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HB 4049, I am a domestic well owner in the Harney Basin I have lived here for around 50 years. I have had my small piece of land for about 30 years. My well is failing and I had to have it replaced, because of too much pumping in my area. Now my other well has contaminates in it because the flow of water is running the opposite way. Trying to fill in the hole that the large number of pivots created in our aquifer, with all the pumping. I was also concerned with the statement about OWRD creating all the water problem's in are area. The farmers are as much at fault because they put in for all the permits in the first place. I think half of them knew there were water problem but they didn't care. They told me face to face they what to be able to mine the water until it is gone. I also don't know where they came up with a bunch of outsiders jumping in on this issue. I don't remember seeing them in the meeting I went too, it was mainly local people. 2/5/2026.