

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

In the Matter of Application MT-51)
for a Municipal and Rural Domestic)
Ground Water Transfer Permit and)
Application TA-56 for Transfer of)
Ground Water to an Adjoining State.)

NOTICE

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-640, notice is hereby given that the Little Blue Natural Resources District (Applicant) has filed an application for a permit under the provisions of the *Municipal and Rural Domestic Ground Water Transfers Permit Act*, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 46-638 through 46-650. Application MT-51 requests a permit to withdraw up to 60,000,000 gallons (approximately 184 acre-feet) per year from the two proposed supply wells to be constructed in the SW¼ Section 33 and the SW¼ Section 34, Township 4 North, Range 1 East of the 6th P.M., Jefferson County. The ground water would be used to supply an existing domestic rural water system, which currently receives water from City of Fairbury water wells.

The Applicant has also filed an *Application for a Permit to Transfer Ground Water to Adjoining State*, under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-613.01. Application TA-56 requests a permit to transfer up to 46.21 acre-feet of ground water for domestic use in Kansas. This amount of water is a portion of the amount requested under MT-51 and is not an additional amount of water. This is the same amount of water already permitted for use for the existing domestic rural water system which serves a small area in Washington County Kansas, which also receives its current supply from City of Fairbury water wells.

The ground water use requested under MT-51 and TA-56 would be transported for rural domestic purposes in the existing Little Blue Public Water Project. Additional project information may be obtained by contacting the Department by phone at:402-471-2363.

The criteria that the Department must consider in determining whether to grant or deny a permit under the *Municipal and Rural Domestic Ground Water Transfers Permit Act* or granting a permit to transfer ground water to an adjoining state are specified in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-642 and § 46-613.01, subsections (1) through (7).

Any person with a sufficient legal interest in the subject matter of the Applications may object to the Applications and request a hearing by filing a written objection and request for hearing with the Department of Natural Resources, 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Suite 201, Lincoln, NE 68521-6729. Such objection and request for hearing must be filed no later than two weeks after the date of final publication of this notice, or by June 11, 2025. The objection must include the following:

1. The objector's name, address, and contact information, and if represented by an attorney the same information for the attorney;
2. Identification number of the Application(s) to which you are objecting;
3. A description of your qualifying legal or equitable interest in the subject matter of the Applications; and

4. A specifically stated basis for your objection, referring to one or more of the criteria contained within the statutes referenced above.

If the objection does not contain a request for a hearing, it will be placed in the Application file(s) and considered by the Department when making the decision whether or not to issue the permits. Additional information on responding to a notice of application may be found at <http://dnr.nebraska.gov/opportunities-for-participation-in-the-permitting-process>.