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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NO. 7675-3 to Appropriate Water

Notice is given that Scott Jepsen & Jeanne Jepsen, 31675 455th Ave, Meckling SD 57069 have filed an application for a water permit to appropriate 3.56 cubic feet of water per second from two wells to be completed into the Missouri:Elk Point Aquifer (115 feet deep) located in the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 and the approximate center of the SE 1/4 Section 9 for irrigation of 260 acres located in the E 1/2 NW 1/4, E 1/2 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 Section 9; all in T92N-R53W.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application No. 7675-3 because 1) unappropriated water is available, 2) existing rights will not be unlawfully impaired, 3) it is a beneficial use of water, and 4) it is in the public interest. In accordance with SDCL 46-2A-23, the Chief Engineer will act on this application, as recommended, unless a petition is filed opposing the application or the applicant files a petition contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendation. 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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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NO. 7671-3 to Appropriate Water

Notice is given that Jason Miller, 31442 452nd Ave, Gayville SD 57031 has filed an application for a water permit to appropriate 1.55 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from one well to be completed into the Missouri:Elk Point Aquifer (110 feet deep) located in the Parcel No. 4, Lot A and B, Holmes Forest Addition (NW 1/4) Section 22 for irrigation of 92.25 acres located in the Parcel No. 4, Lot A and B, Holmes Forest Addition (W 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 22 and E 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 21); all in T92N-R53W. The applicant is requesting a diversion rate greater than the statutory limit of 1 cfs per 70 acres.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application No. 7671-3 because 1) unappropriated water is available, 2) existing rights will not be unlawfully impaired, 3) it is a beneficial use of water, and 4) it is in the public interest. In accordance with SDCL 46-2A-23, the Chief Engineer will act on this application, as recommended, unless a petition is filed opposing the application or the applicant files a petition contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendation. 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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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NO. 7643-3 to Appropriate Water

Notice is given that Thomas and Jaclyn Corio, 47606 SD Hwy 50, Elk Point SD 57025 has filed an application for a water permit to appropriate 1.33 cubic feet of water per second from one well to be completed into the Lower Vermillion:Missouri Aquifer (180 feet deep) located in the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 27 for irrigation of 117 acres located in the NW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 27; all in T93N-R51W.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application No. 7643-3 because 1) unappropriated water is available, 2) existing rights will not be unlawfully impaired, 3) it is a beneficial use of water, and 4) it is in the public interest. In accordance with SDCL 46-2A-23, the Chief Engineer will act on this application, as recommended, unless a petition is filed opposing the application or the applicant files a petition contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendation. 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.

Any person interested in opposing or supporting this application or recommendation must file a written petition with BOTH the applicant and Chief Engineer. The applicant must file a petition if contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendation. The Chief Engineer's address is "Water Rights Program, Foss Building, 523 E Capitol, Pierre SD 57501 (605 773-3352)" and the applicant's mailing address is given above. A petition filed by either an interested person or the applicant must be filed by April 1, 2013.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NO. 7609-3 to Appropriate Water

Notice is given that Justin Christensen, 201 E Park St, Irene SD 57037 has filed an application for a water permit to appropriate 1.56 cubic feet of water per second from one well to be completed into the Parker:Centerville Aquifer (50 feet deep) located in the approximate center of the SE 1/4 Section 4 for irrigation of 142 acres located in the SE 1/4 Section 4; all in T95N-R52W.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application No. 7609-3 because 1) unappropriated water is available, 2) existing rights will not be unlawfully impaired, 3) it is a beneficial use of water, and 4) it is in the public interest. In accordance with SDCL 46-2A-23, the Chief Engineer will act on this application, as recommended, unless a petition is filed opposing the application or the applicant files a petition contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendation. 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.

Any person interested in opposing or supporting this application or recommendation must file a written petition with BOTH the applicant and Chief Engineer. The applicant must file a petition if contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendation. The Chief Engineer's address is "Water Rights Program, Foss Building, 523 E Capitol, Pierre SD 57501 (605 773-3352)" and the applicant's mailing address is given above. A petition filed by either an interested person or the applicant must be filed by April 1, 2013.

The petition may be informal, but must include a statement describ-

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ing the petitioner's interest in the application, the petitioner's reasons for opposing or supporting the application, and the signature and mailing address of the petitioner or the petitioner's legal counsel, if legal counsel is obtained. Contact Eric Gronlund at the above Water Rights Program address to request copies of information pertaining to this application. Steven M. Pimer, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Published once at the total approximate cost of \$25.48.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NO. 7663-3 to Appropriate Water

Notice is given that Paul Young, 815 James Place, Yankton SD 57078 has filed an application for a water permit to appropriate 1.45 cubic feet of water per second from one well to be completed into the Missouri:Elk Point Aquifer (90 feet deep) located in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 25 for irrigation of 132 acres located in the SE 1/4 SW 1/4, S 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 25 and N 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 36; all in T93N-R54W.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application No. 7663-3 because 1) unappropriated water is available, 2) existing rights will not be unlawfully impaired, 3) it is a beneficial use of water, and 4) it is in the public interest. In accordance with SDCL 46-2A-23, the Chief Engineer will act on this application, as recommended, unless a petition is filed opposing the application or the applicant files a petition contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendation. 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.

Any person interested in opposing or supporting this application or recommendation must file a written petition with BOTH the applicant and Chief Engineer. The applicant must file a petition if contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendation. The Chief Engineer's address is "Water Rights Program, Foss Building, 523 E Capitol, Pierre SD 57501 (605 773-3352)" and the applicant's mailing address is given above. A petition filed by either an interested person or the applicant must be filed by April 1, 2013.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NO. 7644-3 to Appropriate Water

Notice is given that John S Donnelly, 616 S Crawford Rd, Vermillion SD 57069 has filed an application for a water permit to appropriate 1.78 cubic feet of water per second from one well to be completed into the Missouri:Elk Point Aquifer (110 feet deep) located in the approximate center of the N 1/2 Section 27 for irrigation of 160 acres located in the E 1/2 NW 1/4 and the W 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 27; all in T92N-R51W.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application No. 7644-3 because 1) unappropriated water is available, 2) existing rights will not be unlawfully impaired, 3) it is a beneficial use of water, and 4) it is in the public interest. In accordance with SDCL 46-2A-23, the Chief Engineer will act on this application, as recommended, unless a petition is filed opposing the application or the applicant files a petition contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendation. 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.

Any person interested in opposing or supporting this application or recommendation must file a written petition with BOTH the applicant and Chief Engineer. The applicant must file a petition if contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendation. The Chief Engineer's address is "Water Rights Program, Foss Building, 523 E Capitol, Pierre SD 57501 (605 773-3352)" and the applicant's mailing address is given above. A petition filed by either an interested person or the applicant must be filed by April 1, 2013.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOS. 7667-3 thru 7670-3 to Appropriate Water

Notice is given that Karl M Schenk, 44352 308th St, Mission Hill SD 57046 has filed the following applications for a water permit.

Application No. 7667-3 proposes to appropriate 0.67 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from one well to be completed into the Lower James:Missouri Aquifer (140 feet deep) located in the center of the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 27 for irrigation of 32 acres located in the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 27; all in T94N-R55W. The applicant is requesting a diversion rate greater than the statutory limit of 1 cfs per 70 acres.

Application No. 7668-3 proposes to appropriate 1.33 cfs from one well to be completed into the Lower James:Missouri Aquifer (22 feet deep) located in the S 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 22 for irrigation of 80 acres located in the SE 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 22; all in T94N-R55W. The applicant is requesting a diversion rate greater than the statutory limit of 1 cfs per 70 acres.

Application No. 7669-3 proposes to appropriate 1.33 cfs from one existing well completed into the Missouri: Elk Point Aquifer (22 feet deep) located in the N 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 17 for irrigation of 70 acres located in the E 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 17; all in T94N-R54W. The applicant is requesting a diversion rate greater than the statutory limit of 1 cfs per 70 acres.

Application No. 7670-3 proposes to irrigate 50 acres and drill a new well. Water Permit No. 6916-3 authorizes 1.78 cfs from one well to be completed into the Missouri:Elk Point Aquifer located in the approximate center of the SE 1/4 Section 17 to irrigate 70 acres located in the N 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 17; all in T94N-R54W. This application proposes to irrigate the 70 authorized acres and 50 new acres located in the S 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 17-T94N-R54W from a new well to be located in the center of the SE 1/4 Section 17-T94N-R54W. The existing well authorized by Water Permit No. 6916-3 will now be used under Application No. 7669-3. This application, if approved, and Water Permit No. 6916-3 will authorize a total of 1.78 cfs to irrigate 120 acres.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application Nos. 7667-3, 7668-3, 7669-3 and 7670-3 because 1) unappropriated water is available, 2) existing rights will not be unlawfully impaired, 3) it is a beneficial use of water, and 4) it is in the public interest. In accordance with SDCL 46-2A-23, the Chief Engineer will act on these applications, as recommended, unless a petition is filed opposing the applications or the applicant files a petition contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendations. If a petition opposing the applications or contesting the recommendations is filed, then a hearing will be scheduled and the Water Management Board will consider these applications. Notice of the hearing will be given to the applicant and any person filing a petition.

Any person interested in opposing or supporting these applications or recommendations must file a written petition with BOTH the applicant and Chief Engineer. The applicant must file a petition if contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendations. The Chief Engineer's address is "Water Rights Program, Foss Building, 523 E Capitol, Pierre SD 57501 (605 773-3352)" and the applicant's mailing address is given above. A petition filed by either an interested person or the applicant must be filed by April 1, 2013.

The petition may be informal, but must include a statement describing the petitioner's interest in the applications, the petitioner's reasons for opposing or supporting the applications, and the signature and mailing address of the petitioner or the petitioner's legal counsel, if legal counsel is obtained. Contact Eric Gronlund at the above Water Rights Program address to request copies of information pertaining to these applications. Steven M. Pimer, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Published once at the total approximate cost of \$45.18.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOS. 7659-3 and 7660-3 to Appropriate Water

Notice is given that Gary or Amy Freeburg, Box 188, Gayville SD 57031 have filed the following applications for a water permit.

Application No. 7659-3 proposes to appropriate 2.0 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from an additional well to irrigate land authorized by Water Right No. 5971-3 and 37.25 new acres. Water Right No. 5971-3 authorizes 1.88 cfs from one well located in the center of the S 1/2 Section 9 to irrigate 238 acres located in the E 1/2 SW 1/4, W 1/2 SE _ NE 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 Section 9; all in T94N-R54W. This application proposes to appropriate 2.0 cfs from a well to be completed into the Missouri:Elk Point Aquifer (100 feet deep) located in the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 9 for irrigation of 37.25 acres located in the SE 1/4 Section 9; all in T94N-R54W. The well will supply water to the existing pivot located in the N 1/2 SE 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 9-T94N-R54W authorized by Water Right No. 5971-3. This application, if approved, and Water Right No. 5971-3 will authorize a total diversion rate of 3.88 cfs from 2 wells for irrigation of 275.25 acres.

Application No. 7660-3 proposes to appropriate 1.56 cfs from an additional well to irrigate land authorized by Water Right No. 6649-3 and 82 new acres. Water Right No. 6649-3 authorizes 1.78 cfs from one well located in the N 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 24 to irrigate 168 acres located in the SE 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 24; all in T94N-R54W. This application proposes to appropriate 1.56 cfs from a well to be completed into the Missouri:Elk Point Aquifer (100 feet deep) located in the N 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 24 for irrigation of land authorized by Water Right No. 6649-3 and 82 new acres located in the SE 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 24 and N 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 25; all in T94N-R54W. This will allow two pivots to operate simultaneously. This permit, if approved, and Water Right No. 6649-3 will authorize 3.34 cfs from two wells to irrigate 250 acres.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application Nos. 7659-3 and 7660-3 because 1) unappropriated water is available, 2) existing rights will not be unlawfully impaired, 3) it is a beneficial use of water, and 4) it is in the public interest. In accordance with SDCL 46-2A-23, the Chief Engineer will act on these applications, as recommended, unless a petition is filed opposing the applications or the applicant files a petition contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendations. If a petition opposing the applications or contesting the recommendations is filed, then a hearing will be scheduled and the Water Management Board will consider these applications. Notice of the hearing will be given to the applicant and any person filing a petition.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOS. 7631-3 and 7632-3 to Appropriate Water

Notice is given that Gregoire Farms, c/o Tim Gregoire, 609 Colonial Court, Vermillion SD 57069 has filed the following applications for a water permit.

Application No. 7631-3 proposes to appropriate 1.61 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from one well to be completed into the Lower Vermillion:Missouri Aquifer (70 feet deep) located in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 25 for irrigation of 108 acres located in the E 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 Section 25; all in T94N-R52W. The applicant is requesting a diversion rate greater than the statutory limit.

Application No. 7632-3 proposes to appropriate 4.44 cfs from two wells to be completed into the Lower Vermillion:Missouri Aquifer (70 feet deep) located in the

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SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 24 and the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 25 for irrigation of 259 acres located in the SW 1/4 Section 24 and the NW 1/4, W 1/2 NE 1/4, N 1/2 SW 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 25; all in T94N-R52W. The applicant is requesting a diversion rate greater than the statutory limit.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application Nos. 7631-3 and 7632-3 because 1) unappropriated water is available, 2) existing rights will not be unlawfully impaired, 3) it is a beneficial use of water, and 4) it is in the public interest. In accordance with SDCL 46-2A-23, the Chief Engineer will act on these applications, as recommended, unless a petition is filed opposing the applications or the applicant files a petition contesting the Chief Engineer's recommendations. If a petition opposing the applications or contesting the recommendations is filed, then a hearing will be scheduled and the Water Management Board will consider these applications. Notice of the hearing will be given to the applicant and any person filing a petition.

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Highway

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ested in annexing the area and what its role would be if a sanitary sewer system were built. Concern was expressed that residents would be asked to pay for the bulk of the sewage infrastructure so a few business interests could prosper from it.

Also, some of those present said Yankton Area Progressive Growth should be actively involved in discussions of the corridor's future and looking for development prospects.

Yankton County Commissioner Garry Moore responded that it's probably a little early for the non-profit economic development corporation to become involved. Instead, leaders of the organization are interested in the vision of residents, Garrity suggested.

When asked what they would like to see along the corridor, audience members responded that:

- speed cameras and some stop lights should be installed, while others countered that is unnecessary;
- the speed limit should be increased to 55 mph, while some disagreed;
- more restaurants would be appropriate and could naturally complement other growth in the area;
- Fort Yankton should return;
- control of signage and more strict development standards are needed;
- maintenance should be done of the bicycle trail during the winter; and
- rest and bathroom facilities should be installed along the bicycle trail that would make it more family friendly.

The discussion also included speculation on the future of Lewis and Clark Lake. Will efforts be made to reduce sedimentation, or will that process continue to encroach on the lake, it was wondered. If nothing is done, how will that impact the character of the area? Garrity suggested it will lead to more hunting and wildlife-oriented recreational opportunities.

When asked how these objectives could be accomplished, the audience responded that:

- the objectives would have to be prioritized;
- development standards would have to be established, such as a desired building theme; and
- a closer look will have to be taken at transportation corridors.

Garrity said government agencies such as South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, the National Park Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have expressed an interest in being involved as the process matures.

A meeting to continue the discussion will be held at 7 p.m. April 18 in the Yankton County Commission Chambers. Garrity hopes even more people will attend the next gathering.

"What we want to do by the end of the next meeting is see stakeholders rise and become a part of a steering committee (of seven to 13 people)," he said.

The first meeting went well and was civil, Garrity stated. "I thought the ideas were terrific, and I thought we had diverse community involvement," he said. "We had people from the upper bluffs, below the bluffs and people from along Deer Boulevard and Timberland Drive.

"I think we started to alleviate some of the concerns people have," Garrity added. "I don't think they are quite as spooked as they were coming in. We were able to put to rest a lot of rumors."

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Debate

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seven-member committee voted in favor of restoring prenatal care services last year. The issue divided lawmakers who argued that the issue was foremost about unborn children, who have no immigration status, and those who cast it as a tax giveaway to illegal immigrants.

"I take offense to people making immigration, illegal or not, a campaign issue," said Sen. Bob Krist of Omaha, a Republican committee member who promised to help kill Janssen's bill.

Yazmin Gamez, a deferred-action immigrant now in college, told lawmakers that access to Medicaid coverage helped ensure a safe birth for her 4-year-old daughter. Gamez was diagnosed with an iron deficiency while pregnant, which can increase the risk of early deliveries and low birth weight. Gamez urged lawmakers to kill the bill.

"Would you allow a small segment of Nebraska women to experience third-world pregnancies?" she asked. A Heineman spokeswoman has said the Republican governor supports Janssen's bill. The governor's Medicaid chief testified in favor of it.

Nebraska Medicaid chief Vivianne Chaumont said the state offers Medicaid coverage to pregnant women and children who are legal, permanent residents. Chaumont said the state's expenses didn't increase during the time when the women were ineligible for prenatal care. Women who didn't qualify for prenatal care were still eligible for emergency birth services under Medicaid, she said.

"You can't assume that a Medicaid-covered woman is getting prenatal care, and you cannot assume that a woman who is not covered is not getting prenatal care," Chaumont said. "A lot of people pay for their prenatal care."