STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION A-19042 AND MAP NUMBER 18569

WATER DIVISION 1-D

BACKGROUND

1. On March 20, 2013, Vernon D. Curtis filed in the Department of Natural Resources (Department) application A-19042 for a permit to impound water.

2. On June 14, 2013, Vernon D. Curtis filed in the Department specifications according to *Title 457 Neb. Admin. Code* Chapter 11, and map of reservoir number 18569.

3. Construction has been completed.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED Application A-19042 and map of reservoir number 18569 are APPROVED subject to the following limitations and conditions:

1. The source of water is Shadley Vale Creek.

2. The priority date is March 20, 2013.

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

4. The amount of water that may be diverted shall not exceed 16.3 acre-feet per year to be stored in Oxbow Reservoir. Oxbow Dam is located in the SW¼SE¼ of Section 3, Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th P.M. in Seward 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-19042 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. 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.

8. 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, map of reservoir number 18569 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.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

November 8, 2013

Brian P. Dunnigan

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. Copies of this approval and map of reservoir 18569 were provided to the Department's field office in Lincoln, Nebraska. A copy of this approval was mailed to the following:

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Copies of this approval and map of reservoir 18569 were mailed on November 8, 2013, to the following:

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