

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ORDER OF CANCELLATION IN PART OF WATER APPROPRIATION A-19750

AND APPROVAL OF MAP NUMBER 21381

WATER DIVISION 1-F

BACKGROUND

1. Records on file in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) show that surface water appropriation A-19750 is held by Ronald D. and Patricia A. Baxter.
2. Appropriation A-19750, with a priority date of March 1, 2021, authorizes the use of water for irrigation of 84.6 acres of land. The water may be diverted from Weeping Water Creek at a point of diversion located on the right bank of the stream in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 13, Township 10 North, Range 12 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Cass County. Water diverted shall not exceed the ratio of one cubic foot per second (cfs) for every 70 acres irrigated at a maximum rate of 1.21 cfs.

Township 10 North, Range 12 East of the 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M. in Cass County		Acres
Section 24:	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	5.7
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	38.6
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	11.9
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>28.4</u>
	TOTAL	84.6

3. The approval of appropriation A-19750 was conditional upon the irrigation of the above land by September 1, 2023.
4. Department personnel performed a field investigation and determined a portion of the land approved for irrigation under appropriation A-19750 had not been irrigated by September 1, 2023.
5. *Nebraska Revised Statutes* § 46-229.02(7) provides for the cancellation of unused portions of surface water appropriations.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Part of appropriation A-19750 at the rate of 0.38 cfs for use upon 26.6 acres of land is CANCELLED.

2. Appropriation A-19750 now permits the appropriator to divert water from Weeping Water Creek to irrigate the 58.0 acres of land described below and depicted on map number 21381 which is made a part of this Order.

<u>Township 10 North, Range 12 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Cass County</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Section 24: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	5.7
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	28.2
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	6.6
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>17.5</u>
TOTAL	58.0

3. The water may be diverted from Weeping Water Creek at a point of diversion located on the right bank of the stream in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 13, Township 10 North, Range 12 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Cass County, as depicted on map number 21381 which is made part of this Order. Water diverted shall not exceed a maximum rate of 0.83 cfs (373 gallons per minute).
4. All terms and conditions of the approval of appropriation A-19750 remains in effect unless specifically changed by this Order.
5. 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. 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 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.

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

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Thomas E. Riley, P.E., Director

February 22, 2024

A copy of this Order was posted on the Department's website. Copies of this Order and map number 21381 were provided to the Department's field office in Norfolk, Nebraska. Copies of the field investigation, this Order and map number 21381 were mailed to the following:

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