## Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources PERMIT OF NEW APPLICATION WORKSHEET

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## KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Division of Water Resources

#### <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

**TO**: Files **DATE**: May 10, 2023

FROM: Lloyd Hemphill RE: New Application, File No. 50,762

Steven Cullen has filed the new application referred to above proposing to appropriate 85.5 acrefeet of surface water at a diversion rate of 3,000 gallons per minute from one pumpsite on the Neosho River, for recreational use in a marsh. This application will allow water to be pumped directly from the river (when flows are adequate, and permission is granted). The water will be used to fill and maintain water levels in the marsh (i.e. offset evaporative and seepage losses). The proposed pumpsite is located in Lot 9 of Section 2, in Township 34 South, Range 21 East, Labette County, Kansas. The marsh is located in Lots 3, 8, & 9 and the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of the same section. This file does not overlap any other point of diversion or place of use. The point of diversion and place of use are owned by Steven and Kelley Cullen (applicant), and the application was signed stating legal access to the point of diversion.

The Recreational Use Supplemental Sheet justifies the requested quantity as that needed to fill a marsh with a surface area of 57 acres to an average depth of 1.5 feet. This results in a quantity of 85.5 acre-feet. No specific quantity was requested to offset evaporation. The potential evaporation in this area is 4 inches per year. As a seasonal marsh (6 months) the potential evaporation from this marsh may be 9.5 acre-feet. The requested quantity appears reasonable to provide water to maintain the marsh throughout the recreational season.

The application indicates that the current plan for this project is to flood natural low areas so DWR Structures permitting will not be required. If berms or levees are built at a later date, further permitting (i.e. a Floodplain Fill Permit) may be required.

Notification letters were sent to upstream and downstream landowners on March 17, 2023. Several landowners called with general questions, but no specific concerns. John Johnson called with general objections to this application and pending application, File No. 50,763. Mr. Johnson mentioned a nearby domestic well that had gone dry last fall but did not indicate any other prior use of water. This domestic well is about 1.5 miles from the main channel of the river and will not be affected by this surface water diversion. A response letter was sent to Mr. Johnson on April 7, 2023. The only other file within two miles is a pending application, File No. 50,763, also submitted by the applicant. The junior application is located about 1.3 miles upstream of this proposed point of diversion. Approval of this application will not impair senior water rights.

Review of a topographic map shows that the proposed marsh will not collect runoff from a significant area outside of the project boundary. Based on this, a natural flow collecting permit is not required for the project.

The United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has confirmed that there are no NRCS easements on this property (See May 1, 2023 e-mail from Brent Turney). This is a critical determination because any property that has an NRCS easement must complete a Compatible Use Agreement (CUA) application for water level management, and ultimately have it approved.

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This approval will be subject to specific conditions, which stipulate strict requirements for direct surface water diversion. These conditions include the stipulation that no diversion shall occur unless there is water available to satisfy all demands by senior water rights and permits, written or verbal permission from the Chief Engineer, or an authorized representative is required prior to diverting water, and streamflow cannot be stopped at the first riffle below the point of diversion while diversion is taking place. The application also complies with K.A.R 5-3-15 (c)(5) because the proposed use of water for recreational use is typically during the fall season, and there is no need for direct diversion of water from July 1 through September 30.

The proposed point of diversion is located below the Minimum Desirable Streamflow (MDS) gage near Parsons so this permit will not be subject to MDS administration and streamflows at this gage. A Water Assurance District has been formed for the Neosho River and there is a least one District member downstream of the proposed point of diversion. A signed and notarized WAD form was received on May 2, 2023.

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.

Based on the above discussion, the area remains open to new appropriations, the approval is subject to specific conditions relative to direct surface water diversions, diversion is typically limited to fall "off-season" pumping, no structures are planned requiring permitting by the Structures Program, and there is no indication that existing water rights will be impaired, it is recommended that the referenced application be approved.

Lloyd Hemphill Environmental Scientist Topeka Field Office

Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources Earl D. Lewis, Jr., Chief Engineer 1320 Research Park Drive Manhattan, Kansas 66502

Re:

Application

File No. 50,762

Cottonwood & Neosho River Assurance District

I understand that an Assurance District has been formed and established for the source of supply to which the above referenced application applies, namely the Neosho River

I understand that diversion of water pursuant to this application will be subject to regulation any time Assurance District or Water Marketing releases are being made from storage in Federal Reservoirs.

I also understand that if this application is approved, there could be times, as determined by the Division of Water Resources, when I would not be allowed to divert water. I realize that this could affect the economics of my decision to appropriate water.

I am aware of the above factors, and with the knowledge thereof, request that the Division of Water Resources proceed with processing and approval, if possible, of the above referenced application.

Signature of Applicant
Steven Cullen

I hereby certify that the foregoing instrument was signed in my presence and sworn to before me day of may , 20 33 .

this

My Commission Expires:

6/20/27

PAM RIDLEY Notary Public Arkansas Washington County Commission #12361064 Commission Exp June 20, 2027



Topeka Field Office 1131 SW Winding Rd, Suite 400 Topeka, KS 66615

Mike Beam, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

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April 28, 2023

STEVEN CULLEN 4503 W BLOSSOM WAY DR ROGERS, AR 72758

Re: Request for Additional Information

Pending New Applications, File Nos. 50,762 and 50,763

Dear Mr. Cullen:

Reference is made to your Applications for Permit to Appropriate Water for Beneficial Use, File Nos. 50,762 and 50,763 received on April 12, 2022. Additional information is needed to finish processing these applications.

A Water Assurance District has been formed for the source of water proposed by these applications (Neosho River). Please sign and notarize the attached forms acknowledging the establishment of this district. You may either return a good quality color scan (not a photo) of the completed forms to the email address below or mail them to the Topeka Field Office at:

Kansas Department of Agriculture Topeka Field Office 1131 SW Winding Rd, Suite 400 Topeka, KS 66615

Also, the applications indicate that the current plan for this project is to flood natural low areas to create the marshes. Additional permitting may be required through the Division of Water Resources Water Structures Program if any berms, levees, or any other structures with a height greater than one foot will be constructed to contain the water. Please advise us if this will be the case.

Additionally, the ownership of the property associated with Application, File No. 50,763 is listed as the Judy L Martin Living Trust. A Water Use Correspondent (the person who receives the annual water use reporting information) will also be defined. This may be the landowner or anyone designated by the landowner. If someone other than the landowner will be the Water Use Correspondent, the owner must complete and submit the enclosed form.

If you have any questions, you may also contact me by phone at (785) 296-8682 or by email at <a href="mailto:lloyd.hemphill@ks.gov">lloyd.hemphill@ks.gov</a>. If you call, please reference the file number so I can help you more efficiently.

Sincerely,

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Lloyd Hemphill Environmental Scientist Topeka Field Office

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#### Hemphill, Lloyd [KDA]

From: Turney, Brent - FPAC-NRCS, KS <Brent.Turney@usda.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 11:33 AM

**To:** Hemphill, Lloyd [KDA]

Subject: RE: Application, File Nos. 50762 & 50763: New wetland projects

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#### Lloyd,

Sorry so late in getting back to you, but I have been in the field the past week. It looks like those two locations are not located in our easements.

Thank you for the chance to commit.

Take care,

**Brent** 

Brent A. Turney
Easement Specialist



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From: Hemphill, Lloyd [KDA] <Lloyd.Hemphill@ks.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 8:58 AM

To: Turney, Brent - FPAC-NRCS, KS <Brent.Turney@usda.gov>

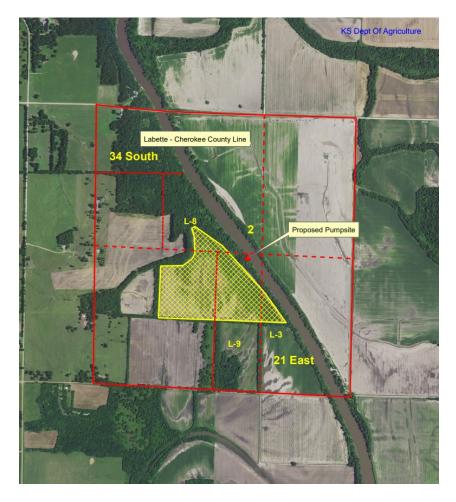
Subject: Application, File Nos. 50762 & 50763: New wetland projects

Hello Brent,

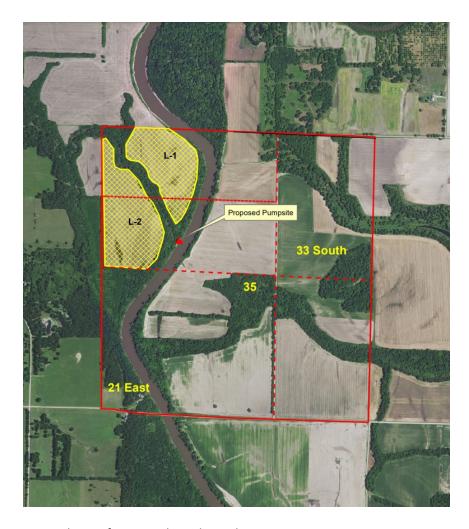
Steven Cullen has filed two applications (File Nos. 50762 & 50763) for permit to pump water from the Neosho River to fill two marshes on the Cherokee-Labette County line. Will you verify whether there are any NRCS easements associated with these properties?

The projects are located as shown below.

File No. 50,762 – Sec 2 T34S R21E (near 37.11304903,-95.07507645)



<u>File No. 50,763 – Sec 35 T33S R21E (near 37.12965341,-95.08033693)</u>



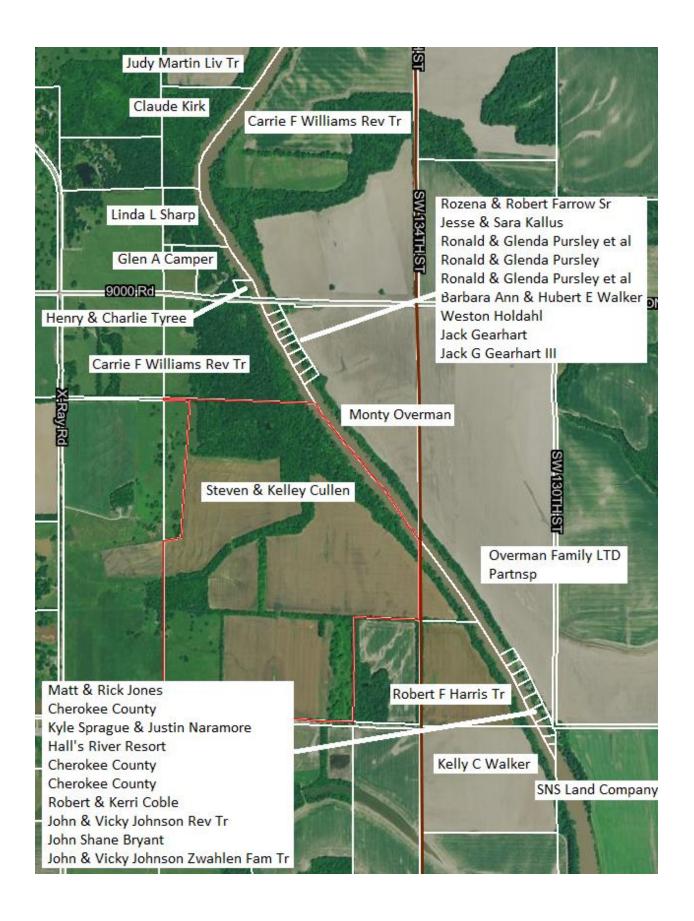
Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks, Lloyd

Lloyd Hemphill, Environmental Scientist
Kansas Department of Agriculture
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### Missing from application:

<u>Upstream</u>

LINDA L SHARP 2506 9000 RD OSWEGO, KS 67356

GLEN A CAMPER 2508 9000 RD OSWEGO, KS 67356

HENRY & CHARLEY TYREE 5789 NW 19TH TER #TE NW SCAMMON, KS 66773

#### **Downstream**

HALLS RIVER RESORT LLC 4898 SW 130TH DR CHETOPA KS 67336

JOHN D & VICKY R JOHNSON REV TR 8641 NW 10TH ST CHEROKEE, KS 66724

JOHN SHANE BRYANT 1611 NE SCAMMON RD SCAMMON, KS 66773

## 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. 50,762 of the applicant

#### STEVEN CULLEN 4503 W BLOSSOM WAY DR ROGERS, AR 72758

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 April 12, 2022.
- 2. That the water sought to be appropriated shall be used for recreational use in a marsh located in Lot 3, Lot 8, and Lot 9 and the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section 2, in Township 34 South, Range 21 East, Labette and Cherokee Counties, Kansas.
- 3. That the authorized source from which the appropriation shall be made is surface water from the Neosho River, to be withdrawn by means of one (1) pump site located in Lot 9 of Section 2, more particularly described as being near a point 2,630 feet North and 2,000 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section, in Township 34 South, Range 21 East, Labette County, Kansas, located substantially as shown on the map accompanying the application.
- 4. That the appropriation sought shall be limited to a maximum diversion rate not in excess of **3,000** gallons per minute (6.68 c.f.s.) and to a quantity not to exceed **85.5** acre-feet of water for any calendar year.
- 5. That installation of works for diversion of water shall be completed on or before <u>December 31, 2024</u> 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 <u>December 31, 2028</u> 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.

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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 the Kansas Administrative Regulations 5-1-4 through 5-1-12 adopted by the Chief Engineer. This water flow meter 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 failure without cause to comply with provisions of the 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. That diversion of natural flow shall not take place unless there is water available to satisfy all demands by senior water rights and permits.
- 18. That the stream flow shall not be stopped at the first riffle below the point of diversion while diversion is taking place under the authority of this water right or permit.
- 19. That during the period October 1 through June 30, the verbal or written permission of the Chief Engineer, or an authorized representative of the Chief Engineer, shall be obtained in order to divert water each time the applicant desires to divert water.

TONY JAY CONNORS My Appointment Expires

May 18, 2027

NOTARY .

surface water shall be per Engineer's authorized repr	rmitted unless written p resentative.	September 30 each calendar year, no direct diversions of ermission is obtained from the Chief Engineer, or the Chief , 2023, in Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas.
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The foregoing instrume Lane P. Letourneau, P.G.,	ent was acknowledged k Program Manager, Divi	pefore me this & day of May, 2023, by sion of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture.
		Notary Public

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Mike Beam, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

May 24, 2023

STEVEN CULLEN 4503 W BLOSSOM WAY DR ROGERS, AR 72758

RE: Appropriation of Water, File No. 50,762

Dear Mr. Cullen:

Enclosed is a permit authorizing you to proceed with construction of the proposed diversion works and to appropriate water for beneficial use as set forth in the permit. Your attention is directed to the enclosures and to the terms, conditions, limitations, and requirements specified in this permit.

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 acceptable water flowmeter must be installed on the diversion works authorized by this permit prior to using water. 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 <a href="https://www.kswaterusereport.org">www.kswaterusereport.org</a>.

The approval of your application constitutes a permit to appropriate water. It does not give authority to construct any dam or other stream obstruction regulated by K.S.A. 82a-301 through 305a. It does 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.

Enclosed is an informational sheet that sets forth the procedure to obtain a Certificate of Appropriation which will establish the extent of your perfected water right. Additional information is available on our website at <u>agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dwr</u>. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our office at 785-564-6640 or the 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 Application Unit Supervisor Division of Water Resources

KAB:lhh 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 24 day of May, 2023, I hereby certify that the foregoing Approval of Application and Permit to Proceed, File No. 50,762, dated prepaid, first class, US mail to the following:

STEVEN CULLEN 4503 W BLOSSOM WAY DR ROGERS, AR 72758

With photocopies to:

Topeka Field Office

Division of Water Resources