K.A.R. 5-14-10;

Suggested practices:

Backup measurements; The owner is strongly encouraged to install and keep records from a backup flowmeter or alternate measurement device, such as an hour-meter or other newer technology. In the event that your water flowmeter is broken or found to be inaccurate, the backup measurements may allow DWR to determine the amount of water used while accurate water flowmeter records are not available. If alternative records to establish water use were not available, DWR will be required to make basic assumptions on water use during the period. This may include assigning 150% of the maximum annual quantity of the base water right to that year. We would prefer to have back up data that reflects the water you actually used. If you have questions about appropriate backup sources, please contact your local GMD, DWR or any private meter resource.

More on meters:

Sealing meters; Most water rights holders are conscientious stewards of water, understanding and appreciating its value and using it according to rules and regulations. Unfortunately, not everyone follows the rules. A few use dishonest practices that allow them to overuse water to the detriment of their neighbors. DWR and the GMD's have determined that a program that "seals" a meter, upon its being found to be accurate and/or is fully in compliance with current specifications, ensures that everyone is "playing by the rules" and maximizes the value of water use.

Here is how the sealing works:

- a. The water flowmeter and the measuring chamber are sealed to the diversion works in a manner to ensure the flowmeter and the measuring chamber may not be removed and reinstalled without breaking the seal.
- b. In addition, the water flowmeter register is sealed in a manner to ensure that the register may not be manipulated without breaking the seal;
- c. Once a meter is sealed, DWR must be notified and authorize breaking any seal;

Anti-Reverse Mechanisms provide additional assurance that the metered quantity is reliable. We require that any water flowmeter replaced during the duration of the Multi-Year Flex Account be upgraded or replaced with anti-reverse flow mechanisms;

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McColloch, Austin [KDA]

From:

Stewart, Kelly [KDA]

Sent:

Monday, March 12, 2018 1:52 PM

To:

McColloch, Austin [KDA]

Cc:

Billinger, Mark [KDA]; Hageman, Rebecca [KDA]

Subject:

RE: MYFA 20157007

Austin,

I recommend approval of the referenced MYFA application.

Kelly

From: McColloch, Austin [KDA]

Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 9:14 AM

To: Stewart, Kelly [KDA] < Kelly.Stewart@ks.gov> **Cc:** Billinger, Mark [KDA] < Mark.Billinger@ks.gov>

Subject: MYFA 20157007

Kelly,

This application for a MYFA Term Permit was submitted on September 3, 2015 and was scanned into docuware but apparently was misplaced before anything else happened. The applicant forgot about the application until last week when they contacted us asking about it. We were able to make a true and correct copy of the application and get it entered into WRIS. Attached is my draft memo for the application. They are requesting 5 times authorized bringing the total to 460 acre-feet. The MYFA is from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019.

Thanks,

Austin McColloch Environmental Scientist Ph: (785) 564-6643