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## DWR FIELD OFFICE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE PLACE OF USE AND/OR THE POINT OF DIVERSION



**STATE OF KANSAS**

APPLICATION COMPLETE  
2 / 17 / 26  
 Reviewer: MB

**Filing Fee Must Accompany the Application, K.S.A. 82a-708b(b), as amended.**  
 Fee Schedule is on the third page of this application form.

**Paragraph Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 5 must be completed. Complete all other applicable portions.** If change in point of diversion is greater than 100 feet, or if place of use will be changed, include a topographic map or detailed plat showing the authorized and proposed point(s) of diversion and/or place of use.

File No. 46,526

1. Application is hereby made for approval of the Chief Engineer to change the (check one or both):

Place of Use                       Point of Diversion

under the water right which is the subject of this application in accordance with the conditions described below.

The source of supply is:                       Groundwater                       Surface water

2. Name and address of Applicant: NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS  
512 BRYANT ST ALMENA, KS 67622-9606

Phone Number: (785)669-2445                      Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of Water Use Correspondent: SAME AS ABOVE

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_                      Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. The presently authorized place of use is:

Owner of Land ---- NAME: NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS

ADDRESS: 512 BRYANT ST ALMENA, KS 67622-9606

(If there is more than one landowner, attach supplemental sheets as necessary.)

| Sec. | Twp. | Range | NE¼ |     |     |     | NW¼ |     |     |     | SW¼ |     |     |     | SE¼ |     |     |     | TOTAL ACRES |
|------|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
|      |      |       | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ |             |
| 8    | 2S   | 21W   |     | 3.3 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3.3         |
|      |      |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |             |

4. If this application is for a change in place of use, it is proposed that the place of use be changed to:

Owner of Land ---- NAME: NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS

ADDRESS: 512 BRYANT ST ALMENA, KS 67622-9606

(If there is more than one landowner, attach supplemental sheets as necessary.)

| Sec. | Twp. | Range | NE¼ |     |     |     | NW¼ |     |     |     | SW¼ |     |     |     | SE¼ |     |     |     | TOTAL ACRES |
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|      |      |       | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ | NE¼ | NW¼ | SW¼ | SE¼ |             |
| 8    | 2S   | 21W   |     | 3.6 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 3.6         |
|      |      |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |             |

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| <b>For Office Use Only: Code</b> _____ <b>Fee \$</b> _____ <b>TR #</b> _____ <b>Receipt Date</b> _____ <b>Check #</b> _____ |
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5. **Presently authorized point of diversion:**  
 One in the SW Quarter of the SW Quarter of the NE Quarter of Section 8, Township 2 South, Range 21 W, in NT \_\_\_\_\_ County, Kansas, 2880 feet North 2609 feet West of Southeast corner of section.  
 Authorized Rate 30 GPM Authorized Quantity 5 AF Depth of well \_\_\_\_\_ (feet)  
**(DWR use only: Computer ID No. 6 GPS \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West)**  
 This point will not be changed  This point will be changed as follows:  No change, point better described with GPS as follows:  
**Proposed point of diversion: (Complete only if change is requested or if existing point is better described by GPS)**  
 One in the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_ South, Range \_\_\_\_\_ (E/W), in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Kansas, \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West of Southeast corner of section.  
 Proposed Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed well depth (feet) \_\_\_\_\_  
 This point is:  Additional Well  Geo Center List other water rights that will use this point \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Presently authorized point of diversion:**  
 One in the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_ South, Range \_\_\_\_\_ (E/W), in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Kansas, \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West of Southeast corner of section.  
 Authorized Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Depth of well \_\_\_\_\_ (feet)  
**(DWR use only: Computer ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ GPS \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West)**  
 This point will not be changed  This point will be changed as follows:  No change, point better described with GPS as follows:  
**Proposed point of diversion: (Complete only if change is requested or if existing point is better described by GPS)**  
 One in the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_ South, Range \_\_\_\_\_ (E/W), in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Kansas, \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West of Southeast corner of section.  
 Proposed Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed well depth (feet) \_\_\_\_\_  
 This point is:  Additional Well  Geo Center List other water rights that will use this point \_\_\_\_\_

7. The changes herein are desired for the following reasons?  
 (please be specific) MOVING PLACE OF USE TO ADD  
BASEBALL FIELD AND REMOVE AREA IN FRONT OF  
SCHOOL

8. If a well, is the test hole log attached?  Yes  No

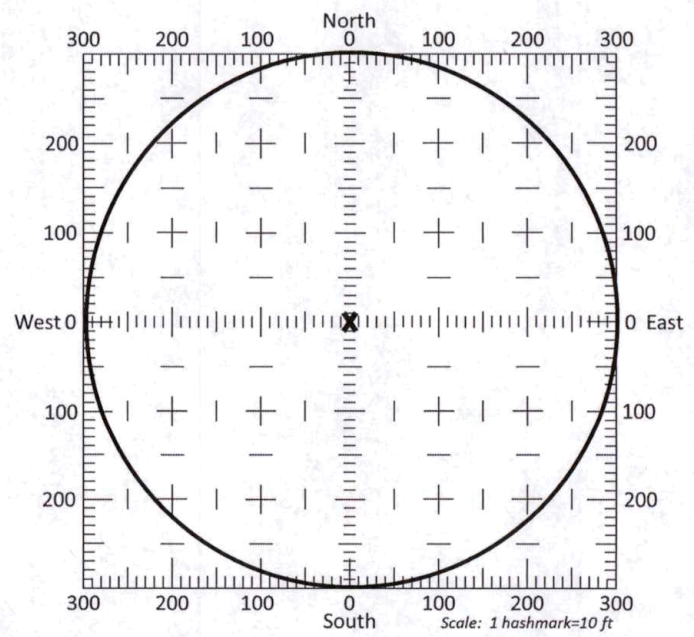
9. The change(s) (was)(will be) completed by?  
UPON APPROVAL

10. If the point of diversion is a well:  
 (a) What are you going to do with the old well?  
N/A  
 (b) When will this be done? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Groundwater Management District recommendation attached?  
 Yes  No

12. Assisted by MB STK FO

13a. If the proposed point of diversion will be relocated more than 300 feet but within 2,640 feet of the existing point of diversion, attach a topographic map or aerial photograph. For groundwater sources, show all wells (including domestic) within one-half mile of the proposed point of diversion and the names and mailing addresses of the owners. For surface water sources, show the names and addresses of the landowner(s) one-half mile downstream and one-half mile upstream from your property lines



13b. If the proposed point of diversion will be relocated within a 300 foot radius of the existing point of diversion, indicate its location on the diagram shown above in relation to the existing point of diversion. The proposed point of diversion must be located within the circle shown above. **(PLEASE NOTE: The "X" in center of diagram above represents the presently authorized point of diversion.)**

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Any use of water that is not as authorized by the water right or permit to authorize water before the chief engineer approves this application is a violation of the Kansas Water Appropriation Act for which criminal or civil penalties may be assessed. Such violation is a class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 and/or a term of confinement not to exceed one month in the county jail. K.S.A. 82a-728(b). Civil penalties shall be not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 per violation. In the case of a continuing violation, each day such violation continues may be deemed a separate violation. In addition to these penalties the water right may be modified or suspended. K.S.A. 82a-737, as amended.

The application must be signed by all owners of the place of use authorized under the water right and his or her spouse, if married. Please indicate if there is no spouse. If land is being purchased under contract, the seller must sign as landowner until such time as the contract is completed.

In the event that all applicants cannot appear before one notary public, they may as necessary sign separate copies of the application before any notary public conveniently available to them. All copies signed in this manner shall be considered to be valid parts of the application.

If the request is signed on behalf of any Owner by someone with legal authority to do so (for example, an agent, one who has power of attorney, or an executor, executrix, conservator), it will be necessary to attach proper documents showing such authority.

I declare that I am an owner of the currently authorized place of use as identified herein, or that I represent all such owners and am authorized to make this application on their behalf, and declare further that the statements contained herein are true, correct, and complete. By filing this application I authorize the chief engineer to permanently reduce the quantity of water and/or rate of diversion as specified in sections 14 and 15 of this application.

Dated at Almena, Kansas, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 20 23.

Northern Valley Schools / Ken Thorman (Superintendent)  
(Owner) (Spouse)

Ken Thorman  
(Please Print) (Please Print)

(Owner) (Spouse)

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(Owner) (Spouse)

(Please Print) (Please Print)

State of Kansas }  
County of Norton } SS

I hereby certify that the foregoing application was signed in my presence and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 20 23.

Amber N. Brown  
Notary Public

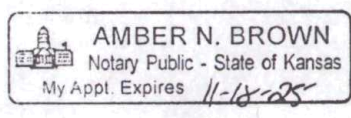
My Commission Expires 11-18-25

FEE SCHEDULE

Each application to change the place of use, the point of diversion or the use made of the water under this section shall be accompanied by the application fee set forth in the schedule below:

- (1) Application to change a point of diversion 300 feet or less ..... \$100
- (2) Application to change a point of diversion more than 300 feet ..... \$200
- (3) Application to change the place of use ..... \$200
- (4) Application to change the use made of the water ..... \$300

Make check payable to **Kansas Department of Agriculture.**



**SUMMARY ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION FOR CHANGE AND IMPOSING CONDITIONS**

This Summary Order is issued under authority of K.S.A. 82a-708b, as amended, and K.A.R. 5-5-1, *et seq.* and other applicable provisions of the *Kansas Water Appropriation Law, K.S.A. 82a-701 et seq.*, and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. With the exception of those conditions expressly contained herein, this Summary Order does not change the terms, conditions and limitations of File No. 46,526.

1. A change application was received on 6-9-23 requesting that the place of use and / or point of diversion authorized under the above-referenced file number be changed as described in the application.
2. On and after the effective date of this summary order, the authorized place(s) of use shall be located substantially as shown on the topographic map accompanying the application to change the place of use.  Applicable  Not Applicable
3. The change in point of diversion shall not impair existing rights and shall be limited to the same source or sources of water as previously authorized. The point of diversion authorized by this summary order shall be located within a \_\_\_\_\_ foot radius of the authorized point(s) of diversion.  Applicable  Not Applicable
4. The point(s) of diversion described herein is administratively corrected to be more accurately described using the Global Positioning System (GPS), as described in the application.  Applicable  Not Applicable
5. The point(s) of diversion authorized herein shall not actually be located more than \_\_\_\_\_ feet from the previously authorized point(s) of diversion.  Applicable  Not Applicable
6. As required by K.A.R. 5-3-5d, if the works for diversion is a well with a diversion rate of 100 gallons per minute or more, a tube or other device suitable for making water level measurements shall be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with K.A.R. 5-6-13.  Applicable  Not Applicable
7. **The owner of the authorized place(s) of use shall properly install an acceptable water flow meter on or before December 31, 20\_\_\_\_**, or before the first use of water, whichever occurs first. The water flow meter shall be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with K.A.R. 5-1-4 through 5-1-12. As required by K.S.A. 82a-732, as amended, and K.A.R. 5-3-5e, the owner shall maintain records and report the reading of the water flow meter and the total quantity of water diverted annually to the Chief Engineer by March 1 following the end of each calendar year.  Applicable  Not Applicable
8. **Installation of the works for diversion of water shall be completed on or before December 31, 20\_\_\_\_**, or within any authorized extension of time. By March 1, 20\_\_\_\_ the applicant shall notify the Chief Engineer that construction of the works for diversion has been completed, on the form provided by the Chief Engineer, as required by K.A.R. 5-8-4e.  Applicable  Not Applicable
9. **The completed well log shall be submitted with the required notice.**  Applicable  Not Applicable
10. All diversion works into which any type of chemical or other foreign substance will be injected into the water shall be equipped with an in-line, automatic, quick-closing check valve capable of preventing pollution of the source of the water supply. The check valve(s) shall be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with K.A.R. 5-3-5c.  Applicable  Not Applicable
11. Additional Conditions are attached.  Yes  No
12. In accordance with K.S.A. 82a-708a, as amended, and K.A.R. 5-5-14, all of the owners of the authorized place(s) of use of water appropriated under the above-referenced file number are responsible for compliance with its terms, conditions and limitations, as amended and/or supplemented by this Summary Order, and with applicable provisions of the *Kansas Water Appropriation Law* and the *Rules and Regulations* promulgated thereunder. Failure to comply with these provisions may result in civil penalties pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-737, as amended, and/or the suspension or revocation and dismissal of the water or appropriation right or any other enforcement actions authorized by law.

**Administrative Appeal and Effective Date of Order**

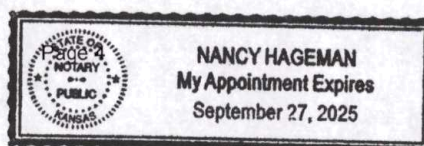
If you are aggrieved by this order, pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1901, you may request an evidentiary hearing before the Chief Engineer or request administrative review by the Secretary of Agriculture. A request for hearing by the Chief Engineer must be filed within **15 days** of service of this Order and a request for administrative review by the Secretary must be filed within **30 days** pursuant to K.S.A. 77-531. Any request for administrative review must state a basis for review pursuant to K.S.A. 77-527. File any request with **Kansas Department of Agriculture, Legal Division, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502**. Failure to timely request a hearing or review may preclude review under the Kansas Judicial Review Act.

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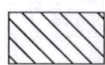
**APPLICATION APPROVED AND SUMMARY ORDER ISSUED**

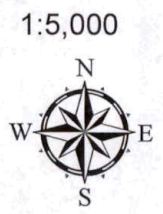
By: Mark Billinger  
 Duly Authorized Designee of the Chief Engineer  
 (Print Name): MARK BILLINGER  
 Division of Water Resources - Kansas Department of Agriculture  
 Date of Issuance: 2-17-25  
 State of Kansas )  
 County of hosh ) SS  
 Acknowledged before me on 2-17-25  
 by Mark Billinger  
 Signature: Nancy Hageman  
 Notary Public  
 My commission expires: 9-27-25  
 (Notary Seal)



# Application to Change the Place of Use, File No. 46,526



-  Currently Authorized PU
-  Proposed PU



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Mike Beam, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

February 17, 2025

NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS  
512 BRYANT ST  
ALMENA, KS 67622-9606

Re: Water Right, File No. 46,526

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is the order executed by Earl Lewis, Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, approving the application for change under the above referenced file number.

Your attention is directed to the terms, conditions, and limitations specified in this approval for change.

Since this order modifies the original certificate, it should be recorded with the Register of Deeds as other instruments affecting real estate.

**This document is a summary order by this agency regarding this matter.** This order shall become final if a request for a hearing is not filed with the Chief Engineer within 15 days of the date of service of this order.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office. If you wish to refer to a specific file, please reference it when you contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Billinger".


Mark Billinger  
Assistant Water Commissioner

MB: ndh  
Enclosures

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On this 17th day of February 2025, I hereby certify that the attached **SUMMARY ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION FOR CHANGE in Place of Use** for water right, File No. 46,526, dated on the 17th day of February 2025, was mailed postage prepaid, first class, U.S. mail, to the following:

NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS  
512 BRYANT ST  
ALMENA, KS 67622-9606

  
Nancy Hageman  
Administrative Assistant