

WATER PERMIT NO. 8691-3

Name of Applicant: Wade Larson

Address: 31377 454th Ave, Meckling SD 57069

Phone: 605 670-1457

Amount of Water Claimed: 1.78 cfs

Total Acres: 98 acres

Source of Water Supply: groundwater (one well)

Water to be used for: irrigation

County: Clay

Type of Waste Disposal System:

Location: 1 mile southeast of Meckling

PRIORITY

Date Received: 12-27-22

Application/License Fee: \$950

Corrected Application Received:

Period of Annual Use: May 1 – September 30

Remarks: Requesting diversion rate greater than statutory limit

Diversion Point: NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 36-T93N-R53W

Land to be Irrigated: SW 1/4 Sec 36-T93N-R53W

Depth of Well: 100 feet deep

Well Driller:

Remarks:

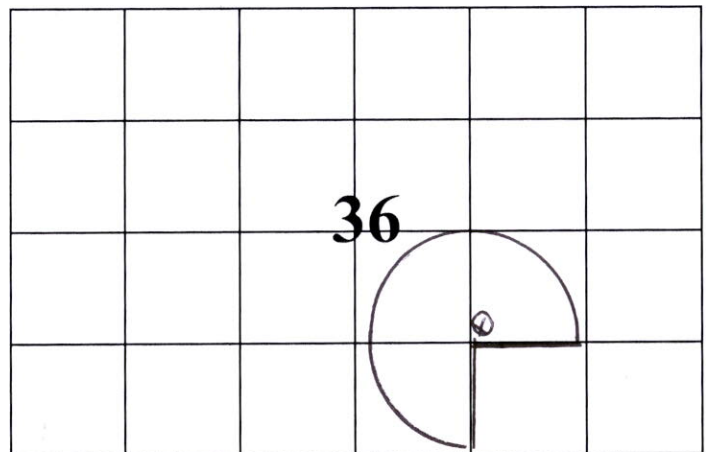
Type of Map: aerial

Prepared by:

Reviewed and the Number Assigned on: 12-27-22

By: **Karen Schlaak**

Notice of Hearing - date to intervene: _____



**SOUTH DAKOTA
WATER PERMIT NO. 8691-3**

Date of first receipt of application December 27, 2022.

The Chief Engineer, on behalf of the Water Management Board, issues Water Permit No. 8691-3 to Wade Larson, 501 Oakmont Dr, Vermillion, SD 57069 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. 8691-3 appropriates 1.78 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from one well to be completed into the Missouri Elk Point Aquifer (approximately 100 feet deep) located in the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 36 for irrigation of 98 acres located in the SE 1/4 Section 36; all in T93N-R53W. This site is located approximately 1 mile southeast of Meckling SD.
2. The amount of the appropriation may not exceed 2 acre feet annually for each acre of land to which water is actually and beneficially applied for irrigation. The water is to be used during the following described annual period: May 1 – September 30.
3. The date from which applicant may claim right is December 27, 2022.
4. The date of approval of Permit No. 8691-3 is February 27, 2023.
5. One-fifth of the construction is to be completed on or before August 27, 2025.
6. All construction is to be completed on or before February 27, 2028.
7. Water is to be put to beneficial use on or before February 27, 2032.
8. Water rights obtained in compliance with the laws of the State of South Dakota may not be unlawfully impaired by this appropriation.

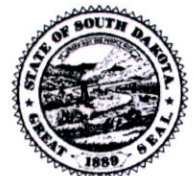
QUALIFICATIONS

1. The well approved under Water Permit No. 8691-3 is located near domestic wells and other wells which may obtain water from the same aquifer. Water withdrawals shall 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 well authorized by Permit No. 8691-3 shall be constructed by a licensed well driller and construction of the well and installation of the pump shall comply with Water Management Board Well Construction Rules, Chapter 74:02:04 with the well casing pressure grouted (bottom to top) pursuant to Section 74:02:04:28.
3. Pursuant to SDCL 46-5-6 which allows a greater diversion rate if the method of irrigation, time constraints, or type of soils so requires, Permit No. 8691-3 authorizes a maximum diversion rate of 1.78 cfs for the irrigation of 98 acres with an annual volume not to exceed 2 acre feet of water per acre per year.
4. This Permit is approved subject to the irrigation water use questionnaire being submitted each year.

WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

By: Eric Gronlund
Eric Gronlund, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

MAR 27 2023
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DEC 27 2022

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FORM 2: Application for irrigation in South Dakota
(type or print)

Mail to: DENR - Water Rights 523 E Capitol Ave Pierre, SD 57501-3182 ph. (605) 773-3352	No. <u>8691-3</u> (office use only) Hydrologic Unit <u>10170102</u>
	Basin <u>Vermillion River</u>
	Newspaper <u>Plain Talk 624-2695 (Fri)</u>
	<u>Press & Dakotan 665-7811</u>

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DEC 27 2022

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Application For Permit To Appropriate Water For Irrigation

Type of Application: ☒ New ☐ Vested Right ☐ Amendment/Correction to Permit No. _____
(Use predates Mar 2, 1955)

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

1. Name to Appear on Irrigation Permit WADE LARSON

Note: The "Name to Appear on Irrigation Permit" must be the name in which the property to be irrigated is held in.

Mailing Address 3377 454th AVE 501 Oakmont Dr. Vermillion SD 57069
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone 605-670-1457 Mobile _____ Email WADELARSON1@YAHOO.COM

2. Amount of water claimed 1.78*CFS or 800**GPM ***AF Total Acreage 98
(*Cubic Feet per Second) (**Gallons per Minute) (***)Acre Feet - storage capacity of dam/dugout or annual use if applicable)

3. Source of water supply 1 WELL in LOWER MISSOURI Aquifer

4. Location of point of diversion 1 WELL NWSW^E T93N R53W S36
(example - 3 wells in SW1/4 NE1/4 section 12-T104N-R53W)

County CLAY

5. County or counties where water will be used CLAY

6. Annual period during which water is to be used MAY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30

7. List below each forty acre division, or lot, or fraction thereof and show number of acres to be irrigated in each.
(Attach sheet if more space is needed)

Land Description	Acres	Land Description	Acres
<u>SW^E 1/4 T93N R53W S36</u>	<u>98</u>		

8. Give a description of the project. (Attach sheet if more space is needed)

to drill a well to supply water to a pivot located in the SW^E 1/4 of T93N R53W S36 to irrigate 98 ACRES
Requesting diversion rate greater than statutory limit

I, Wade A. Larson Owner, the applicant, certify under
Name of Person 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.

Supplemental Information

(type or print)

1. Well Information (check one or both as applicable) ☒ Drilling new well(s) ☐ Using existing well(s)a) If new wells, how many 1 Have test holes been drilled ☐ Yes ☒ No Drilled by _____
(if yes, please provide copies of logs)

b) If existing wells, how many _____ Provide copy of log(s), if available. Drilled by _____

For either Existing or Proposed Wells:

c) Well Depth (required) ≈100' Depth to Top of Water Bearing Material ≈55 Depth to Water from Surface ≈20'd) Distance to nearest domestic well on applicant's property N/A Property owned by others NO**2. Wastewater Disposal System Information**

a) Type of System (i.e. septic tank, drain field) _____

b) System Capacity (gallons) _____ Year Constructed _____

c) Connected to the City of _____ Sanitary System

3. Dugout Information

a) Surface Dimensions _____ Depth _____

b) Depth to water (ground surface to water level) _____

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:

b) Freeboard _____

c) Crest Width _____

Crest Length _____

d) Height _____

e) Primary Outlet Capacity _____

If pipe, diameter _____

f) Secondary Spillway Capacity _____

Spillway Width _____

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

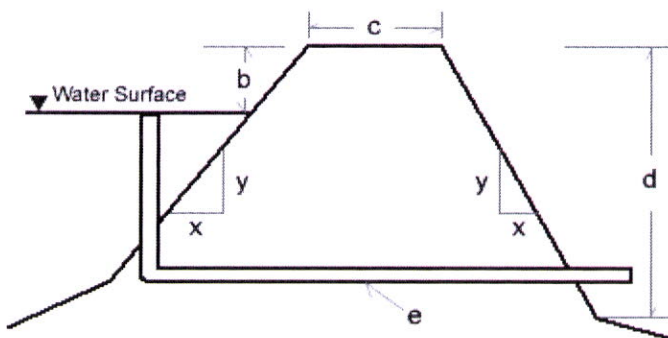
Upstream _____

Downstream _____

h) Surface Area of Impoundment _____

i) Storage _____ Acre Feet

j) Drainage Area Above Dam _____ Acres





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T93N R53W S36

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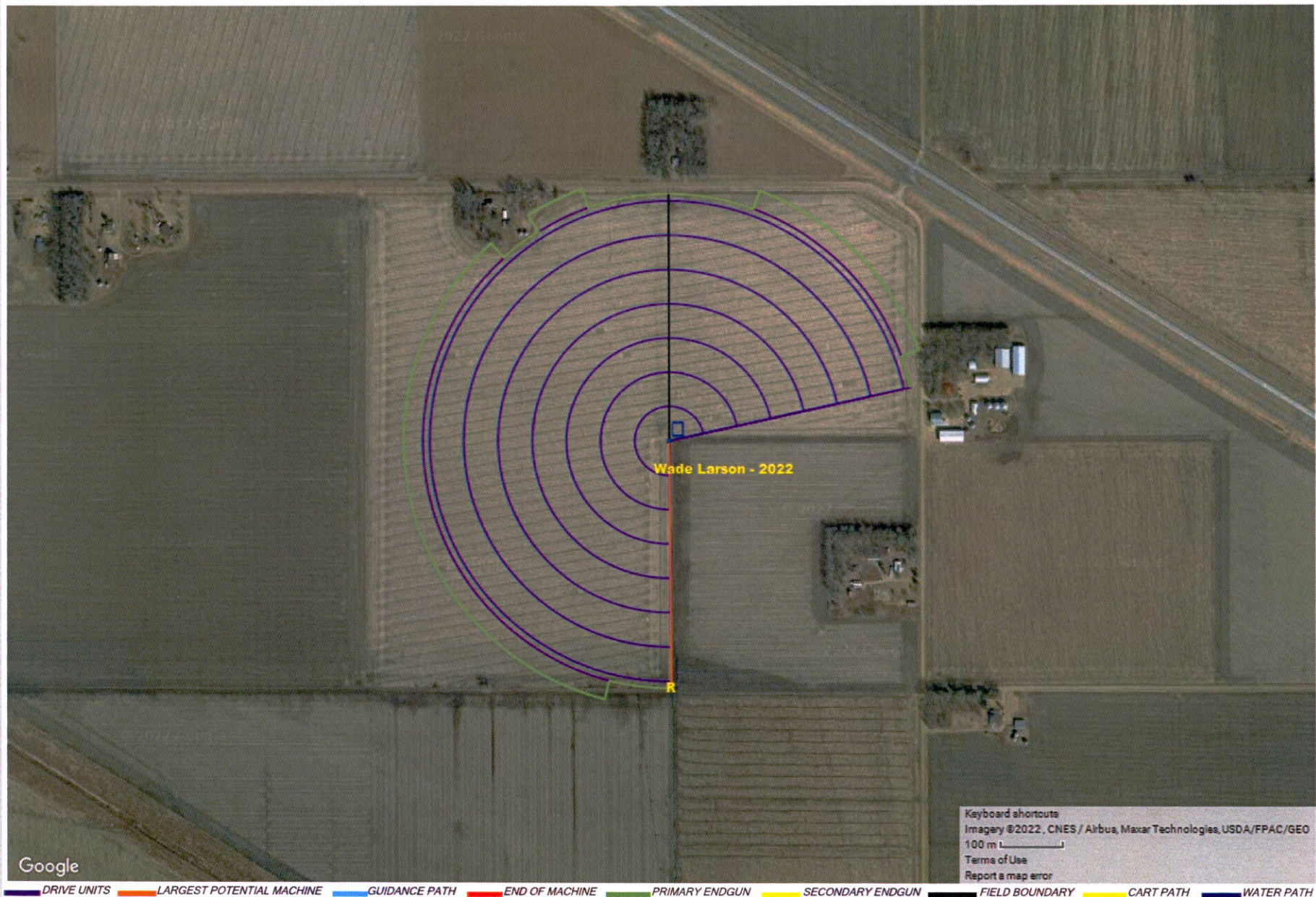
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SW

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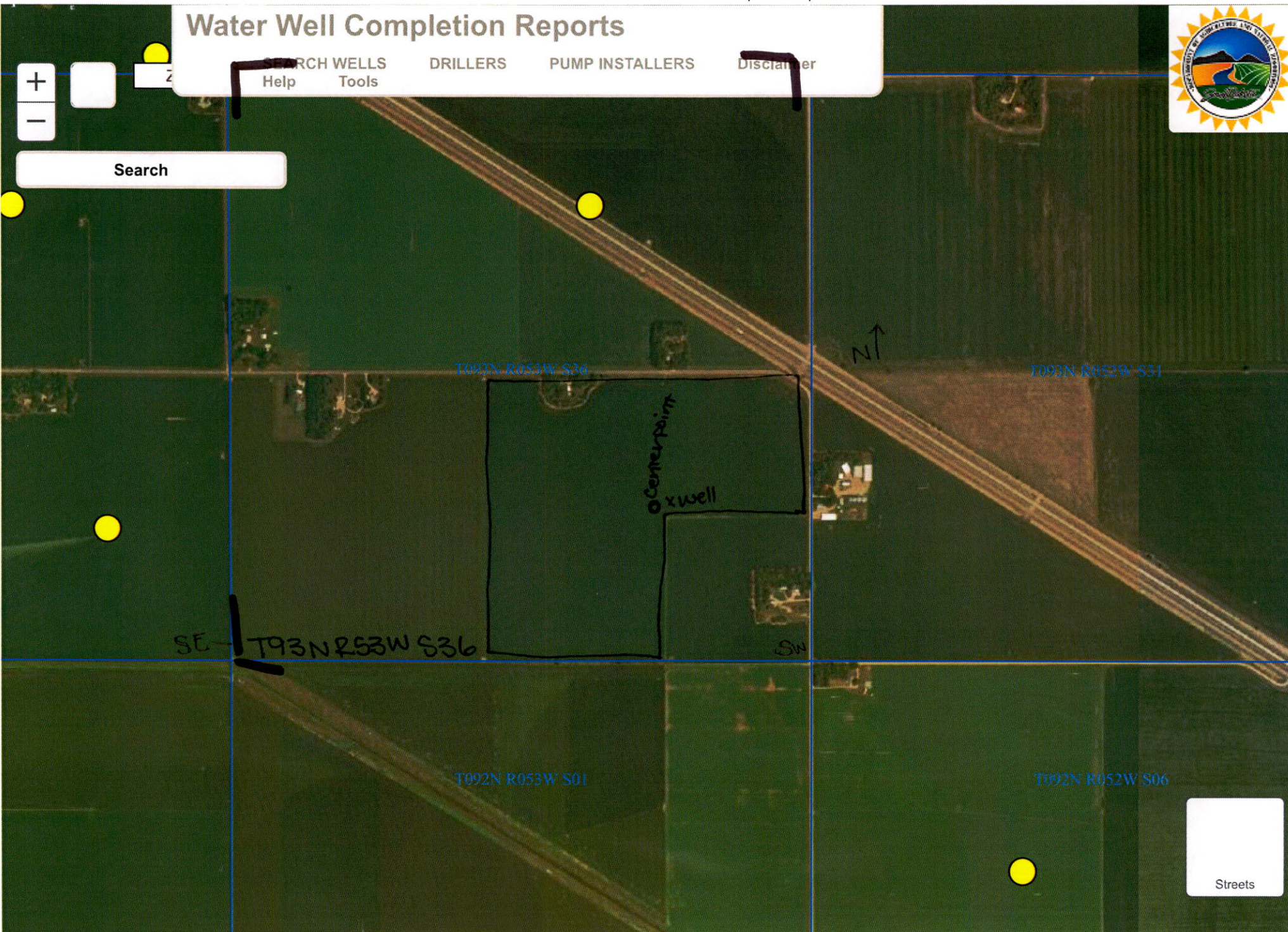
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RECEIPT

WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM

South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Date December 28, 2022

RECEIVED OF Larson Hay Inc. PO Box 376 Vermillion SD 57069

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

Fee for Application for Permit No. <u>8691-3</u> to Appropriate Water, to construct and to put water to beneficial use	\$ <u>750.00</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. <u>8691-3</u>	\$ <u>200.00</u>
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>950.00</u>

By Eric Gronlund
Chief Engineer
dm



**DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE
and NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF ENGINEER FOR WATER PERMIT
APPLICATION NO. 8691-3, Wade Larson**

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the following is the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, Water Rights Program, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources concerning Water Permit Application No. 8691-3, Wade Larson, 501 Oakmont Drive, Vermillion SD 57069.

The Chief Engineer is recommending APPROVAL of Application No. 8691-3 because 1) there is reasonable probability that there is unappropriated water available for the applicant's proposed use, 2) the proposed diversion can be developed without unlawful impairment of existing domestic water uses and water rights, 3) the proposed use is a beneficial use and 4) it is in the public interest as it pertains to matters of public interest within the regulatory authority of the Water Management Board with the following qualifications:

1. The well approved under Water Permit No. 8691-3 is located near domestic wells and other wells which may obtain water from the same aquifer. Water withdrawals shall be controlled so there is not a reduction of needed water supplies in adequate domestic wells or in adequate wells having prior water rights.
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4. This Permit is approved subject to the irrigation water use questionnaire being submitted each year.

See report on application for additional information.

Eric Gronlund, Chief Engineer
February 6, 2023

Report to the Chief Engineer
On Water Permit Application No. 8691-3

Wade Larson

February 6, 2023

Water Permit Application No. 8691-3 proposes to divert water at a maximum instantaneous diversion rate of 1.78 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from one well to be completed into the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer (approximately 100 feet deep) located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36 for the irrigation of 98 acres located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36; all in T93N-R53W. The applicant is requesting a diversion rate greater than the statutory limit of 1 cfs per 70 acres. The site of interest is located in Clay County approximately one mile southeast of Meckling, SD.

AQUIFER: Missouri: Elk Point (M: EP)

HYDROGEOLOGY:

The Missouri: Elk Point aquifer is a glacial outwash deposit consisting of fine sand to very coarse gravel (Niehus, 1997). The Missouri: Elk Point aquifer underlies approximately 219,100 acres in Clay, Union, and Yankton Counties in South Dakota, and the aquifer contains approximately 3,287,100 acre-feet of recoverable water in storage (Hedges et al., 1982). The Missouri: Elk Point aquifer is hydrologically connected to the Lower Vermillion Missouri and Lower James Missouri aquifers, and the Big Sioux, James, Missouri, and Vermillion Rivers (Niehus, 1994; Stephens, 1967).

The Missouri: Elk Point aquifer is generally under confined conditions in the northwestern part of the aquifer and unconfined conditions in the southern part of the aquifer, and the direction of groundwater movement in the aquifer is generally from the northwest to the southeast (Niehus, 1994 and 1997).

Four water well completion reports were submitted with Water Permit Application No. 8691-3 for existing wells located near the proposed diversion point (Water Rights, 2023c and 2023d). Two of the submitted reports are well completion reports for wells authorized by Water Right No. 7464-3 and Water Permit No. 8463-3 each located within a mile approximately of the proposed diversion point (Water Rights, 2023c and 2023d). The report for the well authorized by Water Right No. 7464-3 lists, "topsoil" from 0 to 2 feet below the ground surface, "Clay" from 2 to 55 feet, and "Gravel" from 55 to 111 feet (Water Rights, 2023d). The well was screened from 71 to 111 feet below the ground surface in "Gravel" and had a static water level of approximately 10.75 feet at the time of well completion (February 27, 2014) (Water Rights, 2023d). The report for the well authorized by Water Permit No. 8463-3 lists, "topsoil" from 0 to 3 feet below the ground surface, "Sandy Brown Clay" from 3 to 22 feet, "Fine Sand" from 22 to 45 feet, "Sandy Clay" from 45 to 58 feet, and "Sand/Gravel/Small Rocks" from 58 to 110 feet. The well was screened from 80 to 100 feet below the ground surface in "Sand/Gravel/Small Rocks" and had a static water level of approximately 20 feet at the time of well completion (April 1, 2021) (Water Rights, 2023d). Based on the submitted water well completion reports on

file for the existing wells near the proposed diversion point, and lithologic logs on file for nearby observation wells, the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer is expected to be confined at the proposed diversion point (SDGS, 2023; Water Rights, 2023b and 2023d).

Figure 1 displays a map of the approximate Missouri: Elk Point aquifer boundary (modified from Hedges et al., 1982) and the location of the proposed diversion point for Water Permit Application No. 8691-3.

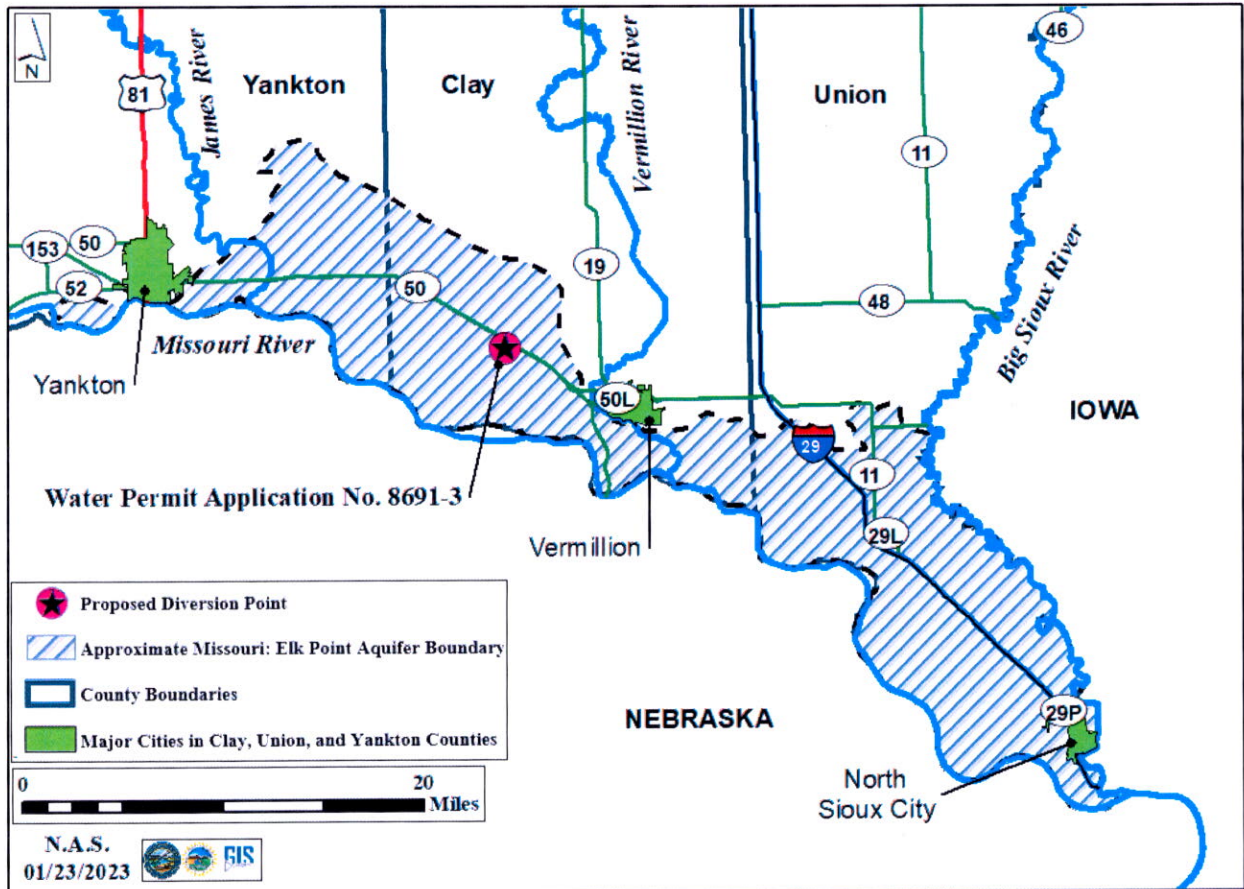


Figure 1. Map of the approximate Missouri: Elk Point aquifer boundary modified from Hedges and others (1982) with the location of the proposed diversion point for Water Permit Application No. 8691-3

South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 46-2A-9

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-9, “A permit to appropriate water may be issued only if there is a reasonable probability that there is unappropriated water available for the applicant’s proposed use, that the diversion point 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 as defined by SDCL 46-2-9 and 46-2-11.” This report will address the availability of unappropriated water and the potential for unlawful impairment of existing domestic water uses and water rights within the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer.

WATER AVAILABILITY:

Water Permit Application No. 8691-3 proposes to appropriate water from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer. The probability of unappropriated water being available from the aquifer can be evaluated by considering SDCL 46-6-3.1, which requires “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 water to the groundwater source. An application may be approved, however, for withdrawals of groundwater from any groundwater formation older than or stratigraphically lower than the greenhorn formation in excess of the average estimated annual recharge for use by water distribution systems.” The Missouri: Elk Point aquifer is not older than or stratigraphically lower than the Greenhorn Formation (Fahrenbach et al., 2010), and the applicant’s proposed use is not for use in a water distribution system as defined by SDCL 46-1-6(17). Therefore, the average annual recharge and average annual withdrawal rates to and from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer must be considered.

HYDROLOGIC BUDGET:

Recharge

Recharge to the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer is primarily through the infiltration of precipitation where the aquifer is at or near the ground surface, seepage from the Big Sioux, James, Missouri, and Vermillion Rivers, inflow from the Lower Vermillion-Missouri aquifer at the northern boundary of the Missouri aquifer and inflow from the Big Sioux aquifer at the extreme northeastern boundary of the Missouri aquifer, and from the underlying Dakota aquifer in Union County (Condley and Lamkey, 2022; Niehus, 1994 and 1997).

Several studies have been completed to estimate average annual recharge to the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer (Condley and Lamkey, 2022; Hedges et al., 1985; Mathiowetz, 2022; Stephens, 1967; Stonesifer, 2013). A discussion of these studies is available in the hydrologic budget section within the report for Water Permit Application No. 8614-3 - Lewis & Clark Regional Water System completed by Mathiowetz (2022). Collectively, the estimated average annual recharge rate to the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer is approximately 114,593.9 acre-feet per year assuming full development of existing water rights/permits and pending application (8614-3) for Lewis & Clark Regional Water System (Mathiowetz, 2022).

Discharge

Discharge from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer is primarily through well withdrawals, evapotranspiration where the aquifer is at or near the ground surface, outflow to the Big Sioux, James, Missouri, and Vermillion Rivers during periods of low flow and stage, and leakage to the underlying Dakota aquifer (Niehus, 1994 and 1997; Water Rights, 2023c).

Currently, there are 632 water rights/permits authorized to appropriate water from Missouri: Elk Point aquifer, plus two pending applications (with priority dates senior to this application) – Water Permit Application No. 8682-3 requests to irrigate 21 acres in Clay County and Water

Permit Application No. 8614-3, applied for by Lewis & Clark RWS, requests to appropriate up to 8,277 acre-feet per year (Water Rights, 2023c).

Additionally, there are five future use permits (Nos. 5832-3, 6237-3, 6869-3, 6869A-3, and 7208-3) reserving 1,900 acre-feet of water annually from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer (Water Rights, 2023c). For the purpose of estimating average annual withdrawals, the future use permits are assumed to be fully developable for a total of 1,900 acre-feet per year.

Table 1 summarizes the 42 non-irrigation water rights/permits (including two irrigation water permits, see paragraph below) authorized to appropriate water from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer with the estimated annual use for each water right/permit as determined by their limiting diversion rate or annual volume. Historically, average water use by non-irrigation appropriations limited by an instantaneous diversion rate have been assumed to be pumping 60% of full time at the respective permitted diversion rate. Water rights/permits limited by an annual volume are assumed to withdraw their entire respective annual volume limitation. This is a standard method used by the DANR-Water Rights Program for estimating annual withdrawals by non-irrigation appropriations from an aquifer (Water Rights, 2023c).

Water Permit No. 5998-3 is permitted for turf irrigation and Water Permit No. 5998A-3 extends the amount of time allowed for water to be put to beneficial use as authorized by Water Permit No. 5998-3 (Water Rights, 2023c). The estimated use for these two irrigation permits is included with the non-irrigation water rights/permits listed on Table 1, as the permit holder is not required to submit an annual irrigation questionnaire. However, Water Permit No. 5998-3 is authorized for use in a rural water system and the permit holder reports the annual use by Water Permit No. 5998-3 with their other rural water system Missouri: Elk Point aquifer permits, listed on Table 2 (Water Rights, 2023c).

Three municipal water rights were identified as being connected to a rural water system and likely maintain their wells for standby purposes (Drinking Water Program, 2023; Water Rights, 2023c); as such, the average annual water use for these water rights has been estimated to be zero acre-feet per year on Table 1.

Water Permit No. 7059-3 is permitted for recreational use for maintaining the water level of a small lake with a surface area of 17.6 acres (Water Rights, 2023c). It is assumed that the only consumptive use of this water is due to evaporation (Water Rights, 2023c). Annual evaporation of water from shallow lakes is estimated to be approximately 42 inches per year at the location of the authorized diversion point for Water Permit No. 7059-3 (NOAA, 1982; Water Rights, 2023c), and average annual total precipitation at the Sioux City, Iowa airport was determined to be approximately 29.27 inches over the 30-year period of record (1991 to 2020) (Arguez et al., 2020), which results in the lake to fluctuate approximately 12.73 inches per year. To maintain the water level of the small lake, the estimated use of Water Permit No. 7059-3 is approximately 18.7 acre-feet per year.

Overall, the average annual withdrawal rate for the 42 non-irrigation water rights/permits (including the two irrigation permits not required to submit an annual irrigation questionnaire)

authorized to appropriate water from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer is approximately 62,371 acre-feet per year (Table 1) (Water Rights, 2023c and 2023f).

Table 1. Estimated annual use for the non-irrigation water rights/permits (plus two irrigation water permits) authorized to divert water from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer (Drinking Water Program, 2023; Water Rights, 2023c and 2023f)

Permit No.	Name	Status	Priority Date	Use	Authorized Diversion Rate (cfs)	Authorized Annual Volume (acre-feet/year)	Total Estimated Use (acre-feet/year)
4501-3	Eddie Wohl	LC	03/27/1980	COM	0.05		21.7
5616-3	Cimpls Inc	LC	01/31/1992	COM	0.44		191.3
5827-3	Don Lantis	LC	06/08/1994	COM	0.022		9.6
5953-3	H & K Oil Co	LC	08/19/1996	COM	0.037		16.1
6151-3	Vernon & Norma Vakoc	LC	10/04/1999	COM	0.67		291.2
6580-3	West Shores Acres LLC	LC	01/28/2005	COM	0.10		43.5
8031-3	Dakota Protein Conversion Inc	PE	06/18/2014	COM	0.22		96
8147-3	Doug Lafleur	PE	04/06/2015	COM, LCO	1.0	160	160
8381-3	RP Constructors	PE	11/19/2018	COM	0.04	1	1
8403-3	Stockmen's Livestock Inc	PE	06/27/2019	COM	2.0	40	40
8415-3	RC Investments Inc	PE	11/14/2019	COM	0.10	25	25
8435-3	Sioux City Insulation	PE	07/30/2012	COM	0.33	1	1
6744-3	Judith I Grant	PE	07/24/2006	DOM, COM	0.78		339
7388-3	Clay RWS Inc	PE	07/30/2012	DOM, IRR	2.0		346.2
5998-3	Clay RWS Inc	PE	04/21/1997	IRR, DOM	2.2		
5998A-3	Clay RWS Inc	PE	04/21/1997	IRR, DOM	0.0		
5490-3	USGS CERC Field Research Station	LC	11/15/1990	FWP	0.09		39.1
5907-3	US Fish and Wildlife Service	LC	01/26/1996	FWP	3.78		1,643
6733-3	US Fish and Wildlife Service	LC	06/07/2006	FWP	1.11		482.5
7094-3	US Fish and Wildlife Service	LC	12/01/2008	FWP	2.67		1,160.6
5021-3	Vishay-Dale Electronics Inc	LC	05/04/1984	IND	0.10		43.5
5388-3	LG Everist Inc	LC	01/30/1990	IND	0.45		195.6
5453-3	AaLadin Industries Inc	LC	05/24/1990	IND	0.05		21.7
5593-3	Vishay-Dale Electronics Inc	LC	10/31/1991	IND	0.056		24.3
6170-3	Concrete Materials	LC	01/03/2000	IND	0.222		96.5
1255-3	City of Elk Point	LC	01/01/1914	MUN	1.13		491.2
143-3	City of Vermillion	LC	01/21/1956	MUN	1.78		773.7
147-3	City of Vermillion	LC	01/01/1935	MUN	2.66		1,237
6236-3	City of Vermillion	LC	11/06/2000	MUN	2.6	1,161	
6354-3	City of Vermillion	LC	08/12/2002	MUN	0.022		9.6
1965-3	Town of Gayville	LC	01/01/1914	MUN	0.37		0*
4207-3	Town of Jefferson	LC	01/01/1916	MUN	0.90		391.2
5118-3	Town of Gayville	LC	01/28/1987	MUN	0.33		0*
5437-3	Dakota Dunes Community Improvement District	LC	04/12/1990	MUN	3.33		2,412
5782-3	City of North Sioux City	LC	08/12/1993	MUN	1.14		495.5
8212-3	City of Yankton	LC	03/25/2016	MUN	20.12	6,050	6,050
7059-3	WE Investments LLC	PE	08/28/2008	REC	3.11		18.7
6736-3	Lewis and Clark RWS	PE	07/08/1994	RWS	27.85	20,165	45,165
7207-3	Lewis and Clark RWS	PE	07/08/1994	RWS	20	12,000	
8613-3	Lewis and Clark RWS	PE	07/16/2007	WDS	29.8	13,000	
5581-3	Larson's Landing	LC	07/30/1991	SHD	0.089		38.7
5592-3	East Winds Court Inc	LC	10/09/1991	SHD	0.11		0*
						TOTAL:	62,371
*Identified as being connected to a RWS							
COM: Commercial; DOM: Domestic; FWP: Fish and Wildlife Propagation; IND: Industrial; IRR: Irrigation; LCO: Livestock Confinement Operation; MUN: Municipal; REC: Recreation; RWS: Rural Water System; SHD: Suburban Housing Development							

Of the 42 non-irrigation water rights/permits (including the two irrigation permits not required to submit an annual irrigation questionnaire), there are 15 non-irrigation water rights/permits that are required to report their annual usage from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer (Water Rights, 2023c and 2023f).

Three of the non-irrigation water rights/permits that are required to report (Nos. 8031-3, 8415-3, and 8435-3) are currently under development and have not reported any withdrawals from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer to the DANR-Water Rights Program (Water Rights, 2023c). The remaining twelve non-irrigation water rights/permits that are required to report their annual usage from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer are shown on Table 2 (Water Rights, 2023c and 2023f). The reported usage (as shown on Table 2) for Permit Nos. 8381-3 and 8403-3 (approved in 2018 and 2019) is not necessarily reflective of the future usage of these permits based on information within their respective water permit files (Water Rights, 2023c), and only three years of reported withdrawals (Water Rights, 2023f). Therefore, the estimated use for Permit Nos. 8031-3, 8415-3, 8435-3, 8381-3, and 8403-3 will be based on the method used above: water rights/permits limited by an instantaneous diversion rate have been assumed to be pumping 60% of full time at the respective permitted diversion rate; water rights/permits limited by an annual volume are assumed to withdraw their entire respective annual volume limitation. The estimated average annual withdrawal rate for these permits is listed on Table 1.

Next, the reported use for the City of Yankton (8212-3) and Lewis and Clark RWS (6736-3, 7207-3, and 8613-3) (as shown on Table 2) is steadily increasing (Water Rights, 2023f), as these water users are continually undergoing development (Water Rights, 2023c). It is likely these water users will use up to their entire respective annual volume limitation in the future; therefore, the average annual withdrawal rate for these water rights/permits is assumed to be their entire respective annual volume listed on Table 1 (Water Rights, 2023c).

The annual withdrawal rate for Clay RWS Inc (Permit Nos. 5998-3, 5998A-3, and 7388-3) averaged over the last ten years (approximately 346 acre-feet per year) is more reflective of current usage than the entire period of record of reported withdrawals because the first few years the permit holder reported values were during a construction period. The average annual withdrawal rate based off the reported annual withdrawal rates averaged from 2012 to 2021 on Table 2 for these water permits will be used in this analysis.

Lastly, the annual withdrawal rates for Doug Lafleur (8147-3) and City of Vermillion (147-3, 6236-3) on Table 2 are relatively steady over their respective periods of record (Water Rights, 2023c and 2023f); therefore, the average annual withdrawal rate based on the reported values from each of these water users (as shown on Table 2) is reasonably reflective of the future withdrawals likely to be made by these appropriative users. The average annual withdrawal rate based off the reported annual withdrawal rates averaged over the period of record on Table 2 for these water rights/permits will be used in this analysis.

Table 2. Non-irrigation water rights/permits required to report their respective annual use from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer (Water Rights, 2023c and 2023f)

	RP Constructors	Stockmen's Livestock Inc	Clay RWS Inc	Doug Lafleur	City of Vermillion	City of Yankton	Lewis and Clark RWS
	8381-3	8403-3	5998-3, 5998A-3, 7388-3	8147-3	147-3, 6236-3	8212-3	6736-3, 7207-3, 8613-3
2003			238		1,363		
2004			483		1,226		
2005			21		1,247		
2006			170		1,252		
2007			217		1,344		0
2008			213		1,199		0
2009			215		1,140		0
2010			183		1,071		0
2011			137		1,127		92
2012			525		1,317		3,836
2013			301		1,183		9,368
2014			307		1,121		11,532
2015			278	202	1,161		15,591
2016			231	202	1,175	66	17,091
2017			276	202	1,215	531	18,051
2018			305	98	1,168	504	18,143
2019	0.0171	1	292	135	1,440	1,370	20,397
2020	0.0224	4.2	461	121	1,373	2,923	21,039
2021	0.2332	5.5	486	170	1,378	3,065	23,537
Max	0.2	5.5	525	202	1,440	3,065	23,537
Min	0.0171	1	21	98	1,071	66	0
Avg	0.091	3.57	281	162	1,237	1,410	14,425*
RWS: Rural Water System *Excluded reported zero values							

Currently, there are 591 irrigation water rights/permits authorized to appropriate water from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer, plus one pending application – Water Permit Application No. 8682-3 requesting to irrigate 21 acres in Clay County (Water Rights, 2023c). Irrigation water rights/permits have been typically required to report their annual usage on an irrigation questionnaire since 1979. The estimated average annual withdrawal rate for the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer irrigation water rights/permits that have reported over the period of record is approximately 18,703 acre-feet per year (Table 3) (Water Rights, 2023a). To reflect the current development of irrigation water rights/permits more accurately, the average annual withdrawal rate for irrigation appropriations that have reported from 2012 to 2021 is approximately 27,247 acre-feet per year (Table 3) (Water Rights, 2023a).

The usage for two irrigation water permits (Nos. 5998-3 and 5998A-3) was accounted for on Table 1 with the non-irrigation water rights/permits, as the permit holder is not required to submit an annual irrigation questionnaire (Water Rights, 2023c), resulting in only 587 of the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer irrigation water rights/permits being currently required to submit an annual irrigation questionnaire (Water Rights, 2023c).

Additionally, Water Right No. 6110-3 is authorized to divert water from a well completed into the Dakota aquifer and pump the water into two ponds that receive incidental surface runoff and possible groundwater inflow from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer (Water Rights, 2023c). Water Right No. 6110-3 is included in the 591 irrigation water rights/permits authorized to appropriate water from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer; however, the estimated use for this permit is assumed to be negligible to the overall hydrologic budget due to the minimal amount of water from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer the permit holder is expected to withdraw. When omitting Water Right No. 6110-3 and Water Permit Nos. 5998-3 and 5998A-3 from this analysis of Missouri: Elk Point aquifer irrigation water rights/permits, 588 water rights/permits remain.

Table 3 lists only 572 water rights/permits as reporting in 2021 (Water Rights, 2023a and 2023c). These 572 water rights/permits listed as reporting in 2021 includes eight water rights/permits (Nos. 3722-3, 5658A-3, 6940-3, 6941-3, 7066-3, 7447-3, 7663-3, and 7800-3) that were incorporated into another water right or cancelled in 2022 (Water Rights, 2023c), resulting in only 564 of the water rights/permits listed as reporting in 2021 being currently active.

Twenty-four water permits/rights did not submit an irrigation questionnaire form in 2021 that are currently active, accounting for the difference between the 564 currently active water rights/permits listed as reporting in 2021 and the 588 irrigation water rights/permits currently required to submit an annual irrigation questionnaire and annual use being estimated in this analysis (Water Rights, 2023a and 2023c). Of these 24 permits, 21 were issued in 2021 or 2022 and have not submitted an irrigation questionnaire at this time. Of the remaining three water rights (Nos. 3154-3, 4745-3, and 5935-3), Water Right No. 5935-3 is not required to submit an irrigation questionnaire and Water Right Nos. 3154-3 and 4745-3 did not submit an irrigation questionnaire in 2021 for an unknown reason. Overall, these 24 water permits/rights are authorized to irrigate approximately 2,595 acres (Water Rights, 2023c).

Table 3. Reported historic irrigation use from Missouri: Elk Point aquifer (Water Rights, 2023a)

Year	No. of Permits Reporting	Reported Pumpage (acre-feet)
1979	259	10,258
1980	263	14,937
1981	297	13,931
1982	269	19,143.1
1983	273	11,081
1984	281	9,605.5
1985	282	14,020.7
1986	286	6,324.8
1987	281	13,369
1988	282	28,558.1
1989	292	25,904.3
1990	297	19,508
1991	300	18,877.7
1992	295	1,895
1993	298	1,475.2
1994	295	10,314.9
1995	292	18,761.3
1996	296	9,473.6
1997	305	17,236
1998	313	11,079.5
1999	308	14,877
2000	309	26,551
2001	313	19,115.2
2002	315	23,326.9
2003	314	27,007
2004	322	24,309
2005	335	24,206.1
2006	353	27,943.3
2007	366	30,652
2008	396	16,439
2009	410	6,346
2010	419	2,906.9
2011	431	12,330
2012	445	56,994.7
2013	543	35,090.5
2014	557	12,423.5
2015	563	17,884.1
2016	564	27,869.3
2017	567	37,209.9
2018	570	9,160.7
2019	575	8,736.3
2020	570	26,601
2021	572	40,503.4
Min	259	1,475.2
Max	575	56,994.7
Avg (1979 to 2021)	369	18,703
Avg (2012 to 2021)	553	27,247

Farmer (2018a, 2018b, and 2021) analyzed the amount of water pumped per permitted acre for the period from 1979 to 2005. This period was chosen due to the relatively stable number of permitted acres across the entire period. There was a continual annual increase in the number of permitted acres from 2006 to 2013/2014. Since 2013/2014 the total number of permitted acres has been relatively stable (Mathiowetz, 2022; Water Rights, 2023c). Farmer (2021) determined that it would be best to separate the review of pumpage per permitted acres between crops, such as corn and soybeans, and turf, such as golf courses and lawn irrigation, to describe the pumpage more accurately per permitted acres. Turf irrigation typically requires more water per acre annual than crop irrigation. Mathiowetz (2022) determined over the entire period of record (1979 through 2021), the crop application rate per permitted acre is 0.331 feet per year (3.97 inches per year), and 0.908 feet per year for turf (10.9 inches per year) (Water Rights, 2023a and 2023c).

Currently, there are approximately 82,276.6 acres authorized to be irrigated from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer (plus one pending irrigation application – Water Permit Application No. 8682-3 requesting to crop irrigate 21 acres), with approximately 809.6 of those acres authorized for turf irrigation (Water Rights, 2023c). Table 4 contains the turf irrigation permits with their respective authorized permitted acres and an estimated average annual use based on Mathiowetz’s (2022) application rate (Water Rights, 2023c). By multiplying the application rate of 0.908 feet per acre per year (Mathiowetz, 2022) by the 809.6 acres being turf irrigated (Water Rights, 2023c), the annual use for turf irrigation yields approximately 735.1 acre-feet per year (Table 4). By multiplying the application rate of 0.331 feet per acre per year (Mathiowetz, 2022) by the 81,467 (total acres minus turf irrigated acres) acres being crop irrigated (Water Rights, 2023c), plus the pending application – Water Permit Application No. 8682-3 requesting to crop irrigate 21 acres, the annual use for crop irrigation yields approximately 26,972.5 acre-feet per year. Collectively, the average annual use from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer for both crop and turf irrigation water rights/permits utilizing Mathiowetz’s (2022) application rates is approximately 27,708 acre-feet per year.

Table 4. Water rights/permits authorized for irrigation of turf (Water Rights, 2023c)

Permit No.	Name	Status	County	Acres	Total Estimated Use (acre-feet/year)
1294-3	Recreation Development Assn. Inc.	LC	Union	102	92.6
2011-3	TR Golf LLC	LC	Union	95	86.3
5786-3	Dakota Dunes Golf Course	LC	Union	173	157.1
5998-3	Clay Rural Water System Inc	PE	Union	300	272.4
5998A-3	Clay Rural Water System Inc	PE	Union	0	0
5935-3	Ted Waitt	LC	Union	1	0.908
5936-3	Applied Engineering	LC	Yankton	1.8	1.6
8010-3	Ryan Rusher	LC	Yankton	2.5	2.3
8029-3	Dakota Dunes Comm Improvement District	PE	Union	17.8	16.2
8040-3	Heine Electric & Irrigation Inc	LC	Clay	1	0.908
8354-3	TR Golf LLC	PE	Union	30	27.24
8407-3	Gayville-Volin School District 63-1	LC	Yankton	4.5	4.1
8530-3	National Field Archery Association Foundation	LC	Yankton	16	14.5
8560-3	TR Golf LLC	PE	Union	65	59
TOTAL:				809.6	735.1

There are domestic wells completed into the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer that do not require a water right/permit, so the withdrawal amount from those wells is unknown (Water Rights, 2023d). Due to their relatively low diversion rates, withdrawals from domestic wells are not considered to be a significant portion of the hydrologic budget. Additionally, with the development of rural water systems in areas where the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer is the uppermost aquifer available; it is likely some domestic users may have transitioned to rural water. Therefore, the quantity of water withdrawn by domestic wells is estimated to be negligible to the hydrologic budget for the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer.

Hydrologic Budget Summary

The average annual recharge rate to the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer is approximately 114,593.9 acre-feet per year. The average annual withdrawal rate for the water rights/permits authorized to appropriate water from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer totals approximately 100,288 acre-feet per year (including the estimated use for Water Permit Application No. 8691-3, if approved) (listed on Table 5). Based on the hydrologic budget, there is a reasonable probability unappropriated water is available from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer for the proposed appropriation.

Table 5. Estimated use from Missouri: Elk Point aquifer (Water Rights, 2023a, 2023c, and 2023f)

Type of Water Right/Permit	Estimated Use (acre-feet/year)
Future Use Reservations	1,900
Non-Irrigation	62,371
Pending Application No. 8614-3 (Lewis and Clark Regional Water System)	8,277
Irrigation (Mathiowetz's (2022) turf and crop application rates) including pending application: No. 8682-3	27,708
Application No. 8691-3 (if approved, using Mathiowetz's (2022) crop application rate of 0.331 feet per acre)	32.4
TOTAL:	100,288

OBSERVATION WELL DATA:

Administrative Rule of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:02:05:07 requires that the Water Management Board shall rely upon the record of observation well measurements in addition to other data to determine that the quantity of water withdrawn annually from the aquifer does not exceed the estimated average annual recharge of the aquifer.

Observation wells provide data on how the aquifer reacts to regional climatic conditions and local pumping. The DANR-Water Rights Program monitors 36 observation wells completed into the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer (Water Rights, 2023b). The three closest observation wells to the proposed diversion point are CL-80B (approximately 3.5 miles southwest), CL-80A (approximately 3.7 miles northeast), and YA-80KA (approximately 6.9 miles west) (Water Rights, 2023b). The hydrographs for these observation wells are displayed in Figures 2 to 4 (Water Rights, 2023b). The data points utilized to construct the hydrographs are measurements of the static water level in the observation wells from the top of the well casing. It is worth noting the hydrograph titles display DENR Water Rights Observation Well on the hydrographs when the titles should display DANR Water Rights Observation Well on the hydrographs.

The hydrographs for the observation wells display generally stable water levels over their respective periods of record. The hydrographs for the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer indicate that the aquifer responds well to climatic conditions because water levels are rising during wetter periods (early spring snowmelt and precipitation) and declining to a stable water level during drier periods. Additionally, the water levels in the observation wells display that the amount of recharge to and natural discharge from the aquifer greatly exceeds pumping with the aquifer returning to pre-pumping conditions between irrigation seasons. Aquifer recovery indicates that climatic conditions and therefore, the effects of recharge to and natural discharges from the aquifer govern the long-term fluctuations of waters levels in the aquifer rather than the impacts of pumping from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer. By recognizing that both recharge to and natural discharge from an aquifer can be captured for pumping, the observation well hydrographs demonstrate unappropriated water is available for the proposed appropriation.

Several of the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer observation well hydrographs show a gradual long-term downward trend especially those close to the Missouri River. This downward trend is caused by entrenchment of the Missouri River riverbed and in some places a widening of the channel leading to lower water levels despite the river having the same rate of flow (Elliott and Jacobson, 2022). The lowering of the water level in the Missouri River downstream of the Gavins Point dam and the subsequent lowering of the water level of Missouri: Elk Point aquifer observation wells in close proximity to the river show the strong hydrologic connection between the Missouri River and the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer. This is demonstrated by the very similar water levels between the aquifer and river as shown in the hydrographs in Figures 2 to 5. The lowering of the water levels in the aquifer, especially in close proximity to the Missouri River, is not a sign of over appropriation of the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer. The observation well water levels simply show the connection between the river and the aquifer and how the aquifer reacts to climatic conditions without showing any long-term effects from pumping. Therefore, there is a reasonable probability unappropriated water is available for this proposed appropriation.

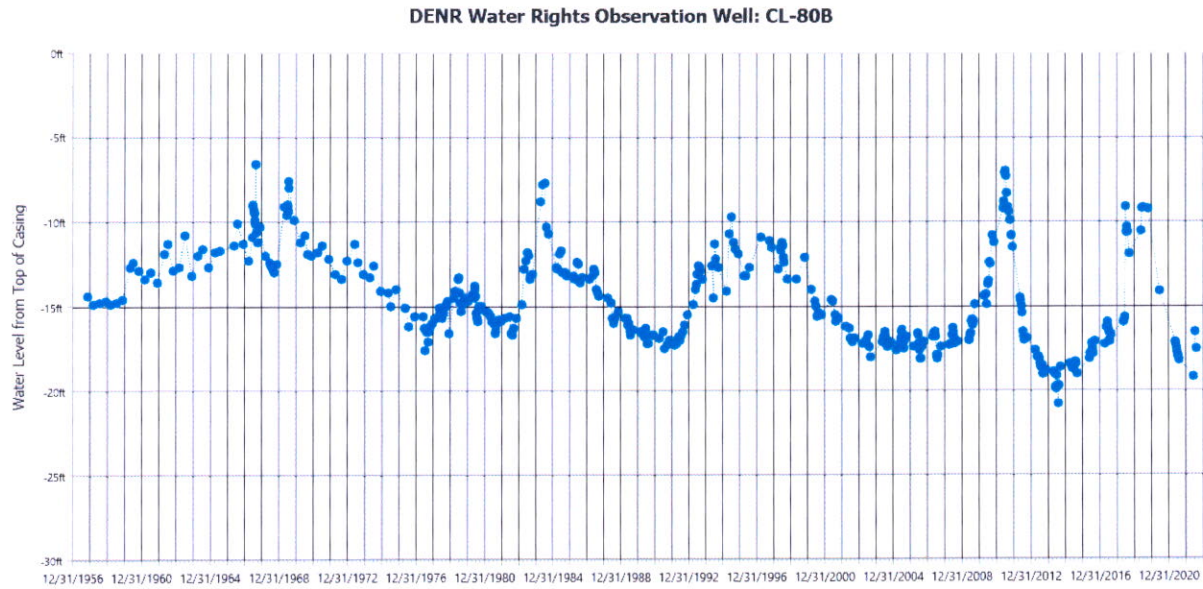


Figure 2. Hydrograph for observation well CL-80B (Water Rights, 2023b)

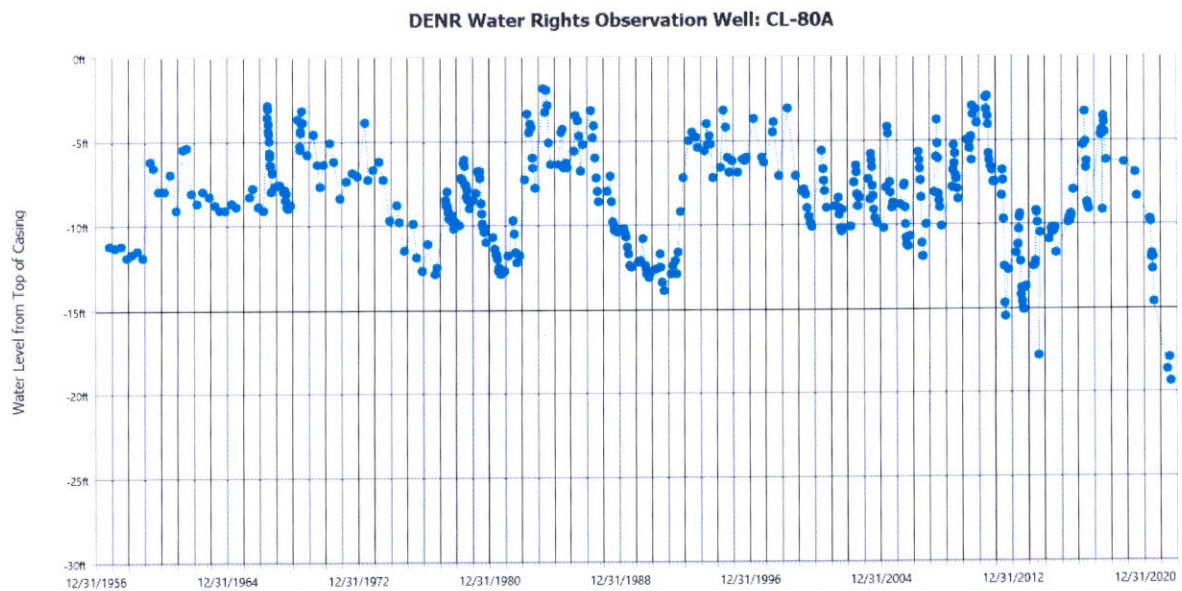


Figure 3. Hydrograph for observation well CL-80A (Water Rights, 2023b)

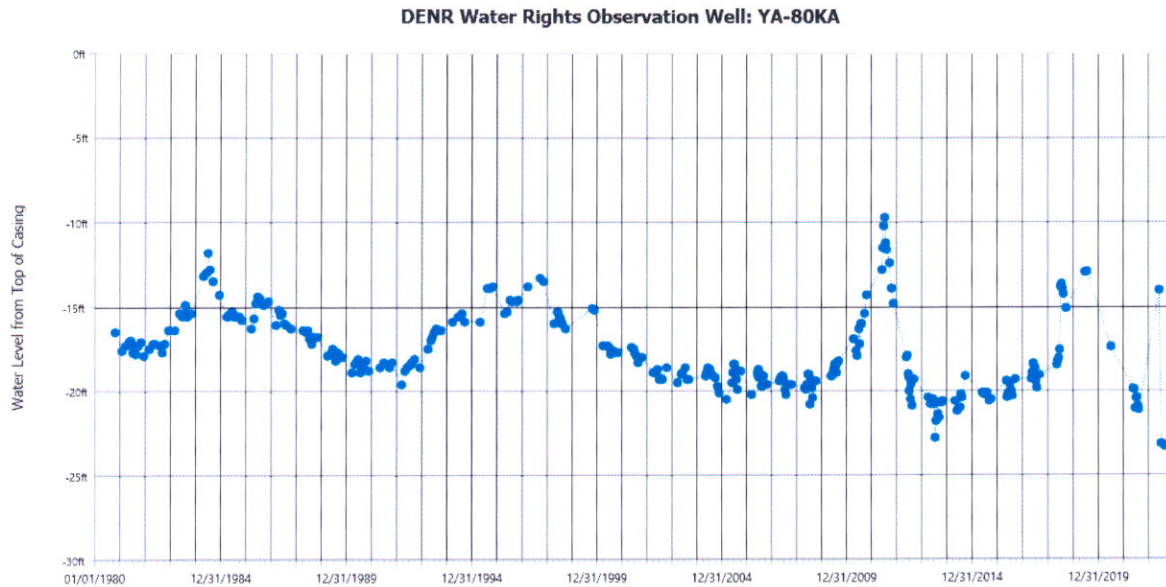


Figure 4. Hydrograph for observation well YA-80KA (Water Rights, 2023b)

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) maintains Stream Gage #06467500, located on the Missouri River at Yankton, SD, and the hydrograph for this gage is shown in Figure 5 (USGS, 2023). By comparing the hydrograph for Stream Gage #06467500 to the observation well hydrographs of the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer (Figures 2 to 4), both show the river and aquifer react to climatic conditions by rising and falling over similar trends (USGS, 2023; Water Rights, 2023b). Additionally, during flood events (such as, the years 2011 and 2019), the water level in the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer, especially where in closer proximity to the Missouri River, rises very quickly beyond what is typically seen for glacial outwash aquifers (Water Rights, 2023b). This indicates there is a hydrologic connection between the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer and the Missouri River. Therefore, when the elevation of the water in the Missouri River is higher than the elevation of water in the aquifer, the river will recharge the aquifer. In contrast, when the elevation of water is higher in the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer, the aquifer naturally discharges to the Missouri River.

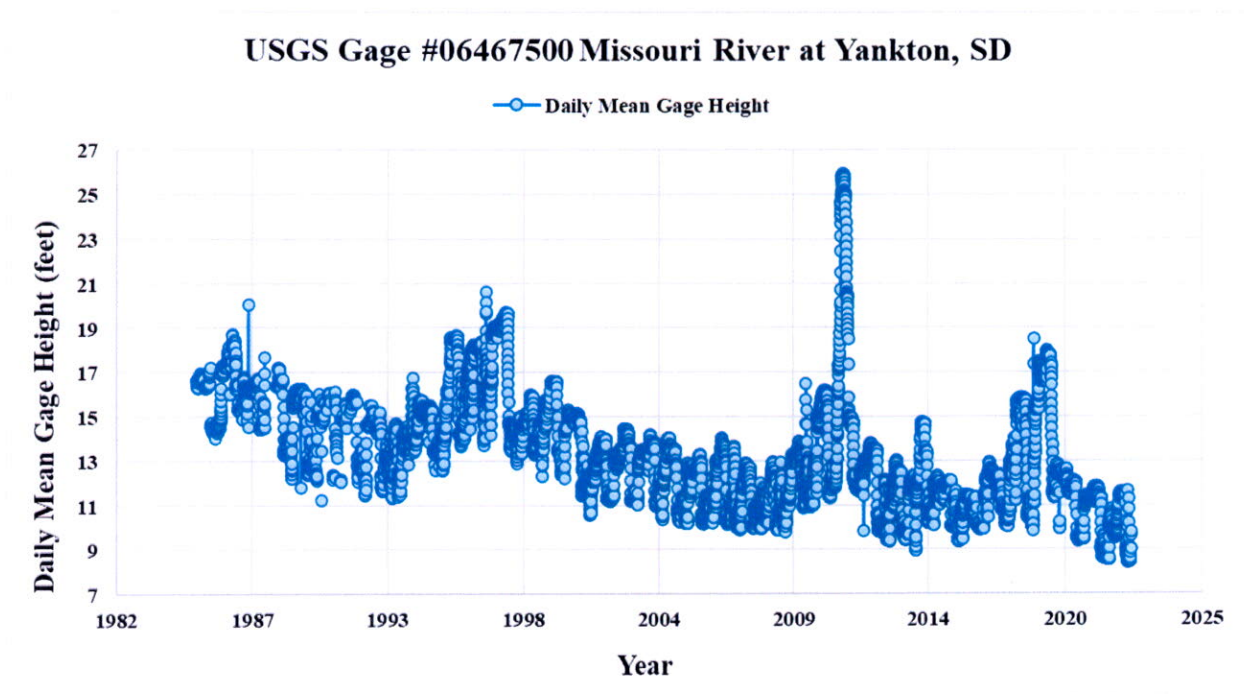


Figure 5. Hydrograph for USGS Stream Gage #06467500 Missouri River at Yankton, SD from 1985 to 2023 (USGS, 2023)

POTENTIAL FOR UNLAWFUL IMPAIRMENT OF EXISTING WATER RIGHTS:

Currently, there are 632 water rights/permits authorized to appropriate water from Missouri: Elk Point aquifer, plus two pending applications – Water Permit Application Nos. 8682-3 and 8614-3 (Water Rights, 2023c). The closest water right/permit to the proposed diversion point is Water Right No. 7464-3, which is held by D A Olson & Sons. The diversion point for Water Right No. 7464-3 is located approximately 0.4 miles north of the proposed diversion point for this application (Table 6) (Figure 6) (Water Rights, 2023c).

There are domestic wells on file with the DANR-Water Rights Program that are completed into the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer, with the closest domestic well on file (not held by the applicant) approximately two miles southeast of the proposed diversion point (Water Rights, 2023d). There could potentially be other domestic wells completed into the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer near the proposed diversion point that are not on file with the DANR-Water Rights Program.

Table 6. Water rights/permits authorized to withdraw water from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer within approximately two to three miles of the proposed diversion point, as shown in Figure 6 (Water Rights, 2023c)

Permit No.	Name	Status	Use	Authorized Acres if IRR	Authorized Diversion Rate (cfs)
2584-3	Freeburg Limited Partnership	LC	IRR	262	3.74
3475-3	D A Olson & Sons	LC	IRR	72	1.03
5289-3	D A Olson & Sons	LC	IRR	116	1.66
6643-3	Freeburg Limited Partnership	LC	IRR	555	4.68
6645-3	Freeburg Limited Partnership	LC	IRR	148	1.78
6646-3	Freeburg Limited Partnership	LC	IRR	271.2	1.9
6768-3	Freeburg Limited Partnership	LC	IRR	194.5	2.67
6783-3	D A Olson & Sons	LC	IRR	132	1.78
6895A-3	Freeburg Limited Partnership	LC	IRR	132	1.56
6898-3	Bottolfson Brothers	LC	IRR	344	1.72
6966-3	Troy Walraven	LC	IRR	133	1.78
6978-3	Marquardt Farms	LC	IRR	122	1.74
7019-3	Brook Bye	LC	IRR	132	1.56
7418-3	Brook Bye	LC	IRR	105	1.5
7454-3	Brook Bye	LC	IRR	156	1.78
7460-3	Patti Bancroft	LC	IRR	261	3.11
7464-3	D A Olson & Sons	LC	IRR	78	1
7465-3	D A Olson & Sons	LC	IRR	133	1.78
7475-3	Brook Bye	LC	IRR	131	1.67
7579-3	Francis Heine	PE	IRR	152	2
7661-3	Freeburg Limited Partnership	LC	IRR	402	5.44
7801-3	Ralph Marquardt	PE	IRR	108	1.56
7802-3	Ralph Marquardt	LC	IRR	251	3.56
8031-3	Dakota Protein Conversion Inc	PE	COM		0.22
8040-3	Heine Electric & Irrigation Inc	LC	IRR, COM	1	0.33
8324-3	John Freeburg	LC	IRR	162	1.55
8463-3	Brook Bye	PE	IRR	120	1.78
LC: Licensed Water Right; PE: Water Permit; COM: Commercial; IRR: Irrigation					

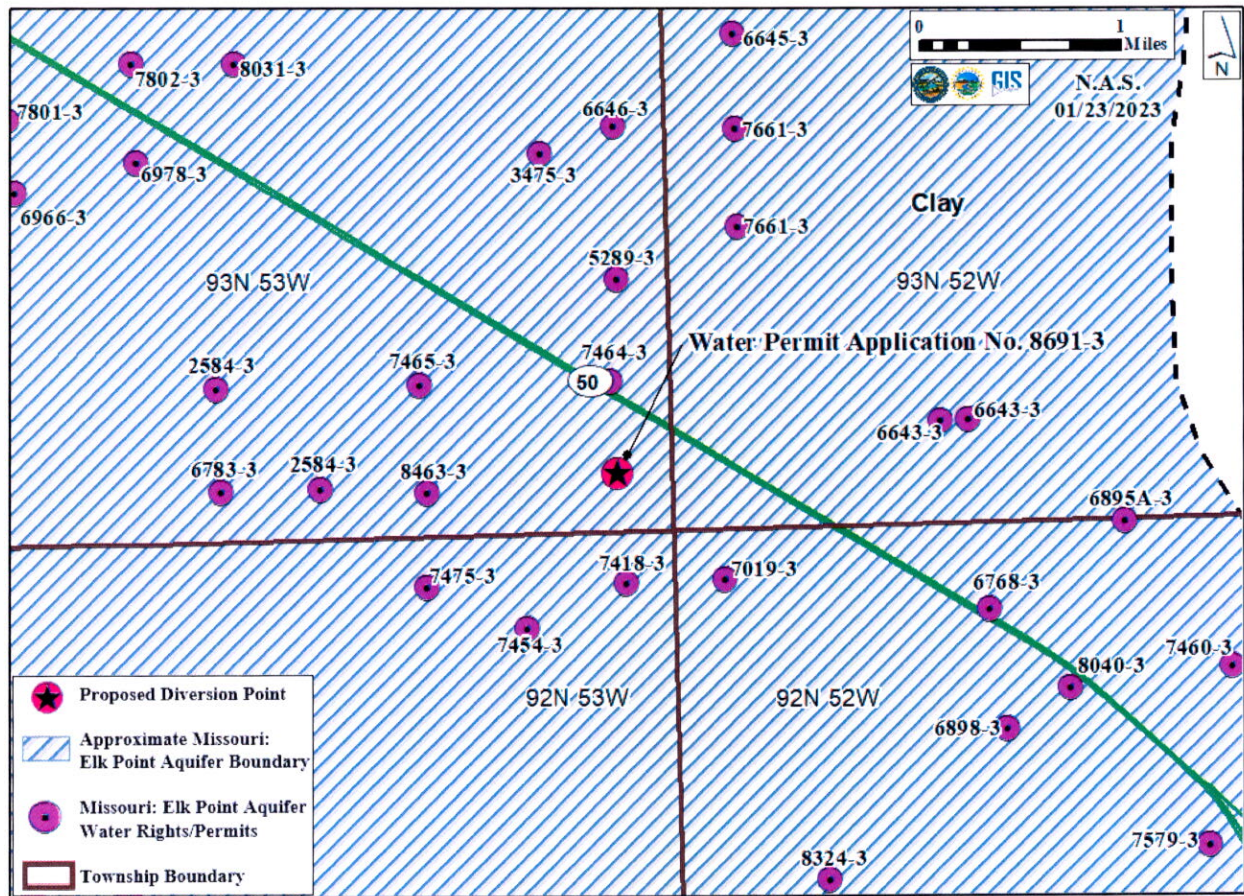


Figure 6. Map of the approximate Missouri: Elk Point aquifer boundary (modified from Hedges and others (1982)), with the location of the proposed diversion point for Water Permit Application No. 8691-3, and the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer water rights/permits within approximately two to three miles (Water Rights, 2023c)

The Missouri: Elk Point aquifer ranges from confined to unconfined aquifer conditions, but is primarily under unconfined conditions (Niehus, 1994 and 1997). Based on the submitted water well completion reports on file for the existing wells near the proposed diversion point, and lithologic logs on file for nearby observation wells, the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer is expected to be confined at the proposed diversion point (SDGS, 2023; Water Rights, 2023b and 2023d). Drawdown created by pumping a well generally does not extend far from the pumped well in an unconfined aquifer; however, in a confined aquifer, drawdown from pumping could extend a distance from the diversion point. The exact drawdown behavior of a well cannot be known without an aquifer performance test. Examination of the hydrographs for observation wells completed into the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer show no signs of being significantly impacted by drawdown caused by pumping, despite usually being located within a mile of several high-yield wells (assumed to be a well with an authorized diversion rate greater than 0.2 cfs) (Water Rights, 2023b and 2023c).

Within approximately two miles of the proposed diversion point, the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer has a saturated aquifer thickness of approximately 20 to 60 feet (Water Rights, 2023d). This would generally allow for enough thickness for a pump to be placed 20 feet below the top of the

aquifer, which is required for the well to be considered adequate under ARSD 74:02:04:20(6). Any drawdown as a result of the proposed diversion for this application is not expected to unlawfully impair nearby adequate wells. In Clay, Union, and Yankton Counties, there are no substantiated complaints on file with the DANR-Water Rights Program regarding well interference for adequate wells completed into the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer (Water Rights, 2023e).

The Water Management Board recognizes that putting water to beneficial use requires a certain amount of drawdown to occur. The Board has developed rules to allow water to be placed to maximum beneficial use without the necessity of maintaining artesian head pressure for domestic use. The Water Management Board defined an “adversely impacted domestic well” in ARSD 74:02:04:20(7) as:

“A well in which the pump intake was set at least 20 feet below the top of the aquifer at the time of construction or, if the aquifer is less than 20 feet thick, is as near to the bottom of the aquifer as is practical and the water level of the aquifer has declined to a level that the pump will no longer deliver sufficient water for the well owner’s needs.”

The Water Management Board considered the delivery of water by artesian head pressure versus maximum beneficial use during the issuance of Water Right No. 2313-2 for Coca-Cola Bottling Company of the Black Hills. The Board adopted the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law that noted the reservation of artesian head pressure for delivery of water would be inconsistent with SDCL 46-1-4 which states, “general welfare requires that the water resources of the state be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable...” (Water Rights, 1995). Furthermore, the Water Management Board found if increased cost or decreased production as a result of impacts on artesian head pressure by legitimate users is to be considered as an unlawful impairment, it would also conflict with SDCL 46-1-4 (Water Rights, 1995). With that in mind, some existing well owners may need to install or lower pumps depending on the specific characteristics of the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer at their location. However, when considering the statutes (SDCL 46-1-4 and 46-6-6.1), rules (ARSD 74:02:04:20(6) and (7)), the saturated thickness of the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer near the proposed diversion point, and the lack of well interference complaints from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer in the area, any drawdown created from the proposed diversion is not expected to cause an unlawful impairment on existing water right/permit holders or domestic users with adequate wells. Therefore, there is a reasonable probability that any interference from the proposed appropriation will not impose unlawful impairments on existing users with adequate wells.

SDCL 46-5-6:

Pursuant to SDCL 46-5-6, the diversion rate for an irrigation appropriation cannot be in excess of 1.0 cfs per 70 acres, or “the equivalent thereof.” The statute does provide that: “The Water Management Board may allow a greater diversion, in volume or rate or both, if the method of irrigation, any time constraints on diversion of water, or the type of soil so requires...”

If approved, Water Permit Application No. 8691-3 would collectively authorize a maximum instantaneous diversion rate of 1.78 cfs from one well for the irrigation of 98 acres, from May 1 to September 30, or at a rate of 1.27 cfs per 70 acres. The applicant did not provide a reason for the exceedance, but it appears to be due to the proposed irrigation system being a center pivot which requires a certain flow rate to operate - even though the pivot, in this case, will not complete a full rotation. This type of reason has been accepted by the Water Management Board in past.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. Water Permit Application No. 8691-3 proposes to divert water at a maximum instantaneous diversion rate of 1.78 cfs from one well to be completed into the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer (approximately 100 feet deep) for the irrigation of 98 acres. The site of interest is located in Clay County approximately one mile southeast of Meckling, SD.
2. Based on observation well data and the hydrologic budget, there is a reasonable probability that unappropriated water is available from the Missouri: Elk Point aquifer to supply the proposed appropriation.
3. There is a reasonable probability that the proposed diversion by Water Permit Application No. 8691-3 will not unlawfully impair adequate wells for existing water rights/permits and domestic users.
4. The applicant is requesting a diversion rate greater than the statutory limit of 1 cfs per 70 acres to accommodate the proposed irrigation system. This request is reasonable and has been accepted by the Water Management Board in past.

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February 6, 2023

Wade Larson
501 Oakmont Drive
Vermillion SD 57069

Dear Mr. Larson:

Water Permit Application No. 8691-3 for irrigation use has been examined and found to comply with the South Dakota Water Laws and applicable rules. A notice has been sent to the Plain Talk printed at Vermillion SD (Ph # 605 624-2695) and the Press & Dakotan printed at Yankton SD (Ph # 605 665-7811). 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 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.

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Sincerely,

Karen Schlaak

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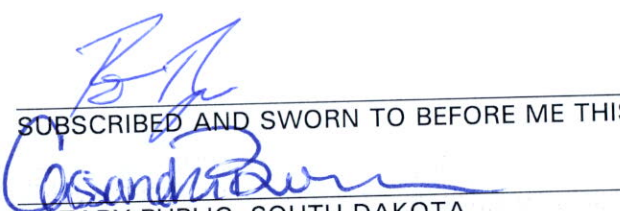
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501 Oakmont Dr.
Vermillion SD 57069

Dear Mr. Larson:

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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,

Eric Gronlund, Chief Engineer
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Ron Duvall, Water Rights Permitting Administrator

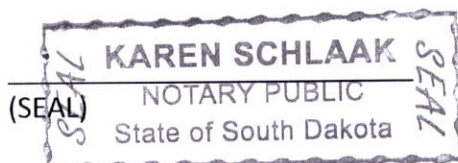
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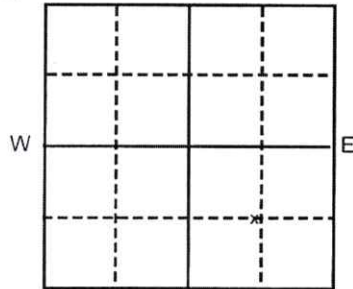
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SOUTH DAKOTA WATER WELL COMPLETION REPORT

11-02

Location SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 36 Twp 93N Rg 53WCounty Clay ☒

North

Please mark well
location with an "X"

Well Completion Date

5/25/2023

1 Mile

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

1300 ft. from Septic System (Identify source)

PROPOSED USE:

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

METHOD OF DRILLING:

Rotary

CASING DATA:

☐ Steel ☒ Plastic ☐ Other

If other describe

PIPEWEIGHT	DIAMETER	FROM	TO	HOLE DIAMETER
LB/FT	<u>16</u> IN	<u>0</u> FT	<u>68</u> FT	<u>23</u> IN
LB/FT	IN	FT	FT	IN
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GROUTING DATA:

Grout Type	No. of Sacks	Grout Weight	From	To
Groutwell DF	<u>27</u>	Lb/gal	<u>0</u> Ft	<u>65</u> Ft
		Lb/gal	Ft	Ft

Describe grouting procedure

Tremmie

SCREEN:

☐ Perforated pipe ☒ Manufactured
Diameter 16 Inches Length 20 FeetMaterial PVCSlot Size .060 Set From 68 Feet to 88 Feet

Other information

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? HTH Tablets
☐ No, Why Not?
 Lab to which water
 quality sample sent for analysis
Well Owner: Wade Larson

Business Name:

Address: 31377 454th AveCity, State, Zip: Meckling ☒ SD ☒ 57069

WELL LOG:

FORMATION	DEPTH	
	FROM	TO
Top Soil	0	3
Brown Clay	3	17
Sand	17	70
Gravel - Fine to Medium	70	78
Gravel - Medium to Coarse	78	88

STATIC WATER LEVEL 17 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:☐ Bailed☐ Other

Pumping Level Below Land Surface

_____ Ft. After _____ Hrs. pumped _____ GPM

_____ Ft. After _____ Hrs. pumped _____ GPM

If pump installed, pump rate: _____ GPM

REMARKS

Latitude: 42.8262522Longitude: -97.047357875Elevation: 1153

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WATERThis well was drilled under license # 810 and this report is true and accurate.Drilling firm: Heine Electric & Irrigation, Inc.

Signature of License Representative:

Signature of Well Owner or Equitable Property Holder:

Date: 6-26-23

**Report of Examination of Works and/or Application of Water to Beneficial Use
For Permit No. 8691-3**

I have this day, July 10, 2024, made a thorough examination of the water use systems owned by Wade Larson, 501 Oakmont Dr., Vermillion, SD 57069, holder of Permit No. 8691-3, bearing the priority date of December 27, 2022. This permit authorizes the diversion of 1.78 cu. ft. per second of the waters of groundwater (Missouri: Elk Point Aquifer) authorizing the irrigation of 98 acres located in Clay County.

Inspection contacts: Wade Larson and Dylan Larson

A. Works used to divert the water:

Well Information

- 1) Well Drilling Firm: Heine Electric & Irrigation, Inc.
- 2) No. of Wells: 1
- 3) Depth(s): 88 feet
- 4) Well log is available: Yes

Casing:

- 1) Diameter: 16 inches
- 2) Length: 68 feet
- 3) Type: Plastic

Screen:

- 1) Diameter: 16 inches
- 2) Length: 20 feet
- 3) Type: PVC
- 4) Static water level: 17 feet

Pump:

- 1) Make: Goulds
- 2) Model: C10WAH040A66B
- 3) Capacity: 850 GPM

Motor:

- 1) Make: Franklin
- 2) Model No.: Unknown
- 3) Horsepower rating: 40 hp

B. Works used to transport water to place of use:

- 1) Type: Aluminum Size: 8 inches Length: 20 feet

C. Works used to apply water to beneficial use:

Center Pivot:

- 1) Make: Valley
- 2) Overall length: 1,218 feet
- 3) Number of towers: 7
- 4) End gun: Yes Range: 100 feet
- 5) Capacity: 900 GPM

Chemigation Equipment:

- 1) Does chemigate: No

D. Compliance with Permit Requirements:

- 1) Permit qualifications being abided by: Yes
2) Irrigation Questionnaires checked to determine if permit owner started irrigation by the end of construction period: New in 2023
3) Exceptions to compliance are: None

E. Condition and Location:

- 1) The system is in good condition with the point(s) of diversion located as follows:
The well is 1,220 feet north and 1,690 feet west of the southeast corner of Section 36-T93N-R53W (Latitude 42.82603, Longitude -97.04865— SW1/4 of the SE1/4).
2) The works are capable of diverting and conveying to the places of use 1.89 cu. ft. per second of water from the well which is to be used for irrigation purposes. Water has been put to beneficial use to the maximum extent as follows: All in

Section 36-T93N-R53WNW1/4SE1/4 33 acresNE1/4SE1/4 15 acresSW1/4SE1/4 34 acresNE1/4SW1/4 4 acresSE1/4SW1/4 6 acres

comprising a total of 92 acres of land and the license should be issued for 1.78 cfs.

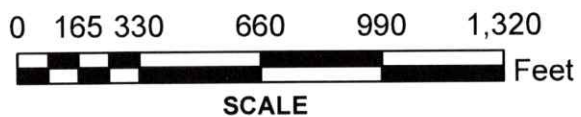
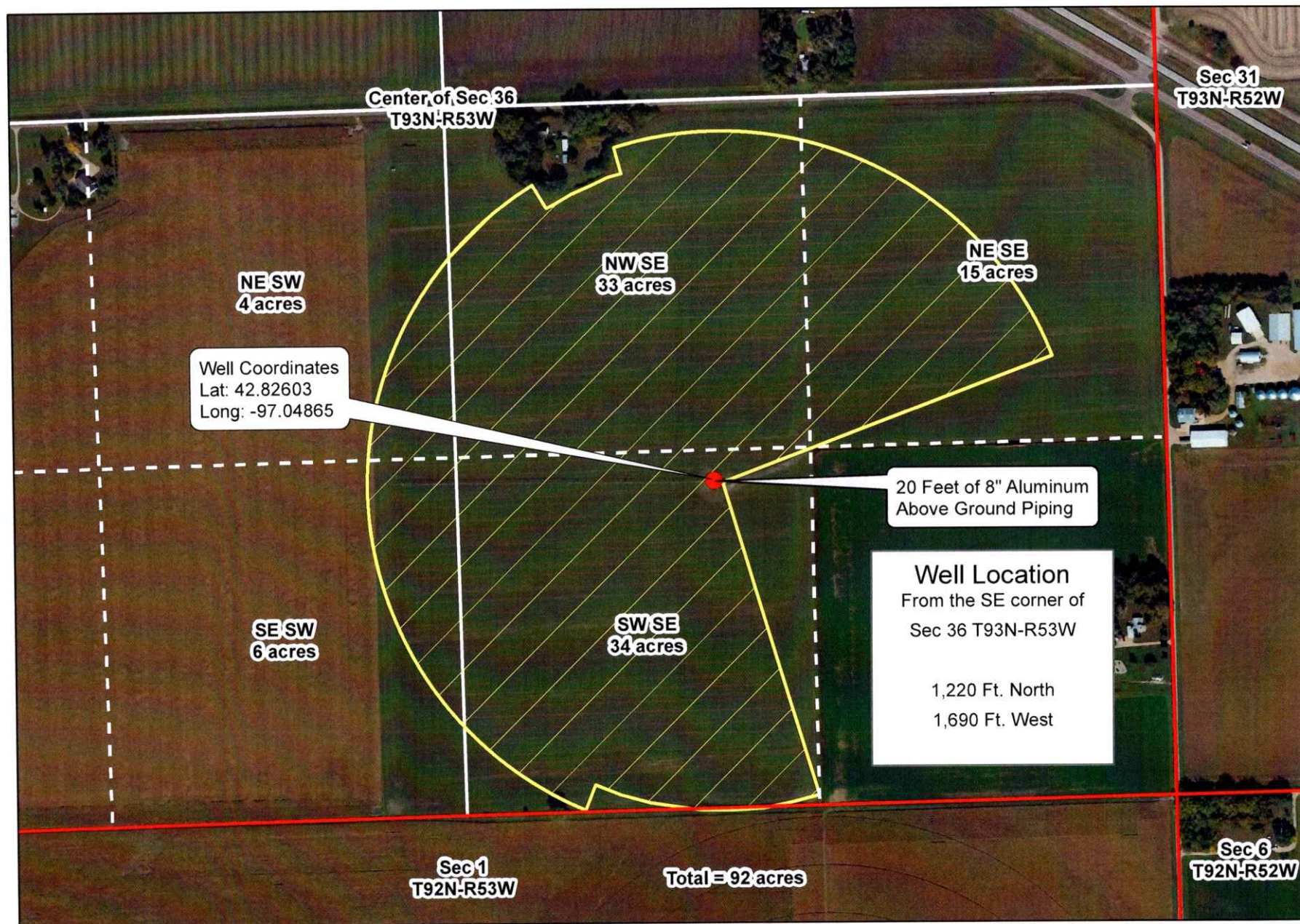
- 3) All structures, wells and lands on map: Yes

F. Comments or other permit(s) associated with the project: The pump and motor information was obtained from Heine Electric & Irrigation, Inc.

Keith DeJong, PE Ret.
Water Rights Inspector
DANR, Water Rights Program

Date report completed: July 11, 2024

Water Permit No. 8691-3



Keith DeJong
Keith DeJong, PE Ret.
Staff Engineer
July 11, 2024

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF WORKS AND
APPLICATION OF WATER TO BENEFICIAL USE**

Date July 10, 2024

MAIL TO: PMB 2020
DANR - Water Rights Program
523 E. Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501-3182

Phone: (605) 773-3352

FROM: Wade Larson
(name)

501 Oakmont Dr.
(address)

Vermillion
(city)

SD
(state)

57069
(zip)

605-670-1457
(phone)

I have completed the construction of the water use system and I have put the water to beneficial use to the maximum extent it is going to be used.

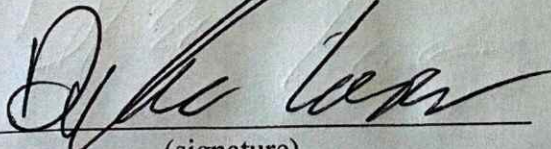
Water Permit No. 8691-3 states that the water use system is to be constructed by

February 27, 2028, and water is to be put to beneficial use by February 27, 2032.
(date) (date)

The water use system was completed on July, 2023.
(date)

Applying the water to beneficial use was completed on July, 2023.
(date)

You may schedule an investigation so that the water license may be issued.


(signature)



Approval of Location Change and/or Additional Diversion Point(s) and Acres as Developed

Name: Wade Larson

Date: July 17, 2024

Address: 501 Oakmont Dr, Vermillion SD 57069

County: Clay

General Description of Authorized Project: The permit holder is authorized to divert water from one well (approx. 100 ft deep – M:EP), located in the NW ¼ SE ¼ Section 36 to irrigate 98 acres in the SE ¼ Section 36; all in T93N-R53W

Authority: Pursuant to SDCL 46-5-13.1, the location of a diversion point may be changed, or additional diversion points may be licensed provided the following conditions are met, and the potential for interference with other existing diversions is not increased and the overall project is consistent with the original application.

Developed Water Source is the Same is Permitted, with no Additional Appropriations: The source of water is one well, completed into the same source as permitted (M:EP), located in the SW ¼ SE ¼ Section 36, T93N-R53W. Water Permit No. 8691-3 authorizes the diversion of 1.78 cfs, No additional diversion is authorized.

Authority: Pursuant to SDCL 46-5-30.5, acreage developed for irrigation outside of the area described on the permit may be licensed, provided the following conditions are met.

No Increase in Permitted Acres or Water Appropriated: The acreage developed for irrigation is 92 acres, compared to the 98 acres authorized by the permit.

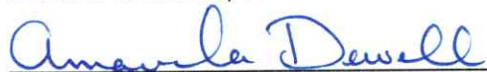
Unpermitted Acreage is Contiguous to Permitted Acreage: The relocated 10 acres are in the E ½ SW ¼ immediately adjacent to permitted acres in the SE ¼; all in Section 36, T93N-R53W.

Unpermitted Acreage is Developed on Property Owned by the Same Owner: All property developed for irrigation is owned by the Larson Trust, according to the Clay County play book.

Unpermitted Acreage was developed Prior to Expiration of Construction Period: The date for construction to be completed was February 27, 2028. The permit holder submitted a "Form 10" on July 10, 2024.

Review of Existing Diversions: There are 16 existing permit/rights authorized for diversion from the Missouri: Elk Point Aquifer, located within 2 miles of the Larson well. The closest of which, being 7418-3 (Brook Bye) & 7464-3 (D A Olson & Sons), each located approx. 0.5 miles from the Larson well. It was determined during the review of the original permit application that there was reasonable probability any well interference due to pumping would not adversely or unlawfully impair existing rights. The same would be expected for the well constructed in the new location. The nearest domestic well completed into the same source (M:EP) is owned by Nels Jensen located in Section 31, T93N, R53W, approx. 5 miles W of the well site developed under 8691-3. The location of the domestic wells in the Well Completion Database, maintained by the Water Rights Program, is based on the location listed by the well driller on the well completion report.

Recommended Action: Based on the above criteria, it is recommended that the diversion point, and irrigated acres be licensed as developed.



Amanda Dewell, Permitting Administrator
Water Rights Program

The Chief Engineer makes a finding Pursuant to SDCL 46-5-13.1, 46-5-30.5, and ARSD 74:02:01 that: The change in location of diversion point and relocated acres do not increase the potential for adverse effects to existing diversions.



Eric Gronlund, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program



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JUL 22 2024

8691-3

Wade Larson
501 Oakmont Dr
Vermillion SD 57069

Dear Mr. Larson:

Enclosed is Water License No. 8691-3. This is the final water right document completing your process of obtaining a Water Right. Included with your license is a map prepared by the staff engineer who conducted the field investigation.

For your information SDCL 46-6-27 requires that if in the future, the owner of an existing well, constructs a replacement well and does not plan to use the old well, the old well is considered abandoned and must be plugged. Also, any well that is being used or is not considered abandoned must be valved and controlled, if flowing, or sealed and capped so that no leaking occurs either underground or at the surface.

So long as you use the water beneficially, as stated in the Water License, State Water Laws provide that you have a continuing right to use the water. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Eric Gronlund, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program
(605) 773-3352

NOTE: The investigation found your irrigation system is capable of diverting 1.89 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) which is equivalent to approximately 850 gallons per minute. The Diversion rate authorized under Permit No. 8691-3 was 1.78 cfs (approx. 800 gpm). Diversion of water under this water license is limited to 1.78 cfs.

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**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
WATER LICENSE NO. 8691-3**

(1) Wade Larson, 501 Oakmont Dr, Vermillion SD 57069, made Application No. 8691-3, December 27, 2022, for a water permit to divert 1.78 cubic feet of water per second from groundwater, one well (Missouri Elk Point Aquifer), Clay County, South Dakota for irrigation purposes. Permit No. 8691-3, with a priority date of December 27, 2022, was approved February 27, 2023, and issued to the applicant for diversion of water with construction of the described water supply system to be completed on or before February 27, 2028, and for the application to beneficial use of water on or before February 27, 2032.

An investigation conducted for licensing purposes found the diversion point and acreage developed for irrigation under Water Permit No. 8691-3 were not in the locations authorized by the permit. Pursuant to SDCL 46-5-13.1 and 46-5-30.5, the Chief Engineer makes a finding that existing water rights will not be impaired and the overall project, as developed, is consistent with the original application.

The permit holder submitted a Notice of Completion of Works and Application of Water to Beneficial Use form on July 10, 2024. The Notice stated the diversion system was completed and the water was placed to beneficial use in July 2023.

(2) It is certified that the permit holder has complied with the provisions of South Dakota State Law relating to completion of the construction of the water supply system and is entitled to divert 1.78 cubic feet of water per second for beneficial use. The location of the diversion point is:

- 1,220 ft N & 1,690 ft W of the SE corner Section 36, T93N, R53W (SW ¼ SE ¼)
(Latitude 42.82603 & Longitude -97.04865)

(3) The amount of appropriation may not exceed 2 acre-feet annually for each acre of land to which water is actually and beneficially applied for irrigation. The water is to be used during the following described annual period: May 1 – September 30.

(4) The permit holder has complied with the provisions of South Dakota State Law relating to the application of water to beneficial use to irrigate to following land:

Section 36, T93N, R53W	
NE ¼ SW ¼	4 acres
SE ¼ SW ¼	6 acres
NE ¼ SE ¼	15 acres
NW ¼ SE ¼	33 acres
SW ¼ SE ¼	34 acres
TOTAL: 92 acres	

(5) Pursuant to South Dakota Water Law 46-5-30.1 Wade Larson, the holder and/or owner of Water Right No. 8691-3 is issued a license to appropriate water, the right to use 1.78 cubic feet of water per second from groundwater, one well (Missouri Elk Point Aquifer), with a priority date of December 27, 2022, from the location specified in (2) of this license for irrigation purposes.

This license is subject to South Dakota Water Law, any limitations or conditions listed in Water Right No. 8691-3 and subject to the following qualifications:

continued

QUALIFICATIONS

1. The well approved under Water Permit No. 8691-3 is located near domestic wells and other wells may obtain water from the same aquifer. Water withdrawals shall 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 well authorized by Permit No. 8691-3 shall be constructed by a licensed well driller and construction of the well and installation of the pump shall comply with Water Management Board Well Construction Rules, Chapter 74:02:04 with the well casing pressure grouted (bottom to top) pursuant to Section 74:02:04:28. *(The well was drilled in 2023 by Heine Electric & Irrigation Inc. A copy of the well completion report is on file with the Water Rights Program.)*
3. Pursuant to SDCL 46-5-6 which allows a greater diversion rate if the method of irrigation, time constraints, or type of soils so requires, Permit No. 8691-3 authorizes a maximum diversion rate of 1.78 cfs for the irrigation of 98 acres with an annual volume not to exceed 2 acre feet of water per acre per year. *(Irrigation is limited to 92 acres, based on the system as developed.)*
4. This Permit is approved subject to the irrigation water use questionnaire being submitted each year.

Eric Gronlund

Eric Gronlund, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

JUL 22 2024

date

