

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



Mike Johanns  
Governor

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
Roger K. Patterson  
Director

May 5, 2004

IN REPLY REFER TO:

John W. Keys, III  
Commissioner  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Main Interior Building  
Room 7060-MIB  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington DC 20240-0001

Dear Commissioner Keys:

Title I of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 provides broad authority to the Secretary of the Interior to utilize the facilities of the Federal Reclamation program and the resources of the Department of the Interior to address drought conditions in the western States.

Section 104 of the Act says in part; "The programs and authorities established under this title shall become operative in any Reclamation State only after the Governor of the affected State has made a request for temporary drought assistance and the Secretary, or his appointee, has determined that such temporary assistance is merited..."

Pursuant to Section 104 of the Act, I am requesting temporary drought assistance to my State of Nebraska and urge that you determine that such assistance is merited. The resources of my Office and my State stand ready to assist you in making such a determination.

We appreciate your support in the past and look forward to working together as we address the problems imposed by this persistent drought. Please do not hesitate in contacting my Office if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Mike Johanns  
Governor

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# BOSTWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT IN NEBRASKA

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To: Dept. of Natural Resources  
C/O Roger Patterson  
301 Centennial Mall South  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

May 25, 2004

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DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES

Subject: Drought Assistance Payment

Dear Mr. Patterson,

The Board of Directors of the Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska made and approved a motion to accept the drought assistance payment (approximately \$41,250 or more) at the Board meeting held May 25, 2004.

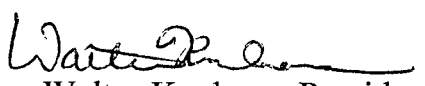
The motion was made with the following understandings:

1. The money is to be used to fund additional expenses caused by the drought.
2. The money is in exchange for holding water in the Harlan County Reservoir and not releasing for irrigation in 2004.
3. The money will need to be repaid if water is released by the Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska for irrigation in 2004.

We appreciate the efforts of our state and federal representatives in securing these funds and hope they will not be necessary in the future.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



Walter Knehans, President  
Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska