

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ORDER OF CANCELLATION IN PART OF WATER APPROPRIATION A-19572A

AND APPROVAL OF MAP NUMBER 20656

WATER DIVISION 1-D

BACKGROUND

1. Records on file in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) show that surface water appropriation A-19572A is held by Matthew G. Schmidt.
2. Appropriation A-19572A, with a priority date of November 16, 2017, authorizes the use of water for irrigation of 75.2 acres of land. The water may be diverted from the Big Blue River from points of diversion located on the right bank of the stream in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, both in Township 03 North, Range 07 East of the 6th P.M. in Gage County. Water diverted shall not exceed the ratio of one cubic foot per second (cfs) for every 70 acres irrigated at a maximum combined rate of 1.07 cfs from all points of diversion.
3. The approval of appropriation A-19572A was conditional upon the irrigation of the above land by September 1, 2020.
4. Department personnel performed a field investigation and determined a portion of the land approved for irrigation under appropriation A-19572A had not been irrigated by September 1, 2020.
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-19572A at the rate of 0.19 cfs for use upon 13.4 acres of land is CANCELLED.
2. Appropriation A-19572A now permits the appropriator to divert water from the Big Blue River to irrigate the 61.8 acres of land described below and depicted on map number 20656 which is made a part of this Order.

Township 03 North, Range 07 East of the 6 th P.M. in Gage County		Acres
Section 31:	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	32.4
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>29.4</u>
	TOTAL	61.8

3. The water may be diverted from the Big Blue River 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 30, Township 03 North, Range 07 East of the 6th P.M. in Gage County, as depicted on map number 20656. Water diverted shall not exceed a maximum rate of 0.88 cfs (395 gallons per minute).
4. All terms and conditions of the approval of appropriation A-19572A remain 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

June 2, 2021

A copy of this Order was posted on the Department's website. Copies of this Order and map number 20656 were provided to the Department's field office in Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the field investigation, this Order and map number 20656 were mailed on June 2, 2021, to the following:

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