

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

ORDER OF CANCELLATION IN FULL OF WATER APPROPRIATION A-14468

WATER DIVISION 2-B

BACKGROUND

1. Records on file in the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (Department) show that surface water appropriation A-14468 is held by the **Vicky L. Preuss Living Trust**.
2. Appropriation A-14468 with a priority date of **September 16, 1976**, authorizes the use of water for irrigation of the **196.77 acres** of land described below. Storage water, not to exceed **11.92 acre-feet** per annum, impounded in **Peterson Reservoir (storage appropriation A-14467)** may be diverted from the reservoir for irrigation. A portion of the appropriation is authorized to supplement direct flow appropriations granted under A-13958 and A-14339.

Township 21 North, Range 09 East of the 6 th P.M. in Burt County	Acres
Section 02: SW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	35.95
SE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	38.00
NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	20.00
NE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	37.48
SW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	37.34
SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	28.00
TOTAL	196.77

3. The Department has received information concerning the use of surface water appropriation A-14468 that indicates the appropriation has not been used for its required purpose for more than five consecutive years.
4. On February 23, 2026, the Department issued a Notice of Preliminary Determination of Nonuse of appropriation A-14468. The Notice was delivered by certified mail to Vicky L. Pruess, 8429 North 161st Plaza, Bennington, Nebraska 68007 and Doug Pruess, 2098 County Road 3, Craig, Nebraska 68019.
5. No contest of the Preliminary Determination of Nonuse was received in the Department.
6. The Department has determined that appropriation A-14468 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-14468 is **CANCELLED**.

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April 27, 2026

Matthew T. 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:

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