

WATER PERMIT NO. 2048-1

Name of Applicant: **Whiskey Ridge, LLC.**

Address: **2327 Junction Avenue, Sturgis SD 57785**

Phone: **605-347-9300**

Amount of Water Claimed: **36.2 AF**

Total Acres: **N/A**

Source of Water Supply: **Groundwater**

Water to be used for: **Water Distribution System**

County: **Meade**

Type of Waste Disposal System:

Location: **Northern city limits of Sturgis**

PRIORITY Date Received: **08-18-25**

Application/License Fee: **\$100.00**

Corrected Application Received: **08-28-25**

Period of Annual Use: **January 1 – December 31**

Remarks:

Diversion Point: **SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 3-T5N-R5E**

Land to be Irrigated: **N/A**

Depth of Well: **380**

Well Driller: **Tyvo Drilling**

Remarks:

Type of Map: **aerial**

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Reviewed and the Number Assigned on: **08-28-25**

By: **Rachel Rodriguez**

Notice of Hearing - date to intervene: _____

**SOUTH DAKOTA
WATER PERMIT NO. 2048-1**

Date of first receipt of application August 18, 2025.

Date of receipt of corrected application August 28, 2025.

The Acting Chief Engineer, on behalf of the Water Management Board, issues Water Permit No. 2048-1 to Whiskey Ridge, LLC. 2327 Junction Avenue, Sturgis SD 57785, authorizing the construction of the water use system and the placing of water to beneficial use subject to the following limitations, conditions and qualifications:

1. Water Permit No. 2048-1 appropriates up to 36.2 acre-feet of water annually at a maximum pump rate of 0.10 cubic feet of water per second from one well completed into the Sundance Aquifer (380 feet deep) located in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 (Government Lot 7 – Original Survey) Section 3-T5N-R5E. The water is for water distribution system purposes, including domestic uses, located in the S 1/2 Section 3-T5N-R5E. This site is located in the northern city limits of Sturgis SD.
2. The water appropriated shall be used for the purpose of domestic and water distribution system use and may not exceed the amount of water needed for beneficial use.
3. The water is to be used during the following described annual period: January 1 – December 31.
4. The date of approval of Permit No. 2048-1 is December 1, 2025.
5. The date from which applicant may claim right is August 18, 2025.
6. One-fifth of the construction is to be completed on or before June 1, 2028.
7. All construction is to be completed on or before December 1, 2030.
8. Water is to be put to beneficial use on or before December 1, 2034.
9. Water rights obtained in compliance with the laws of the State of South Dakota may not be unlawfully impaired by this appropriation.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. The well approved under Water Permit No. 2048-1 is located near domestic wells and other wells which may obtain water from the same aquifer. Water withdrawals must be controlled so there is not a reduction of needed water supplies in adequate domestic wells or in adequate wells having prior water rights.
2. The Permit holder must report to the Chief Engineer annually the amount of water withdrawn from the Sundance Aquifer.
3. Water Permit No. 2048-1 authorizes a total annual diversion of up to 36.2 acre-feet of water.

WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

By: Mark Mayer
Mark Mayer, PE
Director of Office of Water
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

1/6/26
date



FORM 2: Application for uses other than irrigation
(type or print)

Mail to: SD DANR, Water Rights 523 E Capitol Ave Pierre, SD 57501-3182 ph. (605) 773-3352	No. <u>2048-1</u> Hydrologic Unit <u>10120202</u>
	Basin <u>Belle Fourche</u>
	Newspaper <u>Faith Independent</u> <u>Spearfish Black Hills Pioneer</u> (office use only)

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Application for Permit to Appropriate Water in South Dakota

Check use(s) of water:

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Municipal
Rural Water System
Domestic (over 18 gpm)

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Water Distribution System
Commercial
Industrial

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Recreational
Fish & Wildlife
Other

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Institutional
Geothermal

Type of Application:
(check one)

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New ☐ Vested Right (Use predates Mar 2, 1955) ☐ Future Use Reservation
Place to Beneficial Use Water Reserved by Future Use Permit No. _____
Amendment/Correction to Permit No. _____

Description of amendment/correction: (i.e. change diversion point(s), add diversion point(s), change use, etc.)

1. Name to Appear on Water Permit Whiskey Ridge, LLC

Mailing Address 2327 Junction Ave

Sturgis

SD

57785

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Phone 605-347-9300

Mobile 605-490-7419

Email Baseline@sturgissurveying.com

2. Amount of water claimed 0.1 *CFS or 45 **GPM and 36.2 ***AF or 11.8 Gallons
Flow rate and volume are both required. (*Cubic Feet per Second) (**Gallons per Minute) (***)Acre Feet - storage capacity of dam/dugout or annual use)

3. Source of water supply Groundwater

4. Location of point of diversion SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 3 - T5N - R5E

(example - 3 wells in SW1/4 NE1/4 section 12-T104N-R53W)

County Meade

If not a public water supply (e.g. municipal), will water be used outside of the area described above? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," where will water be used? _____

(example - NW1/4 section 12-T104N-R53W)

5. County or counties where water will be used Meade

6. Annual period during which water is to be used January 1 - December 31

7. Give a description of the project. When available include any preliminary engineering report or other reports or information that will help explain the project. (Attach sheet if more space is needed)

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I, Sharon E. Voshell
Name of Person

Member/Owner _____, the applicant, certify under
Title (if applicable)

penalty of perjury that I have read this application, examined the attached map, and that the matters stated are true. I further certify, if acting on behalf of an entity or individual other than myself, that I am authorized to submit this application.

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Supplemental Information
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1. Well Information (check one or both as applicable)

☐ Drilling new well(s) ☒ Using existing well(s)

a) If new wells, how many _____ Have test holes been drilled? ☐ Yes ☐ No Drilled by _____
(if yes, please provide copies of logs)

b) If existing wells, how many 1 Provide copy of log(s), if available. Drilled by Tyvo Drilling, LLC #205

For either existing or proposed wells:

c) Well Depth (required) 380' Depth to Top of Water Bearing Material 210 Depth to Water from Surface 210

d) Distance to nearest domestic well on applicant's property N/A Property owned by others 1,000'+ North

2. Wastewater Disposal System Information

a) Type of System (i.e. septic tank, drain field) Standard Residential Septic

b) System Capacity (gallons) TBD Year Constructed TBD

c) Connected to the City of N/A Sanitary System

3. Dugout Information

a) Surface Dimensions N/A Depth N/A

b) Depth to water (ground surface to water level) N/A

4. Water Storage Dams

If the proposed water use system contains one or more storage dams, please furnish the information requested below for each dam. The locations of the dams need to be shown on the map submitted with the application.

a) If a private engineering firm or government agency was involved in the design of this dam, please give their name and address:

N/A

b) Freeboard N/A

c) Crest Width N/A

Crest Length N/A

d) Height N/A

e) Primary Outlet Capacity N/A

If pipe, diameter N/A

f) Secondary Spillway Capacity _____

Spillway Width N/A

g) X & Y Slope (e.g. 3 to 1 is a typical slope)

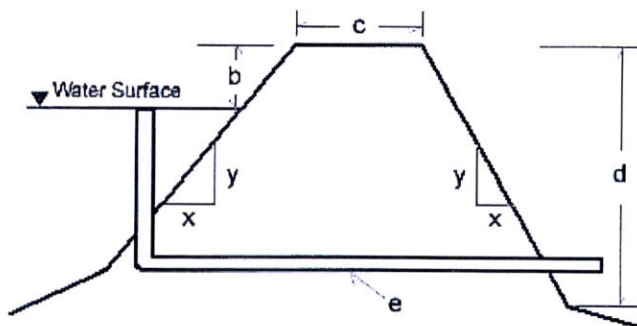
Upstream N/A

Downstream N/A

h) Area of Impoundment N/A

i) Storage _____ Acre Feet

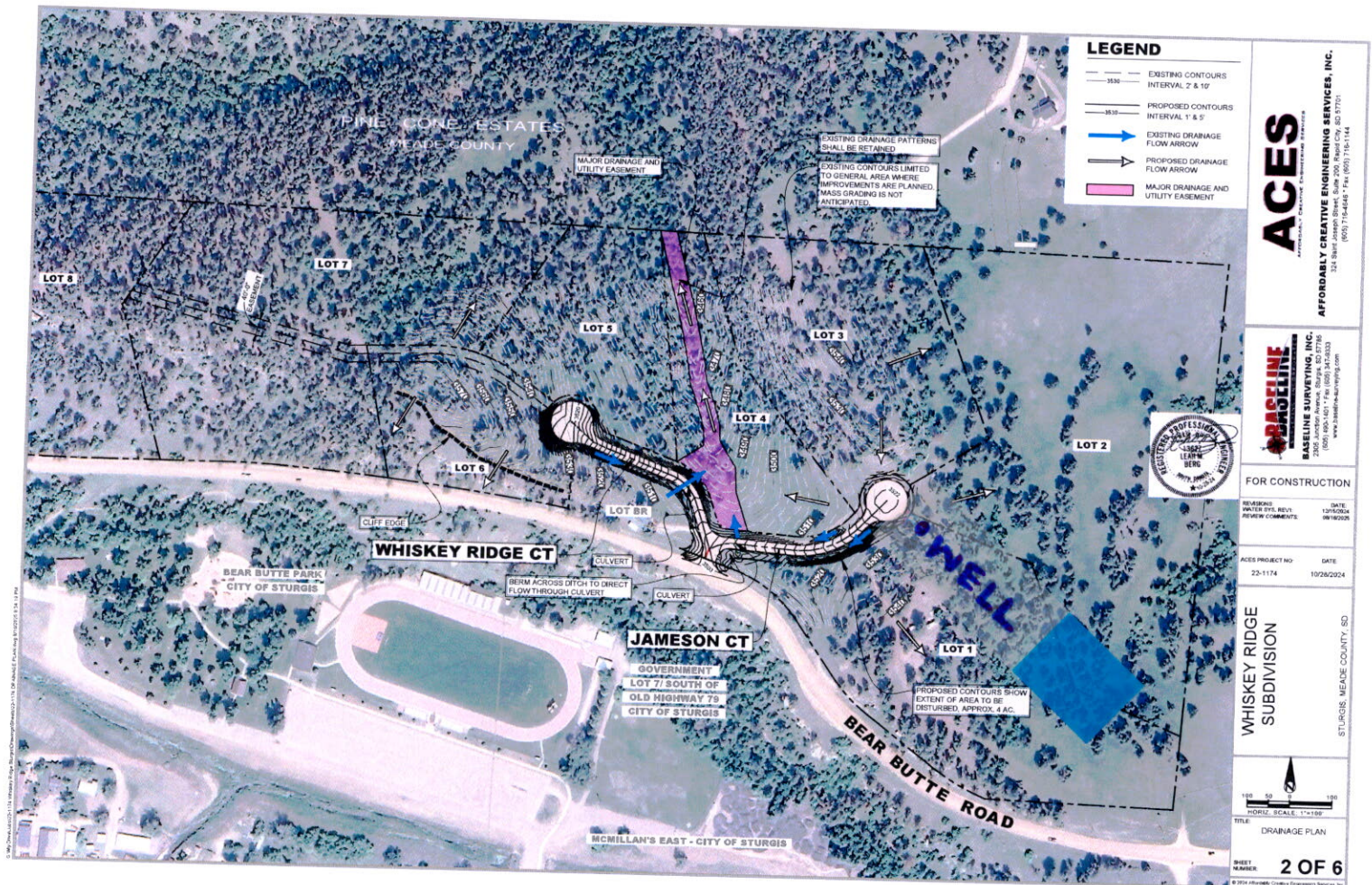
j) Drainage Area Above Dam _____ Acres

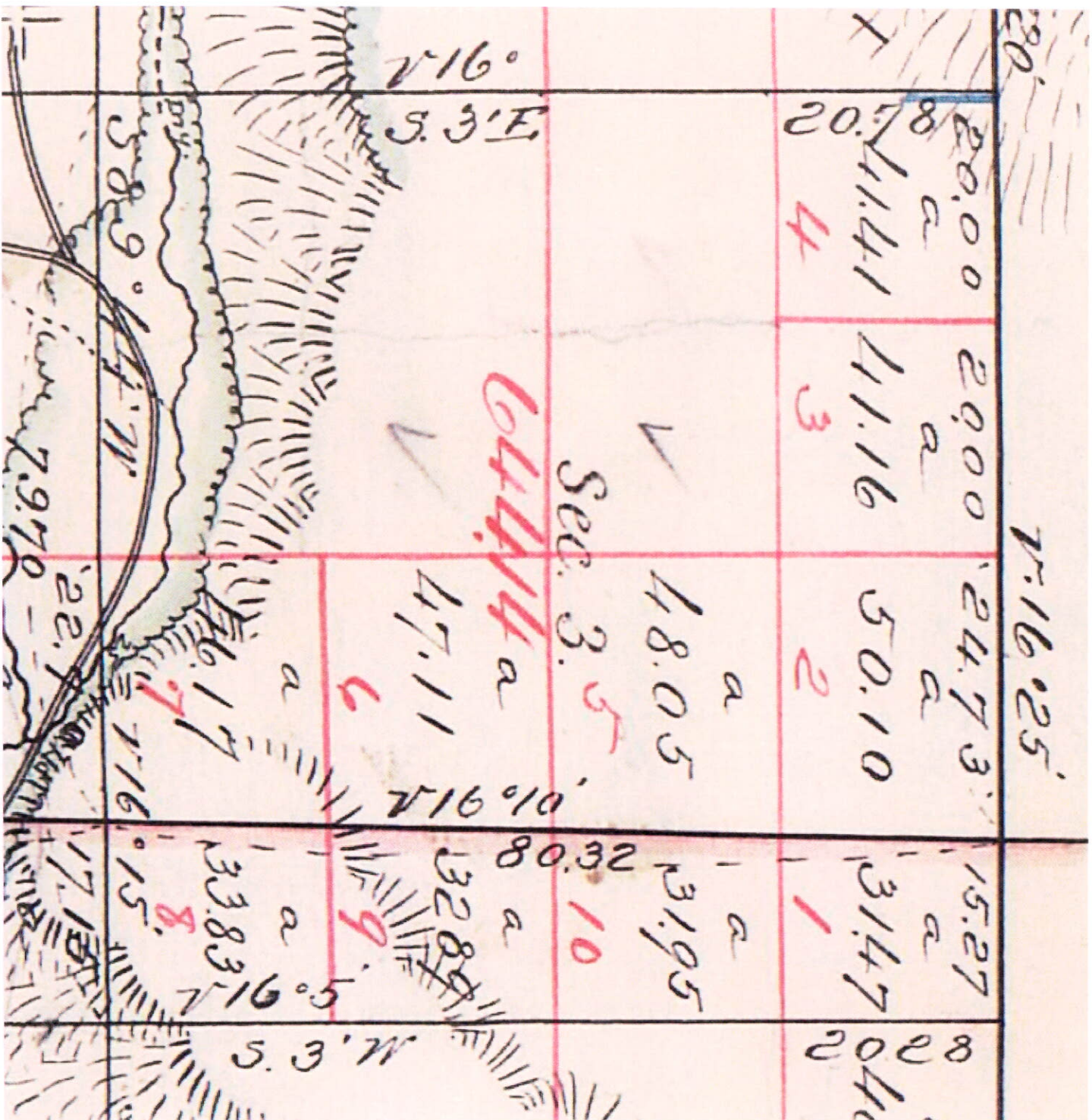


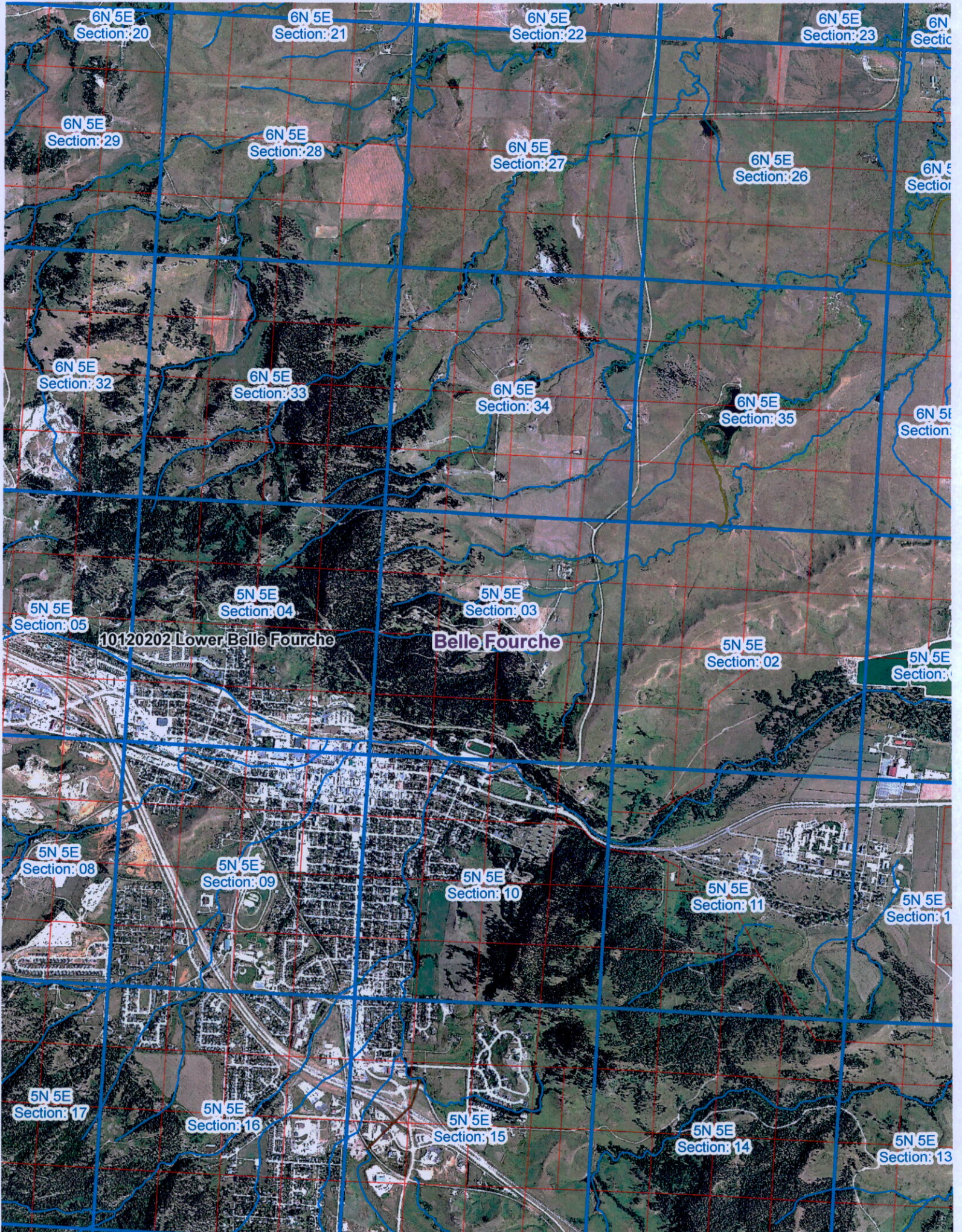
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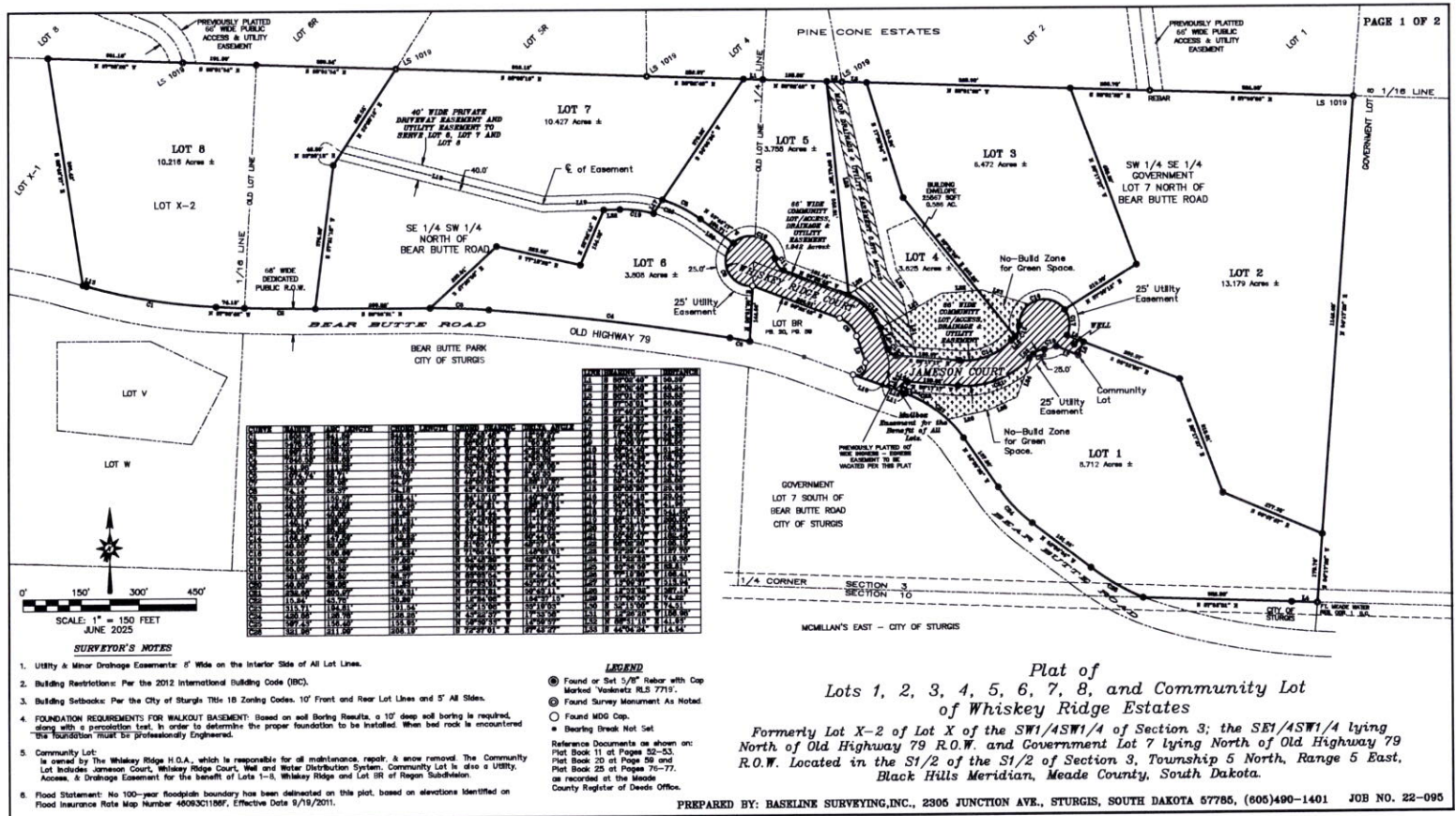
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*Plat of
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and Community Lot
of Whiskey Ridge Estates
Formerly Lot X-2 of Lot X of the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 3; the SE1/4SW1/4 lying
North of Old Highway 79 R.O.W. and Government Lot 7 lying North of Old Highway 79
R.O.W. Located in the S1/2 of the S1/2 of Section 3, Township 5 North, Range 5 East,
Black Hills Meridian, Meade County, South Dakota.*

COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
COUNTY OF MEADE }
I, Auditor of Meade County, do hereby certify that the Planning
Director of Meade County has Reviewed and Approved this Plat
as shown hereon.
Dated this ____ day of ____, 20__.

Auditor of Meade County

PLANNING COMMISSION

Approved by the Planning Commission, Meade County, South Dakota.
Dated this ____ day of ____, 20__.

Signed: _____
Chairman
Attest: _____
Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY OR STREET AUTHORITY

The location of the proposed access to the Highway or Street as
shown hereon is hereby approved. Any change in the location of
the proposed access shall require additional approval.

Dated this ____ day of ____, 20__.

Highway or Street Authority

COUNTY TREASURER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Treasurer of Meade County, South Dakota, do hereby certify
that all taxes which are liens upon the land described hereon,
as shown by the records of my office, are fully paid.

Dated this ____ day of ____, 20__.

Meade County Treasurer

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, Sharon E. Vokonas, 2305 Junction Avenue, Sturgis SD being a Registered
Land Surveyor in the State of South Dakota, do hereby state that at the
request of the Owner listed hereon, I have surveyed and plotted the property
shown and described hereon. I have marked upon the ground the boundaries
in the manner shown, and that the plat is correct to the best of my
knowledge, information and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF
I hereunto set my hand and seal

this ____ day of ____, 20__.

Sharon E. Vokonas
Registered Land Surveyor No. 7719

COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTOR CERTIFICATE

I the Director of Planning of Meade County, South Dakota,
do hereby certify that I have Reviewed this Plat and have
Approved the Plat as shown hereon.

Dated this ____ day of ____, 20__.

Meade County
Director of Planning

COUNTY EQUALIZATION DIRECTOR CERTIFICATE

I Equalization Director of Meade County, South Dakota,
do hereby certify that I have on record in my office a
dotted copy of the within described Plat.

Dated this ____ day of ____, 20__.

Meade County
Director of Equalization

OWNER'S CERTIFICATE

We, Whiskey Ridge, LLC, do hereby certify that we are the Owners of the land
shown and described hereon and that we did authorize and do join in and
approve the survey and plat. We further certify that the development of this
land shall conform to all existing applicable zoning, subdivision and erosion
and sediment control regulations. Dedicated right-of-way as shown hereon is
dedicated to public use.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF
I hereunto set my hand this ____ day of ____, 20__.

Scott Sobers, Manager

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OWNERS

STATE OF _____ }
COUNTY OF _____ } SS

On this ____ day of ____, 20__,
before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Scott Sobers,
Manager, Whiskey Ridge, LLC, known to me to be the person who executed
the foregoing Owner's Certificate and acknowledged to me that she executed
the same for purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public _____ My Commission Expires: _____

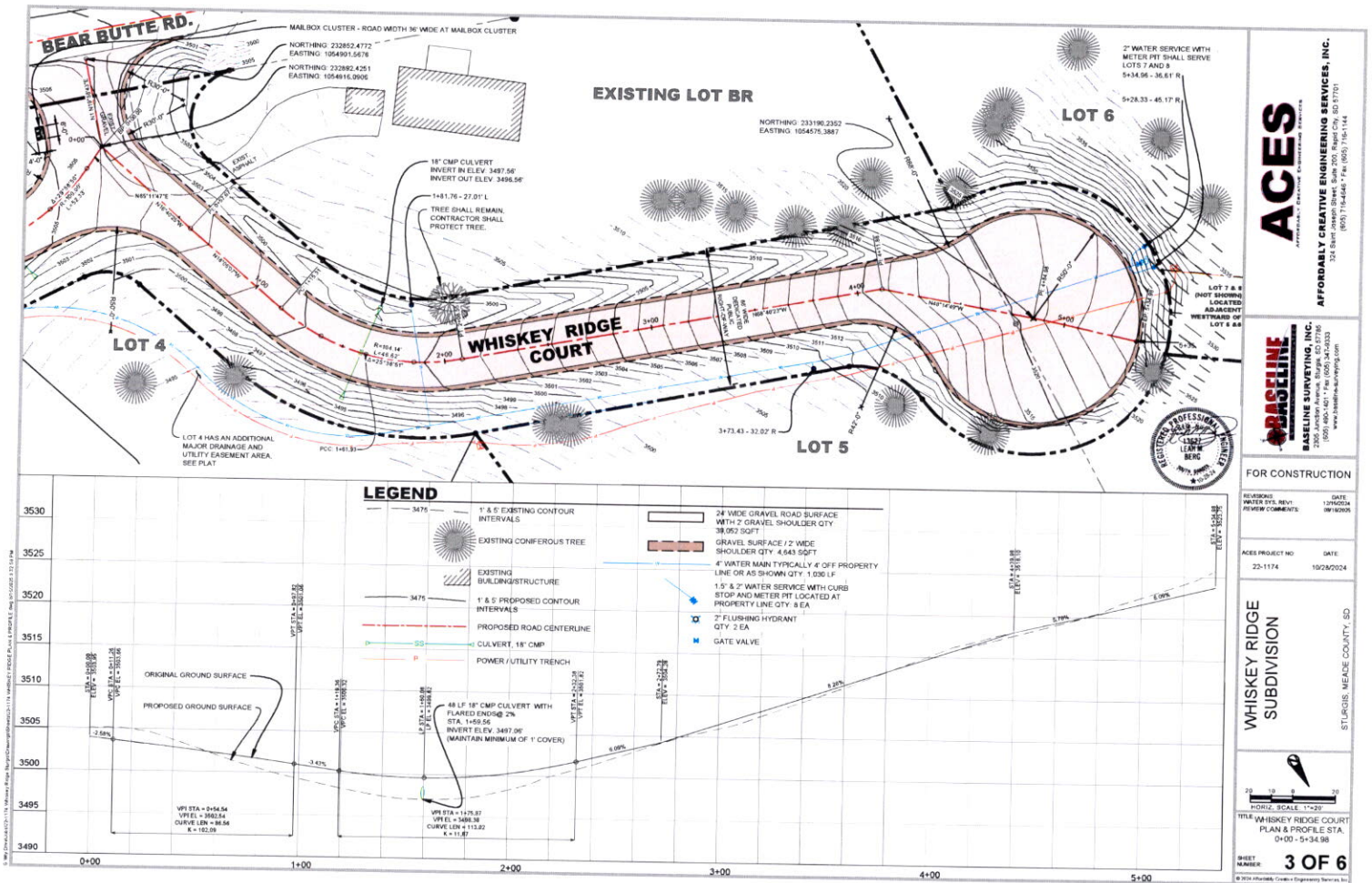
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Meade County Register of Deeds

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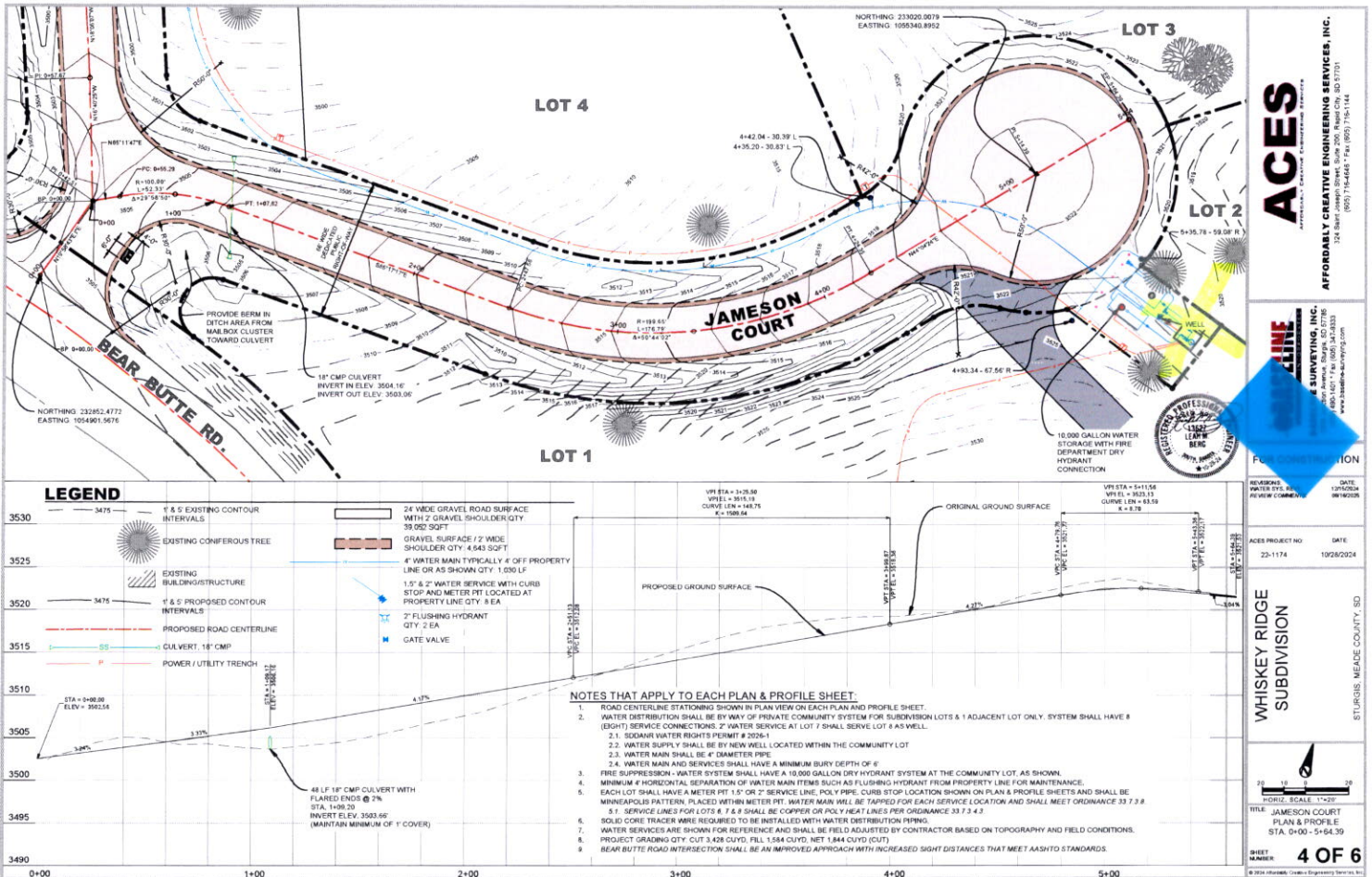
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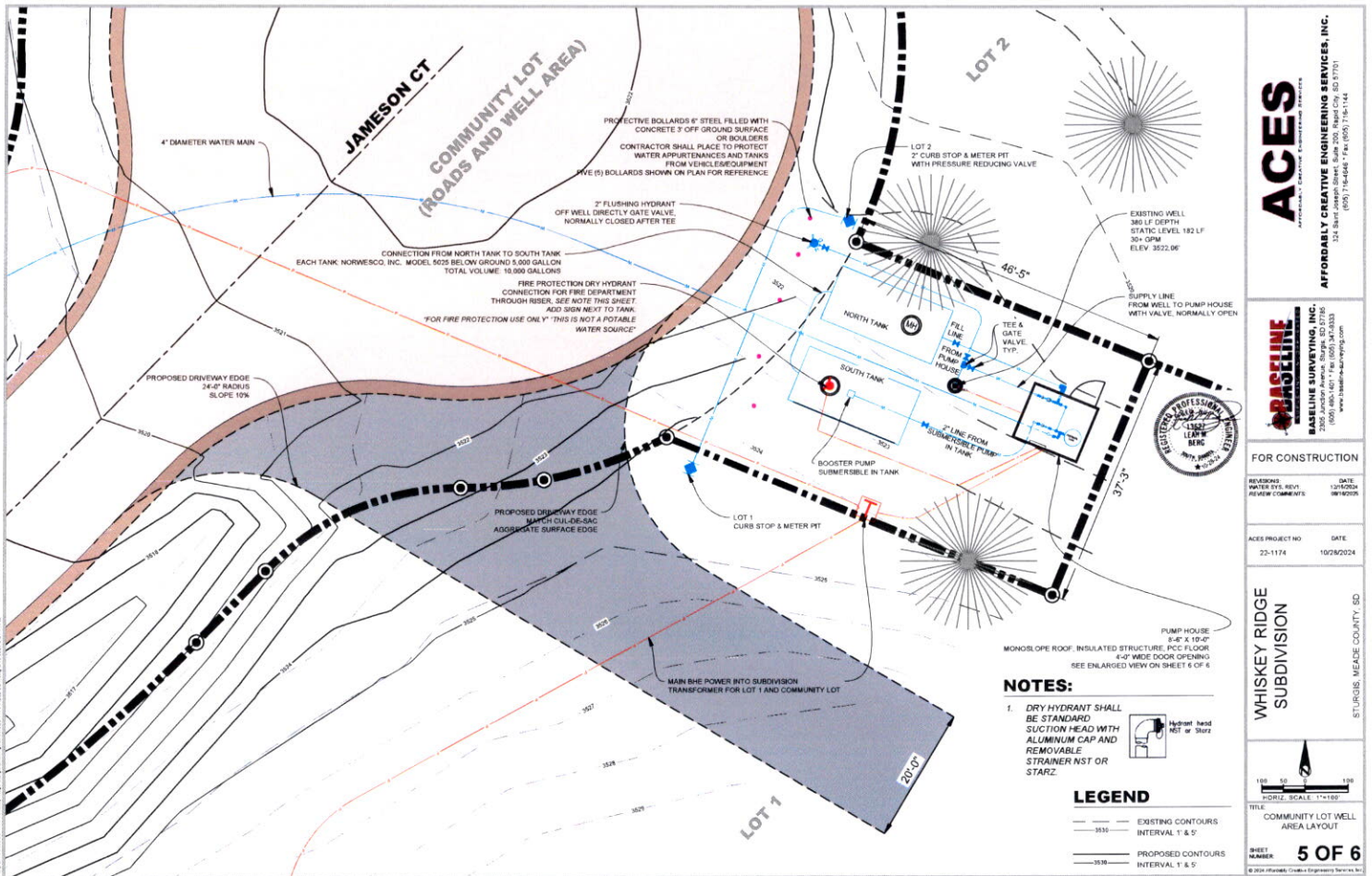
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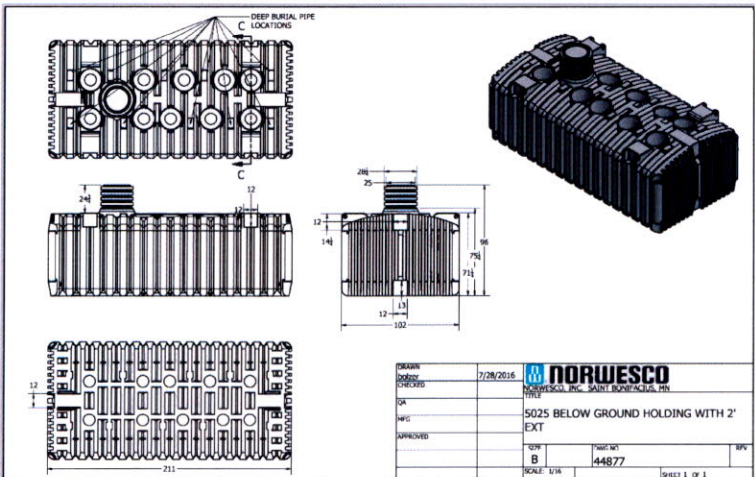
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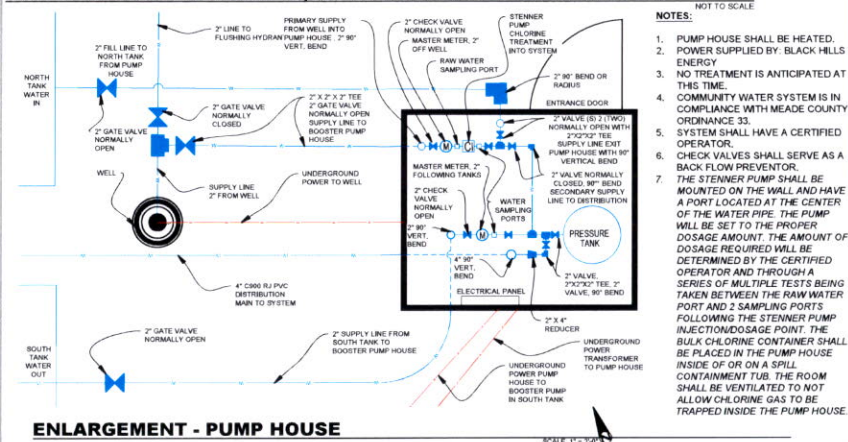
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WATER STORAGE TANKS - 10,000 GAL TOTAL CAPACITY SYSTEM



Qty	Description
1	36550-36



Product No.: 5010029
Pump without motor
Multi-stage submersible pump for raw water supply groundwater lowering and pressure boosting. The pump is suitable for pumping clean, thin, non-aggressive liquids without solid particles or fibres.

Liquid: Water
Pumped liquid: Water
Liquid temperature range: 5 - 140 °F
Selected liquid temperature: 68 °F
Density: 82.29 lb/ft³

Technical:
Pump speed on which pump data are based: 3450 rpm
Rated flow: 26.4 US GPM
Rated head: 564.3 ft
Approvals: CULDWUS, CCSAUS
Approvals for drinking water: PHCPS
Curve tolerance: ISO9906 2012 3B
Return valve: YES
Specification for shaft end: SPLINE

Materials:
Pump: Stainless steel
EN 1.4301
AISI 304
Impeller: Stainless steel
EN 1.4301
AISI 304

Installation:
Maximum operating pressure: 870.23 psi
Maximum outlet pressure: 356.79 psi
Type of connection: NPT(F)
Size of connection: 1.12 inch
Motor diameter: 4 inch
Minimum borehole diameter: 4.13 in

Electrical data:
Motor range design: Grundfos
Power (P2) required by pump: 5.5 HP

Others:
Minimum efficiency index, MEI: 0.56
DOE Pump Energy Index CL: 0.93

WELL PUMP DETAIL

- QUANTITIES SHOWN:
- 2" WATER PIPE: 140 FT
 - 4 EA GASKETED TANK PENETRATIONS: 2" PIPE CONNECTIONS
 - 2"x2"x2" TEE (BURIED)
 - 90° 2" BEND (BURIED)
 - 4 EA 2" GATE VALVE
 - 5 EA 90° 2" BEND
 - 1 EA CHECK VALVE
 - 1 EA 2" VALVE
 - 3 EA 2"x2"x2" TEE
 - 3 EA WATER SAMPLING PORT
 - 1 EA 90° 4" BEND
 - 2 EA 2" MASTER METER
 - STENNER PUMP
 - PRESSURE TANK
 - SUBMERSIBLE BOOSTER PUMP
 - 2"x4" REDUCER

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AFFORDABLY CREATIVE ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC.
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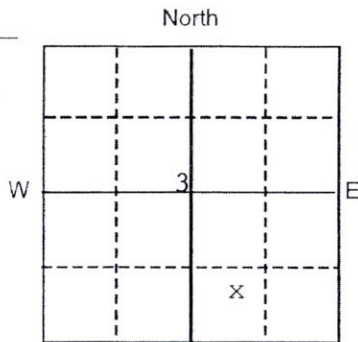
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SUBDIVISION

STURGIS, MEADE COUNTY, SD

TITLE	DETAILS
SHEET NUMBER	6 OF 6

SOUTH DAKOTA WATER WELL COMPLETION REPORT

11-02

Location SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 03 Twp 5N Rg 5ECounty MeadePlease mark well
location with an "X"

Well Completion Date

04-05-2024

Distance to nearest potential pollution source (septic tank, abandoned well, feed lot, etc.)?

100 ft. from Septic (identify source)

PROPOSED USE:

☒ Domestic/Stock ☐ Municipal ☐ Business ☐ Test holes
☐ Irrigation ☐ Industrial ☐ Institutional ☐ Monitoring well

METHOD OF DRILLING:

Rotary Air Hammer

CASING DATA:

☐ Steel ☒ Plastic ☐ Other
 If other describe _____

PIPEWEIGHT	DIAMETER	FROM	TO	HOLE DIAMETER
SDR51 LB/FT	<u>10.0</u> IN	<u>0</u> FT	<u>20</u> FT	<u>14-3/4</u> IN
SDR17 LB/FT	<u>5.0</u> IN	<u>+2</u> FT	<u>360</u> FT	<u>8-3/4</u> IN
LB/FT	IN	FT	FT	IN

GROUTING DATA:

Grout Type	No. of Sacks	Grout Weight	From	To
<u>Bentonite</u>	<u>80ft</u>	<u>9.5</u> Lb/gal	<u>0</u> Ft	<u>305</u> Ft
<u>Gravel Filter</u>		Lb/gal	<u>305</u> Ft	<u>360</u> Ft

 Describe grouting procedure _____

Tremmied Quick Grout

SCREEN:

☐ Perforated pipe ☒ Manufactured
 Diameter 5.0 Inches Length 40 Feet
 Material PVC SDR 17
 Slot Size .025 Set From 320 Feet to 360 Feet
 Other information Gravel Packed 3/8 pea 305-360
Capped

WAS A PACKER OR SEAL USED?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, what material?

Describe packer(s) and location _____

DISINFECTION: Was well disinfected upon completion?

☒ Yes, How? Chlorine Injection
☐ No, Why Not?
 Lab to which water quality sample sent for analysis _____
Well Owner: Whiskey Ridge, LLCBusiness Name: Whiskey Ridge, LLCAddress: 2327 Junction AveCity, State, Zip: Sturgis, SD 57785

WELL LOG:

FORMATION	DEPTH	
	FROM	TO
<u>Sand, Sandstone</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Black Shale</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>Pink Sandstone</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>200</u>
<u>Red Shale fine Gravel</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>240</u>
<u>Grey Shale</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>320</u>
<u>Grey Sand (Dakota)</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>325</u>
<u>Grey Shale</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>340</u>
<u>Grey Sand (Lakota)</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>360</u>
<u>Tan Shale</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>380</u>

STATIC WATER LEVEL 210 FEET

If flowing: closed in pressure _____ PSI

GPM flow _____ through _____ Inch pipe

Controlled by ☐ Valve ☐ Reducers ☐ Other _____

Reduced flow rate _____ GPM

Can well be completely shut in?

WELL TEST DATA:

☐ Pumped Describe: Airlifted 25+gpm from 320
☐ Bailed
☐ Other _____

Pumping Level Below Land Surface

_____ Ft. After _____ Hrs. pumped _____ GPM

_____ Ft. After _____ Hrs. pumped _____ GPM

If pump installed, pump rate: _____ GPM

REMARKS

No pump installed at time of drilling
equipment demobilizationThis well was drilled under license # 205 and this
report is true and accurate.Drilling firm: Tim Barritt, LLC/Tyvo Drilling, LLC

Signature of License Representative: _____

Signature of Well Owner or Equitable Property Holder: _____

Date: _____

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WATER

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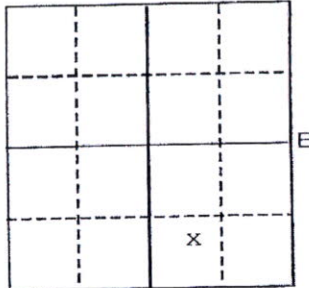
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Location SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 03 Twp 5N Rg 5ECounty Meade

North

Please mark well
location with an "X"

TO TIM - 4-15-24 W



Well Completion Date

04-05-2024

1 Mile

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PIPEWEIGHT	DIAMETER	FROM	TO	HOLE DIAMETER
SDR51 LB/FT	10.0 IN	0 FT	20 FT	14-3/4 IN
SDR17 LB/FT	5.0 IN	+2 FT	360 FT	8-3/4 IN
LB/FT	IN	FT	FT	IN

GROUTING DATA:

Grout Type	No. of Sacks	Grout Weight	From	To
Bentonite	80ft	9.5 Lb/gal	0 Ft	305 Ft
Gravel Filter		Lb/gal	305 Ft	360 Ft

Describe grouting procedure

Tremmie Quick Grout

SCREEN: ☐ Perforated pipe ☒ ManufacturedDiameter 5.0 Inches Length 40 FeetMaterial PVC SDR 17Slot Size .025 Set From 320 Feet to 360 FeetOther information Gravel Packed 3/8 pea 305-360
CappedWAS A PACKER OR SEAL USED? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, what material?

Describe packer(s) and location

DISINFECTION: Was well disinfected upon completion?

☒ Yes, How? Chlorine Injection☐ No, Why Not?Lab to which water
quality sample sent for analysisWell Owner: Whiskey Ridge, LLCBusiness Name: Whiskey Ridge, LLCAddress: 2327 Junction AveCity, State, Zip: Sturgis, SD 57785

WELL LOG:

FORMATION	DEPTH	
	FROM	TO
Sand, Sandstone	0	20
Black Shale	20	50
Pink Sandstone	50	200
Red Shale fine Gravel	200	240
Grey Shale	240	320
Grey Sand (Dakota)	320	325
Grey Shale	325	340
Grey Sand (Lakota)	340	360
Tan Shale	360	380

STATIC WATER LEVEL 210 FEET

If flowing: closed in pressure _____ PSI

GPM flow _____ through _____ Inch pipe

Controlled by ☐ Valve ☐ Reducers ☐ Other _____

Reduced flow rate _____ GPM

Can well be completely shut in?

WELL TEST DATA:

☐ Pumped Describe: Airlifted 25+gpm from 320☐ Bailed☐ Other

Pumping Level Below Land Surface

_____ Ft. After _____ Hrs. pumped _____ GPM

_____ Ft. After _____ Hrs. pumped _____ GPM

If pump installed, pump rate: _____ GPM

REMARKS

No pump installed at time of drilling
equipment demobilizationThis well was drilled under license # 205 and this
report is true and accurate.Drilling firm: Tim Barritt, LLC/Tyvo Drilling, LLC

Signature of License Representative:

Signature of Well Owner or Equitable Property Holder:

RECEIVED

Date: _____

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Water Rights
Program

RECEIPT

WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Date August 28th, 2025

RECEIVED OF Whiskey Ridge LLC 2327 Junction Avenue Sturgis SD 57785

The following amount in fees for services rendered as provided for by law:

Fee for Application for Permit No. <u>2048-1</u> to Appropriate Water, to construct and to put water to beneficial use	\$ <u>100.00</u>
Fee for Application for Permit No. _____ to Appropriate Water for Future use	\$ _____
Fee to retain Future Use Permit No. _____ after period of seven years.	\$ _____
Fee for Inspecting Constructed Works, confirming beneficial use and issuing Water License No. _____	\$ _____
Fee for Filing Transfer Form _____	\$ _____
Fee for _____	\$ _____
Fee for Issuing New Well Driller's License No. _____	\$ _____
Fee for Renewal of Well Driller's License No. _____	\$ _____
Fee for Issuing Well Pump Installer's License No. _____	\$ _____
Fee for Renewal of Well Pump Installer's License No. _____	\$ _____
(Any Other Work Provided by Law) TOTAL	\$ <u>100.00</u>

By Mark Mayke
Chief Engineer



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Secretary of State
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SDCL 47-34A-211; 59-11-24, 24.1

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1. Business ID and Name:

DL215974
BUSINESS ID

Whiskey Ridge, LLC
BUSINESS NAME

2. The jurisdiction under whose law it is formed **South Dakota**

3. The address of the principal executive office (business address):

Actual Street Address

**2327 JUNCTION AVENUE
STURGIS, SD 57785**

Mailing Address

**2327 JUNCTION AVENUE
STURGIS, SD 57785**

4. The South Dakota Registered Agent's Name:

South Dakota law permits the registered agent to be either (a) a noncommercial registered agent, or (b) a commercial registered agent.

(a) The South Dakota Noncommercial Registered Agent's name

Name **Scott Sabers**

Actual Street Address in this State

**2327 JUNCTION AVENUE
STURGIS, SD 57785**

Mailing Address in this State

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5. If the LLC is manager-managed, list the names and addresses of its Managers. SDCL 59-11-24. If the LLC is member-managed, this section may be left blank.

Name	Address
Scott Sabers	2327 Junction Ave
Shanon Vasknetz	2305 Junction Ave, Sturgis, SD 57785
Mike Bruch	2305 Junction Ave. Sturgis, SD 57785

6. 43-2A-1. "Agricultural land" defined.

For purposes of this chapter, the term "agricultural land" means land capable of use in the production of agricultural crops, timber, livestock or livestock products, poultry or poultry products, milk or dairy products, or fruit and other horticultural products but does not include any royalty interest, any oil, gas, or other mineral interest, or any lease, right-of-way, option, or easement relating thereto, or any land zoned by a local governmental unit for a use other than and nonconforming with agricultural use

Does the entity own any Agricultural land? (Required)

No

If the answer is yes, please answer below

"Foreign Beneficial Owner" "Foreign entity" is registered outside of the United States or its territories or has more than ten percent ownership by a foreign government, foreign person, or any combination thereof. "Foreign Government" A Government or state- controlled enterprise of a government, other than the United States, its states, its territories, or its federally recognized Indian Tribes. "Foreign Person" A natural Person who



is not a United States Citizen or a resident.

Does the entity have any foreign beneficial owners/interests?

N/A

If the answer is yes to the questions above, please provide the information below

Provide a legal description of the agricultural land or a description of the land's common location in the space provided below.

N/A

The total acreage of agricultural land held by the entity.

N/A

The Current use of the agricultural land. As defined in SDCL 43-2A-1.

Check all that apply:

N/A

7. Beneficial Owners (optional): A beneficial owner is a person who has or in some manner controls an equity security. Please consult an attorney for legal advice if you have any questions concerning this entry. Any question under this heading is considered a request for legal advice and the secretary of state's office is, by statute, not permitted, to provide legal advice.

No person may execute this report knowing it is false in any material respect. Any violation may be subject to a criminal penalty (SDCL 22-39-36).

10/30/2024

Dated

scott sabers

Signature of an Authorized Person

Email (Optional)

scott sabers

Printed Name



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**RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER FOR WATER PERMIT
APPLICATION NO. 2048-1, Whiskey Ridge, LLC.**

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. 2048-1, Whiskey Ridge, LLC., 2327 Junction Avenue, Sturgis SD 57785.

The Acting Chief Engineer is recommending APPROVAL of Application No. 2048-1 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. 2048-1 is located near domestic wells and other wells which may obtain water from the same aquifer. Water withdrawals must be controlled so there is not a reduction of needed water supplies in adequate domestic wells or in adequate wells having prior water rights.
2. The Permit holder must report to the Chief Engineer annually the amount of water withdrawn from the Sundance Aquifer.
3. Water Permit No. 2048-1 authorizes a total annual diversion of up to 36.2 acre-feet of water.

See report on application for additional information.

Mark Mayer, PE
Director of Office of Water
November 12, 2025

**Report to the Chief Engineer on
Water Permit Application No. 2048-1**

Whiskey Ridge, LLC

2025 October 21

Water Permit Application No. 2048-1 proposes to appropriate up to 36.2 acre-feet of water annually (ac-ft/yr) from one well completed into the Sundance Aquifer (approximately 380 feet deep) at a maximum diversion rate of 0.10 cubic feet of water per second (cfs), which is equivalent to 45 gallons per minute (gpm), located in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ (Government Lot 7 – Original Survey) Section 3-T5N-R5E, Black Hills Meridian. The proposed use is for a water distribution system and domestic use in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 3-T5N-R5E. This site is located in Meade County in the northern city limits of Sturgis, South Dakota.

Aquifer: Sundance (SNDC)

Hydrogeologic characteristics

The Sundance aquifer is composed of the saturated and permeable portions of the Sundance Formation. The Sundance Formation is a Jurassic-aged formation which is “Greenish-gray, yellow, tan, red to orange, and white, variegated, interbedded, fine- to coarse-grained sandstone, siltstone, clay, and limestone” [1]. In South Dakota Geological Survey (SDGS) publications, when a formation is given multiple possibly conflicting descriptions, the descriptions given first are most predominant types of rock in the formation and descriptions given later are less common, but still consistent with the overall formation. Therefore, the Sundance Formation is mostly a greenish-gray, fine-grained sandstone. It is overlain by the Jurassic-aged Unkpapa Sandstone and/or the Jurassic-aged Morrison Formation, depending on location, and underlain by the Jurassic-aged Gypsum Spring Formation [2]. Above the Jurassic-aged formations in South Dakota, the next formations deposited are Cretaceous-aged shales, sandstones, and chalk or marl formations [1]. The Jurassic-aged formations are also overlain by quaternary-aged alluvium in river valleys.

The upper shales of the Sundance Formation, Morrison Formation, and Gypsum Springs Formation likely create confining layers that generally prevent most vertical flow of water between the Sundance aquifer and other aquifers, so the Water Rights Program considers the Unkpapa aquifer to be a separate source of water. However, in the northern Black Hills, the Unkpapa Sandstone is very thin, if present at all [3]. The Sundance aquifer is most of the aquifer material in the Jurassic-aged rocks outcropping in the Black Hills [3]. There are nine 7.5-minute scale geologic quadrangles available which provide mapped areas of the different Jurassic-aged formations in the Black Hills (Figure 1) [4-12]. They are all in the northern Black Hills, so the sampling is likely to show a higher proportion of Sundance Formation relative to Unkpapa Formation than is truly present in the entire Black Hills. Approximately 70% of the outcrop of Jurassic rocks in the nine quadrangles analyzed is Sundance Formation (Table 1).

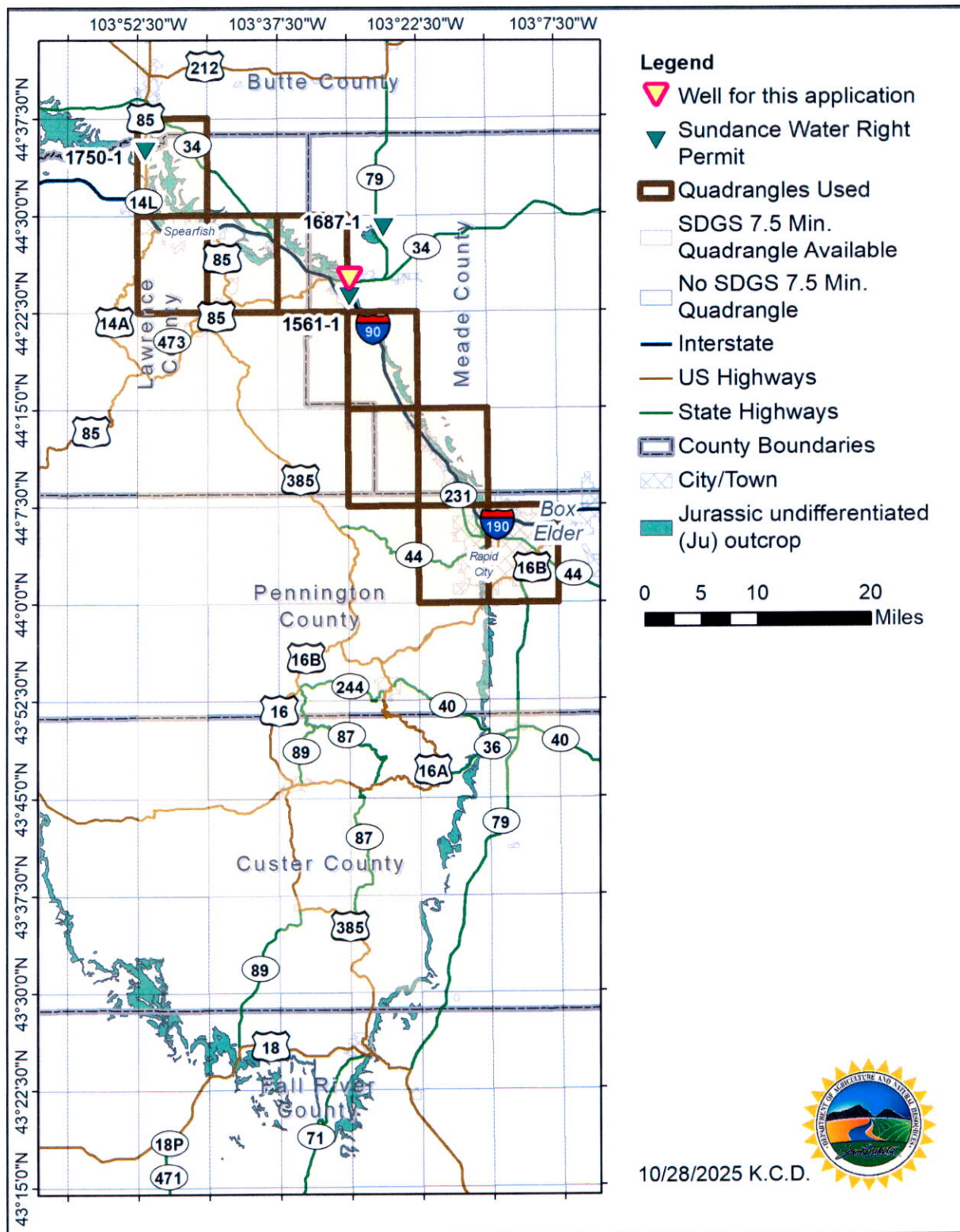


Figure 1: Map of 7.5-minute quadrangles, availability of 1:24,000 scale geologic maps in the Black Hills, Sundance aquifer water rights, and this application [4-14].

Table 1: Proportion of outcrop area of Jurassic-aged formations in nine 7.5-minute quadrangles in the Black Hills, listed in order from youngest and highest formations to oldest and lowest [4-12].

Formation	Area (acres)	Percent
Morrison	3,473	17%
Unkpapa	1,121	5%
Sundance	14,827	71%
Gypsum Springs	1,425	7%
Total	20,846	100%

The applicant submitted a well-completion report for one well, completed in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 3-T5N-R5E on April 5, 2024. The driller indicated encountering sand and sandstone from land surface to 20 feet below grade, black shale from 20 to 50 feet, pink sandstone from 50 to 200 feet, red shale and fine gravel from 200 to 240 feet, grey shale from 240 to 320 feet, grey sand from 320 to 325 feet, grey shale from 325 to 340 feet, grey sand from 340 to 360 feet, and tan shale from 360 to the total depth of 380 feet. The driller placed screen from 320 to 360 feet below grade and measured the static water level at 210 feet below grade at the time the well was completed. The driller called the bottom layer of sand ‘Lakota Formation’ and the next layer of sand above that ‘Dakota Formation’. However, at the location indicated by the driller, this well is at or near the contact between the younger, Cretaceous-aged Inyan Kara group which includes the Lakota Formation, and the older, Jurassic-aged formations [13]. Therefore, the formation encountered from 240 feet and below is more likely to be consistent with the Sundance Formation than the Lakota Formation.

Applicable South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL)

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-9, a permit to appropriate water may be issued if there is reasonable probability that there is unappropriated water available for the applicant’s proposed use, that the proposed diversion can be developed without unlawful impairment of existing domestic water uses and water rights, and that the proposed use is a beneficial use and in the public interest as it pertains to matters of public interest within the regulatory authority of the Water Management Board. This report will only assess the availability of water and possibility of developing this application without unlawful impairment of existing domestic water uses and water rights.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-6-3.1, no application to appropriate groundwater may be approved if, according to the best information reasonably available, it is probable that the quantity of water withdrawn annually from a groundwater source will exceed the quantity of the average estimated annual recharge of the water to the groundwater source. An exception allows water distribution systems to withdraw from groundwater sources older or stratigraphically lower than the Greenhorn Formation regardless of the results of a hydrologic budget. The applicant is a water distribution system as defined in SDCL 46-1-6(17). The Sundance aquifer is older and stratigraphically lower than the Greenhorn Formation. Therefore, the Water Management Board’s authority to approve this application is not restricted by whether or not recharge exceeds withdrawals. However, a statewide and local hydrologic budget is included in this report for the information of the Chief Engineer and the Water Management Board.

Availability of Water*Statewide Hydrologic Budget*Statewide Recharge

Recharge to the Sundance aquifer is mainly by infiltration of precipitation on the outcrop; although, it is likely some recharge can occur from groundwater flow from lower, higher-pressure aquifers to the Sundance aquifer [15]. Medler, Anderson, and Eldridge [15] estimated average annual recharge to the Sundance aquifer from the infiltration of precipitation to be 7,362 ac-ft/yr. In the report, Medler, Anderson, and Eldridge [15, p. 7] indicate “Aquifers in other Jurassic formations are used locally to lesser degrees than the Sundance aquifer and were not considered in recharge calculations in this report...” but do not clarify if the area used for precipitation recharge in their estimate is only the outcrop of the Sundance formation or if all Jurassic-aged units are included in that area. However, the area shown in the original Black Hills Hydrology Study [16] and in the Medler, Anderson, and Eldridge [15] report includes all Jurassic-aged units, based on the 7.5-minute geologic maps available [4-12]. Since 70% of the Jurassic-aged outcrop in the areas examined are Sundance Formation, it is likely that 70% of the precipitation recharge estimated by Medler, Anderson, and Eldridge [15] goes to the Sundance aquifer, a total of 5,000 ac-ft/yr.

Statewide Discharge

Discharge from the Sundance aquifer is likely to be mainly by groundwater outflow to higher and lower-pressure aquifers which contact the Sundance aquifer further east of the Black Hills. There are also three water right permits on file with the Water Rights Program which withdraw from the Sundance aquifer. The three permits are limited by maximum instantaneous diversion rate only, so their estimated withdrawal assumes they withdraw at their licensed diversion rates 60% of the time. Assuming water users divert at their maximum diversion rate 60% of the time is the standard method the Water Rights Program uses to estimate withdrawals when no other information is available, and has been accepted by the Water Management Board as a method to estimate withdrawals. The estimated average annual withdrawal from all South Dakota water rights withdrawing from the Sundance aquifer is 88 ac-ft/yr.

Table 2: Estimated withdrawals in the Sundance aquifer

Permit	Name/Business	Priority	Status	Use Type	Max. CFS	Est Use (ac-ft/yr)
1561-1	Believer's Fellowship Ministries	09/24/1992	License	Institutional	0.009	4
1687-1	Lone Star Campground Inc	05/07/1999	License	Commercial	0.150	65
1750-1	Northern Hills Church of Christ	06/18/2001	License	Institutional	0.044	19
Total					0.203	88

Summary of Statewide Hydrologic Budget

The estimated average annual recharge to the Sundance aquifer is 5,000 ac-ft/yr. The estimated average annual withdrawal from the Sundance aquifer is 88 ac-ft/yr. This application proposes to withdraw up to 36.2 ac-ft/yr. Therefore, based on the hydrologic budget, there is reasonable probability unappropriated water is available for this application.

Local Hydrologic Budget

In the original Black Hills Hydrology Study, the Black Hills area was divided into nine subareas based on groundwater flow paths in the Madison and Minnelusa aquifers. The Water Rights Program does a review of local hydrologic budgets for bedrock aquifer withdrawals within the boundaries of that study area. This application and Water Right Nos. 1561-1 and 1687-1 are in Subarea 2. Medler, Anderson, and Eldridge estimated that average annual recharge to the Jurassic-aged rocks in Subarea 2 was 580 ac-ft/yr. Using the same methods described above, the estimated average annual withdrawal from the Sundance aquifer in Subarea 2 is 69 ac-ft/yr and based on the hydrologic budget there is reasonable probability unappropriated water is available for this application.

Observation Wells

Administrative Rule of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:02:05:07 requires the Water Management Board to rely upon the record of observation wells, in addition to other information, to determine the availability of water. There are no observation wells completed into the Sundance aquifer [17] and there are not enough well completion reports in the area that are known to be completed into the Sundance aquifer, and not other aquifers, to provide an idea of water-level fluctuations in the Sundance aquifer based on the static water level of each new well [18]. The water-level fluctuations of observation wells completed into other bedrock aquifers in the region indicate the water levels rise during wetter-than-average periods and decline during drier-than-average periods. The fluctuations being predominantly influenced by climactic effects indicates that water is naturally discharging from the bedrock aquifers in the Black Hills and therefore, assuming the Sundance aquifer behaves like other bedrock aquifers in the Black Hills, unappropriated water is available for capture, including the amount required for this application.

Possibility of Unlawful Impairment of Existing Water Rights

The nearest water right permit to this application, withdrawing from the Sundance aquifer, is located approximately 1.6 miles south of this application [14]. The nearest domestic well on file with the Water Rights Program that may be completed into the same aquifer as this application is located approximately 0.4 miles south of the applicant's well in the N ½ Section 10-T5N-R5E, based on the location provided by the driller [18]. Quaternary alluvium, which overlies the Jurassic-aged rocks there, likely influences the aquifer in that location [13]. The Water Rights Program has historically interpreted an unlawful impairment of existing water rights to occur if a junior water right/permit causes a nearby adequate well with a senior water right/permit to become unable to withdraw at the rate it is entitled to or, if a domestic well is impacted, a water right/permit causes an adequate domestic well to be unable to withdraw at the rate needed to supply reasonable domestic use of water. Administrative Rule of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:02:04:20(6) defines an adequate well as:

...a well constructed or rehabilitated to allow various withdrawal methods to be used, to allow the inlet to the pump to be placed not less than 20 feet into the saturated aquifer or formation material when the well is constructed, or to allow the pump to be placed as near to the bottom of the aquifer as is practical if the aquifer thickness is less than 20 feet

In order to place waters of the state to maximum beneficial use, the Water Management Board does not protect hydraulic head (water pressure in the aquifer above the top of formation) as a means of water delivery [19]. Withdrawals from the well for this application may cause some drawdown, but given the relatively small rate of withdrawal, drawdown is not likely to be noticeable far from the well site. There are no complaints on file with the Water Rights Program regarding well interference in Meade County [20]. Given the relatively small diversion rate of this application, distance from the applicant's well to any other wells in the same aquifer, and lack of documented well interference in the aquifer, there is reasonable probability this application can be developed without unlawful impairment of existing water rights or domestic users.

Conclusions

1. Water Permit Application No. 2048-1 proposes to appropriate up to 36.2 ac-ft/yr from one well completed into the Sundance Aquifer at a maximum diversion rate of 0.10 cfs located in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ (Government Lot 7 – Original Survey) Section 3-T5N-R5E, Black Hills Meridian. The proposed use is for a water distribution system and domestic use in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 3-T5N-R5E.
2. Based on the hydrologic budget, there is reasonable probability unappropriated water is available for this application.
3. There is reasonable probability this application can be developed without unlawful impairment of existing water rights.



Kimberly C. Drennon, E.I.

Engineer III – DANR Water Rights Program

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Rodriguez, Rachel

From: Dewell, Amanda
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 8:09 AM
To: Leah Berg
Cc: Tonya Vig; Baseline Surveying; Rodriguez, Rachel
Subject: RE: [EXT] Whiskey Ridge Subdivision | NEW Water Rights Permit - Replacing #2026-1
Attachments: Whiskey Ridge Construction Plans Revised following comments 8-16-25 Email.pdf; Water Rights Permit Application Replacement for 2026-1.pdf; PRELIMINARY PLAT WHISKEY RIDGE LOTS 1 THRU 8 [PLAT] 7-15-25.pdf; Whiskey Ridge Completion report.pdf

Leah,

Since you've emailed the application, a hard copy is not necessary. Once the fees have been received, Rachel (cc'd) will review for completeness and reach out with any questions.

Thank you,

Amanda Dewell
DANR - Water Rights Program
Permitting Administrator
Main Phone: 605 773-3352
Website: danr.sd.gov



From: Leah Berg <lberg@proacesinc.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 9:30 PM
To: Dewell, Amanda <Amanda.Dewell@state.sd.us>
Cc: Tonya Vig <tonya.vig@meadecounty.org>; Baseline Surveying <baseline@sturgissurveying.com>
Subject: [EXT] Whiskey Ridge Subdivision | NEW Water Rights Permit - Replacing #2026-1

Hello Amanda,

I have attached the new Water Rights Permit for the Sundance Formation. This includes the Preliminary Plat, Construction Plans and Well Log.

Is it acceptable to email this to you for submission? Or does a hard copy need mailed as well?

We will mail a check for \$100 for the fee as you stated below.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!
Leah Berg, P.E.
Civil Engineer / President

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On Fri, Aug 15, 2025 at 7:13 AM Dewell, Amanda <Amanda.Dewell@state.sd.us> wrote:

Leah,

In an attempt to follow up on Whitney's email; Permit No. 2026-1 allows for a construction period through April 10, 2028. If a Minnelusa well is drilled and utilized by that time, the Sundance well could be plugged and the permit allowed to remain in place. However, if the Sundance well is to be the source of appropriations, a new permit would have to be submitted, reviewed, public noticed, and approved prior to the water being placed to use - at which time 2026-1 would be scheduled for cancellation by the Water Management Board.

If the rate from the Sundance well is to be the same as originally requested in 2026-1 (45 gpm), the application fee would only be \$100.00, with the licensing and inspection fee waived since it was already paid under 2026-1. I would expect the cost of a new application to be grossly less than that of drilling a new well.

I would be happy to assist is putting together a new application if help is needed.

Amanda Dewell

DANR - Water Rights Program

Permitting Administrator

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Website: danr.sd.gov



From: Mathiowetz, Adam (DENR) <Adam.Mathiowetz@state.sd.us>

Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 8:03 AM

To: Leah Berg <lberg@proacesinc.com>

Cc: Tonya Vig <tonya.vig@meadecounty.org>; Baseline Surveying <baseline@sturgissurveying.com>; Mayer, Mark <Mark.Mayer@state.sd.us>; Dewell, Amanda <Amanda.Dewell@state.sd.us>; Duvall, Ron <Ron.Duvall@state.sd.us>;

Fagnan, Erin <Erin.Fagnan@state.sd.us>; Kilts, Whitney (DENR) <Whitney.Kilts@state.sd.us>
Subject: RE: [EXT] Clarification Question | Water Rights Permit 2026-1

Leah,

In regards to your question on whether you should drill before obtaining a water right, there is also the ability to request permission to drill a test well. A test well is a production sized well that is drilled before obtaining the permit. This usually occurs because there is uncertainty in the formation availability or production and the availability of well drillers. Granting permission to drill the test well does not authorize use of the well beyond reasonable domestic use defined in statute and rule.



Adam Mathiowetz, PE

Engineer, Water Rights Program

Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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From: Kilts, Whitney (DENR) <Whitney.Kilts@state.sd.us>

Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 5:28 PM

To: Leah Berg <lberg@proacesinc.com>; Mathiowetz, Adam (DENR) <Adam.Mathiowetz@state.sd.us>

Cc: Tonya Vig <tonya.vig@meadecounty.org>; Baseline Surveying <baseline@sturgissurveying.com>; Mayer, Mark <Mark.Mayer@state.sd.us>; Dewell, Amanda <Amanda.Dewell@state.sd.us>; Duvall, Ron <Ron.Duvall@state.sd.us>; Fagnan, Erin <Erin.Fagnan@state.sd.us>

Subject: RE: [EXT] Clarification Question | Water Rights Permit 2026-1

Greetings Leah,

Since Adam is out of the office for the rest of the day, I will jump in to answer your questions. Typically, when a water system is targeting a specific aquifer there are reasons why that aquifer is desirable over others that might be present in the area (for example water quality, permitting, reliability, etc.) and when

contracting with their well driller the water system will indicate target aquifer. If there is a question of what aquifer/s is present at a location a water system can drill a test hole (that is then plugged) to determine target an aquifer for an application.

Why can't we revise our existing permit? Water permits are issued by water source (like a specific aquifer or river), a change in water source requires a new permit (that is how the permitting process works). Especially, since water availability and potential for unlawful impairment to existing users in the water source is required by South Dakota law to be evaluated for the new water source.

What happens to this permit since it is for the same people at the same rate and location? It will be canceled, unless a Minnelusa well is drilled as described in the permit within the construction deadline for the permit and put to beneficial use within the deadlines in the permit. But to use the existing well drilled into the Sundance for more than reasonable domestic use (as defined in South Dakota law and rule) a new water permit will still be needed for the Sundance well.

Is there a way to amend this permit? Not for a change in aquifer from the one initially permitted.

For future projects would you recommend to not apply for water rights prior to drilling a well? The **Administrative Rules of South Dakota requires a water permit be acquired prior to drilling a well for which a permit is needed.** If there is a question of what aquifer should be applied for a test hole (that is then plugged) could be drilled prior to the application to determine target aquifer. Many areas of the state also have sufficient existing geologic information to indicate a reasonable probability of an aquifer being present. For example, with the application made for 2026-1 the well for the nearby Pine Cone Estates was used by the applicant to choose the target aquifer. Also there are resources like the Black Hills Hydrology Study (<https://www.usgs.gov/centers/dakota-water-science-center/science/black-hills-hydrology-study>) to assist with determining target aquifer.

Additionally, for your awareness the Sundance Formation is not considered a major aquifer in South Dakota and locations and areas where the formation acts like an aquifer tend to be limited. The Black Hills Hydrology Study can be consulted for more information on aquifers in the Black Hills area.



Whitney Kilts

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From: Leah Berg <lberg@proacesinc.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 3:14 PM

To: Mathiowetz, Adam (DENR) <Adam.Mathiowetz@state.sd.us>

Cc: Tonya Vig <tonya.vig@meadecounty.org>; Baseline Surveying <baseline@sturgissurveying.com>; Mayer, Mark <Mark.Mayer@state.sd.us>; Kilts, Whitney (DENR) <Whitney.Kilts@state.sd.us>; Dewell, Amanda <Amanda.Dewell@state.sd.us>; Duvall, Ron <Ron.Duvall@state.sd.us>; Fagnan, Erin <Erin.Fagnan@state.sd.us>

Subject: Re: [EXT] Clarification Question | Water Rights Permit 2026-1

Hello Adam,

Thank you for the reply and the confirmation of the correct aquifer being the Sundance Formation.

I have a few questions to just help me understand the process. On projects we typically secure the Water Rights before the well(s) are drilled. Like in this case we have Water Rights Permit #2026-1. Why can't we revise our existing permit? What happens to this permit since it is for the same people at the same rate and location? Is there a way to amend this permit? Annual reporting will be ongoing for this permit.

For future projects would you recommend to not apply for water rights prior to drilling a well?

We typically apply for a water rights permit first. This is due to the extended timeline to achieve approval. But if you pay the fees and secure the permit and the aquifer is different then projected, it just seems hard to believe that the existing permit just gets thrown out. As an engineer or geologist or well driller you cannot guarantee the exact aquifer before you drill the well.

My questions are for clarification for this project and future projects. We will take the necessary steps to correct this current discrepancy.

Thank you for your help in answering questions and getting this resolved!

Leah Berg, P.E.

Civil Engineer / President

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On Thu, Aug 14, 2025 at 12:57 PM Mathiowetz, Adam (DENR) <Adam.Mathiowetz@state.sd.us> wrote:

Correction, we did receive feedback from the State Geological Survey but I missed the email. The Geological Survey believe, and both Whitney and myself concur, the well is completed into the Sundance formation.



Adam Mathiowetz, PE

Engineer, Water Rights Program

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From: Mathiowetz, Adam (DENR)

Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 1:56 PM

To: Leah Berg <lberg@proacesinc.com>

Cc: Tonya Vig <tonya.vig@meadecounty.org>; Baseline Surveying <baseline@sturgissurveying.com>; Mayer, Mark

<Mark.Mayer@state.sd.us>; Kilts, Whitney (DENR) <Whitney.Kilts@state.sd.us>; Dewell, Amanda <Amanda.Dewell@state.sd.us>; Duvall, Ron <Ron.Duvall@state.sd.us>; Fagnan, Erin <Erin.Fagnan@state.sd.us>
Subject: RE: [EXT] Clarification Question | Water Rights Permit 2026-1

Leah,

I apologize for not responding earlier. I was conducting field work on Monday and this slipped through the cracks on me.

I am a technical engineer with the Water Rights Program and I review well completion reports. The well was completed into a different aquifer than what was authorized by Water Permit No. 2026-1. Permit No. 2026-1 authorizes withdrawal from the Minnelusa aquifer which at that location is around 1700 to 2000 ft deep. I discussed this with Shanon Vasknetz when the application was originally filed (see permit pdf page 12). This well was completed to 380 feet deep.

The well as constructed appears to be completed into either the Inyan Kara aquifer (which is primarily based on formation description on the completion report) or the Sundance formation (which is based on depth and other nearby well logs. We are awaiting feedback from the State Geological Survey as to which aquifer is more likely.

Since the well is completed into a different aquifer than authorized by Water Permit No. 2026-1, a new permit is required if pumping from this well exceeds 18 gallons per minute (gpm) or if there are uses beside reasonable domestic use. Permit No. 2026-1 authorizes a diversion rate of 45 gpm. Could the screen of this well be sealed off with grout and the well drilled deeper into the Minnelusa aquifer? Technically yes, but most well drillers will not want to do that particular job and it would cost a lot more than obtaining a permit for the correct aquifer.



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From: Leah Berg <lberg@proacesinc.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 1:32 PM
To: Fagnan, Erin <Erin.Fagnan@state.sd.us>
Cc: Gronlund, Eric <Eric.Gronlund@state.sd.us>; Tonya Vig <tonya.vig@meadecounty.org>; Baseline Surveying <baseline@sturgissurveying.com>; Mathiowetz, Adam (DENR) <Adam.Mathiowetz@state.sd.us>; Mayer, Mark <Mark.Mayer@state.sd.us>; Kilts, Whitney (DENR) <Whitney.Kilts@state.sd.us>
Subject: Re: [EXT] Clarification Question | Water Rights Permit 2026-1

Hello Erin,

Just following up with you to see if any action needs to be taken on our part to update the Water Rights Permit 2026-1?

I have highlighted the comment and question in the email below.

Thank you!

Leah Berg, P.E.

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On Mon, Aug 11, 2025 at 5:12 PM Fagnan, Erin <Erin.Fagnan@state.sd.us> wrote:

Leah,

Eric Gronlund retired from DANR this past Spring. Mark Mayer is the acting Chief Engineer of Water Rights.

Mark, as well as his two staff engineers: Whitney and Adam are included on this email reply.

Kind Regards,

Erin

From: Leah Berg <lberg@proacesinc.com>

Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 5:06 PM

To: Fagnan, Erin <Erin.Fagnan@state.sd.us>

Cc: Gronlund, Eric <Eric.Gronlund@state.sd.us>; Tonya Vig <tonya.vig@meadecounty.org>; Baseline Surveying <baseline@sturgissurveying.com>

Subject: Fwd: [EXT] Clarification Question | Water Rights Permit 2026-1

Erin,

I understand that Tonya with Meade County has reached out on this matter. I just wanted to loop you in that I have reached out to Eric Gronlund for clarification with the last request being sent last week, as shown below.

Let me know if you need any information from me or the owner group.

Thank you!

Leah Berg, P.E.

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From: **Leah Berg** <lberg@proacesinc.com>

Date: Wed, Aug 6, 2025 at 8:06 AM

Subject: Clarification Question | Water Rights Permit 2026-1

To: Gronlund, Eric <eric.gronlund@state.sd.us>

Good Morning Mr. Gronlund,

We are currently working through the preliminary platting phase in Meade County on this Whiskey Ridge Subdivision project.

A link through DropBox to the complete water rights Permit 2026-1 is provided:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/7uoxqim6bynd0xtrtnv3q/2026-1-Water-Rights-Permit-complete.pdf?rlkey=4u1ces8mtgvbcu7at0yyvfkf6&st=vxjyde14&dl=0>

One comment from reviewing engineer with HDR is:

Well completion report does not match the water right (2026-1). All preliminary work is for permission to drill to (1700'-2000') and produce from the Minnelusa aquifer, as Pine Cone Estates to the West has, but the completion report is only completed to 360' and is producing from the Dakota and Lakota aquifers. This discrepancy requires either permit modification or potentially a new application. The owner needs to contact SDDANR to resolve.

My question is with the included Water Rights Permit 2026-1 and the attached Well Completion Log that was submitted to SDDANR, are any further steps required or are there any issues?

Thank you for your help with this matter!

Leah Berg, P.E.

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Dewell, Amanda

From: Shanon Vasknetz <baseline@sturgissurveying.com>
Sent: Friday, September 5, 2025 2:54 PM
To: Dewell, Amanda
Subject: Re: [EXT] Whiskey Ridge LLC_Water Permit

Yes, we agree to cancel permit No. 2026-1 for the Minnelusa.

Thanks,

Shanon Vasknetz
Whiskey Ridge LLC, member

On Fri, Sep 5, 2025 at 1:48 PM Dewell, Amanda <Amanda.Dewell@state.sd.us> wrote:

Shannon,

The Water Rights Program is reviewing Whiskey Ridge's new application for use of the Sundance Formation well. With this email, I am hoping to confirm that if this permit is approved, Whiskey Ridge would be agreeable to cancellation of Permit No. 2026-1 for the Minnelusa?

Thank you,

Amanda Dewell

DANR - Water Rights Program

Permitting Administrator

Main Phone: 605 773-3352

Website: danr.sd.gov



a copy of this
has been added
to the file for
2026-1



Shanon Vasknetz <baseline@sturgissurveying.com>

RE: Whiskey Ridge Subdivision | NEW Water Rights Permit - Replacing #2026-1

1 message

Dewell, Amanda <Amanda.Dewell@state.sd.us>

Mon, Aug 18, 2025 at 7:09 AM

To: Leah Berg <lberg@proacesinc.com>

Cc: Tonya Vig <tonya.vig@meadecounty.org>, Baseline Surveying <baseline@sturgissurveying.com>, "Rodriguez, Rachel" <Rachel.Rodriguez@state.sd.us>

Leah,

Since you've emailed the application, a hard copy is not necessary. Once the fees have been received, Rachel (cc'd) will review for completeness and reach out with any questions.

Thank you,

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Amanda Dewell

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From: Leah Berg <lberg@proacesinc.com>

Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2025 9:30 PM

To: Dewell, Amanda <Amanda.Dewell@state.sd.us>

Cc: Tonya Vig <tonya.vig@meadecounty.org>; Baseline Surveying <baseline@sturgissurveying.com>

Subject: [EXT] Whiskey Ridge Subdivision | NEW Water Rights Permit - Replacing #2026-1

Hello Amanda,

I have attached the new Water Rights Permit for the Sundance Formation. This includes the Preliminary Plat, Construction Plans and Well Log.

Is it acceptable to email this to you for submission? Or does a hard copy need mailed as well?



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**NOTE: TO BE SURE OF PUBLICATION ON
THE CORRECT DATES, CONTACT
THE NEWSPAPERS RIGHT AWAY.**

November 14, 2025

Whiskey Ridge, LLC.
c/o Shanon Vasknetz
2327 Junction Avenue
Sturgis SD 57785

Dear Mr. Vasknetz:

Water Permit Application No. 2048-1 has been examined and found to comply with the South Dakota Water Laws and applicable rules. A notice has been sent to the Faith Independent printed at Faith SD (Ph # 605 967-2161) and the Black Hills Pioneer printed at Spearfish SD (Ph # 605 642-2761). You will need to contact the newspapers and authorize publication of this notice. For your information, a copy of the notice, the recommendation of the Acting Chief Engineer and report on the application are enclosed. Please review the notice prior to publication and notify this office, if you have any corrections or questions.

Be sure to contact the above newspapers to authorize publication of your Notice and to arrange for payment. Early contact with the papers can eliminate delays. Upon receiving authorization from you, the publishers have been instructed to publish your notice. The newspapers have also been instructed to send us the Proof of Publication. We must receive Proof of Publication before action can be taken on the application.

Sincerely,

Rachel Rodriguez

Rachel Rodriguez
Water Rights Program
(605) 773-3352

enclosures

NOTE: If you plan to contest any part of the Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation, you must file a petition pursuant to the procedures outlined in the attached notice of hearing. The Water Management Board will then consider your concerns during a hearing on the application.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NO. 2048-1 to Appropriate Water

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Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Acting Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application No. 2048-1 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. The Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation with qualifications, the application, and staff report are available at <https://danr.sd.gov/public> or contact Ron Duvall for this information, or other information, at the Water Rights Program address provided below.

Any person interested in opposing this application or recommendation shall allege that the application, upon approval, will cause injury to the person that is unique from any injury suffered by the public in general. The injury must concern a matter either within the regulatory authority found in SDCL 46-2A-9 for approval or denial of the application, or other matter concerning the application within the regulatory authority of the board to act upon as defined by SDCL 46-2-9 and 46-2-11, or both. Any person meeting the petitioner requirements and wishing to be a party of record in a contested case hearing shall file a written petition to oppose the application with BOTH the applicant and Acting Chief Engineer. A petition opposing the application shall be filed on a form provided by the Acting Chief Engineer. The petition form is available online at <https://danr.sd.gov/public> or by contacting the Acting Chief Engineer. The Acting Chief Engineer's address is "Water Rights Program, Foss Building, 523 E Capitol, Pierre SD 57501" or call (605) 773-3352. The applicant's mailing address is given above. If contesting the Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation, the applicant shall also file a petition. A petition filed by either an interested person or the applicant must be filed by December 1, 2025.

The petition shall include a statement describing the unique injury upon approval of the application on the petitioner, the petitioner's reasons for opposing the application, and the name and mailing address of the petitioner or the petitioner's legal counsel, if legal counsel is obtained.

Any interested person may file a comment on the application with the Acting Chief Engineer. The comment shall be filed on a form provided by the Acting Chief Engineer and is available online at <https://danr.sd.gov/public> or by calling (605) 773-3352 or writing the Acting Chief Engineer at the address provided above. Filing a comment does not make the commenter a party of record or a participant in any hearing that may be held. Any comment must be filed by December 1, 2025.

If the applicant does not contest the recommendation of the Acting Chief Engineer and no petition to oppose the application is received, the Acting Chief Engineer shall act on the application pursuant to the recommendation with no hearing held before the Water Management Board. If a petition opposing the application or contesting the recommendation is filed, then a hearing will be scheduled, and the Water Management Board will consider this application. Notice of the hearing will be given to the applicant and any person filing a petition.

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Rodriguez, Rachel

From: Rodriguez, Rachel
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2025 8:59 AM
To: Faith Ind
Subject: 2048-1 Whiskey Ridge - Public Notice
Attachments: 2048-1 public.short_final.docx; FORM8.FRM.doc

Attached is a notice to be published on November 19, 2025.

Whiskey Ridge, LLC., c/o Shanon Vasknetz, 2327 Junction Avenue, Sturgis SD 57785, 605-347-9300, has been notified to contact you to authorize publication and arrange for payment.

Please send the affidavit or return the attached Proof of Publication form ASAP to the Water Rights Program, Attn: Rachel Rodriguez, 523 E Capitol Ave, Pierre SD 57501.

Let me know if you have questions. Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,

Rachel Rodriguez
DANR | Program Assistant
Rachel.Rodriguez@state.sd.us



Rodriguez, Rachel

From: Rodriguez, Rachel
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2025 9:02 AM
To: Kelly Langer
Subject: 2048-1 Whiskey Ridge - Public Notice
Attachments: 2048-1 public.short_final.docx; FORM8.FRM.doc

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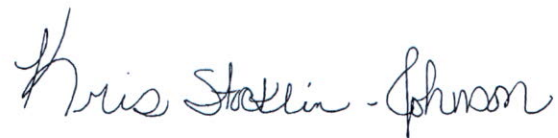
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Meade County auditor resigns Commission appoints Christenson to new position

By Wendy Pitlick,
Black Hills Pioneer

Acting Meade County Auditor Rhea Crane has announced her resignation from that position.

On Wednesday the Meade County Commission accepted Crane's letter of resignation, which is effective Nov. 23. The commission appointed Chief Deputy Auditor Dawn Christenson to replace Crane in the auditor's office.

"It's been a very big learning experience and I've enjoyed most of it," Crane told the commission on Wednesday.

A Flandreau native, Christenson moved to Sturgis three years ago, and was hired as the chief deputy auditor in February 2024. Crane, who also serves as the Meade County director of equalization and the executive director of the county commission, said it was always the plan to train Christenson for the auditor's job.

"I'm confident that I'm ready," Christenson said.

The county auditor is an elected city official. Christenson will serve in the appointed role

until the 2026 primary in June. She plans to circulate a petition in January for a position on the ballot, and if there is another candidate there will be an election. If nobody else submits a petition, Christenson will continue serving unopposed.

Meade County has not had an election for the auditor's position since 2014, when longtime auditor Lisa Schieffer ran for her fifth term. Schieffer served for 28 years before resigning in 2021. At that time, Kevin Forrester was appointed as the auditor, and he served for seven months before Helen Hall Jensen was appointed in early 2022. Crane, who has worked for the county since August 1988, assumed her role as the acting auditor in October 2023.

Crane was slated to hand the auditor's duties off to Rae Blake-man, who ran unopposed in November 2024, but resigned for personal reasons on Dec. 19, 2024. At that time, Crane was re-appointed as Meade County auditor.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON RESOLUTION TO CHANGE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TERM LENGTHS

Notice is hereby given that the Meade School District 46-1 School Board will hold a public hearing on December 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM at 1230 Douglas St. Sturgis, SD 57785 to consider approval of the following resolution.

Pursuant to SDCL 13-7-10.3 and SDCL 13-8-2, it is hereby resolved that the terms of the Members of the Meade School District 46-1 School Board shall be changed as follows for the purpose of holding the School Board election in conjunction with the regular June primary election. Currently, all terms are three (3) years in length, with the terms of three (3) Members ending in each of 2026, 2027, and 2028. Such terms shall be changed on the following schedule so that by 2034 all terms shall be four years in length:

In 2026, one (1) new term shall be for two (2) years, and two (2) new terms shall be for four (4) years.

In 2027, all three new (3) terms shall be for two (2) years.

In 2028, all three new (3) terms (including the two (2) year term from 2026) shall be for four (4) years.

No election shall be held in 2029.

In 2030, all five (5) new terms (being two (2) from 2026 and three (3) from 2027) shall be for four (4) years.

No election shall be held in 2031.

In 2032, all four (4) new terms shall be for four (4) years.

No election shall be held in 2033.

In 2034, all five (5) new terms shall be for four (4) years.

Thereafter, all elections shall be held in conjunction with the regular June primary election for four (4) years.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MEADE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE CREATION OF THE TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to § 11-9-3 of the South Dakota Codified Laws, that the Meade County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tax Increment District. Said hearing will be held at the Meade County Erskin Building, located at 1300 Sherman Street, Sturgis, SD 57785, on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 3:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter. The proposed Tax Increment District includes the real property as more particularly described to be all in Black Hills Meridian (B.H.M.), Meade County, South Dakota, herein:

SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

S2SV4; AND LOTS 1 THRU 34, WELL LOT AND DEDICATED PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS OF AR RANCH ESTATES LOCATED IN THE S2SE4.

-AND-
SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

NW4; LOTS 1 THRU 35, GREEN SPACE LOT 1, RESERVED LOT AND DEDICATED PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS OF AR RANCH ESTATES PHASE II LOCATED IN THE NE4; LOT 1 OF OPSTEDAHL HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE NE4; AND THE REMAINDER OF THE NE4.

-AND-
THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY 40' NORTH AND 40' EAST OF THE intersection OF 139TH STREET AND 220TH STREET, LOCATED IN SECTIONS 15, 16, 21, AND 22, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST.

At said time and place, the County Planning Commission shall give all parties who appear or submit written comments an opportunity to express their views with respect to the proposed creation of the District and its proposed location. Written comments will be received at the office of the Planning Department until the date and time set for the public hearing.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS MEADE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 20621 FORT MEADE WAY, STURGIS, SOUTH DAKOTA 57785 (605) 347-4565

The Meade County Commission will meet in the Commissioner's Room in the Erskine Administrative Building, 1300 Sherman Street, Sturgis, SD at 10:00am November 25th, 2025, to open and consider bids for the purchase of gravel surfaced by Meade County. The material to be bid upon is road surfacing gravel:

- 14,755 Tons
- Located in the NE 1/4 Section 31 Township 7N Range 5E
- All Material must be removed from the stockpile location within 14 days of purchase (unless arrangements are made with the landowner)
- Material does not meet South Dakota Department of Transportation specifications for gravel surfacing. The screen analysis and plasticity index worksheet can be obtained by contacting the Meade County Highway Department.

The Board of County Commissioners
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Finding Christ in Faith

GOD AND GOD ALONE LAST FOREVER

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church invites us to reflect deeply on the end of time, the ultimate fulfillment of God's plan. Today remind us not to live in fear but in hope and readiness, for our God is faithful and just.

In the Gospel (Luke 21:5-19), Jesus speaks of the destruction of the Temple, wars, earthquakes, and persecutions. His words sound frightening, yet His purpose is not to instill fear but to awaken faith. The disciples admired the beauty of the Temple, its splendor and stones, but Jesus tells them, "All these things you see, the time will come when not one stone will be left upon another." It is a sobering reminder that nothing earthly lasts forever: not our possessions, not our power, not even the grandest human achievements. Only God endures.

Our age is not so different from the one Jesus described. We, too, witness wars, natural disasters, moral confusion, political confusion and loss of faith. Many hearts grow weary, and some ask, "Where is God in all this?" Yet Jesus tells us clearly: "Do not be terrified." Even in chaos, God is present. These are not signs of His absence but reminders of His coming. He does not promise a life free of suffering; He promises His grace amid the storm.

In the book of Malachi (Malachi 3:19-20), the prophet

speaks of a day blazing like an oven, consuming the proud and the wicked, but bringing healing to those who fear the Lord. For the faithful, the end is not doom, but dawn; not destruction, but redemption. The "sun of righteousness" will rise with healing in its rays. This image gives us courage. If we walk in God's ways, the fire that burns away evil will also purify and renew us.

Saint Paul, in his second letter to Thessalonians (2 Thes 3:7-12), exhorts us to live responsibly as we await the Lord. Some in Thessalonica had stopped working, thinking the end was near. Paul corrects them: waiting for Christ does not mean idleness or anxiety. It means active faith; working, praying, loving, and serving with diligence.

Dear friends, as the liturgical year draws to a close, let us look honestly at our lives. Are we ready to meet the Lord if He calls us today? Are we living in faith, or distracted by passing things? The end of time is not meant to scare us, but to focus us, to awaken love, repentance, and hope. So let us stand firm, as Jesus says: "By your perseverance, you will secure your lives." May our faith remain steadfast, our hope unwavering, and our love ever growing, until the day when the Sun of Justice shines in full glory upon us.

~Fr. Michael Oli,
Catholic Parishes of
Northeast Meade County

Email us at:
faithind@faithsd.com

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

COUNTY OF LAWRENCE:

Letitia Lister of said County and State being first duly sworn, on her oath says: That the BLACK HILLS PIONEER is a legal daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Spearfish, in said County and State by Letitia Lister, and has been such a newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; and that said newspaper has a bonafide circulation of at least 200 copies weekly, and has been published within said County in the English language for at least one year prior to the first publication of the notice herein mentioned, and is printed in whole or in part in an office maintained at the place of publication; and that I, Letitia Lister, the undersigned, am the Publisher of said newspaper and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; and that the advertisement headed:

Notice OF Application No. 2048-1
to Appropriate Water

a printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper for 1 successive and consecutive weeks, the first publication being made on the 14th day of NOV., 2025, and the last publication on the _____ day of _____, _____, that the full amount of fees charged for publishing same, to-wit: The sum of \$ 43.03, insures solely to the benefit of the publisher of the BLACK HILLS PIONEER, that no agreement or understanding for a division thereof has been made with any person and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any other person whomsoever.


Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of NOV., 2025



Notary Public, Lawrence County, South Dakota
My commission expires: 7-18-2031

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OFFICE OF
WATER

Refunds/Reimb (\$12.97); Balance as of 10/31/25 \$206,654.70

Food Service: Balance as of 10/1/25 \$225,041.19; Receipts: Local Sources: Interest Earned \$302.04; School Nutrition Program Receipts \$34,237.40; Federal Source: School Lunch/Breakfast Reimb \$43,792.95; Total Receipts: \$78,332.39; Disbursements \$81,544.79; Balance as of 10/31/25 \$221,828.79

Other Enterprise: Balance as of 10/1/25 \$65,564.49; Total Receipts: \$0.00; Disbursements \$70.00; Balance as of 10/31/25 \$65,494.49

PREPAID CLAIMS GENERAL FUND
AT&T Mobility Communications 237.09; Belle Fourche Water Office Utilities 1,941.38; Black Hills Energy Utilities 23,643.95; October Payrolls 571,216.34; Elementary 127,422.47; Title IIA Class Size Reduction Grant 5,421.44; Middle School 115,691.28; High School 98,463.08; Title IA 22,475.42; School Social Worker 4,690.00; Guidance 1,011.80; Health Services 11,000.82; Professional Development 240.00; Library 9,427.66; Technology in School 9,146.93; Board 675.00; Supt. Office 17,799.91; Principals' Offices 44,411.58; Activities Director Office 310.38; Business Office 15,743.50; Noon Duty 508.08; Custodial/Maint. 26,870.94; Pupil Transportation 15,622.70; Community Coord. (Teammates) 2,000.00; Co-Curricular 31,235.40; Wells Fargo District Share of Soc Sec./Medicare 40,849.67; Black Hills Educational Benefits Coop. District Share of Health Ins. 86,280.95; Delta Dental Plan of SD District Share of Dental Ins. 1,153.32; SD Retirement System District Share of Retirement 31,022.79; TOTAL PREPAID-GENERAL FUND 756,345.49

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND
AT&T Mobility Communications 89.98; October Payrolls 144,736.72; Mild to Moderate Disabilities 120,523.09; Severe Disabilities 3,544.92; Early Childhood 7,493.38; Administrative Costs 10,762.16; Student Transportation 2,413.17; Wells Fargo District Share of Soc Sec./Medicare 10,483.32; Black Hills Educational Benefits Coop. District Share of Health Ins. 18,487.70; Delta Dental Plan of SD District Share of Dental Ins. 164.76; SD Retirement System District Share of Retirement 7,712.09; TOTAL PREPAID-SPECIAL EDUCATION 181,674.57

FOOD SERVICE October Payrolls 3,216.70; Wells Fargo District Share of Soc Sec./Medicare 241.58; Black Hills Educational Bene-

fits Coop. District Share of Health Ins. 591.43; SD Retirement System District Share of Retirement 192.99; TOTAL PREPAID-FOOD SERVICE 4,242.70

GRAND TOTAL-PREPAID CLAIMS 942,262.76

CURRENT CLAIMS GENERAL FUND A & B
Business Solutions Maintenance 5,217.37; A & B Welding Supply Co, Inc Supplies 1,490.20; Academic Learning Company Textbooks 50.91; ACT Instructional Software 82.73; Alexandra Hansen Fine Art Services 172.70; Amazon Capital Services, Inc Supplies 1,076.34; Amick Sound, Inc Repairs 191.02; Augustana University Registration 140.00; Bambulab USA, Inc Supplies 242.90; Belle Fourche Landfill Utilities 22.44; Belle Fourche Rec Center Fees 117.00; BH Educational Benefits Coop Travel 647.54; Bickle's Truck & Diesel, Inc Repairs 1,884.69; BJ's Instrument Repair Repairs 600.00; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial Supplies 7,702.99; Black Hills Windshield Repair Repairs 120.00; Blick Art Materials Supplies 145.34; Bluepeak Communications 1,862.13; Bluffs Golf Course Supplies 340.00; Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc Utilities 249.08; Cabana Banners Supplies 530.00; Carolina Biological Supply Supplies 310.38; Casey Peterson, LTD Professional Services 30,060.74; CBH Cooperative Supplies 121.64; Cedar Shore Resort Travel 393.14; Collegiate FFA Fees 115.00; Comfort Inn Travel 990.00; Country Inn & Suites Travel 742.98; Dakota Equipment Rental Services 291.73; Dakota Lumber Co Supplies 998.35; Delahoyde, Erin Travel 20.00; District 8 FFA Fees 40.00; Elitefts Equipment 227.90; Flashlight Learnings Instructional Software 540.00; Fleet Services Fuel 2,810.31; Floyds Truck Center Rapid City Repairs 669.72; Foreman Sales and Service, Inc. Repairs 227.69; Franklin Covey, Inc Instructional Software 5,625.00; Glass Shop Repairs 2,920.00; Hauff Mid America Sports, Inc Supplies 5,045.80; Hersdruss of Belle Fourche, Inc Repairs 886.74; Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. Supplies 39.35; Holiday Inn Express Travel 654.00; Hyatt Place Sioux Falls Travel 447.00; IMPREST FUND: Laurie Adkins-Heydon Official/Ride Time 395.04; Krinda Fox Official 70.00; Alex Hamann Official/Ride Time 170.80; Denise Nepodal Official/Mileage 96.08; Pioneer Bank & Trust Students/Adults Meals 2,418.00; Tera Williamson Official 80.00; Angi Garza-Hunsley Official 70.00; Kay Heck Services 70.00; Run Season Clock 240.00; Greg Stone Ser-

vices-Assigner 140.00; Lorie Whiting Official/Mileage 240.40; Michaela Horn Reimb. Unused meal money (94.00); Lexi Allart Services 25.00; Mya Bush Services 25.00; Adam Derschan Official/Mileage 258.50; Shyla Derschan Official/Ride Time 234.00; Brett Distel Official/Mileage 233.08; James Doyle Official/Mileage 71.08; Jennifer Gabriel Official/Mileage 258.50; Alex Hamann Official/Mileage 265.20; Hadley Klock Services 25.00; Aleczander Lapov Official/Mileage 71.08; Denali Larson Services 25.00; Elizabeth Moore Services 25.00; Mya Nowowiejski Services 25.00; Emma Nehl Services 25.00; Syd Pelster Services 25.00; Pioneer Bank & Trust Students/Adults Meals-FFA 1,478.00; Tom Poloniec Official/Ride Time 171.60; Domico Rodriguez Official/Ride Time 166.20; Randy Schmidt Official 55.00; Jaylea Scoggin Services 25.00; Kent Stenson Official/Ride Time 171.60; Olivia Sutter Services 25.00; Brystel Tucker Services 25.00; Aurora Voyles Services 25.00; John Weber Official/Ride Time 246.60; Tom Wheaton Official/Ride Time 154.32; Lorie Whiting Official/Mileage 305.40; Division of Motor Vehicles Fees 130.10; TOTAL IMPREST FUND EXPENSES 8,396.58; JW Pepper & Son, Inc Supplies 118.98; Learning Without Tears Instructional Software 359.10; LS Lanes LLC Fees 474.00; Lueder's Food Center Supplies 103.65; Lunchtime Solutions, Inc Services 4,582.32; Lynn's Dakotamart Supplies 1,839.01; Midwest Bus Parts, Inc Repairs 300.52; Montana Dakota Utilities Utilities 7,542.67; Newell School District Fees 50.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc Supplies 477.62; O'Reilly Auto Parts Repairs 293.00; Office Emporium LLC Supplies 451.67; Olson Fuel LLC Fuel 3,562.92; Popplers Music Inc Supplies 318.30; Posy Palace Floral Supplies 117.50; Prairie Auto Parts, Inc Supplies 167.19; Proefrock, Susan Travel 947.77; Puma Golf Supplies 248.44; Quality Inn Travel 914.44; Quality Quick Print Supplies 255.71; Ramkota Hotel-Pierre Travel 896.00; Randy's Tire And Lube, LLC Repairs 219.97; Rapid Fire Protection, Inc Repairs 724.49; Really Good Stuff, LLC Supplies 475.24; Riverside Technologies, Inc Computer Equipment 1,321.00; Running Supply Inc Repairs 3,265.29; Sanoribx LLC Admin Software 3,569.00; Schmautz, Dale Fees 83.00; SD Dept of Public Safety Services 84.00; SD Drug & Alcohol Consortium Services 185.00; SDN Communications Commu-

nications 1,040.00; Solar Bros Equipment 100.00; Spellzone Instructional Software 425.00; Summit Fire Protection Services 377.52; Taylor Music, Inc Equipment 231.86; Temperature Technology, Inc Repairs 1,305.57; Tobar, Justo Services 300.00; Tri-State Chiropractic PC Services 120.00; United States Postal Service Return 23.77; Wageworks, Inc Admin Fees 176.25; Watertree Inc Supplies 26.80; Well Trained Mind Press Supplies 14.41; Wells Plumbing & Farm Supplies Inc Repairs 15,525.46; West Tire & Alignment, Inc Repairs 1,786.52; Wilbur Repair Repairs 1,599.25; Winner's Circle Supplies 703.00; Wood Stock Supply, Inc Supplies 203.64; TOTAL CURRENT-GENERAL FUND: 138,366.28

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND 21 Electric LLC Repairs 13,181.23; A & B Business Solutions Lease 332.09; Bound to Stay Bound Books, Inc Library Books 13.49; Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc Principal 7,500.00; US Bank Equipment Finance Principal 3,280.00; Wells Plumbing & Farm Supplies Inc Repairs 23,723.72; Wenger Corp. Equipment 1,345.20; TOTAL CURRENT-CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: 49,375.73

SPECIAL ED. FUND Maintenance 30.39; Instructional Software 1,659.00; Supplies 1,230.27; Services 822.00; Services 249.76; Tuition 18,766.50; Communications 83.09; Tuition 3,376.38; Services 110.00; Fuel 145.44; Pupil Trans 223.24; Equipment 449.96; Supplies 65.66; Supplies 303.26; Admin Fees 36.00; TOTAL CURRENT-SPECIAL ED. FUND: 27,550.95

FOOD SERVICE Bluepeak Communications 41.47; Fleet Services Fuel 223.14; Lunchtime Solutions, Inc Services 75,459.44; Wolf, Malynnda Refund 60.05; TOTAL CURRENT-FOOD SERVICE: 75,784.10; GRAND TOTAL-CURRENT CLAIMS 291,077.06

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MEADE COUNTY Bids 70

2026 and 2027
Grazing lease for
Meade 46-1 East
Campus Farm

The Meade School District is seeking bids for the 2026 and 2027 grazing lease at the East Campus Farm. Bids must be sub-

mitted on a \$/AUM basis for the grazing. The grazing is rated at 30 AUM, and an AUM is defined as a 1000 lb. cow with or w/o a calf. There will not be any weight adjustments for the grazing. The grazing will be from approximately May 15 through October 31 of each respective year. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Meade 46-1 School District in an envelope marked, "SBHS grazing lease", Business Office, 1230 Douglas St, Sturgis, SD 57785 by December 4, 2025 by 3:00 PM. Bids will be opened at 3:00 P.M., in the Meade 46-1 Business Office. Contact Brett Burditt at 605-347-2523 work or 605-641-9873 cell for more information.

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MEADE COUNTY Estate 71

STATE OF
SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF MEADE

IN CIRCUIT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
File #46PRO25-000049

In the Matter of
the Estate of
JOHN HAVRUM
CRAM,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN INTESTACY

Notice is given that on the 5th day of November 2025, Darbi L. Hunt, whose address is 2387 Hillside Drive, Sturgis, South Dakota 57785, was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of John Havrum Cram.

Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or their claims may be barred.

Claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or may be filed with the Clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the Personal Representative.

Dated this 6th day
of November 2025.

THOMSON LAW, PC
/s/ Candi Thomson
Candi Thomson
Attorney for
the Estate
PO Box 145
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Linda Keszler

Meade County
Clerk of Courts
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MEADE COUNTY Public Notices 76

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NO. 2048-1 to Appropriate Water

Notice is given that Whiskey Ridge, LLC., 2327 Junction Avenue, Sturgis SD 57785, has filed an application for a water permit to appropriate up to 36.2 acre-feet of water annually at a maximum pump rate of 0.10 cubic feet of water per second from one well to be completed into the Sundance Aquifer (approximately 380 feet deep) located in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 (Government Lot 7 - Original Survey) Section 3-T5N-R5E. The water is for water distribution system purposes, including domestic uses, located in the S 1/2 Section 3-T5N-R5E. This site is located in the northern city limits of Sturgis SD.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Acting Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application No. 2048-1 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. The Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation with qualifications, the application, and staff report are available at <https://danr.sd.gov/public> or contact Ron Duvall for this information, or other information, at the Water Rights Program address provided below.

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Nov 19

Rodriguez, Rachel

From: Rodriguez, Rachel
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2025 9:11 AM
To: Baseline Surveying
Subject: 2048-1 Whiskey Ridge - Public Notice
Attachments: 2048-1 Rec.pdf; 2048-1 Ltr.pdf; 2048-1 PubNotice.pdf

Good morning,

Attached is a copy of the report, acting chief engineer's recommendation, and information regarding the public notice for your water permit application. As stated in the letter, please contact the paper(s) as soon as possible to authorize publication and arrange for payment. This information is also being mailed to you today.

Let me know if you have questions. Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,

Rachel Rodriguez
DANR | Program Assistant
Rachel.Rodriguez@state.sd.us





**DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE
and NATURAL RESOURCES**

JOE FOSS BUILDING
523 E. CAPITOL AVE
PIERRE SD 57501-3182
danr.sd.gov

January 6, 2026

Whiskey Ridge, LLC.
c/o Shanon E. Vasknetz
2327 Junction Avenue
Sturgis SD 57785

Dear Mr. Vasknetz:

Enclosed is Water Permit No. 2048-1 authorizing construction of the water diversion system and beneficial use of the water, not exceeding the limits as specified in the Water Permit.

Form 10, *Notice of Completion of Works and Application of Water to Beneficial Use*, is enclosed. Please return this completed form after you have finished the system and have put the water to beneficial use. An investigation can then be scheduled so the water license may be issued, thus completing the acquisition of a water right.

An informational sheet *Common Water Right Questions* is also enclosed. This sheet is intended to answer some of the questions associated with obtaining and keeping a water right.

Sincerely,

Mark Mayer, PE
Director of Office of Water

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) SS
COUNTY OF HUGHES)

**Affidavit of Public Notice
Posting on DANR Website**

Pursuant to SDCL § 46-2A-4, public notice of the following application was posted on the DANR web site at <https://danr.sd.gov/public>. The posted public notice is the same notice as published in the pertinent newspaper(s) and a copy of the public notice is maintained in the application file. If the application is contested, the posting is moved to the DANR contested case website at <https://danr.sd.gov/public/ContestedCase.aspx> until final action is taken on the application pursuant to SDCL § 46-2A-4.

Application No.: 2048-1

Name of Applicant: Whiskey Ridge, LLC., Shanon Vasknetz

Date of Posting: 11/17/2025

Date of Removal: 1/6/2026

Ron Duvall, Engineer III

1/6/2026

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this 6th day of Jan, 2026.

Notary Public - South Dakota
My commission expires:

(SEAL)

Rachel Rodriguez
My Commission Expires
May 16, 2029

