STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION A-19279

AND PETITION FOR A WAIVER OF OUTLET WORKS DWV-5124

WATER DIVISION 1-D

BACKGROUND

On August 4, 2014, Dean and Sharon Lottman filed in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) application A-19279 for a permit to impound water and DWV-5124, a petition for a waiver of the requirement of outlet works for application A-19279.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED Application A-19279 and Petition DWV-5124 are APPROVED subject to the following limitations and conditions:

1. The source of water is a tributary to Horseshoe Creek.

2. The priority date is August 4, 2014.

3. The water to be stored under this appropriation is for the purpose of providing water for irrigation.

4. The amount of water that may be diverted shall not exceed 35 acre-feet per year to be stored in Lottman Irrigation Reservoir. Lottman Irrigation Dam will be located in the NW¼NW¼ of Section 32, Township 1 North, Range 5 East of the 6th P.M. in Gage County.

5. *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 46-241(5) states in part, "The owner or possessor of a reservoir or intentional underground water storage facility does not have the right to store water in such reservoir or facility during the time that such water is required in ditches for direct irrigation or for any reservoir or facility holding a senior right. Every person who owns, controls, or operates a reservoir or intentional underground water storage facility, except political subdivisions of this state, shall be required to pass ... a portion of the measured inflows to furnish water for livestock ... ."

6. The owner or possessor of the reservoir storing water pursuant to A-19279 shall have structural controls in place or other mechanical means to immediately release a portion of the measured inflows in such amounts and at such times if so ordered by the Department.

7. A waiver of the requirement of outlet works, by petition DWV-5124, has been granted. This waiver does not relieve the owner from the responsibility to pass a portion of the reservoir inflow by some method for downstream appropriators should there be a need for water administration; or if water should be required for livestock needs, unless the appropriator is a political subdivision. The Department may rescind the waiver and require installation of appropriate outlet works at a later date if it is determined that the responsibility to pass inflows is not being met or cannot be met by another method.

8. This appropriation is subject to the provisions of the Blue River Compact and the appropriator could be required to pass inflows if Compact flows are not being met.

9. The appropriator must comply with all relevant statutes. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

   A. Notify the Department of any change in ownership or address.

   B. Receive approval prior to taking any action that changes the storage capacity of this reservoir or the type of appropriation.

   C. Assume liability for all damages due to leakage, overflow or structural failure of the structure.

   D. Release a portion of the reservoir inflows for livestock where required, unless appropriator is a political subdivision.

10. The appropriator must comply with the following deadlines:

   A. A plan of reservoir and specifications according to *Department of Natural Resources Rules of Practice and Procedure, Title 457 Neb. Admin. Code* Chapter 11 must be filed within six months of the signing date of this application approval. The plan shall be prepared by a professional engineer and shall include a statement as to the hazard classification of the dam and whether it is subject to the Safety of Dams and Reservoirs Act. If the stage-storage table indicates normal pool capacity is less than 35 acre-feet, then the amount of water that may be diverted will be reduced. No rights shall be deemed to have been acquired until the provisions of this paragraph have been complied with, and a failure to do so shall cause a forfieture of the appropriation and all rights thereof.

   B. Construction of the structure must begin within twelve months of the signing date of this application approval. The appropriator must proceed diligently with the construction unless interrupted by some unavoidable and natural cause.

   C. November 1, 2016, is the date construction of the structure must be completed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Failure to comply with all laws and regulations pertaining to surface water appropriations and any orders issued by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources may result in the cancellation of the appropriation, temporary closing of the appropriation, administrative penalty, criminal prosecution, or any combination thereof.

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September 26, 2014

Brian P. Dunnigan, P.E., Director

The applicant and any person with sufficient legal interest who has been or may be substantially affected by this approval may request a contested case hearing in accordance with the *Neb. Admin. Procedures Act* §§ 84-901 et. seq. RRS and the Department's *Rules of Practice and Procedure Title 454 Admin. Code* Chapter 7. The request must be received by the Department at its Lincoln office (Nebraska State Office Building, 4th Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4676) within 30 days of the date of the Approval and be accompanied by a filing fee of $10.

A copy of this approval was posted on the Department's website. A copy of this approval was provided to the Department's field office in Lincoln, Nebraska. A copy of this approval was mailed on September 26, 2014, to the following:

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