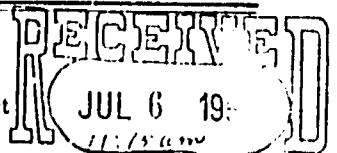


No. 20-5Water Division No. 52 Big Horn River District
(Blanks to be filled by the Engineer for the W. R. C.)
Costed Right

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

STATE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA

To Appropriate Water within the State of South Dakota

(NOTE--Draw a line through items not applicable.)

1. Name of applicant South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks
Postoffice address Pierre, County Hughes, State South Dakota

- I. If a corporation -----
(a) Name of same -----
(b) Date and place of incorporation -----
(c) Amount of capital stock -----
(d) Amount paid in -----
(e) Names and addresses of directors -----

(NOTE--A certified copy of articles of incorporation must accompany this application.)

II. Method of accomplishing the work and financial resources of the applicant:

- (a) Method of accomplishing work (Whether by contract, employment of others, or by direct labor) -----
(b) Cash on hand, \$ ----- (c) Treasury stock, \$ -----
(d) Bonds to be issued, \$ ----- (e) Other resources, \$ -----

2. Name of diversion work SIGNEY LAKE - Day County
3. Amount of water claimed As required to fill lake to outlet level - approximately 480
acre-feet per year cubic feet per second
4. Source of water supply Local watershed
5. Location of point of diversion Two points in the watershed
----- on ----- bank ----- County.
6. Annual period or periods during which water is to be used all year round
7. To be used for:

I. Irrigation or domestic use: Gravity, overhead sprinkling or combination system?

- (a) Number of acres to be irrigated ----- acres.
(b) Legal subdivisions to be irrigated -----

(NOTE--A list of lands to be irrigated, giving each subdivision and fraction with acreage thereof, should be written here, or may be appended as a part of this application. Same must also be shown on accompanying map.)

- (c) Statement as to domestic use (giving location, etc.) -----

II. Stockwatering, mining, milling, power, fish culture, fire protection and public recreation:

- (a) Nature of use Fish and wildlife propagation, conservation and recreation Public
Name any of the above uses claimed
(b) Amount of power to be generated ----- horse power.
Amount claimed for engine cooling -----
(c) Location of plant -----
(d) Method of developing power -----
(e) Point where water will be returned to stream -----

8. Estimated cost of work:

(a) Head Gates, \$----- (b) Pumping plant, \$-----
 (c) Fluming, \$----- (d) Canal-earth, \$----- Rock, \$-----
 (e) Other structures ----- \$----- Total, \$-----

9. Description of diversion works:

I. Nature of works: (Reservoir, dam, ditch, flume, pumping plant, etc.)

II. Dimensions of works: **Information requested not applicable. /Sigoty Lake is a meandered lake. Maximum depth is approximately 5 feet**

(a) Dam: Height ----- feet; length at bottom ----- feet; length at top ----- feet; thickness at bottom ----- feet; thickness at top ----- feet; slope at front water face -----; slope at back face -----
 material used in construction -----
 (b) Reservoir: Capacity when filled ----- acre feet. Surface area at highwater mark ----- 140 ----- acres.

DEPTH AT OUTLET-Feet	SURFACE AREA AT EACH DEPTH AT OUTLET--ACRES	ACRE-Feet CAPACITY

(c)* Head gate: Width ----- feet; height ----- feet;
 Material -----
 (d) Canal: Total length ----- miles.

LOCATION BELOW HEADGATE	DEPTH	BOTTOM WIDTH	WIDTH AT WATER LINE	GRADE PER MILE
At ----- Mile	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet
At ----- Mile	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet
At ----- Mile	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet
At ----- Mile	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet
At ----- Mile	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet
At ----- Mile	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet	----- feet

(Give dimensions where reductions in size are made.)

10. Time required for completion of work Completed years. **Not applicable - a meandered lake**
 11. Time required for complete application of water to the proposed beneficial use Completed years.
 12. Choice of newspaper for publication of notice of intention to appropriate -----

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

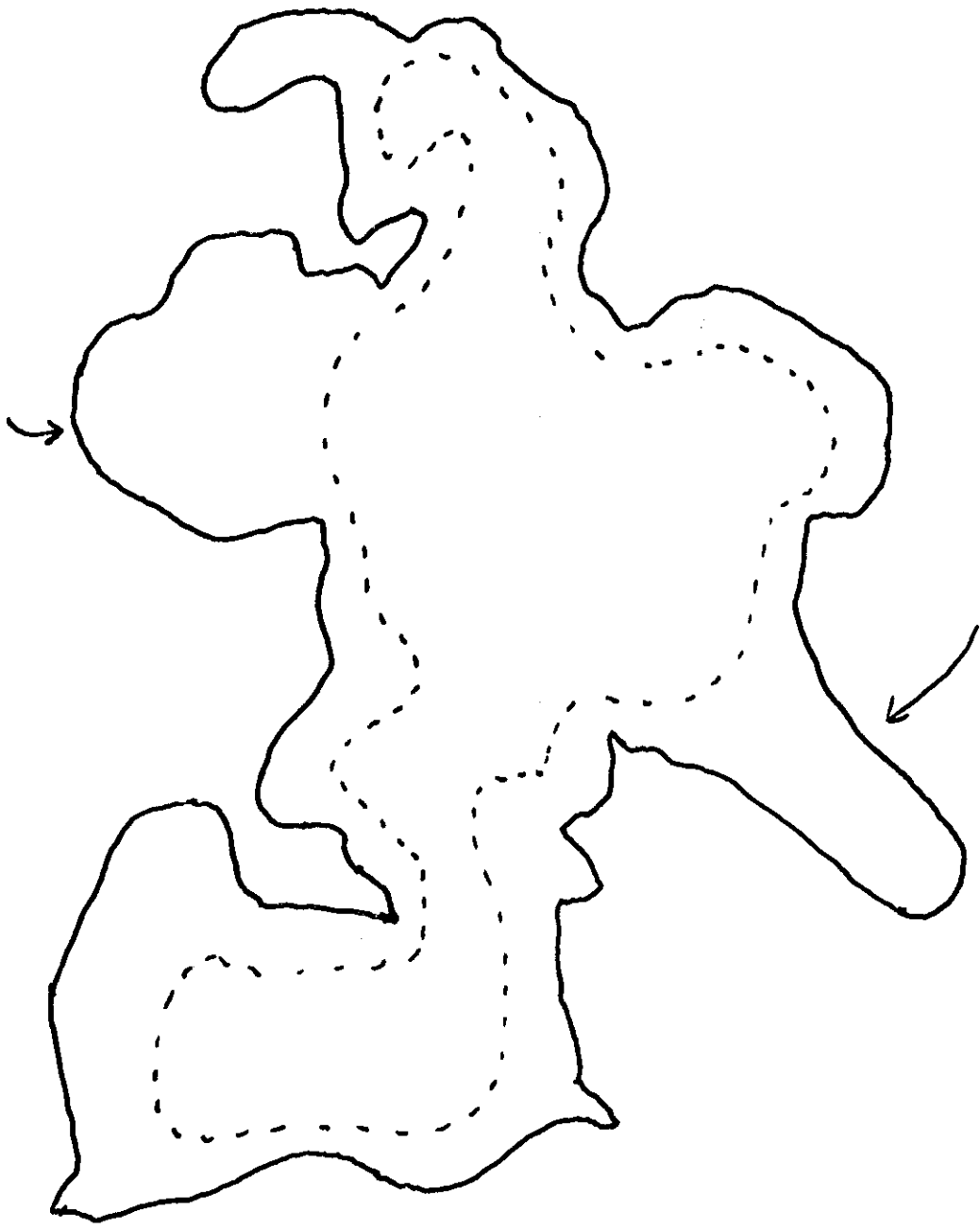
County of Hughes } ss.

I, Harry R. Woodward, being first duly sworn on my oath depose and say: That my relation to the above described undertaking is that of owner, that I have read the above foregoing statement, examined the map accompanying the same, and that I know of my own personal knowledge that the matters therein stated and shown are true.

Signed Harry R. Woodward

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of July 1957

Edward Johnson
 Notary Public (or other qualified officer.)



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S. DAK. Dept of Game
Fish and Parks
MATH Slough N
Dak County, S. DAK.
Lester J. Meyer
1-23-59
Sec 8, 9, 16, 17 T124R55
Scale 8" = 1 mile

(W 11/11/20-3)

V/R # 620-3

Remarks by State Water Resources Commission:

"Vested Right Claimed"

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
County of Hughes ss.

Pierre, South Dakota, November 9, 1959

This is to certify that the foregoing application was received by the Commission at 11:15 o'clock
A.m. upon the 6th day of July, 1959.

State Water Resources Commission

By:

J. C. Bruner

Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

Number of permit 620-3

Date of first receipt of application July 6, 1959

Date of return to applicant for correction, amendments or changes required as follows: July 10, 1959

Date of receipt of corrected application October 20, 1959

Date from which applicant may claim right 1889, 1959

Approved November 9, 1959, Recorded in Book 5 Page 250

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing application for a permit to appropriate water of the State of South Dakota, and we hereby grant the same as stated herein, subject, however, to the following limitations and conditions:

1st. The equivalent of at least one-fifth of the work above specified is to be completed on or before

Completed, 1959

2nd. The whole of said work is to be completed on or before Completed, 1959

3rd. The limit of time for proof of beneficial use of water appropriated in accordance herewith is

Completed, 1959

4th. The water appropriated shall be used for the purpose of public recreation

purposes

5th. The prior right of all persons who, by compliance with the laws of the State of South Dakota, have acquired a right to the use of water must not be injuriously affected by this appropriation.

6th. The amount of the appropriation herein granted shall not exceed 480 acre feet annually cubic feet per second; neither shall it exceed the capacity of the above described system of diversion works, nor the least amount of water that experience may hereafter indicate as necessary for the production of crops in the exercise of the best husbandry; and further, said appropriation must be limited to not more than one-seventieth (1/70) of one cubic foot of water per second of time for each acre of land to which water is actually and beneficially applied for public recreational purposes on or before June 31, 1955; said water to be used during the following described annual period:

Continuously

Witness my hand this 9th day of November, 1959

State Water Resources Commission

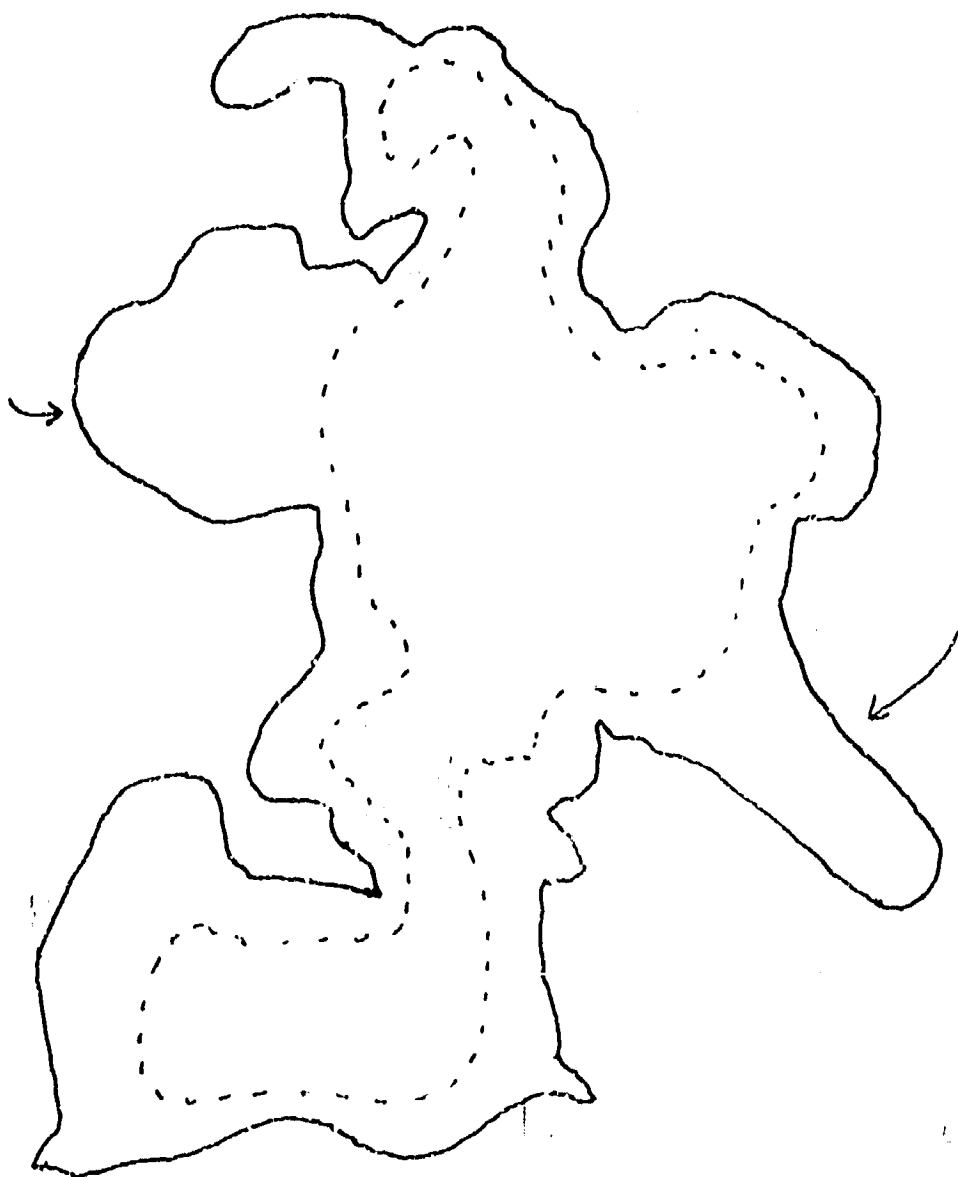
By:

J. C. Bruner

Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

Certificate of Construction Issued November 9, 1959

Water License Issued November 9, 1959



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S. DAK Dept of Game
Fish and Parks
Wild Game Branch N
DAK County S. DAK
Lester J. Meyer

1-23-59
Sec 8, 9, 16, 17, T124R55
SCALE 8" = 1 mile

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

WATER LICENSE No. 620-3

WHEREAS, On the 6th day of July A. D. 1959

the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks

of Pierre County of Hughes ~~State of~~ Vested Right and State of
South Dakota duly made application (No. 620-3) to us for a permit to use 480 acre feet
~~annually~~ annually of the waters of Sigaty Lake
 County of Day, State of South Dakota, for public recreation
 purposes; and

WHEREAS, On the 9th day of November A. D. 1959
Vested Right 620-3 was issued to said applicant for the diversion of said water, and providing for the
 completion of the works of diversion therein described on or before the completed day of
completed A. D. 1959 and for the application to beneficial use of said
 water on or before the completed day of completed A. D. 1959
 and,

WHEREAS, On the 6th day of July A. D. 1959
 the holder of said permit duly made proof of the completion of adequate works for the diversion of 480 acre feet
annually ~~annually~~ of said waters, as evidenced by our Certificate No. 620-3
 dated November 9, 1959 confirming the completion of works of sufficient capacity for
480 acres feet annually diverting and conveying to the place of intended use ~~annually~~ of water, with date of
 priority of 1889 ~~xxx~~ and,

WHEREAS, On the 6th day of July A. D. 1959
 proof was duly made of the application to beneficial use of 480 acre feet annually
for public recreational purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, By the virtue of the authority vested in us by the law of the State of South Dakota,
We hereby grant and confirm to South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks
of Pierre the holder and owner of said vested Right permit No. 620-3
a water right, dating from 1829 to the use of 480 acre-feet
annually

~~subject for diversion~~ of the waters of Sigaty Lake
In the County of Day and State of South Dakota, or so much thereof as may be
necessray for the purposes hereinbelow mentioned, to be diverted at two points on the watershed
more clearly defined in the Certificate of Completion of Works
and ~~used in place~~ used in place

for the ~~XXXXXX~~ public recreational purposes

subject, however, to the laws of the State of South Dakota applicable to a license for the use of the waters of the State, and subject, also to the local or community customs, rules and regulations which have been or may be adopted from time to time by a majority of the users from a common source of supply, canal or lateral from which such water may be taken, when such rules and regulations have for their obj. the economical use of such water.

WITNESS, My hand and seal of our office at Pierre, South Dakota,
this 9th day of November A. D. Nineteen
Hundred and Fifty-nine.

State Water Resources Commission
By:

J. W. GRIMES, Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	
Water License No. _____	
To _____	

Source of Supply _____	
_____	County _____
_____	Am't _____ c. f. s.
Point of Diversion _____	

Place of Use _____	

Purpose _____	

Date of Priority _____	
Recorded _____	
In Book _____ of _____	Page _____

Permit No. 620-3

Water Division No. _____ Water District _____

Certificate of Completion of Works

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify that the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parksof Pierrre, County of Hughes, and State of South Dakota, the holder Vested Right of Permit No. 620-3, issued upon ApplicationNo. 620-3, bearing date of priority of 1889, authorizing the diversion of480 acre feet annually ~~in excess of~~ of the waters of Sigaty LakeCounty of Day, State of South Dakota, at two points in the
watershed, namely in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 16, T 124 N,R 55 W, for public recreationpurposes, has fully complied with the provisions of the laws of the State of South Dakota relating to proof of
completion of the works of diversion set out and described in said Vested Right Permit; that said works are found in satisfactory
condition for diverting and conveying to the place of intended use 480 acre feet annually ~~and~~~~in excess of~~ of water; and ~~the use of said water are described as follows,~~
to-wit: public recreational purposesWitness my hand this 9th day of November A. D. 1959

State Water Resources Commission

By:

J. W. GRIMES,

Chief Engineer, Executive Officer

Location No. 620-3Water Division No. 3Big Sioux
Water District**Proof of Application of Water to Beneficial Use**

PETITIONER OR HOLDER

Ques. 1. State your name, residence, occupation and postoffice address.

Ans. South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Pierre, South Dakota

Ques. 2. If acting in behalf of a corporation, state its name, principal place of business (if a foreign corporation, give name and postoffice of statutory agent,) your position with reference to same, and your authority for appearing in its behalf.

Ans. _____

Ques. 3. State date of posting and date of recording notice of appropriation.

Ans. _____

Ques. 4. State source of water supply and give exact location of point of diversion.

Ans. Local watershed - two points in the watershed

Ques. 5. Describe your works of diversion giving length and height of each dam and state amount of water they are capable of conveying from point of diversion to place of use, and give name of canal or ditch or other works by which water is conducted to such place of use, and date of completion of same.

Ans. A meandered lake - depth 5 feet - acres 160

Ques. 6. State for what purpose water is used and describe place of use. (If for irrigation, name each subdivision in which used, and number of acres in each subdivision that have ACTUALLY been irrigated with said water.)

Ans. Fish and wildlife propagation, conservation and recreation

Ques. 7. If for other than irrigation purpose, state how applied, amount of horse power generated, etc.

Ans. Used in place in lake or reservoir

Ques. 8. What is the minimum amount of water required for the use specified above?

Ans. As required to fill lake to outlet level - approximately 480-acre feet per year

Ques. 9. If you are not the person or representative of the corporation to whom above mentioned permit was originally issued, please state how ownership was acquired by present holder.

Ans. _____

Ques. 10. State when, how, in what amount and to what extent, the water diverted under above mentioned permit has been used.

Ans. A abandoned lake. Used by the public for uses specified except for that
amount lost by evaporation and seepage

(Sign)

Henry Brown Howard

I hereby certify that the foregoing testimony was read to the above subscriber before its signing, that I believe him to be the person he represents himself to be, and that said testimony was subscribed and sworn to before me, at my office in Hughes PIERRE, County of Hughes

State of South Dakota, on this 17

day of

July

A. D. 1959

Witnesses.

Edward Johnson

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am a duly qualified elector residing in the immediate vicinity of the diversion works designated in the foregoing testimony, that I have no interest in the works, water or land above described, that I have read the foregoing testimony and that I know of my own personal knowledge that the matters therein stated are true.

Location No.-----

**PROOF OF APPLICATION OF
WATER TO BENEFICIAL USE**

PETITION OF HOLDER

Amount of Water ----- c. f. s.

Source -----

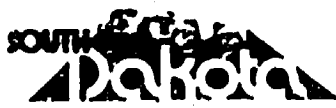
County -----

Purpose -----

Place of Use -----

Date of recording -----

Received and filed -----



Department of Water & Natural Resources

Joe Foss Building
523 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3181

September 21, 1988

Richard Beringson, Secretary
Department of Game, Fish and Parks
Anderson Building
445 E Capitol
Pierre SD 57501

Dear Mr. Beringson:

I am writing to notify you that pursuant to the Notice of Intent to Validate Vested Water Right Claims dated June 20, 1988 that I intend to oppose validation of all Department of Game, Fish and Parks Vested Water Right Claims for lakes for the following reasons:

1. Until the outlet elevation for each lake is surveyed and the outlet elevation is set by the Water Management Board.
2. To allow the Vested Water Right Claim to be amended, if necessary, as follows:
 - a) Include the outlet elevation;
 - b) To correct the amount of water claimed;
 - c) To add the qualification that a vested claim is subject where necessary to installation of a concrete outlet structure to assure retention of the outlet as the established elevation; and
 - d) To add any amendments and qualifications necessary to clarify a Vested Right Claim.

Also, that I intend to oppose validation of all Department of Game, Fish and Parks Vested Water Right Claims for dams to allow the Vested Water Right Claim to be amended, if necessary, as follows:

1. To include the spillway elevation;
2. To correct the amount of water claimed; and
3. To add any amendments and qualifications necessary to clarify a Vested Right Claim.

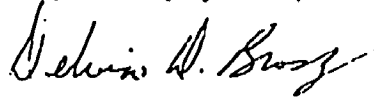


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Richard Beringson, Secretary
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We will be working with your staff on these validations. We have already discussed setting outlet elevations before validating claims for lakes. Although the work necessary to complete the validation process will take several years to complete, the results should be of benefit to the public and to your Department. As the work is completed to validate each claim, the claim will be presented to the Water Management Board for validation.

Please advise if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


for JOHN HATCH, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Division
605 773-3352

cc: Ron Koth, Department of Game, Fish and Parks