### STATE OF NEBRASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION A-20096 AND MAP NUMBER 21615

WATER DIVISION 2-A

## BACKGROUND

- On May 13, 2025, Bernard J. Glos, Office Administrator, Twin Loups Reclamation District (District), filed in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) application A-20096 for a Permit to Appropriate Water.
- 2. On May 29, 2025, the District filed map number 21615 showing land proposed to be irrigated under application A 20096.

### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that application A-20096 and map number 21615 are APPROVED subject to the following limitations and conditions:

1. The following land is authorized to be irrigated (appurtenant land) under surface water appropriation A-20096 as depicted on map number 21615 which is made a part of this Order.

-	North, Range 14 Valley County	West of the Acres
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Section 24:		6.9
	SE <sup>1</sup> 4NE <sup>1</sup> 4	5.9
	NW <sup>1</sup> 4SE <sup>1</sup> 4	16.1
	NE <sup>1</sup> 4SE <sup>1</sup> 4	30.1
	SW14SE14	14.1
	SE <sup>1</sup> 4SE <sup>1</sup> 4	18.7
	TOTAL	91.8

- 2. Appropriation A-20096 has a priority date of May 13, 2025, and authorizes the appropriator the use of storage water from Calamus Reservoir (storage appropriation A-9517) from a point of diversion located at the headgate of the Mirdan Canal in the NW4NW4 of Section 06, Township 21 North, Range 16 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Garfield County.
- 3. Appropriation A-20096 will be limited to the land irrigated and the amount of water beneficially used on an annual basis. Such amount shall not exceed the least amount of water necessary for the production of crops in the exercise of good husbandry.

- 4. The Department has determined that the most efficient manner of administration for storage use appropriations granted from Calamus Reservoir under storage appropriation A-9517 is to limit the cumulative amount of water diverted to not exceed 99,754 acre-feet, the total amount available under appropriation A-9517.
- 5. Water use under appropriation A-20096 in combination with all other appropriations granted from storage appropriation A-9517 shall not exceed 99,754 acre-feet of water.
- Only the land shown on map number 21615 may be irrigated under appropriation A-20096 unless a change is authorized by subsequent Order of the Department.
- 7. If during the course of construction of the irrigation project it is determined that there is a difference in the number and/or location of acres from the approved map, an amended project map may be filed for an equal or lesser number of acres prior to the beneficial use investigation deadline. The Department, at its sole discretion, must determine that the change from the original map remains within the original project concept and does not violate any rules and/or statutes and will not harm another appropriator. The amended map may then be approved by Order of the Department for an equal or lesser number of acres of land or amount of water than originally granted.
- 8. The appropriator must comply with all relevant statutes. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - A. Receiving approval prior to taking any action that changes the location of the point of diversion, a transfer of the location of the place of use, a relinquishment of a portion of the appropriation, the type of use, or the type of appropriation.
  - B. Notify the Department of Natural Resources of any reassignment of relinquished portions of an appropriation.
  - C. Comply with all relevant notices and orders of the Department.
- 9. The appropriation is not considered perfected until water has been beneficially applied for the purpose stated in this approval. The water appropriated under A-20096 must be beneficially used by September 1, 2027.
- 10. After September 1, 2027, a field investigation will be conducted to determine the lands where water has been beneficially applied.
  - A. If the entire appropriation is found to have water beneficially applied, a Certificate of Perfected Appropriation will be issued by the Department for A-20096.
  - B. If a portion of the appropriation is found to have had water beneficially applied within the original project concept the Department may, at its discretion, modify the project map and land listing to represent the conditions found during the field investigation. The number of acres and diversion rate determined by the Department will not exceed what is granted by this Order. A Certificate of Perfected Appropriation specifying the final

number of acres, location of acres and diversion rate will be issued by the Department for A-20096.

C. If no portion of the appropriation is found to have water beneficially applied, the Department will issue an Order of Cancellation in Full for A-20096.

# 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.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

June 26, 2025

Jesse Bradley P.G. Interim Director

A copy of this Order was posted on the Department's website. Copies of this Order and map number 21615 were provided to the Department's field office in Ord, Nebraska. Copies of this Order and map number 21615 were mailed to the following:

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