

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

ORDER OF CANCELLATION IN FULL OF WATER APPROPRIATION A-8625

WATER DIVISION 2-B

BACKGROUND

1. Records on file in the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (Department) show that the land appurtenant to surface water appropriation A-8625 is owned by **David L. and Quana K. Laursen, Monte L. and Rhonda M. Rainforth and Luann Shields.**
2. Appropriation A-8625 with a priority date of **June 18, 1956**, authorizes the use of water for irrigation of the **215.71 acres** of land described below. The water may be diverted from **the Elkhorn River** at a point of diversion located in the **SW¹/₄SW¹/₄** of **Section 02, Township 28 North, Range 11 West of the 6th P.M. in Holt 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 rate of **1.54 cfs.**

Township 28 North, Range 11 West of the 6 th P.M. in Holt County	Acres
Section 02: NW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	30.30
Section 03: NW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	30.00
NE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	26.78
SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	40.00
SE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	35.54
NW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	12.97
NE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	10.32
Township 29 North, Range 11 West of the 6 th P.M. in Holt County	Acres
Section 34: SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	29.80
TOTAL	215.71

3. The Department has received information concerning the use of surface water appropriation A-8625 that indicates the appropriation has not been used for its required purpose for more than five consecutive years.
4. On April 10, 2026, the Department issued a Notice of Preliminary Determination of Nonuse of appropriation A-8625. The Notice was delivered by certified mail to David L. and Quana K. Laursen, 49375 US Highway 20, Oneill, Nebraska 68763; Monte L. and Rhonda M. Rainforth, 49563 870th Road, Oneill, Nebraska 68763; and Luann Shields, 49659 870th Road, Oneill, Nebraska 68763.

5. No contest of the Preliminary Determination of Nonuse was received in the Department.
6. The Department has determined that appropriation A-8625 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-8625 is **CANCELLED**.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT



May 28, 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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