STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION A-19242, PLAN OF RESERVOIR 18984

AND MAP NUMBER 18939

WATER DIVISION 1-C

BACKGROUND

1. On May 7, 2014, Bucky R. Herman, Administrative Officer, on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), filed in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) application A-19242 for a permit to impound water.

2. On September 24, 2015, Edwin Louis filed in the Department plan of reservoir 18984 and specifications according to *Title 457 Neb. Admin. Code* Chapter 11.

3. Construction has been completed.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED Application A-19242, plan of reservoir 18984 and map number 18939 are APPROVED subject to the following limitations and conditions:

1. The source of water is a tributary to Big Sandy Creek.

2. The priority date is May 7, 2014.

3. The water to be stored under this appropriation is for the purpose of providing water for a future irrigation project and aquifer recharge.

4. The amount of water that may be diverted shall not exceed 44.7 acre-feet per year to be stored in Grade Control Structure (GCS) 55A-h. The dam that impounds water in GCS 55A-h is located in the NE¼NE¼ of Section 02, Township 06 North, Range 08 West of the 6th P.M. in Clay County.

5. *Nebraska Revised Statutes* § 46-241(5) states in part, "The owner or possessor of a reservoir or intentional underground water storage facility does not have the right to store water in such reservoir or facility during the time that such water is required downstream in ditches for direct irrigation or for any reservoir or facility holding a senior right. Every person who owns, controls, or operates a reservoir or intentional underground water storage facility, except political subdivisions of this state, shall be required to pass ... a portion of the measured inflows to furnish water for livestock ... ."

6. The owner or possessor of the reservoir storing water pursuant to A-19242 shall have structural controls in place or other mechanical

means to immediately release a portion of the measured inflows in such amounts and at such times if so ordered by the Department.

7. This appropriation is subject to the provisions of the Blue River Compact and the appropriator could be required to pass inflows if Compact flows are not being met.

8. The appropriator must comply with all relevant statutes. These relevant statutory requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

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

   B. Receive approval prior to taking any action that changes the storage capacity of this reservoir, plan of reservoir 18984 or the type of appropriation.

   C. Assume liability for all damages due to leakage, overflow or structural failure of the structure.

   D. Release a portion of the reservoir inflows for livestock where required, unless appropriator is a political subdivision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

November 25, 2015

Gordon W. Fassett

Gordon W. Fassett, P.E., Director

The applicant and any person with sufficient legal interest who has been or may be substantially affected by this approval 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 Approval and be accompanied by a filing fee of $10.

A copy of this approval was posted on the Department's website. Copies of this approval, plan of reservoir 18984 and map number 18939 were provided to the Department's field office in Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of this approval, plan of reservoir 18984 and map number 18939 were mailed on November 25, 2015, to the following:

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