

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION A-19935 AND MAP NUMBER 21252

WATER DIVISION 1-D

BACKGROUND

1. On July 13, 2023, Stephen R. Mills, on behalf of the Stephen R. Mills Living Trust, filed in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) application A-19935 for a Permit to Appropriate Water.
2. On July 26, 2023, Stephen R. Mills filed in the Department map number 21252 showing land proposed to be irrigated under application A-19935.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that application A-19935 and map number 21252 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-19935 as depicted on map number 21252 which is made a part of this Order.

<u>Township 06 North, Range 04 East of the</u>	<u>Acres</u>
<u>6th P.M. in Saline County</u>	
Section 13: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	7.9
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	24.1
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	7.7
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>24.2</u>
TOTAL	63.9

2. Appropriation A-19935 has a priority date of July 13, 2023, and authorizes the appropriator the use of 51.9 acre-feet annually from Huneke Reservoir (storage appropriation A-11122) from a pump site located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 06 North, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M. in Saline County, as depicted on map number 21252.
3. This appropriation will be limited to the land irrigated and the amount of water beneficially used on an annual basis. Such amount shall not exceed 51.9 acre-feet per annum.
4. Only the land shown on map number 21252 may be irrigated under appropriation A-19935 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 is required. Contact the Lincoln Field Office before acquiring a measuring device to ensure the device will be acceptable.
7. Within two weeks after the first diversion of water under this application the appropriator must file written notice with the Lincoln Field Office informing the Department that the first irrigation diversions have occurred. The written communication must be signed by the appropriator and may be delivered by U.S. Postal Mail, hand delivered or sent via e-mail attachment to the Lincoln Field Office Supervisor.
8. The appropriator must comply with all relevant statutes. The statutes 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).
9. The appropriation is not considered perfected until water has been beneficially applied for the purpose stated in this Order. The water appropriated under A-19935 must be beneficially used by September 1, 2026.
10. After September 1, 2026, 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-19935.
 - 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-19935.
 - 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-19935.

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 Order 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.

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October 2, 2023

Thomas E. Riley, P.E., Director

A copy of this Order was posted on the Department's website. Copies of this Order and map number 21252 were provided to the Department's field office in Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of this Order, map number 21252 and Surface Water Administration brochure were mailed to the following:

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