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RE: Water Right Questions

Dear Dale:

Thank you for meeting with me and Doug Guenther on June 8, 2010, to discuss the water rights of the City of Smith Center. It was a pleasure to see you again.

At this time, it appears that nothing needs to be done until the City of Gaylord knows if they have a problem that needs to be addressed. I am sure Mr. Guenther will let me know if more information becomes available. Until then, I will wait to make any recommendations.

Let me know if you ever have an interest in developing a source water protection plan. Some public education about the need to protect your natural resources may be very beneficial, and very cost effective compared to the costs of relocating wells and pipelines. It may be a good opportunity to work jointly with the City of Gaylord too.

If you have any questions, I can be reached by telephone at 785/640-4701, by e-mail at [dhelmke@krwa.net](mailto:dhelmke@krwa.net) or by writing to 6847 SE 29th Street, Tecumseh, Kansas 66542-9571. Please be reminded that the KRWA website at <http://www.krwa.net> has news and information for water and wastewater utilities, including water rights, source water protection and training opportunities.

Sincerely,

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