

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

ORDER OF CANCELLATION IN FULL OF WATER APPROPRIATION A-15917R

WATER DIVISION 2-B

BACKGROUND

1. Records on file in the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (Department) show that surface water appropriation A-15917R is held by **Royal River Farms LLC**.
2. Appropriation A-15917R with a priority date of **July 7, 1981**, authorizes the use of water for irrigation of the **64.0 acres** acres of land described below. The water may be diverted from **the Elkhorn River** at points of diversion located on the right bank of the stream in the **SE¹/₄NE¹/₄** of **Section 07, Township 23 North, Range 01 East of the 6th P.M. in Stanton County**. The rate that water may be diverted shall not exceed one cubic foot per second (cfs) for every **70 acres** irrigated at a maximum combined rate of **0.91 cfs** from all points of diversion.

<u>Township 23 North, Range 01 East of the 6th P.M. in Stanton County</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Section 07: SW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	0.4
NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	32.3
NE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	11.6
SW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	17.6
SE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	<u>2.1</u>
TOTAL	64.0

3. The Department has received information concerning the use of surface water appropriation A-15917R that indicates the appropriation has not been used for its required purpose for more than five consecutive years.
4. On December 18, 2025, the Department issued a Notice of Preliminary Determination of Nonuse of appropriation A-15917R. The Notice was delivered by certified mail to Dan Radenz, Royal River Farms LLC, 2805 East South Airport Road, Norfolk, Nebraska 68701 and Brian Walker, 847 Road, Hoskins, Nebraska 68740.
5. No contest of the Preliminary Determination of Nonuse was received in the Department.
6. The Department has determined that appropriation A-15917R has not been used for its required purpose for more than five consecutive years.
7. Nebraska Revised Statutes § 46-229.02 provides that an appropriation not used for a beneficial purpose for more than five consecutive years may be cancelled.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED appropriation A-15917R is **CANCELLED**.

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March 20, 2026

Matthew Manning PE, JD
Chief Water Officer

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

Dan Radenz
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Norfolk, Nebraska 68701

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