

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROVAL OF EXPEDITED TRANSFER EXT-1862 FOR WATER APPROPRIATION A-13966

WATER DIVISION 1-C

Background

1. Records on file in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) show that surface water appropriation A-13966 is held by Verlin L. Welch Trust No. 1 and Roberta Welch Trust No. 1 (Welch Trusts).
2. Appropriation A-13966 has a priority date of January 28, 1976, and authorizes the use of water for irrigation of the 47.7 acres of land described below. The water may be diverted from Spring Branch at a point of diversion located on left bank of the stream in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M. in Thayer County. The rate that water may be diverted shall not exceed one cubic foot per second (cfs) for every 70 acres irrigated at a maximum rate of 0.68 cfs (305 gallons per minute).

Township 1 North, Range 1 West of the 6 th P.M. in Thayer County		Acres
Section 16:	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	2.0
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	12.0
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	2.7
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>31.0</u>
	TOTAL	47.7

3. On January 21, 2010, Verlin Welch, on behalf of Welch Trusts, filed in the Department application EXT-1862 for a permit for an expedited transfer of the location of use for land authorized to be irrigated by appropriation A-13966. On the same date Verlin Welch filed map number 17595 showing the land proposed to be irrigated under appropriation A-13966 through transfer EXT-1862.

Order

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Application EXT-1862 for a permit for an expedited transfer of the location of use and map number 17594 are APPROVED.

2. Appropriation A-13966 through transfer EXT-1862 authorizes the use of water to irrigate 47.7 acres of land described below and depicted on map number 17595, which is made a part of this Order. The water may be diverted from Spring Branch at a point of diversion located on the left bank of the stream in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M. in Thayer County. The rate that water may be diverted shall not exceed one cfs for every 70 acres irrigated at a maximum rate of 0.68 cfs (305 gallons per minute). The total volume may not exceed 3 acre-feet per irrigated acre per year.

<u>Township 1 North, Range 1 West of the</u>		
<u>6th P.M. in Thayer County</u>		<u>Acres</u>
Section 16:	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	20.8
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	24.4
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	0.2
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>2.3</u>
	TOTAL	47.7

3. All terms and conditions of appropriation A-13966 remain in effect unless specifically changed by this Order.
4. The appropriator must comply with all relevant statutes. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- Notify the Department of any change in ownership or address.
 - Notify the Department of the name and address of the person responsible for the use of the water appropriation (this may include farm managers, tenants, or relatives that actually apply the water to the approved use).
 - Obtain approval from the Department prior to taking any action that changes the location of the point of diversion, the location of the place of use, the type of use, or the type of appropriation.

Additional Information

Failure to comply with all laws and regulations pertaining to surface water appropriations, any orders issued by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, or the provisions of this Approval may cause cancellation of part or all of this appropriation, temporary closing of the appropriation, administrative penalty, criminal prosecution, or any combination thereof.

Nebraska law provides that failure to use an appropriation for more than five consecutive years may result in cancellation of the appropriation.

This appropriation is not a guarantee that water will be available. Nebraska law gives priority to senior appropriations. This appropriation may be closed if there is insufficient water to satisfy senior appropriations.

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April 27, 2010


Brian P. Dunnigan, P.E., Director

The applicant and any person with sufficient legal interest who has been or may be substantially affected by this Order may request a contested case hearing in accordance with the Nebraska Administrative Procedures Act (Sections 84-901 et. seq. RSS) and the Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure (454 N.A.C. Chapter 007). The request must be received by the Department at its Lincoln office (301 Centennial Mall South, 4th Floor State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4676) within 30 days of the date of the order and be accompanied by a filing fee of \$10.

A copy of this Order was posted on the Department's website. Copies of this Order and map number 17595 were provided to the Department's field office in Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of this Order and map number 17595 were mailed on April 27, 2010, to the following:

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Roberta Welch Trust No. 1
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