

Kansas Department of Agriculture  
Division of Water Resources  
**CHANGE: PU WORKSHEET & ORDER IN MATTER OF PD**

1. File Number: <b>135</b>	2. Status Change Date: <b>6/20/2023</b>	3. Change Num: <b>C3</b>	4. Field Office: <b>04</b>	5. GMD: <b>03</b>
6. Status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied by DWR/GMD <input type="checkbox"/> Dismiss by Request/Failure to Return				7. Filing Date of Change: <b>11/14/2022</b>
8a. Applicant(s) New to system <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>ROME FARMS KEITH G ROME 1096 ROAD BB HUGOTON KS 67951</b>		Person ID _____ Add Seq# _____		
8b. Landowner(s) New to system <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>ROME FARMS 1096 ROAD BB HUGOTON KS 67951</b>		Person ID <u><b>27615</b></u> Add Seq# <u><b>1</b></u>		
8c. Landowner(s) New to system <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>TULS HEMANN ENTERPRISES LAND LLC PO BOX 1138 LIBERAL, KS 67905</b>		Person ID <u><b>62659</b></u> Add Seq# <u><b>1</b></u>		
8d. WUC New to system <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>ROME FARMS 1096 ROAD BB HUGOTON KS 67951</b>		Person ID <u><b>27615</b></u> Add Seq# <u><b>1</b></u>		
9. Documents and Enclosure(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DWR Meter(s) Date to Comply: <u><b>12/31/2023</b></u> <input type="checkbox"/> N & P Date to Comply: _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Anti-Reverse Meter <input type="checkbox"/> Meter Seal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check Valve <input type="checkbox"/> N & P Form <input type="checkbox"/> Water Tube <input type="checkbox"/> Driller Copy <input type="checkbox"/> H & E Letter				
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Plan    Date Required: _____    Date Approved: _____    Date to Comply: _____				
10. Use Made of Water    From: _____    To: _____				
Date Prepared: <b>6/7/23</b> By: <b>LI</b> Date Entered: <span style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;"><b>6/21/2023</b></span> By: <span style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px;"><b>LMoody</b></span>				





The irrigation change in place of use to all files is to all of the referenced files. It appears the requested change complies with K.A.R. 5-5-11 *Applications for change in place of use for irrigation purposes*, as the proposal will return the acres to the files that have an area field office determination to have developed 2,047 base acres. The proposed 2,036 acres complies with part (b). The referenced files currently have a total combined quantity of 3,631 acre-feet authorized for irrigation use which appears to provide 1.85 AF per acre. The proposed 2,036 acres without any of the proposed quantity under File No. 183, requested irrigation use has an irrigation ratio of 1.78 acre-foot per acre. This irrigation ratio exceeds Stevens County's 1.40 acre-feet per acre at the 80% chance as per K.A.R. 5-5-12, *Net irrigation requirements*, and complies with K.A.R. 5-5-19, *Maximum reasonable annual quantity of water for irrigation use*. A water conservation plan meeting the KWO guidelines will not be required for the changes.

The stockwater change in place of use under File Nos. 101 & 183 is listed to authorize the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 8 for the dairy. The dairy would more accurately be described as being in a portion of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 8, in Township 31 South, Range 37 West, Stevens County, due to the irrigated place of use.

The points of diversion under File Nos. 135; 183, 5,099; 10,716; 17,722 and 18,167 will be updated to the GPS locations listed in the WRIS database. All appear to be about 30 feet or less from the authorized location and comply with K.A.R. 5-5-6c, *Authorized point of diversion or place of use*.

In a letter dated May 26, 2023, Jason Norquest, on behalf of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3, GMD3 reviewed the applications and recommend approval.

Mike Meyer, Water Commissioner of the Garden City Field Office, indicated that he recommends approval of the applications and temporary reduction per his June 13, 2023, email.

Water flowmeters will be required per use under File No. 183, and on all other wells. The approvals will require that if the rights chemigate, check valves will be required. Water level measurement tubes are not applicable.

Based on the above discussion, that the changes are reasonable, there will be no significant increase in the consumptive use and impairment of existing water rights is unlikely, it is recommended that the referenced applications for change in place of use be approved.



Leslie Ireland  
Environmental Scientist

## Ireland, Leslie [KDA]

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**From:** Meyer, Mike [KDA]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023 8:12 AM  
**To:** Ireland, Leslie [KDA]  
**Subject:** RE: Review and Recommendation Change in UMW File No. 183 & PU File Nos. 101; 135; 183; 5,099; 10,716; 17,722 & 18,167 with GPS Updates.

Approve  
Thank you

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**From:** Ireland, Leslie [KDA] <Leslie.Ireland@ks.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023 7:49 AM  
**To:** Meyer, Mike [KDA] <Mike.Meyer@ks.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Review and Recommendation Change in UMW File No. 183 & PU File Nos. 101; 135; 183; 5,099; 10,716; 17,722 & 18,167 with GPS Updates.

Yes and No.....Guess I didn't wait for the memo to download and attach,, oops..

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**From:** Meyer, Mike [KDA] <[Mike.Meyer@ks.gov](mailto:Mike.Meyer@ks.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023 7:25 AM  
**To:** Ireland, Leslie [KDA] <[Leslie.Ireland@ks.gov](mailto:Leslie.Ireland@ks.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Review and Recommendation Change in UMW File No. 183 & PU File Nos. 101; 135; 183; 5,099; 10,716; 17,722 & 18,167 with GPS Updates.

Did you want to send the memo?

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**From:** Ireland, Leslie [KDA] <[Leslie.Ireland@ks.gov](mailto:Leslie.Ireland@ks.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2023 3:09 PM  
**To:** Meyer, Mike [KDA] <[Mike.Meyer@ks.gov](mailto:Mike.Meyer@ks.gov)>  
**Subject:** Review and Recommendation Change in UMW File No. 183 & PU File Nos. 101; 135; 183; 5,099; 10,716; 17,722 & 18,167 with GPS Updates.

Mike,

Please let me know if you would recommend these changes. I think maybe the dairy portion is going to Rome.. or is it the other way irr to Tuls.. anyway checked ownership ORKA records and still both owners at this time.

On the stockwater standard PU description ,, to state STK PU as "a dairy located in a portion of the SE/4"... would have rather called it the E/2 SE/4... but not what map details...so if portion is OK would sticks to std wording due to portion of IRR PU in SE/4 to meet STK definition.

Strange about the well under 183.. extension was denied but was existing well per RAK memo...but is one of the PD locations getting updated. Only drag was extension request/denial had \$ submitted that should have been instantly returned.. but need to get that fixed as still no charge for requesting to extend chg completions... do wonder if it was more a meter installed thing.. which will be required for both uses now under File No. 183.

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# THE STATE OF KANSAS



**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 TO BETTER DESCRIBE THE AUTHORIZED POINT OF DIVERSION WATER RIGHT, FILE NO. 135

The Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, after due consideration of the written application of Keith G. Rome on behalf of Rome Farms, 1096 Road BB, Hugoton, Kansas, 67951, and Brian D. Hemann on behalf of Tuls Hemann Enterprises, PO Box 1138, Liberal, Kansas 67905, received in this office on November 14, 2022, 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 September 19, 1975, approving the application to change the place of use and better described the authorized point of diversion, by the Order of the Chief Engineer dated April 6, 1979, approving the application to change the point of diversion, by the Order of the Chief Engineer dated February 2, 1987, approving the application to change the place of use, by the Findings and Order of the Chief Engineer dated January 17, 1995, in the matter of the place of use, by the Orders of the Chief Engineer dated February 18, 1997, approving the application to change the point of diversion, by the Order of the Chief Engineer dated April 30, 1997, approving the application to change the place of use, by the Orders of the Chief Engineer dated February 6, 2001 and January 19, 2006, approving the applications to change the point of diversion, by the Findings and Order of the Chief Engineer dated November 5, 2012, reducing the authorized place of use, by the Order of the Chief Engineer dated February 14, 2013, approving the application to change the place of use, and by the Findings and Order of the Chief Engineer dated April 22, 2019, in the matter of the place of use, 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 authorized location of the irrigation place of use shall be:

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	
5	31S	37W													31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	124.00
7	31S	37W	12.00	35.00	40.00	35.00	35.00	Lot 1 12.00	Lot 2 35.00	40.00	40.00	Lot 3 35.00	Lot 4 12.00	35.00	35.00	40.00	35.00	12.00	488.00
8	31S	37W	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00					38.00	31.00	31.00	38.00		31.00	31.00		324.00
9	31S	37W									35.00	12.00	35.00	40.00	12.00	35.00	40.00	35.00	244.00
16	31S	37W	35.00	40.00	35.00	12.00	40.00	35.00	12.00	35.00									244.00
17	31S	37W	12.00	35.00	40.00	35.00	35.00	12.00	35.00	40.00	40.00	35.00	12.00	35.00	35.00	40.00	35.00	12.00	488.00
18	31S	37W	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00													124.00

a total of 2,036 acres in Township 31 South, Range 37 West, Stevens County, Kansas, located substantially as shown on the map accompanying the application to change the place of use.



That information in the office of the Chief Engineer finds that the point of diversion authorized would more accurately be defined as:

one (1) well located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE¼ SE¼ SW¼) of Section 8, more particularly described as being near a point 59 feet North and 2,880 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section, in Township 31 South, Range 37 West, Stevens 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 an acceptable water meter 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 meter has been completed. The water right owner shall maintain the water meter 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 meter 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. 135, for permit to appropriate water for beneficial use, is as stated and set forth in the Certificate of Appropriation dated October 13, 1948, as modified and amended by the aforementioned orders.

Ordered this 20 day of June, 2023, in Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas.

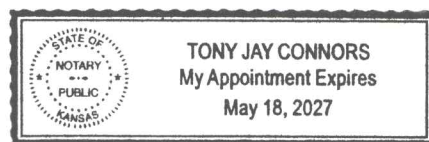
*Lane P. Letourneau*

Lane P. Letourneau, P.G.  
Program Manager  
Division of Water Resources  
Kansas Department of Agriculture

State of Kansas )  
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County of Riley )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20 day of June, 2023, by Lane P. Letourneau, P.G., Program Manager, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture.

*Tony Jay Connors*  
Notary Public



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Mike Beam, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

June 26, 2023

ROME FARMS  
KEITH G ROME  
1096 RD BB  
HUGOTON, KS 67951

RE: Water Right, File Nos. 135; 5,099; 10,716; 17,722 & 18,167

Dear Mr. Rome:

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 the requirement of the instillation of water flowmeters prior to the diversion of water. Records in this office indicate meters are installed, however if a meter has been replaced or repaired, please follow the instructions at our web site, <http://agriculture.ks.gov>, or contact your area field office.

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.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed documents, please contact our office at 785-564-6640. Inquiries about the metering please contact our staff at the Garden City Field Office, 620-276-2901. If you contact us to discuss a specific file, please have the file number ready so that we may help you more efficiently.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristen A. Baum". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kristen A. Baum  
New Application and Change Unit Supervisor  
Water Appropriation Program

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Enclosures

pc: Garden City Field Office  
Groundwater Management District No. 3



## RIGHT TO A HEARING AND TO ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

If you are aggrieved by an Order, then 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. 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, Kansas 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.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On this 26 day of June, 2023, I hereby certify that the attached Approvals for File Nos. 135; 5,099; 10,716; 17,722 & 18,167, dated June 20 were mailed postage prepaid, first class, US mail to the following:

ROME FARMS  
1096 RD BB  
HUGOTON, KS 67951

With a Photocopy to:

Garden City Field Office  
Groundwater Management District No. 3

  
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Division of Water Resources