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December 23, 2020

LEO D & SHAWN M STEPHENS  
1290 N BROOKSIDE DR  
COLBY, KS 67701-2841

Re: Water Rights, File Nos. 17,019; 19,774; & 31,300

Dear Mr. Stephens:

Enclosed are three (3) orders executed by Earl Lewis, Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, approving the applications for change under the above referenced file numbers.

Your attention is directed to the terms, conditions, and limitations specified in these approvals for change.

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

**These documents are summary orders by this agency regarding these matters.** These orders shall become final if requests for hearings are not filed with the Chief Engineer within 15 days of the date of service of these orders.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office. If you wish to refer to a specific file, please reference it when you contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Billinger".

Mark Billinger  
Assistant Water Commissioner

MB:rh  
Enclosures  
pc: G.M.D. No. 4

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2020, I hereby certify that the attached **SUMMARY ORDERS APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE in PLACE OF USE** for water rights, File Nos. 17,019; 19,774; & 31,300 , dated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2020, were mailed postage prepaid, first class, U.S. mail, to the following:

LEO D & SHAWN M STEPHENS  
1290 N BROOKSIDE DR  
COLBY, KS 67701-2841

  
Staff

A copy of this Change Approval was sent to the following:

Groundwater Management District No. 4  
P.O. Box 905  
Colby, KS 67701

Submit completed application to:  
 Kansas Department of Agriculture  
 Division of Water Resources  
 Field Office for your area.  
 Call for address:

Topeka -- (785) 296-5733  
 Stafford -- (620) 234-5311  
 Stockton -- (785) 425-6787  
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## DWR FIELD OFFICE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE PLACE OF USE AND/OR THE POINT OF DIVERSION



**STATE OF KANSAS**  
 APPLICATION COMPLETE  
 12 / 23 / 2020  
 Reviewer MB

Filing Fee Must Accompany the Application, K.S.A. 82a-708b(b), as amended.  
 Fee Schedule is on the third page of this application form.

**Paragraph Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 5 must be completed. Complete all other applicable portions.** If change in point of diversion is greater than 100 feet, or if place of use will be changed, include a topographic map or detailed plat showing the authorized and proposed point(s) of diversion and/or place of use.

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 3:10 p.m.  
 Stockton Field Office  
 Division of Water Resources

File No. 31,300

1. Application is hereby made for approval of the Chief Engineer to change the (check one or both):

Place of Use                       Point of Diversion

under the water right which is the subject of this application in accordance with the conditions described below.

The source of supply is:                       Groundwater                       Surface water

2. Name and address of Applicant: Leo Stephens

1290 Brookside Dr., Colby, KS 67701

Phone Number: (785)443-2246

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of Water Use Correspondent: Same as applicant

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. The presently authorized place of use is:

Owner of Land ---- NAME: Leo D Stephens Trust & Shawn M Stephens Trust

ADDRESS: 1290 N Brookside Dr., Colby, KS 67701

(If there is more than one landowner, attach supplemental sheets as necessary.)

| Sec. | Twp. | Range | NE¼ |     |     |     | NW¼ |     |     |     | SW¼ |     |     |     | SE¼ |     |     |     | TOTAL ACRES |
|------|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
|      |      |       | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ |             |
| 25   | 5    | 34    | 40  | 36  | 4   | 40  | 33  | 6   |     |     | 20  |     |     | 33  | 40  | 35  | 30  | 40  | 357         |
| 36   | 5    | 34    | 40  | 40  | 40  | 40  | 40  |     |     | 40  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 240         |

4. If this application is for a change in place of use, it is proposed that the place of use be changed to:

Owner of Land ---- NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

(If there is more than one landowner, attach supplemental sheets as necessary.)

| Sec. | Twp. | Range | NE¼ |     |     |     | NW¼ |     |     |     | SW¼ |      |      |      | SE¼ |     |     |     | TOTAL ACRES |
|------|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
|      |      |       | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ | NE¼ | NW¼  | SW¼  | SE¼  | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ |             |
| 25   | 5    | 34    | 40  | 36  | 4   | 40  | 33  | 6   |     |     | 20  |      |      | 33   | 40  | 35  | 30  | 40  | 357         |
| 36   | 5    | 34    | 40  | 40  | 40  | 40  | 40  |     |     | 40  | 40  | 30.5 | 30.5 | 30.5 | 8.5 | 35  | 5   |     | 420         |

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| <b>For Office Use Only:</b> Code _____ Fee \$ _____ TR # _____ Receipt Date _____ Check # _____ |
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5. **Presently authorized point of diversion:**  
 One in the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter  
 of Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_ South, Range \_\_\_\_\_ (E/W),  
 in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Kansas, \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West of Southeast corner of section.  
 Authorized Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Depth of well \_\_\_\_\_ (feet)  
 (DWR use only: Computer ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ GPS \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West)  
 This point will not be changed  This point will be changed as follows:  No change, point better described with GPS as follows:  
**Proposed point of diversion: (Complete only if change is requested or if existing point is better described by GPS)**  
 One in the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter  
 of Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_ South, Range \_\_\_\_\_ (E/W),  
 in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Kansas, \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West of Southeast corner of section.  
 Proposed Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed well depth (feet) \_\_\_\_\_  
 This point is:  Additional Well  Geo Center List other water rights that will use this point \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Presently authorized point of diversion:**  
 One in the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter  
 of Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_ South, Range \_\_\_\_\_ (E/W),  
 in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Kansas, \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West of Southeast corner of section.  
 Authorized Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Depth of well \_\_\_\_\_ (feet)  
 (DWR use only: Computer ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ GPS \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West)  
 This point will not be changed  This point will be changed as follows:  No change, point better described with GPS as follows:  
**Proposed point of diversion: (Complete only if change is requested or if existing point is better described by GPS)**  
 One in the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter  
 of Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_ South, Range \_\_\_\_\_ (E/W),  
 in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Kansas, \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West of Southeast corner of section.  
 Proposed Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed well depth (feet) \_\_\_\_\_  
 This point is:  Additional Well  Geo Center List other water rights that will use this point \_\_\_\_\_

7. The changes herein are desired for the following reasons?  
 (please be specific) To create an overlap.

8. If a well, is the test hole log attached?  Yes  No

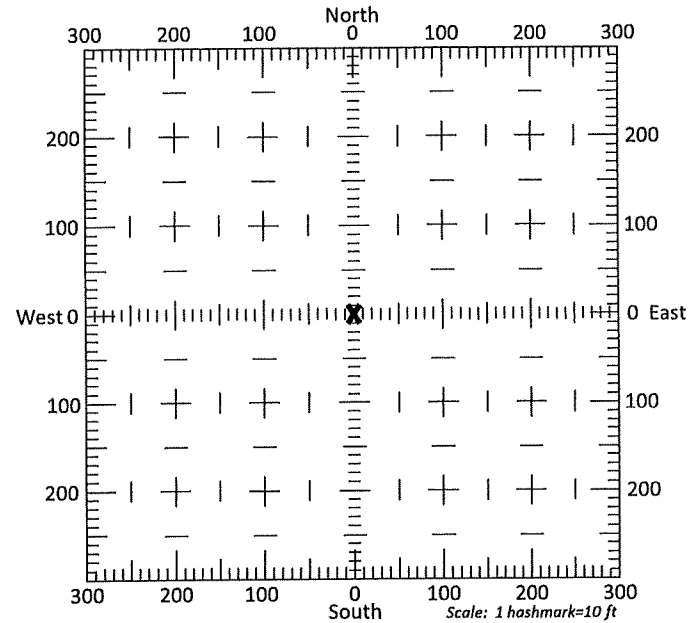
9. The change(s) (was)(will be) completed by?  
Upon Approval

10. If the point of diversion is a well:  
 (a) What are you going to do with the old well?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) When will this be done? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Groundwater Management District recommendation  
 attached?  Yes  No

12. Assisted by Shannon Kenyon, GMD 4

13a. If the proposed point of diversion will be relocated more than 300 feet but within 2,640 feet of the existing point of diversion, attach a topographic map or aerial photograph. For groundwater sources, show all wells (including domestic) within one-half mile of the proposed point of diversion and the names and mailing addresses of the owners. For surface water sources, show the names and addresses of the landowner(s) one-half mile downstream and one-half mile upstream from your property lines



13b. If the proposed point of diversion will be relocated within 300 feet of the existing point of diversion, indicate its location on the diagram shown above in relation to the existing point of diversion. (PLEASE NOTE: The "X" in center of diagram above represents the presently authorized point of diversion.)

14. If the proposed groundwater point of diversion is 300 or fewer feet from the existing point of diversion, complete the following:
- (a) Does the undersigned represent all owners of the currently authorized place(s) of use identified in this application?  
 Yes     No    (If no, all owners must sign this application.)
  - (b) Will the ownership interest of any owner of the currently authorized place(s) of use identified in this application be adversely affected if this application is approved as requested?  
 Yes     No    (If yes, all owners must sign this application.)
  - (c) If this application is not approved expeditiously, will there be substantial damage to property, public health or safety?  
 Yes     No    (If no, all owners must sign this application.)

If the application proposes a surface water change in point of diversion, a groundwater change in point of diversion greater than 300 feet, or a change in place of use, the application must be signed by all owners of the currently authorized place of use, or their duly authorized agent (attach notarized statement authorizing representation).

I hereby verify, being first duly sworn upon my oath or affirmation and under penalty of perjury, that I am of lawful age and the owner, the spouse of the owner, or a duly authorized agent of the owner(s) to make this application on their behalf, in regards to the water right(s) to which this application pertains. I further verify that the statements contained in this application are true, correct and complete.

Dated at Celby, Kansas, this 14 day of December, 202020

|                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Leo Stephens</u><br>(Owner)   | _____<br>(Spouse)       |
| <u>Trustee</u><br>(Please Print) | _____<br>(Please Print) |
| _____<br>(Owner)                 | _____<br>(Spouse)       |
| _____<br>(Please Print)          | _____<br>(Please Print) |
| _____<br>(Owner)                 | _____<br>(Spouse)       |
| _____<br>(Please Print)          | _____<br>(Please Print) |

State of Kansas }  
 County of Thomas } SS



I hereby certify that the foregoing application was signed in my presence and sworn to before me this 14 day of December, 2020.

My Commission Expires August 11, 2020.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public

**ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED.** To be complete, all of the applicable portions of the application form must be completed with accurate information; maps, if necessary, must be included; signatures of all the appropriate owners' must be affixed to the application and notarized; and the appropriate fee must be paid.

**FEE SCHEDULE**

Each application to change the place of use or the point of diversion under this section shall be accompanied by the application fee set forth in the schedule below: Make checks payable to: **Kansas Department of Agriculture**

- (1) Application to change a point of diversion 300 feet or less ..... \$100
- (2) Application to change a point of diversion more than 300 feet ..... \$200
- (3) Application to change the place of use ..... \$200

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**SUMMARY ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION FOR CHANGE AND IMPOSING CONDITIONS**

This Summary Order is issued under authority of K.S.A. 82a-708b, as amended, and K.A.R. 5-5-1, *et seq.* and other applicable provisions of the *Kansas Water Appropriation Law, K.S.A. 82a-701 et. seq.*, and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, With the exception of those conditions expressly contained herein, this Summary Order does not change the terms, conditions and limitations of File No. 31,300.

- 1. A change application was received on 12/18/2020 requesting that the place of use and / or point of diversion authorized under the above-referenced file number be changed as described in the application.
- 2. On and after the effective date of this summary order, the authorized place(s) of use shall be located substantially as shown on the topographic map accompanying the application to change the place of use.  Applicable  Not Applicable
- 3. The change in point of diversion shall not impair existing rights and shall be limited to the same source or sources of water as previously authorized. The point of diversion authorized by this summary order shall be located within a \_\_\_\_\_ foot radius of the authorized point(s) of diversion.  Applicable  Not Applicable
- 4. The point(s) of diversion described herein is administratively corrected to be more accurately described using the Global Positioning System (GPS), as described in the application.  Applicable  Not Applicable
- 5. The point(s) of diversion authorized herein shall not actually be located more than \_\_\_\_\_ feet from the previously authorized point(s) of diversion.  Applicable  Not Applicable
- 6. As required by K.A.R. 5-3-5d, if the works for diversion is a well with a diversion rate of 100 gallons per minute or more, a tube or other device suitable for making water level measurements shall be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with K.A.R. 5-6-13.  Applicable  Not Applicable
- 7. **The owner of the authorized place(s) of use shall properly install an acceptable water flow meter on or before December 31, 20\_\_\_\_, or before the first use of water, whichever occurs first.** The water flow meter shall be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with K.A.R. 5-1-4 through 5-1-12. As required by K.S.A. 82a-732, as amended, and K.A.R. 5-3-5e, the owner shall maintain records and report the reading of the water flow meter and the total quantity of water diverted annually to the Chief Engineer by March 1 following the end of each calendar year.  Applicable  Not Applicable
- 8. **Installation of the works for diversion of water shall be completed on or before December 31, 20\_\_\_\_, or within any authorized extension of time.** By March 1, 20\_\_\_\_ the applicant shall notify the Chief Engineer that construction of the works for diversion has been completed, on the form provided by the Chief Engineer, as required by K.A.R. 5-8-4e.  Applicable  Not Applicable
- 9. **The completed well log shall be submitted with the required notice.**  Applicable  Not Applicable
- 10. All diversion works into which any type of chemical or other foreign substance will be injected into the water shall be equipped with an in-line, automatic, quick-closing check valve capable of preventing pollution of the source of the water supply. The check valve(s) shall be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with K.A.R. 5-3-5c.  Applicable  Not Applicable
- 11. Additional Conditions are attached.  Yes  No
- 12. In accordance with K.S.A. 82a-708a, as amended, and K.A.R. 5-5-14, all of the owners of the authorized place(s) of use of water appropriated under the above-referenced file number are responsible for compliance with its terms, conditions and limitations, as amended and/or supplemented by this Summary Order, and with applicable provisions of the *Kansas Water Appropriation Law* and the *Rules and Regulations* promulgated thereunder. Failure to comply with these provisions may result in civil penalties pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-737, as amended, and/or the suspension or revocation and dismissal of the water or appropriation right or any other enforcement actions authorized by law.

**Administrative Appeal and Effective Date of Order**

If you are aggrieved by this order, pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1901, you may request an evidentiary hearing before the Chief Engineer or request administrative review by the Secretary of Agriculture. A request for hearing by the Chief Engineer must be filed within **15 days** of service of this Order and a request for administrative review by the Secretary must be filed within **30 days** pursuant to K.S.A. 77-531. Any request for administrative review must state a basis for review pursuant to K.S.A. 77-527. File any request with **Kansas Department of Agriculture, Legal Division, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502.** Failure to timely request a hearing or review may preclude review under the Kansas Judicial Review Act.

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**APPLICATION APPROVED AND SUMMARY ORDER ISSUED**

By: Mark Billinger  
Duly Authorized Designee of the Chief Engineer

(Print Name): MARK BILLINGER  
Division of Water Resources - Kansas Department of Agriculture

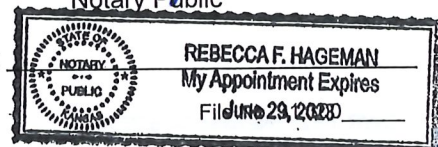
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County of ROCKS \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS

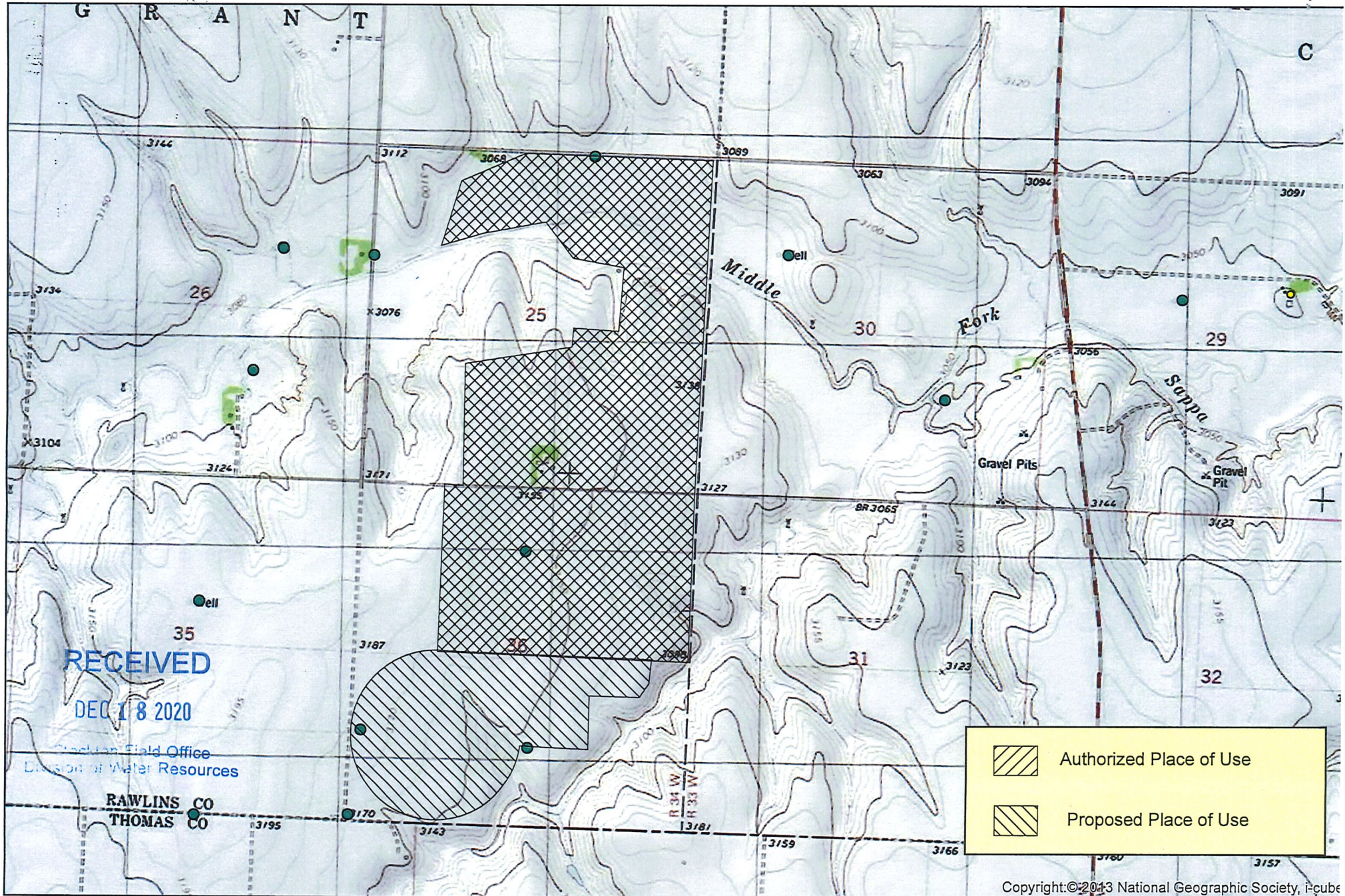
Acknowledged before me on 12-23-20  
by Mark Billinger

Signature: Rebecca F. Hageman  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 6-29-20



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