

Kansas Department of Agriculture
Division of Water Resources
 APPROVAL OF NEW APPLICATION WORKSHEET

1. File No.: 50,703	2. Status Change Date: 5/7/2024	4. Field Office: 02 - Stafford GMD: 02 - Equus Beds Structures File No.: Filing/Priority Date: 1/10/2022
3. Package File No(s):		
5a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WUC <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change Person ID 54472 Add Seq# 1 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #459 PO BOX 8 BUCKLIN, KS 67834-0008	5b. <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> WUC <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change Person ID Add Seq#	
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6. Change No.: --- <input type="checkbox"/> PD <input type="checkbox"/> PU <input type="checkbox"/> UMW Base Acres: --- Year: --- Min Reasonable Q: --- Previous UMW: Not changing MDS Gauge: --- Active Admin? <input type="checkbox"/> Completion/Start Date: 12/31/2024 12/31/2025 Perfection/Expiration Date: 12/31/2028 12/31/2029		7. Use of Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Groundwater <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water UMW: IRR-Irrigation UMW: UMW:
8. Action Trail ---		
9. Special Conditions ---		
10. 5YR Allocation Type: Start Year: --- 5YR Quantity: --- Base Acres: --- Comment: ---		
11. Sand & Gravel Proj ID: --- <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Dredge <input type="checkbox"/> IND Evap <input type="checkbox"/> Jr Evap <input type="checkbox"/> Other Diversion <input type="checkbox"/> Rpt on Sr		
12. Waiver Rule ID: --- <input type="checkbox"/> New Date Requested: --- Applies: --- Rule No.: --- Rule Type: --- Justification: --- Rule SubType: ---		
Comments	Processed 03/04/24 JNE	Entered 5/7/2024 KAnderson
	Reviewed KAK 4/25/2024	

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Division of Water Resources

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Files

DATE: March 4, 2024

FROM: Jessica Engelbrecht

RE: Application, File No. 50,703

Unified School District No. 459 has filed the application referenced above, requesting to appropriate 15 acre-feet of groundwater at a diversion rate of 99 gallons per minute to irrigate 1.7 acres. The point of diversion is an existing well currently authorized under Water Appropriation, File No. 44,136, and is located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 5, more particularly described as being near a point 395 feet North, and 473 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section, in Township 29 South, Range 21 West, Ford County, located within the boundaries of Rattlesnake Creek. The place of use and point of diversion are both owned by the applicant, and a representative has signed the application form affirming legal access to the point of diversion.

Application, File No. 50,703, overlaps Water Appropriation 44,136 in both place of use and point of diversion. However, this file will be voluntarily dismissed in conjunction with the approval of this pending application. The existing file exceeded its authorized quantity of water of 5 acre-feet in 2021, pumping 9.382 acre-feet. Approval of this new application will address this overpumping issue.

Several domestic wells were identified in the area. A public notice was printed for two consecutive weeks in The Bucklin Banner with the first date of publication being April 5, 2023 and the last publication being April 12, 2023. No contact of any kind was received. It was very difficult to contact anyone with the school to move the application along. When the public notice was mistakenly only published for two consecutive weeks, it was determined that the amount of notice was suffice given the well had been in operation for several years and would be unlikely to impact any nearby wells.

The source according to the well log and the senior application, appears to be the Ogallala Aquifer.

The point of diversion is located within the boundaries of Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3. The application along with a request for recommendation was submitted to Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3 on October 3, 2023. On October 17, 2023, Jason Norquest, Assistant Manager, Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3, provided a recommendation to approve the application.

The applicant has submitted a signed Minimum Desirable Streamflow form, which has been properly notarized. By completing this statement, the applicant affirms his/her knowledge that there could be times when the diversion of water may not be allowed under this permit. In accordance with K.S.A. 82a-706c, the Chief Engineer retains full authority to require any water user to install meters, gages, or other measuring devices, which devices he or she or his or her agents may read at any time. Water flowmeter requirements are further described in K.A.R. 5-1-4 through K.A.R. 5-1-12. If any chemical or foreign substance is injected into the water pumped under this permit, a check valve will also need to be installed.

Jeff Lanterman, Water Commissioner, Stafford Field Office, recommended approval of the referenced application on April 12, 2024. Based on the above discussion, well spacing and safe yield criteria are met, and approval of the application will not impair senior water rights nor prejudicially or unreasonably affect the public interest, it is recommended that the referenced application be approved.

Engelbrecht, Jessica [KDA]

From: Lanterman, Jeff [KDA]
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 10:39 AM
To: Engelbrecht, Jessica [KDA]
Subject: RE: Application, File No. 50,703

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Jessica;

I took a quick look at this app.

Appears to be only an additional 5 af over and above what they have currently approved under 44136.

Im OK with approval on this one as is.

Thanks
Jeff

From: Engelbrecht, Jessica [KDA] <Jessica.Engelbrecht@ks.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 1:22 PM
To: Lanterman, Jeff [KDA] <Jeff.Lanterman@ks.gov>
Subject: Application, File No. 50,703
Importance: High

This is an application for additional water for the school in Bucklin, KS.

This is a little bit older one. Pretty straight forward, but it took me over a year and a half to get them to publish a public notice.

Jessica

THE STATE  OF KANSAS

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Mike Beam, Secretary of Agriculture

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
Earl D. Lewis Jr., Chief Engineer

**APPROVAL OF APPLICATION
and
PERMIT TO PROCEED**

(This Is Not a Certificate of Appropriation)

This is to certify that I have examined Application, **File No. 50,703** of the applicant

**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 459
P.O. BOX 8
BUCKLIN, KS 67834-0008**

for a permit to appropriate water for beneficial use, together with the maps, plans and other submitted data, and that the application is hereby approved and the applicant is hereby authorized, subject to vested rights and prior appropriations, to proceed with the construction of the proposed diversion works (except those dams and stream obstructions regulated by K.S.A. 82a-301 through 305a, as amended), and to proceed with all steps necessary for the application of the water to the approved and proposed beneficial use and otherwise perfect the proposed appropriation subject to the following terms, conditions and limitations:

1. That the priority date assigned to such application is **January 10, 2022**.

2. That the water sought to be appropriated shall be used for irrigation use on land described in the application, as follows:

Sec. Twp. Range	NE¼				NW¼				SW¼				SE¼				TOTAL
	NE¼	NW¼	SW¼	SE¼	NE¼	NW¼	SW¼	SE¼	NE¼	NW¼	SW¼	SE¼	NE¼	NW¼	SW¼	SE¼	
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3. That the authorized source from which the appropriation shall be made is groundwater, to be withdrawn by means of one (1) well located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼ SE¼ SE¼) of Section 5, more particularly described as being near a point 395 feet North and 473 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section, in Township 29 South, Range 21 West, Ford County, Kansas, located substantially as shown on the topographic map accompanying the application.

4. That the appropriation sought shall be limited to a maximum diversion rate not in excess of **99 gallons per minute (0.22 c.f.s.)** and to a quantity not to exceed **15 acre-feet** of water for any calendar year.

5. That installation of works for diversion of water shall be completed on or before **December 31, 2025**, or within any authorized extension thereof. The applicant shall notify the Chief Engineer and pay the statutorily required field inspection fee of \$400.00 when construction of the works has been completed. Failure to timely submit the notice and the fee will result in revocation of the permit. Any request for an extension of time shall be submitted prior to the expiration of the deadline and shall be accompanied by the required statutory fee of \$100.00.

6. That the proposed appropriation shall be perfected by the actual application of water to the proposed beneficial use on or before **December 31, 2029**, or any authorized extension thereof. Any request for an extension of time shall be submitted prior to the expiration of the deadline and shall be accompanied by the required statutory fee of \$100.00.

7. That the applicant shall not be deemed to have acquired a water appropriation for a quantity in excess of the amount approved herein nor in excess of the amount found by the Chief Engineer to have been actually used for the approved purpose during one calendar year subsequent to approval of the application and within the time specified for perfection or any authorized extension thereof.

8. That the use of water herein authorized shall not be made so as to impair any use under existing water rights nor prejudicially and unreasonably affect the public interest.

9. That the right of the appropriator shall relate to a specific quantity of water and such right must allow for a reasonable raising or lowering of the static water level and for the reasonable increase or decrease of the streamflow at the appropriator's point of diversion.

10. That this permit does not constitute authority under K.S.A. 82a-301 through 305a to construct any dam or other obstruction; nor does it grant any right-of-way, or authorize entry upon or injury to, public or private property.

11. That all diversion works constructed under the authority of this permit into which any type of chemical or other foreign substance will be injected into the water pumped from the diversion works shall be equipped with an in-line, automatic quick-closing, check valve capable of preventing pollution of the source of the water supply. The type of valve installed shall meet specifications adopted by the Chief Engineer and shall be maintained in an operating condition satisfactory to the Chief Engineer.

12. That an acceptable water flow meter shall be installed and maintained on the diversion works authorized by this permit in accordance with Kansas Administrative Regulations 5-1-4 through 5-1-12 adopted by the Chief Engineer. These water flow meters shall be used to provide an accurate quantity of water diverted as required for the annual water use report (including the meter reading at the beginning and end of the report year).

13. That the applicant shall maintain accurate and complete records from which the quantity of water diverted during each calendar year may be readily determined and the applicant shall file an annual water use report with the Chief Engineer by March 1 following the end of each calendar year. Failure to file the annual water use report by the due date shall cause the applicant to be subject to a civil penalty.

14. That no water user shall engage in nor allow the waste of any water diverted under the authority of this permit.

15. That the right to appropriate water under authority of this permit is subject to any minimum desirable streamflow requirements identified and established pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-703c for the source of supply to which this water right applies.

16. That failure without cause to comply with the provisions of this permit and its terms, conditions and limitations will result in the forfeiture of the priority date, revocation of the permit and dismissal of the application.

Ordered this 7 day of May, 2024, in Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas.

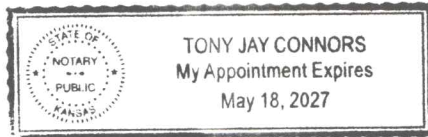
Lane P. Letourneau

Lane P. Letourneau, P.G.
Water Appropriation Program Manager
Division of Water Resources
Kansas Department of Agriculture

State of Kansas)
) SS
County of Riley)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 7 day of May, 2024, by Lane P. Letourneau, P.G., Water Appropriation Program Manager, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Tony Jay Connors
Notary Public



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Mike Beam, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

May 14, 2024

KELLY LAMPE
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 459
PO BOX 8
BUCKLIN KS 67834-0008

RE: Appropriation of Water
File No. 50,703

Dear Sir or Madam:

There is enclosed a permit to appropriate water authorizing you to proceed with construction of the proposed diversion works (except those dams and stream obstructions regulated by K.S.A. 82a 301 through 305a), to divert such unappropriated water as may be available from the source and at the location specified in the permit, and to use it for the purpose and at the location described in the permit. Also enclosed is an Order by the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, dismissing the above referenced Appropriation of Water for beneficial use as requested by the voluntary dismissal form received on January 10, 2022.

For the new permit, your attention is directed to the enclosures and to the terms, conditions, and limitations specified in this permit. A water meter is required and you must install it prior to water being put to beneficial use in order for you to maintain accurate records of water use. The meter should be used to provide the information required on the annual water use report.

Failure to notify the Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources of the completion of the diversion works within the time allowed, or within any authorized extension of time thereof, will result in the dismissal of this permit. Enclosed is a form which may be used to notify the Chief Engineer that the proposed diversion works have been completed.

All requests for extensions of time to complete diversion works, or to perfect appropriations, must be submitted to the Chief Engineer before the expiration of time originally set forth in the permit to complete diversion works or to perfect an appropriation. If for any reason, you require an extension of time, you must request it before the expiration of time set forth in this permit. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the dismissal of your permit or your water right. Any request for an extension of time shall be accompanied by the required statutory fee, which is currently \$100.00.

There is also enclosed an information sheet setting forth the procedure to obtain a Certificate of Appropriation which will establish the extent of your water right. Additional information and applicable forms may be found on our website at: agriculture.ks.gov/dwr. If you have any questions or need assistance with any of these requirements, please contact our office at 785-564-6640, or your local Stafford Field Office at 620-234-5311. If you call, please reference the file number so we can help you more efficiently.

Sincerely,

Kristen A. Baum
New Application Unit Supervisor
Water Appropriation Program

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Enclosures

pc: Stafford Field Office
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RIGHT TO A HEARING AND TO ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

If you are aggrieved by this Order, then pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1901, you may request an evidentiary hearing before the Chief Engineer or request administrative review by the Secretary of Agriculture. Failure to request an evidentiary hearing before the Chief Engineer does not preclude your right to administrative review by the Secretary.

To obtain an evidentiary hearing before the Chief Engineer, a written request for hearing must be filed within 15 days after service of this Order as provided in K.S.A. 77-531 (**i.e., within a total of 18 days after this Order was mailed to you**), with: Kansas Department of Agriculture, Attn: Legal Division, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, FAX (785) 564-6777.

If you do not file a request for an evidentiary hearing before the Chief Engineer, you may petition for administrative review of the Order by the Secretary of Agriculture. A petition for review shall be in writing and state the basis for requesting administrative review. The request for review may be denied if the request fails to clearly establish factual or legal issues for review. See K.S.A. 77-527. The petition must be filed within 30 days after service of this Order as provided in K.S.A. 77-531 (**i.e., within a total of 33 days after this Order was mailed to you**), and be filed with: Secretary of Agriculture, Attn: Legal Division, Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, FAX (785) 564-6777.

If neither a request for an evidentiary hearing nor a petition for administrative review is filed as set forth above, then this Order shall be effective and become a final agency action as defined in K.S.A. 77-607(b). Failure to timely request either an evidentiary hearing or administrative review may preclude further judicial review under the Kansas Judicial Review Act.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On this 14 day of May, 2024, I hereby certify that the foregoing Approval of Application and Permit to Proceed, File No. 50,703, and Dismissal of Water Right, File No. 44,136, dated May 7, 2024, were mailed postage prepaid, first class, US mail to the following:

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 459
PO BOX 8
BUCKLIN KS 67834-0008

With photocopies to:

KDA-DWR Stafford Field Office

Southwest Kansas GMD No. 3



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