





# MEMORANDUM TO FILE

Division of Water Resources, Water Appropriation Program

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Date: August 7, 2024

From: Christa Anhold, Environmental Scientist

Re: New Application File Nos. 51,037 & 51,253 & Voluntary Dismissal File No. 51,038 – Michael Springer

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Manhattan Headquarters

**From:** Westrup, Nathan [KDA]  
**Sent:** Wed 8/7/2024 3:51 PM  
**To:** Anhold, Christa [KDA]  
**Subject:** RE: 51,037, 51,038 and 51,253 recommendation request

Christa,

Please change Fall Creek to Fall River.

I have no objection to approval.

Thanks,

**Nathan Westrup, Water Commissioner**

Topeka Field Office  
Division of Water Resources  
Kansas Department of Agriculture  
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Mobile: 785-230-2991  
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**From:** Anhold, Christa [KDA] <Christa.Anhold@ks.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024 1:06 PM  
**To:** Westrup, Nathan [KDA] <Nathan.Westrup@ks.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: 51,037, 51,038 and 51,253 recommendation request

Okay draft memo #2 is attached. Let me know what you think.

Christa Anhold  
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**From:** Westrup, Nathan [KDA] <[Nathan.Westrup@ks.gov](mailto:Nathan.Westrup@ks.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024 12:45 PM  
**To:** Anhold, Christa [KDA] <[Christa.Anhold@ks.gov](mailto:Christa.Anhold@ks.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: 51,037, 51,038 and 51,253 recommendation request

Sounds good, thanks!

**Nathan Westrup, Water Commissioner**

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**From:** Anhold, Christa [KDA] <[Christa.Anhold@ks.gov](mailto:Christa.Anhold@ks.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 6, 2024 3:30 PM  
**To:** Westrup, Nathan [KDA] <[Nathan.Westrup@ks.gov](mailto:Nathan.Westrup@ks.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: 51,037, 51,038 and 51,253 recommendation request

Hey Nathan,

Thanks for checking in. You haven't missed anything. I reworked the reasonable quantity for 51,253 and needed to run some things by Ken and Kristen before I finish up 51,037. I'm hoping to have another memo draft to you later this week.

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**From:** Westrup, Nathan [KDA] <[Nathan.Westrup@ks.gov](mailto:Nathan.Westrup@ks.gov)>  
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Hi Christa,

I haven't seen anything more on this and wanted to make sure I haven't missed anything.

Thanks,

**Nathan Westrup, Water Commissioner**

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**From:** Westrup, Nathan [KDA]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2024 4:45 PM  
**To:** Anhold, Christa [KDA] <[Christa.Anhold@ks.gov](mailto:Christa.Anhold@ks.gov)>  
**Cc:** Johnson, Shaun [KDA] <[Shaun.Johnson@ks.gov](mailto:Shaun.Johnson@ks.gov)>; Baum, Kristen [KDA] <[Kristen.Baum@ks.gov](mailto:Kristen.Baum@ks.gov)>  
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Hi Christa,

Good work on these. Although, I have a few recommendations and some ideas for retooling a bit.

As you correctly described in your memo, the maximum reasonable quantity for 8,050 hogs is 58.785 (180.4 AF) and the total combined quantity for the two applications is 106.94 AF. I would like to provide the maximum flexibility for these two permits during the perfection period, allowing a total of 106.94 AF for direct stockwatering.

File No. 51,037:

Despite how the storage quantity was justified (1+1+1), we should be able to allow for the storage of 51.7 AF and direct use of 51.7 AF for stockwatering purposes – because it is reasonable. The potential runoff calculation in the application is 150 AF, so the storage quantity and direct use quantity could have been 150 AF. I think the 1+1+1 is most relevant when the 1 year direct is at the max reasonable. So, I would describe how the quantity was developed but just reorient to allow the max reasonable and avoid the applicant's self-inflicted restrictions – we just end up with more new applications...ugh Another slightly problematic issue is the capacity of the pond. In the application it is described as 4 surface acres and an estimated to be 30 AF, based on an average depth of 7.5 ft. I think this is way too high. Lloyd looked at Lidar collected in 2013 and he estimated the max depth to be about 14 feet. If we were using the (1+1+1) for the justification, I would want to estimate the capacity as 18.48 AF (4\*14\*.33).

File No. 51,253:

Again, describing how the quantity was arrived at is fine but then just put it into the context of reasonable quantity. I believe in your memo you have 23.5 as the storage capacity and the direct as the number that was described as seepage (28.74) in the application (which I don't quite understand). Let's just focus on

the fact that 55.24 AF is reasonable for the proposed stockwatering use. I would like mention that I don't like to use the word storage in association with a diversion from a river or well and put into a holding pond – yes, they are pumping it into a pond but I think it is important to keep the word storage exclusive to when there is a dam collecting and storing natural flows. Maybe I am being too picky but might lead to misunderstanding. I think, if I was assisting with this application, I probably would have had them file for the full direct stockwatering need with some estimated indirect loss and then limited the quantity.

Hopefully, my ramblings make some sense!

Thanks,

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**Cc:** Johnson, Shaun [KDA] <[Shaun.Johnson@ks.gov](mailto:Shaun.Johnson@ks.gov)>

**Subject:** 51,037, 51,038 and 51,253 recommendation request

Good morning,

I have attached a draft memo for new applications 51,037, 51,038 and 51,253 for your review and recommendation. Nearby notifications were mailed on July 1, 2024, no responses have been received to date.

Let me know if you need anything else.

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THE STATE OF KANSAS



KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Mike Beam, Secretary of Agriculture

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

FINDINGS AND ORDER
IN THE MATTER OF THE DISMISSAL OF
APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE WATER FOR BENFICIAL USE
FILE NO. 51,038

After due consideration, the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the "Chief Engineer"), makes the following findings and order:

FINDINGS

- 1. That on May 12, 2023, an Application to Appropriate Water for Beneficial Use was received in the office of the Chief Engineer, assigned File No. 51,038, proposing to use water for stockwatering use from the following point of diversion:
a pumpsite located in the Southwest Quarter Southeast Quarter Southeast Quarter (SW¼ SE¼ SE¼) of Section 1, more particularly described as being near a point 173 feet North and 803 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section, in Township 30 South, Range 14 East, Wilson County, Kansas.
2. That on July 23, 2024, the office of the Chief Engineer received a voluntary dismissal form, signed by the applicant, pertaining to File No. 51,038, indicating that all plans to proceed with the proposed appropriation had been abandoned.
3. That Application, File No. 51,038, should be dismissed as requested by the applicant.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, It is the decision and order of the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, that effective the date of this order, in accordance with the law, Application, File No. 51,038, is herewith dismissed and the priority assigned to it is considered to be forfeited.

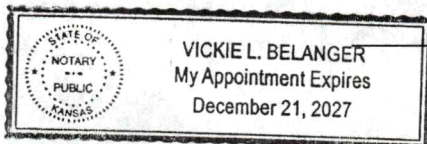
It is so ordered this 21st day of August, 2024, in Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas.

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 21st day of August, 2024, by Lane P. Letourneau, P.G., Water Appropriation Program Manager, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture.



Vickie L. Belanger
Notary Public



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Mike Beam, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

August 15, 2024

MICHAEL SPRINGER  
8603 500 RD  
NEODESHA KS 66757

RE: Appropriation of Water  
File Nos. 51,037 and 51,253

Dismissal of Application  
File No. 51,038

Dear Mr. Springer:

Enclosed are permits authorizing you to proceed with construction of the proposed diversion works and to appropriate water for beneficial use. Your attention is directed to the enclosures and to the terms, conditions, limitations, and requirements specified in each permit. Also enclosed is an order dismissing your above referenced Application to Appropriate Water for Beneficial Use, as requested in the voluntary dismissal form, received on July 23, 2024.

Notice must be filed on the enclosed form once the diversion works have been completed. Failure to complete the diversion works within the time allowed, or within any authorized extension of time thereof, will result in dismissal of this permit. If you need an extension of time, you must request it before the deadline for completion set forth in the permit. Any request for an extension of time must be accompanied by the statutorily required fee, which is currently \$100.00.

An annual water use report must be filed with the Chief Engineer by March 1, following the end of each calendar year. If a complete annual water use report is not received by the deadline, then a fine may be assessed and all water use under such permit or right may be suspended. Reports submitted in paper form will be assessed a \$20 per file number paper filing fee. In order to avoid this filing fee, you may submit your report online at [www.kswaterusereport.org](http://www.kswaterusereport.org).

The approval of your applications constitutes permits to appropriate water. They do not give authority to construct any dam or other stream obstruction regulated by K.S.A. 82a-301 through 305a. They do not give authority to access any right-of-way or authorize trespassing upon or injury to public or private property. It may also be necessary for you to comply with other local, state or federal requirements.

Also included is an informational sheet that sets forth the procedure to obtain Certificates of Appropriation which will establish the extent of your perfected water rights. Additional information and applicable forms may be found on our website at [agriculture.ks.gov/dwr](http://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 Topeka Field Office at (785)-296-5733. If you call, please reference the file number so we can help you more efficiently.

Sincerely,

Kristen A. Baum  
New Applications and Changes Supervisor  
Division of Water Resources

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Enclosure(s)  
pc: Topeka Field Office



## 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 *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *August*, 2024, I hereby certify that the foregoing Approval of Application and Permit to Proceed, File Nos. 51,037 and 51,253, and Dismissal of Application to Appropriate Water for Beneficial Use, File No. 51,038, dated *August 8*, 2024, were mailed postage prepaid, first class, US mail to the following:

Original to:

MICHAEL SPRINGER  
8603 500 RD  
NEODESHA KS 66757

With photocopies to:

KDA-DWR Topeka Field Office



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