STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION A-20159 AND MAP NUMBER 21807

WATER DIVISION 1-C

BACKGROUND

1. On August 27, 2026, John Jueneman, Steve Jueneman, Dan Jueneman and Doug Jueneman filed in the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (Department) application A-20159 for a Permit to Appropriate Water.

2. On August 28, 2026, John Jueneman filed in the Department map number 21807 showing land proposed to be irrigated under application A-20159.

3. A portion of A-20159 will irrigate 7.3 acres of land in Kansas. Specific authority to approve an appropriation for use in another state can be found under the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-233.01. Section § 46-233.01(2) establishes what the Chief Water Officer must consider in deciding whether to grant the application and § 46-233.01(3) whether to deny the application.

4. A conditional relinquishment of a portion of A-18285 was filed agreeing to a partial cancellation upon approval of A-20159.

FINDINGS

1. In consideration of the factors listed in § 46-233.01(2)-(3) it was found that denial of the application is not demanded by the public interest.

2. If granted, A-20159 would authorize a substantially smaller quantity of water than the portion of A-18285 that would be relinquished. Appropriation A-18285 through REL-11941 would cancel 0.55 cfs (247 gpm) for 38.7 acres, whereas A-20159 would authorize 0.16 cfs (72 gpm) for 11.2 acres, of which 7.3 acres would be in Kansas.

3. Granting A-20159 is consistent with the interests of the State of Nebraska because the proposed appropriation would authorize substantially less water for the affected acreage than is currently authorized under A-18285. The reduction in the authorized rate of appropriation would preserve a greater quantity of Nebraska's water resource for other beneficial upstream uses, reduce the potential water administration demand and therefore weighs in favor of finding that the proposed appropriation is in the public interest under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-233.01(3).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that application A-20159 and map number 21807 are APPROVED subject to the following limitations and conditions:

1. **Authorized Land for Irrigation**
The following land, as shown on map number 21807, which is mad a part of this Order, is authorized for irrigated under surface water appropriation A-20159:

Township 01 North, Range 04 East of the 6th P.M. in Jefferson County NE		Acres
Section 32:	SW¼SW¼	3.6
	SE¼SW¼	0.3
Township 01 South, Range 04 East of the 6th P.M. in Washington County KS		**Acres**
Section 05:	NW¼NW¼	0.7
	NW¼NE¼	6.6
	TOTAL	11.2

2. **Priority and Diversion Rate**
Appropriation A-20159 has a priority date of **August 27, 2026.** It authorizes the diversion of up to **0.16 cubic feet per second (cfs)** (72 gallons per minute) from the **Little Blue River** at a diversion point on **the left bank in the SE¼SE¼ of Section 31, Township 01 North, Range 04 East of the 6th P.M. in Jefferson County**, as depicted on map number 21807.

3. **Maximum Diversion Limits**
Water may be diverted at a rate of no more than **one cfs for every 70 acres**, not to exceed **0.16 cfs**, and only the amount necessary for good husbandry. If fewer than 11.2 acres are irrigated in a given year, the diversion rate shall be limited proportionally. The annual volume is limited to three **acre-feet per acre** actually and beneficially irrigated.

4. **Authorized Land Only**
Only the land shown on map number 21807 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 Applicant's expense, is **required**. Contact the Lincoln Field Office **before acquiring a device** to ensure compliance.

7. First Diversion Notification

The appropriator must notify the Lincoln Field Office in writing **within two weeks** of the first water diversion. This notice must be signed and may be delivered via U.S. mail, hand delivery, or email.

8. Compact Compliance

This appropriation is subject to the **Blue River Compact** and may be closed if Compact flow requirements are not met.

9. 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).

10. 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.

11. 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-20159.

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.

12. 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.

This appropriation **does not guarantee** water availability. Senior appropriations have legal priority. If insufficient water is available, junior appropriators may be closed. Appropriators may request enforcement action by contacting the local field office.

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November 18, 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 21807 were provided to the Department's field office in Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of this Order, map number 21807 and Surface Water Administration brochure were mailed to the following:

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