STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION A-18926

WATER DIVISION 2-C

BACKGROUND

1. On June 7, 2012, Lance and Lorie Knigge filed in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) application A-18926 for a Permit to Appropriate Water.

2. On June 7, 2012, Lance and Lorie Knigge also filed in the Department the following applications:

   A. A-18925 for a permit to impound water from a tributary to Pischel Creek for an amount not to exceed 8.4 acre-feet per year for the purpose of irrigation. This amount is based on a reservoir that stores 2.1 acre-feet and may be filled four times per year.

   B. A-18927 for a permit to impound supplemental water in Knigge Reservoir West from a different source than application A-18925 for an amount not to exceed 8.4 acre-feet per year. Based on the 2.1 acre-feet capacity of the reservoir, the applicants request four fills per year.

   C. A-18928 for a permit to impound water in Knigge Reservoir East for an amount not to exceed 50.0 acre-feet per year. This amount is based on a reservoir that stores 12.5 acre-feet and may be filled four times per year.

   D. A-18929 for a permit to appropriate water from Knigge Reservoir East (storage applications A-18928 and A-18930) for the purpose of irrigation.

   E. A-18930 for a permit to impound supplemental water in Knigge Reservoir East from a different source than application A-18928 for an amount not to exceed 50.0 acre-feet per year. Based on the 12.5 acre-feet capacity of the reservoir, the applicants request four fills per year.

3. On August 11, 2014, Lance and Lorie Knigge corrected filed in the Department map number 18270 showing land proposed to be irrigated under application A-18926.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that application A-18926 is APPROVED subject to the following limitations and conditions:

1. The source of water is Knigge Reservoir West, constructed under storage appropriation A-18925. Appropriation A-18927 provides supplemental storage to appropriation A-18925.

2. The water shall be used for the purpose of irrigation.

3. The priority date is June 7, 2012.

4. Only the land shown on map number 18270, as amended, may be irrigated under appropriation A-18926.

5. This appropriation will be limited to the land irrigated and the amount of water beneficially used on an annual basis. Such amount shall not exceed 16.8 acre-feet per annum.

6. A measuring device approved by the Department is required.

7. The appropriator must comply with all relevant statutes. The statutes include, but are not limited to, the following:

   A. Notify the Department of any change in ownership or address.

   B. 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).

   C. 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.

8. The appropriator must comply with the following deadlines:

   A. Construction of the diversion works must begin within twelve months of the signing date of this application approval. The appropriator must proceed diligently with the construction unless interrupted by some unavoidable and natural cause.

   B. Construction of the project must be completed by two years past the signing date of this application approval.

   C. The appropriation is not considered perfected until water has been beneficially applied for the purpose stated in this approval. The water appropriated under A-18926 must be beneficially used by September 1, 2017.

D. After September 1, 2017, a field investigation will be conducted to determine the acres irrigated, after which an order of cancellation will be issued for any unused portions of appropriation A-18926.

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 result in the cancellation of the appropriation, temporary closing of the appropriation, administrative penalty, criminal prosecution, or any combination thereof.

Nebraska law provides that failure to use a portion or all of a perfected appropriation for more than five consecutive years may result in cancellation of the appropriation.

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December 5, 2014

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 *Neb. Admin. Procedures Act* §§ 84-901 et. seq. RRS and the Department's *Rules of Practice and Procedure Title 454 Admin. Code* Chapter 7. The request must be received by the Department at its Lincoln office (Nebraska State Office Building, 4th Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, 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 approval was posted on the Department's website and provided to the Department's field office in Ord, Nebraska. A copy of this approval was mailed on December 5, 2014, to the following:

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