

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

**ORDER OF CANCELLATION IN FULL OF WATER APPROPRIATION A-7475**

WATER DIVISION 2-A

BACKGROUND

1. Records on file in the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (Department) show that surface water appropriation A-7475 is held by **Ambrose P. Podraza**.
2. Stacey Rae Brockhaus holds a vested remainder interest in the land appurtenant to Appropriation A-7475.
3. Appropriation A-7475 with a priority date of **May 14, 1955**, authorizes the use of water for irrigation of the **3 acres** of land described below. The water may be diverted from **Shell Creek** at points of diversion located on right bank of the stream in the **N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$**  of **Section 14, Township 18 North, Range 02 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Platte County**. The rate that water may be diverted shall not exceed one cubic foot per second (cfs) for every **140 acres** irrigated at a maximum combined rate of **0.02 cfs** from all points of diversion.

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| Township 18 North, Range 02 West of the<br>6 <sup>th</sup> P.M. in Platte County | Acres |
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| Section 14: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ | 3 |
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4. The Department has received information concerning the use of surface water appropriation A-7475 that indicates the appropriation has not been used for its required purpose for more than five consecutive years.
5. On February 20, 2026, the Department issued a Notice of Preliminary Determination of Nonuse of appropriation A-7475. The Notice was delivered by certified mail to Ambrose P. Podraza, 3318 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, Nebraska 68601 and Stacey Rae Brockhaus, c/o Ambrose P. Podraza, 3318 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, Nebraska 68601.
6. No contest of the Preliminary Determination of Nonuse was received in the Department.
7. The Department has determined that appropriation A-7475 has not been used for its required purpose for more than five consecutive years.
8. 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-7475 is **CANCELLED**.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT



April 27, 2026

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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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