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**RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER FOR WATER PERMIT
APPLICATION NO. 8104-3, Bixler Farms**

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the following is the recommendation of the Acting Chief Engineer, Water Rights Program, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources concerning Water Permit Application No. 8104-3, Bixler Farms, 39477 184th Street, Hitchcock SD 57348.

The Acting Chief Engineer is recommending APPROVAL of Application No. 8104-3 because 1) there is reasonable probability that there is unappropriated water available for the applicant's proposed use, 2) the proposed diversion can be developed without unlawful impairment of existing domestic water uses and water rights, 3) the proposed use is a beneficial use and 4) it is in the public interest as it pertains to matters of public interest within the regulatory authority of the Water Management Board with the following qualifications:

1. The well approved under Water Permit No. 8104-3 is located near domestic wells and other wells which may obtain water from the same aquifer. The well owner, under this Permit must control withdrawals so there is not a reduction of needed water supplies in adequate domestic wells or in adequate wells having prior water rights.
2. The proposed well authorized by Permit No. 8104-3 must be constructed by a licensed well driller and construction of the well and installation of the pump must comply with Water Management Board Well Construction Rules, Chapter 74:02:04 with the well casing pressure grouted (bottom to top) pursuant to Section 74:02:04:28.
3. This Permit is approved subject to the irrigation water use questionnaire being submitted each year.

See report on application for additional information.

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Acting Chief Engineer
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