STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION A-19421 AND MAP NUMBER 19485

WATER DIVISION 1-F

BACKGROUND

1. On February 25, 2016, Patricia and Vaughn L. Koester filed in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) application A-19421 for a Permit to Appropriate Water.

2. On March 16, 2016, Vaughn L. Koester filed in the Department map number 19485 showing land proposed to be irrigated under application A-19421.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that application A-19421 and map number 19485 are APPROVED subject to the following limitations and conditions:

1. The following land is authorized to be irrigated under surface water appropriation A-19421 as depicted on map number 19485 which is made a part of this Order.

Township 01 North, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M. in Pawnee County		Acres
Section 07:	NW¼NE¼	7.9
	NE¼NE¼	4.6
	SW¼NE¼	38.5
	SE¼NE¼	33.8
	NW¼SE¼	17.8
	NE¼SE¼	17.6
	TOTAL	120.2

2. Appropriation A-19421 has a priority date of February 25, 2016, and authorizes the appropriator the use of 1.72 cubic feet per second (cfs) (772 gallons per minute) of water for irrigation of the 120.2 acres of land described above. The water may be diverted from a tributary of the South Fork of the Big Nemaha River at a point of diversion located on the right bank of the stream in the NE¼NE¼ of Section 07, Township 01 North, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M. in Richardson County, as depicted on map number 19485.

3. The rate that water may be diverted shall not exceed one cfs for every 70 acres irrigated nor the least amount of water necessary for the production of crops in the exercise of good husbandry. Therefore, in any year when less than the maximum permitted acres are being irrigated, the quantity of water diverted at any time may be restricted to 1/70 cfs for each permitted acre being irrigated that year. This appropriation of water under any circumstance shall be limited annually to three acre-feet per acre of land on which water is actually and beneficially applied.

4. Only the land shown on map number 19485 may be irrigated under appropriation A-19421.

5. A measuring device, approved by the Department, may be required if so ordered by the Department.

6. 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.

7. 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-19421 must be beneficially used by September 1, 2018.

   D. After September 1, 2018, 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-19421.

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.

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. If in the future you are not able to divert sufficient amounts of water, and if there are junior appropriations upstream, you may call for water by contacting your local field office.

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April 26, 2016

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 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 Order was posted on the Department's website. Copies of this Order and map number 19485 were provided to the Department's field office in Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of this Order, map number 19485 and Surface Water Administration brochure were mailed on April 26, 2016, to the following:

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