

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NO. 7520-3 to Appropriate Water

Notice is given that JH Gunderson/GA Schiefen, 29875 443rd Ave, Irene SD 57037 have filed an application for a water permit to appropriate an additional 1.56 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from an additional well to irrigate acres authorized by Water Permit No. 6698-3 and Water Right No. 4091-3. Nos. 6698-3 and 4091-3 authorize 1.56 cfs from one well located in NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 9 for irrigation of 405 acres located in the NE 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 9 and W 1/2 Section 10; all in T95N-R55W. This application proposes to appropriate 1.56 cfs from an additional well to be completed into the Lower James:Missouri Aquifer (280 feet deep) located in the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 9-T95N-R55W. This application, if approved, and No. 6698-3 and 4091-3 will authorize a total diversion rate of 3.12 cfs for irrigation of 405 acres.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application No. 7520-3 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 February 11, 2013.

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.