

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION A-19550 AND MAP NUMBER 20048

WATER DIVISION 2-A

BACKGROUND

1. On July 26, 2017, Gerry Sheets, Manager, Middle Loup Public Power and Irrigation District, filed in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) application A-19550 for a Permit to Appropriate Water.
2. On August 11, 2017 Gerry Sheets filed in the Department map number 20048 showing land proposed to be irrigated under application A-19550.
3. Construction has been completed.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that application A-19550 and map number 20048 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-19550 as depicted on map number 20048 which is made a part of this Order.

Township 18 North, Range 17 West of the 6 th P.M. in Custer County	Acres
Section 16: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	5.0
Township 19 North, Range 17 West of the 6 th P.M. in Custer County	Acres
Section 16: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	6.7
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	11.9
Township 19 North, Range 17 West of the 6 th P.M. in Custer County	Acres
Section 29: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	27.3
TOTAL	50.9

2. Appropriation A-19550 has a priority date of July 26, 2017, and authorizes the appropriator the use of 0.73 cubic foot per second (cfs) (328 gallons per minute) of water for irrigation of the 50.9 acres of land described above. The water may be diverted from the Middle Loup River into Canals No. 1 and No. 2 via the headgate located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 19 North, Range 18 West of the 6th P.M. in Custer County, as depicted on map number 20048.

3. The rate that water may be diverted shall not exceed one cfs for every 70 acres irrigated nor the least amount of water necessary for the production of crops in the exercise of good husbandry. Therefore, in any year when less than the maximum permitted acres are being irrigated, the quantity of water diverted at any time may be restricted to 1/70 cfs for each permitted acre being irrigated that year. This appropriation of water under any circumstance shall be limited annually to three acre-feet per acre of land on which water is actually and beneficially applied.
4. Only the land shown on map number 20048 may be irrigated under appropriation A-19550 unless a change is authorized by subsequent Order of the Department.
5. 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.
6. A measuring device, approved by the Department, may be required if so ordered by the Department.
7. The appropriator must comply with all relevant statutes. The statutes include, but are 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 any assignment of relinquished portions of an appropriation.
 - C. Comply with all relevant notices and orders of the Department.
8. The appropriator must comply with the following deadlines:
 - A. The appropriation is not considered perfected until water has been beneficially applied for the purpose stated in this approval. The water appropriated under A-19550 must be beneficially used by September 1, 2021.

9. After September 1, 2021, 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-19550.
- 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-19550.
- 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-19550.

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.

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

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December 28, 2018


Gordon W. Fassett, P.E., Director

A copy of this Order was posted on the Department's website. Copies of this Order and map number 20048 were provided to the Department's field office in Ord, Nebraska. Copies of this Order, map number 20048 and Surface Water Administration brochure were mailed on December 28, 2018, to the following:

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