

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF NONUSE
OF SURFACE WATER APPROPRIATION A-10885**

WATER DIVISION 2-B

1. Department records show that Surface Water Appropriation A-10885 is held by **Michael F. and Deborah J. Kennedy**.
2. Appropriation A-10885 has a priority date of **July 14, 1966**, and authorizes use of water for irrigation on **68.25 acres**, described below. Water may be diverted from **Bell Creek** at points of diversion located on both banks of the stream in the **SE¹/₄SE¹/₄ of Section 11, Township 20 North, Range 09 East of the 6th P.M. in Burt County**. The maximum diversion rate shall not exceed **0.97 cubic feet** per second (cfs) from all points of diversion.

<u>Township 20 North, Range 09 East of the 6th P.M. in Burt County</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Section 11: SW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	38.25
SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	<u>30.00</u>
TOTAL	68.25

3. Based on information received and records reviewed, the Department has determined that Appropriation A-10885 has not been used for irrigation for **more than five consecutive years**, as required by Nebraska law.
4. At this time, the Department is unaware of any sufficient cause for nonuse under **Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-229.04**.
5. Pursuant to **Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-229.02**, this Notice serves as preliminary notification that Appropriation A-10885 will be **cancelled** unless this determination is successfully contested.
6. Landowners with a legal interest in the land under this appropriation may:
 - A. Take no action. If no response is received by the deadline, the Department will proceed with cancellation of Appropriation A-10885.
 - B. Contest this determination by submitting the enclosed **contest form** to the Department's Lincoln office (245 Fallbrook Blvd., Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68521) no later than **March 30, 2026**. **No filing fee is required**.

7. Enclosed with this Notice are:

- Copy of applicable statutes (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 46-229 to 46-229.05)
- Blank contest form
- Report of Field Investigation (basis for this determination)
- Partially completed Full Relinquishment of a Surface Water Appropriation form

8. Additional information about cancellation laws can be found at the Nebraska Legislature's website: <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws>

9. Questions may be directed to the Department's Permits Section at (402) 471-2186. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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February 26, 2026

Jeremy Gehle
Surface Water Division Administrator

A copy of this Notice was posted on the Department's website. A copy of this Notice was provided to the Department's docket clerk and field office in Norfolk, Nebraska. Copies of this Notice and enclosures were mailed by certified mail to the following:

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