

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

ORDER OF CANCELLATION IN FULL OF WATER APPROPRIATION A-16670B

WATER DIVISION 2-B

BACKGROUND

1. Records on file in the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (Department) show that surface water appropriation A-16670B is held by **John and Melinda Hilgenkamp and Steven and Jennefer Hilgenkamp**.
2. Appropriation A-16670B with a priority date of **June 24, 1988**, authorizes the use of water for irrigation of the **31.6 acres** of land described below. The water may be diverted **a tributary to Bell Creek** at a point of diversion in the **NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$** of **Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 09 East of the 6th P.M. in Washington County**. The rate that water may be diverted shall not exceed one cubic foot per second (cfs) for every **70 acres** irrigated at a maximum rate of **0.45 cfs**.

<u>Township 19 North, Range 09 East of the</u>	
<u>6th P.M. in Washington County</u>	
	<u>Acres</u>
Section 26: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	24.5
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>7.1</u>
TOTAL	31.6

3. The Department has received information concerning the use of surface water appropriation A-16670B that indicates the appropriation has not been used for its required purpose for more than five consecutive years.
4. On February 24, 2026, the Department issued a Notice of Preliminary Determination of Nonuse of appropriation A-16670B. The Notice was delivered by certified mail to John and Melinda Hilgenkamp, 20724 County Road 24, Arlington, Nebraska 68002; Steven and Jennefer Hilgenkamp, 21625 County Road 24, Arlington, Nebraska 68002; and Milt Hilgenkamp, 8826 County Road 13, Arlington, Nebraska 68002.
5. No contest of the Preliminary Determination of Nonuse was received in the Department.
6. The Department has determined that appropriation A-16670B 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-16670B is **CANCELLED**.

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May 21, 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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