

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOS. 2746-2, 2747-2, 2748-2 to Appropriate Water

Notice is given that Forrest Stewart, 29845 237<sup>th</sup> Ave, Cody NE 69211 has filed the following applications for a water permit.

Application No. 2746-2 proposes to appropriate 2.45 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from one well to be completed into the Ogallala Aquifer (280 feet deep) located in the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 19 for irrigation of 160 acres located in the NE 1/4, E1/2 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 19; all in T36N-R34W. The applicant is requesting a diversion rate greater than the statutory limit of 1 cfs per 70 acres.

Application No. 2747-2 proposes to appropriate 1.34 cfs from one well to be completed into the Ogallala Aquifer (240 feet deep) located in the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 30 for irrigation of 64 acres located in the W 1/2 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 30; all in T36N-R34W. The applicant is requesting a diversion rate greater than the statutory limit of 1 cfs per 70 acres.

Application No. 2748-2 proposes to appropriate 1.56 cfs from one well to be completed into the Ogallala Aquifer (280 feet deep) located in the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 29 for irrigation of 75 acres located in the W 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 29 and SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 20; all in T36N-R34W. 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 Nos. 2746-2, 2747-2 and 2748-2 with qualifications 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. The Chief Engineer's recommendation with qualifications, the application, and staff report are available at <http://denr.sd.gov/public> or contact Eric Gronlund for this information, or other information, at the Water Rights Program address provided below.

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 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 11, 2016.

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.

If the applicant does not contest the recommendations of the Chief Engineer and no petition to oppose the applications are received, the Chief Engineer shall act on the application pursuant to the recommendations with no hearing held before the Water Management Board. 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.

Steven M. Pirner, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources.