STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION A-20155 AND MAP NUMBER 21823

WATER DIVISION 1-F

BACKGROUND

1. On August 7, 2026, Jeremy Stone filed in the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (Department) application A-20155 for a Permit to Appropriate Water.

2. On October 22, 2026, Jeremy Stone filed in the Department map number 21823 showing land proposed to be irrigated under application A-20155.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that application A-20155 and map number 21823 are APPROVED subject to the following limitations and conditions:

1. Condition
If the required **plan of reservoir** for Stone Farms Irrigation Reservoir is not **filed within six (6) months of the approval signing date of A-20154, storage use appropriation A-20155** will be **CANCELLED.**

2. Authorized Land for Irrigation
The following land, as shown on map number 21823, which is made a part of this Order, is authorized for irrigated under surface water appropriation A-20155:

Township 10 North, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M. in Cass County		Acres
Section 16:	NW¼NW¼	24.6
	SW¼NW¼	23.5
	SE¼NW¼	2.8
	NW¼SW¼	28.6
	NE¼SW¼	17.8
Section 17:	SW¼NE¼	36.3
	SE¼NE¼	11.2
	NW¼SE¼	28.5
	NE¼SE¼	2.5
	SW¼SE¼	21.1
	SE¼SE¼	1.2
	TOTAL	198.1

2. Priority and Diversion Rate

Appropriation A-20155 has a priority date of **August 7, 2026**. It authorizes the diversion of up **44 acre-feet annually** from **Stone Farms Irrigation Reservoir** from a pump site located **in the SE¼NE¼ of Section 17, Township 10 North, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M. in Cass County**, as depicted on map number 21823.

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 44 acre-feet per annum.

4. Authorized Land Only

Only the land shown on map number 21823 may be irrigated under this appropriation unless a modification is authorized by subsequent Order of the Department.

5. Amended Map Option

If construction reveals differences in acreage or location, an amended map for an equal or lesser number of acres may be submitted before the beneficial use deadline. The Department must determine that the changes fall within the original project concept and do not adversely impact other appropriators. Approval may be granted by subsequent Order.

6. Measuring Device Requirement

A measuring device, approved by the Department and at the Appropriator's expense, **may be required** if Ordered by the Department.

7. Ongoing Compliance Requirements

The appropriator must:

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).

8. Construction and Use Deadlines

A. The appropriator must proceed diligently with construction, barring unavoidable natural delay.

B. Water must be beneficially applied for the purpose stated in this Order by **September 1, 2029**, to perfect the appropriation.

9. Field Investigation

A. After **September 1, 2029**, a field investigation will be conducted to determine the acres irrigated, after which an Order of cancellation will be issued for any unused portions of appropriation A-20155.

B. If a portion of the appropriation is found to have had water beneficially applied within the scope of the original project concept, the Department may, at its discretion, modify the project map and land listing to reflect the conditions observed during the field investigation. However, the number of acres and the diversion

rate determined by the Department will not exceed the limits granted by this Order. If no portion of the appropriation is found to have had water beneficially applied, the Department will issue an Order of Cancellation in Full for this appropriation.

10. Additional Permits and Approvals

The approval granted by this Order is limited to the authority expressly provided herein. The appropriator is solely responsible for obtaining any additional permits, approvals, licenses, or authorizations that may be required by applicable federal, state, or local law, including those required by other governmental agencies or political subdivisions. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as authorizing any activity that requires a separate permit, approval, license, or authorization, or as relieving the appropriator of any obligation to comply with applicable federal, state, or local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, or permitting requirements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Failure to comply with applicable laws, Department Orders, or the terms of this Order may result in cancellation, suspension, administrative penalties, and/or criminal prosecution.

Under Nebraska law, **nonuse** of a perfected appropriation for **more than five consecutive years** may result in its cancellation.

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November 5, 2026

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Chief Water Officer

A copy of this Order was posted on the Department's website. Copies of this Order and map number 21823 were provided to the Department's field office in Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of this Order, map number 21823 and Surface Water Administration brochure were mailed to the following:

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