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Prairie Dog Creek WTAP Sign-up to Open

The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) will conduct a Water Right Transition Assistance Program (WTAP) enrollment in the Prairie Dog Creek target area from February 15 – March 31, 2026.

WTAP is a voluntary, incentive-based water conservation program designed to manage aquifers and streams in critical need of restoration by compensating landowners for the permanent retirement of irrigation water rights. Priority in the spring 2026 enrollment will be given to retiring irrigation water rights that have the greatest impact on the local stream / aquifer system as shown below.

To be eligible, water rights must be in good standing with the KDA Division of Water Resources. Dryland farming is permitted after a water right is retired. Limited irrigation can also be temporarily allowed to establish a permanent cover on the land being transitioned from irrigation. Partial water right reductions will also be considered for retirement grants.

WTAP grants are approved on the basis of competitive bids. WTAP grants can be considered by the KDA Division of Conservation for up to \$6,000 per acre-foot of the "Historic Consumptive Water Use" value as calculated over the last 10 years of reported annual water use of the water right(s) proposed for acceptance. To help increase incentives to landowners, WTAP grants can be combined with other government or private conservation programs which also offer financial assistance.

This WTAP enrollment is part of a special water conservation project being funded by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Maps, application forms and other details are available on KDA's Division of Conservation website at www.agriculture.ks.gov/waterconservationprograms. Contact Jake Dooling at (785) 477-4339 or jacob.dooling@ks.gov for more assistance. Water right information is also available from the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No.4 in Colby at 785-462-3915, and from the Division of Water Resources field office in Stockton at 785-425-6787.

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NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCES

NORTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER 4
PROPOSED GREATER GMD4 AND SHERIDAN 6 LOCAL ENHANCED MANAGEMENT AREAS

The Chief Engineer of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources will hold two prehearing conferences on April 13, 2026 beginning at 3:00 p.m. central time in the matters of the proposed Greater GMD4 and Sheridan 6 Local Enhanced Management Areas submitted by Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District Number 4. The purpose of the prehearing conferences will be to select dates and locations for the public hearings regarding the proposed local enhanced management areas, to specify the procedures to be followed at the public hearings, to set any applicable deadlines, and to consider any other matters necessary for conducting the public hearings. The prehearing conferences will take place virtually via Zoom. The prehearing conference for the proposed Sheridan 6 Local Enhanced Management Area will begin at 3:00 p.m. central time, and the prehearing conference for the proposed Greater GMD4 Local Enhanced Management Area will begin immediately following the conclusion of the prehearing conference for the proposed Sheridan 6 Local Enhanced Management Area. To obtain a link to participate in the prehearing conferences, contact Ronda Hutton at 785-564-6715 or ronda.hutton@ks.gov.

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IN THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS,
2025 CV 44
Plaintiffs,

vs. (1) KENNETH BARRERA, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, (2) REDEEMED, (3) REDEEMED (4) RONALD E. BOSE, (5) REDEEMED, (6) REDEEMED, (7) CHARLES C. CODY, (8) REDEEMED, (9) REDEEMED, (10) WAYNE L. MCCLAIN, WANDA MCCLAIN, (11) REDEEMED, (12) REDEEMED (13) DARCI SCHAMBERGER, (14) REDEEMED, (15) MICHAEL TUTTLE, (16) TONIA S. VALLEJO, STEVEN C. VALLEJO, (17) KAREN CURRIER, (18-22) L.J. DILL, DORIS J. DILL, (23) CAROL CHAPMAN SANCHEZ, (24-25) SERVICE OIL CO.) (26) REDEEMED, (27-28) REDEEMED, (29) REDEEMED, (30) GOODLAND HOSPITALITY, LLC, CARLOS LANCE WILLARD, SUE ELLEN WILLARD, (31) REDEEMED, (32) LOUIE G. YARGER, ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS ARE LIVING, AND IF DEAD, THEN THEIR UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND THE UNKNOWN EXECUTORS, GUARDIANS AND TRUSTEES OF SUCH OF THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE MINORS OR ARE IN ANY WISE UNDER LEGAL DISABILITY; AND THE UNKNOWN EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS, SUCCESSORS OF SUCH DEFENDANTS AS ARE OR WERE PARTNERS OR IN PARTNERSHIP; AND THE UNKNOWN EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, EXECUTORS, SUCCESSORS, RECEIVERS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE OR WERE EXISTING, DISSOLVED OR DORMANT CORPORATIONS; AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE DEFENDANTS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNED,
Defendants.

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Sherman County, State of Kansas, by the Board of Commissioners of Sherman County, praying for judicial foreclosure and sale of real property upon which there are unpaid delinquent taxes and you are hereby required to plead to said Petition on or before the 23rd day of April, 2026, in said Court in Goodland, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition. The following are descriptions of all the properties which shall be subject to foreclosure and sale, with the Names of such of you as are the owner or a party having some interest therein whose present address is or maybe unknown:

Parcel # 1: 11Lots One (1), Two (2) and Three (3), Block Twenty-Three (23), Second Addition to the City of Goodland.
Interested Parties: Kenneth Barrera, USDA

Parcel #2: Redeemed

Parcel #3: Redeemed

Parcel #4: Redeemed

Parcel #5: Redeemed

Parcel #6: 1Redeemed

Parcel #7: 11Lots Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18) and the South Nineteen Feet (S 19') of Lot Nineteen (19), Block Twenty-Four (24), Second Addition to the City of Goodland.
Interested Parties: Charles C. Cody

Parcel #8: Redeemed

Parcel # 9: 1Redeemed

Parcel #10: 11A tract of land in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-Four (24), Township Nine (9) South, Range Thirty-Eight (38), West of the 6th P.M., Sherman County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West section line 1190 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Section; thence East and parallel with the North Section line a distance of 180 feet; thence East Southeast at an angle of 30 degrees 00 minutes a distance of 267 feet; thence East and parallel with the North Section line a distance of 317 feet; thence South at a right angle a distance of 505 feet; thence West at a right angle a distance of 745 feet to the West Section line; thence North on said Section line a distance of 640 feet to the point of beginning, said tract containing 10 acres, more or less.
Interested Parties: Wayne McClain, Wanda McClain

Parcel #11: 1Redeemed

Parcel #12: 1Redeemed

Parcel #13: 11The Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Thirty-Five (35), Township Eight (8) South, Range Thirty-Seven (37) West of the 6th P.M., Sherman County, Kansas
Interested Parties: Darci Schamberger

Parcel #14: 1Redeemed

Parcel #15: 1Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Five (5), Block One (1), First Addition to the City of Goodland
Interested Parties: Michael Tuttle

Parcel #16: 1A tract of land in the North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N/2 NW/4) of Section Twenty-Two (22), Township Six (6) South, Range Thirty-Nine (39) West of the 6th P.M., Sherman County, Kansas, starting at the Northwest corner of said section; thence East 720.60 feet, thence South 300 feet; thence West 254 feet; thence South 166.69 feet; thence West 466.69 feet; thence North 466.69 feet to the point of beginning.
Interested Parties: Tonia S. Vallejo, Steven C. Vallejo

Parcel # 17: 11An undivided one-fourth (1/4) of one-half (1/2) interest in and to all the oil, gas, and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the West Half (W/2) of Section Thirty-Three (33), Township Eight (8) South,

Range Thirty-Eight (38) West of the Sixth (6th) Principal Meridian, Sherman County, Kansas. Expires on January 17, 2033.
Interested Parties: Karen Currier

Parcel #18: 1An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to all the oil, gas, and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-One (21), Township Seven (7) South, Range Thirty-Seven (37), West of the Sixth (6th) Principal Meridian, Sherman County, Kansas.
Interested Parties: L.J. Dill

Parcel #19: 11An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to all the oil, gas, and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Three (3), Township Eight (8) South, Range Thirty-Eight (38), West of the Sixth (6th) Principal Meridian, Sherman County, Kansas.
Interested Parties: L.J. Dill

Parcel #20: 11An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to all the oil, gas, and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-Six (26), Township Seven (7) South, Range Forty-Two (42), and the East Half (E/2) of Section Twenty-Seven (27), Township Seven (7) South, Range Forty-Two (42) all West of the Sixth (6th) Principal Meridian, Sherman County, Kansas.
Interested Parties: L.J. Dill

Parcel #21: 11An undivided one-third (1/3) interest in and to all the oil, gas, and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from Lots Three (3) and Four (4) and the East Half (E/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Ten (10) South, Range Thirty-Seven (37) West of the Sixth (6th) Principal Meridian, Sherman County, Kansas.
Interested Parties: L.J. Dill

Parcel #22: 1An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to all the oil, gas, and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Thirty-Six (36), Township Nine (9) South, Range Thirty-Eight (38), West of the Sixth (6th) Principal Meridian, Sherman County, Kansas.
Interested Parties: L.J. Dill

Parcel #23: 11An undivided 0.0770089interest in and to all the oil, gas, and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the East Half (E/2) of Section Thirty-One (31), Township Six (6) South, Range Forty-Two (42), West of the Sixth (6th) Principal Meridian, Sherman County, Kansas.
Interested Parties: Carol Chapman Sanchez

Parcel #24: 1All the oil, gas, and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from a tract in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Eight (8) South, Range Thirty-Nine (39), West of the Sixth (6th) Principal Meridian, Sherman County, Kansas more particularly described as follows: 1Tract 1: A tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW 1/4 NW 1/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Eight (8) South, Range Thirty-nine (39), West of the 6th P.M., Sherman County, Kansas, described as follows: Commencing at a point 676.50 feet North and 60.00 feet East of the Southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of said Section 30, said point being the Northwest corner of a tract of land as described in Book 47 at page 180 of the

Sherman County, Kansas records; thence East along the northerly line of said tract and along the northerly line of a tract of land described in Book 58 at page 414 of said Sherman County, Kansas records a distance of 220 feet to the Northeast corner of said tract, thence South along the easterly line of said tract a distance of 117.5 feet, thence West a distance of 220 feet to a point on the Westerly line of said tract, described in Book 47 at page 180 and a point on the easterly right-of-way line of Highway 27; thence North along said easterly right-of-way and along the westerly line of said tract a distance of 117.5 feet to the point of beginning, subject to easements and restrictions of record.
Interested Parties: Service Oil Co

Parcel #25: 1A tract in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Eight (8) South, Range Thirty-Nine (39), West of the Sixth (6th) Principal Meridian, Sherman County, Kansas more particularly described as follows: Tract 2: A tract of land situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 39 West of the 6th P.M., Sherman County, Kansas and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point 436.50 feet North and 60.00 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 30, said point being the Southwest corner of a tract of land as described in Book 47 Microfilm at Page 180 of the Sherman County, Kansas records; thence North along the westerly line of said tract and along the Easterly right-of-way line of Highway 27 a distance of 122.5 feet; thence East a distance of 220 feet to a point on the Easterly line of a tract of land described in Book 58 at Page 414; thence South along said Easterly line and along the Easterly line of said tract described in Book 47 Microfilm at Page 180 a distance of 122.5 feet to the Southeast corner of said tract described in Book 47 Microfilm at Page 180; thence West along the Southerly line of said tract a distance of 220 feet to the point of beginning. LESS the following described real estate conveyed and dedicated to the City of Goodland, Kansas in Book 151 at Page 220 for a public street and road right-of-way. The western 50 feet, adjacent to the Kansas Highway 27 right-of-way of tract A and tract B as shown on survey plat filed in Folder 43. A tract of land in SW/4NW/4 Section 30-8-39, Sherman County, Kansas, Described as follows: Commencing at a point 436.50 feet North and 60.00 feet East of the Southwest corner of the NW/4 of said Section 30, said point being the SW corner of a tract of land described in Book 47, Page 180 of the Sherman County, Kansas records; thence North along the Westerly line of said tract and along the Easterly right-of-way line of Highway 27 a distance of 240 feet; thence East along the Northerly line of a tract of land described in Book 47, Page 180 a distance of 50 feet; thence South along a line parallel to the Easterly right-of-way line of Highway 27 a distance of 240 feet; thence West along the Southerly line of a tract of land as described in Book 47, Page 180 a distance of 50 feet to the point of beginning. LESS, a tract of land situate in and being a portion of that tract of land described in Book 20 Microfilm at Page 201 in the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 39 West of the 6th P.M., Sherman County Kansas and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 30; thence N 02°42'04" E along the Westerly

line of said Northwest Quarter of Section 30 a distance of 435.67 feet; thence S 88°03'53" E a distance of 110.04 feet to the Southwest corner of said tract of land described in Book 20Microfilm at Page 201 of the Sherman County, Kansas records and the true point of beginning; thence N 02°42'20" E along the Westerly line of said tract a distance of 20.91 feet; thence S 87°33'43" E a distance of 0.98 feet; thence S 02°47'00" W a distance of 2.00 feet to a point of curvature; thence along the arc of a curve to the left a distance of 16.01 feet, said curve having a central angle of 87°20'43", a radius of 10.50 feet, to the chord of which bears S 40°53'21" E a distance of 14.50 feet; thence S 84°33'43" E a distance of 135.09 feet to a point on the Southerly line of said tract described in Book 20 Microfilm at Page 201; thence N 88°03'53" W along said Southerly line a distance of 145.93 feet to the point of beginning.
Interested Parties: Service Oil Co

Parcel #26: Redeemed

Parcel #27: Redeemed

Parcel #28: Redeemed

Parcel #29: Redeemed

Parcel #30: 1Tract 1 - A tract of land in the City of Goodland, Sherman County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point 1130 feet North of the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of section Twenty-Five (25), Township Eight (8) South, Range Forty (40) West of the Sixth P.M.; thence West 550 feet to the point of beginning; thence West 350 feet; thence North 300 feet; thence East 350 feet; thence South 300 feet to the point of beginning. Tract 2 - Commencing at a point 1110 feet North of the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of said Section 25 to a point; thence West parallel to and 1110 feet North of the South line of said Quarter Section, a distance of 170 feet to the point of beginning; thence West parallel to and 1110 feet North of the South line of said Quarter Section, a distance of 380 feet to a point; thence North, parallel to an 550 feet West of the East line of said Quarter Section, a distance of 320 feet to a point; thence East, parallel to and a distance of 1430 feet North of the South line of said Quarter Section, a distance of 380 feet to a point; thence South, parallel to the East line of said Quarter Section, a distance of 320 feet to the point of beginning.
Interested Parties: Goodland Hospitality, LLC, Carlos Lance Willard, Sue Ellen Willard

Parcel #31: Redeemed

Parcel #32: 1A leasehold interest in a tract of land in Section Twenty (20), Township Eight (8) South, Range Thirty-Nine (39) West of the 6th P.M., Sherman County, Kansas.
Interested Parties: Louie Yarger

Board of County Commissioners of Sherman County, Kansas

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