

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NO. 2727-2 to Appropriate Water

Notice is given that the United States Air Force; Ellsworth Air Force Base, c/o Kevin B Goyer, 2125 Scott Dr, Ste 2128, Ellsworth AFB SD 57706 has filed an application for a water permit to appropriate water from an unnamed tributary of Box Elder Creek into 2 holding ponds (23.5 total storage capacity) located in the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 18 to irrigate 42 acres of the Prairie Ridge Golf Course located in the SE 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 18; all in T2N-R9E. The water will be diverted from the holding ponds at a maximum rate of 0.33 cubic feet of water per second to the land. The applicant is requesting a diversion rate and volume greater than the statutory limit.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application No. 2727-2 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 August 4, 2014.

The petition may be informal, but must include a statement describing 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. Pirner, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources.