

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROVAL OF PETITION RLP-4876 AND MAP 18734 TO CHANGE THE LOCATION OF  
DIVERSION FOR WATER APPROPRIATION A-18444

WATER DIVISION 2-C

BACKGROUND

1. Records on file in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) show that surface water appropriation A-18444 is held by William L., Molly and Charles W. Hobbs.
2. Appropriation A-18444 has a priority date of February 13, 2007, and authorizes the use of water for irrigation of 829.0 acres of land. The water may be diverted from the Niobrara River at a point of diversion located on the left bank of the stream in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12, Township 33 North, Range 16 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Boyd County. Water diverted shall not exceed the ratio of one cubic foot per second (cfs) for every 70 acres irrigated at a maximum combined rate of 11.84 cfs from all points of diversion.
3. On December 4, 2013, William L. Hobbs filed petition RLP-4876 in the Department for a permit to change the location of diversion for appropriation A-18444.
4. On September 10, 2014, William L. Hobbs filed map number 18734 in the Department showing the location of the proposed pump site and the land to be irrigated under appropriation A-18444 through petition RLP-4876.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Petition RLP-4876 for a permit to change the location of diversion for appropriation A-18444 and map number 18734 are APPROVED.
2. Appropriation A-18444 through petition RLP-4876 is now A-18444R.

3. Appropriation A-18444R shall be shown in the Department's records authorizing the use of water to irrigate 829.0 acres of land described below and depicted on map number 18734, which is made a part of this Order. The water may be diverted from the Niobrara River at a point of diversion located on the left bank of the stream in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8, Township 33 North, Range 15 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Boyd County, as depicted on map number 18734. Water diverted shall not exceed the ratio of one cfs for every 70 acres irrigated at a maximum combined rate of 11.84 cfs (5,314 gallons per minute) from all points of diversion. The total volume may not exceed 3 acre-feet per irrigated acre per year.

Township 33 North, Range 16 West of the 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M. in Boyd County		Acres	Township 33 North, Range 16 West of the 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M. in Boyd County		Acres
Section 1:	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	29.0	Section 12:	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	24.7
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	32.6		NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	29.2
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	33.4		SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	36.8
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	36.6		SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	39.0
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	25.3		NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	3.4
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	34.7		NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	7.8
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	30.3		SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	3.3
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	38.0			
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	26.3		NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	6.3
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	30.4		NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	8.2
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	35.1	Township 33 North, Range 15 West of the 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M. in Boyd County		Acres
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	37.9			
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	21.2	Section 6:	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	4.0
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	32.7		SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	5.8
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	32.8			
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	38.8		NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	2.8
Section 11:	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	33.8		SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	7.6
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	33.7			
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	33.7		TOTAL	829.0
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	33.8			

4. All terms and conditions of appropriation A-18444 remain in effect unless specifically changed by this Order.
5. The appropriator must comply with all relevant statutes. This includes, but is 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

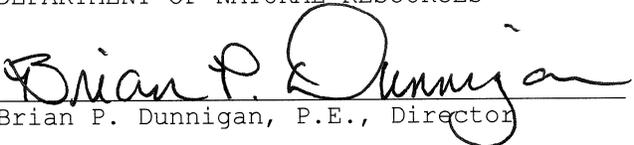
Failure to comply with all laws and regulations pertaining to surface water appropriations, any orders issued by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources, or the provisions of this Approval may cause cancellation of part or all of this appropriation, temporary closing of the appropriation,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

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

October 3, 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Order was posted on the Department's website. Copies of this Order and map number 18734 were provided to the Department's field office in Ord, Nebraska. Copies of this Order and map number 18734 were mailed on October 3, 2014, to the following:

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