

Upper Republican Natural Resources District VARIANCE APPLICATION

Date of Request: 1/3/2025

Applicant: Spuds & Suds and Blackshirt Feeders
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County: Dundy
Legal Description of Property: N1/2 26-2-42
To: S1/2 13-2-42, S1/2 14-2-42, E1/2 25-3-42

Specific Request, be as detailed as you can in stating exactly what you are asking to do:

Blackshirt Feeders purchased the N1/2 26-2-42 from Spuds & Suds, there are two irrigated circles on the property and six irrigation wells currently used to water the two circles. Blackshirt Feeders has determined a need for only two of these wells, and Spuds & Suds would like to use the remaining four wells to water other fields and as offset for a new irrigation well.

Spuds & Suds would like to decommission two of the wells located on N1/2 26-2-42, G-059404 and G-069847, and drill a new irrigation well in SW1/4 14-2-42 and connect it to well G-072522 to water the pivot in that section. Well G-072523 is located in NW1/4NW1/4 24-2-42 and Spuds & Suds would like to disconnect this well from NE 26-2-42 and use it to water S2 13-2-42, connecting it to well G-074573. Well G-043582 is located in NW1/4SW1/4 13-2-42 and Spuds & Suds would like to disconnect it from NW 26-2-42 and use it to water SE 14-2-42, which is not currently watered by any other wells.

NE 26-2-42 currently has 126.4 certified acres and NW 26-2-42 currently has 127.9 certified acres. Blackshirt Feeders would like to keep 200.0 certified acres across both fields and is allowing Spuds & Suds to transfer the remaining 54.3 certified acres off. Spuds & Suds would like to transfer these acres to the two fields in E1/2 25-3-42. NE 25-3-42 would receive 26.4 certified acres and SE 25-3-42 would receive 27.9 certified acres.

Reason for this request:

Spuds & Suds would like to increase their pumping capacity on S2 13-2-42 and SW 14-2-42 as the current wells are not able to pump much water. They would also like to be able to begin watering SE 14-2-42. And, they would like to provide extra allocation to the fields in E1/2 25-3-42, which are pooled with the fields in N1/2 26-2-42, but outside of the floating township.

Applicable URNRD Rules:

5.1 No wells shall be connected for any purpose or use without prior approval of the District, except those used for range livestock purposes or those used for domestic purposes. In considering a request for such approval, the Board shall consider impairment of other water users, ownership, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources registration, and any other relevant information.

7.2 Offsets for new uses to mitigate impacts for new depletions or consumptive use can be made by retiring existing consumptive uses, within a floating township, or as otherwise authorized by the District.


10.1 Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §46-739(1), to achieve the purposes for which the Management Area was designated, there shall be no additional permits to construct a new water well issued nor shall there be an increase of irrigated acres on existing wells within the entirety of the District, unless existing uses are retired to offset new uses pursuant to Rule 7.

Other information:

The 10-year historical averages : NW 26-2-42: 22.84 inches; NE 26-2-42: 14.25 inches
The SDF at N1/2 26-2-42 is 27% and the SDF at E1/2 25-3-42 is 5.3% for a decrease of 21.7%
Both NE 25-3-42 and SE 25-3-42 currently have 126.0 certified acres
NE 26-2-42 is 6.1 miles from NE 25-3-42 and NW 26-2-42 is 5.7 miles from SE 25-3-42

Signed by:

Applicant _____ Date Feb 2nd 2026
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Applicant _____ Date 01-Feb-2026
Eric Behlke, Blackshirt Feeders

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Date of Request: 3/20/2026

Applicant 1: Steve Wallin
Address: PO Box 1476
City: Imperial State: NE
Zip Code: 69033
Phone: 308-883-8657
E-Mail: stevenwallin189@gmail.com

Applicant 2: Stan Heinze
Address: 13497 CR 80
City: Eaton State: CO
Zip Code : 80615

County: Chase
Legal Description of Property: E1/2 26-8-42
To: SW 27-7-40

Specific Request, be as detailed as you can in stating exactly what you are asking to do:
Steve Wallin is currently irrigating about 235 acres on SW 27-7-40 with 179.4 certified acres of allocation. Stan Heinze is currently watering about 100 acres on E2 26-8-42 with 152.2 certified acres of allocation. They would like to take 50.0 certified acres off E2 26-8-42 and add 50.0 certified acres to SW 27-7-40 in order to cover the majority of remaining satellite acres. They would like to take no reduction in certified acres due to SDF increase.

Reason for this request:

The allocation offset will be outside of a floating township and the SDF is increasing from E2 26-8-42 to SW 27-7-40.

Applicable URNRD Rules:

7.2 Offsets for new uses to mitigate impacts for new depletions or consumptive use can be made by retiring existing consumptive uses, within a floating township, or as otherwise authorized by the District.

7.3 Offsets shall be credited based on the amount of historical use retired, adjusted as necessary for consumptive use, and depletions to streamflow.

Other information:

The 10-year historical use of E2 26-8-42 is 14.7 inches

The SDF of E2 26-8-42 is 3.1% and the SDF of SW 27-7-40 is 38.3% for an increase of 35.2% which leads to a loss of 53.8 certified acres

The distance between the two wells is 12 miles

Applicant _____

Date 3-22-24

Applicant _____

Date 3/23/26

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Date of Request: 2/26/2025

Applicant: Rod Johnson
Address: 32971 730 Rd
City: Imperial State: NE
Zip Code: 69033
Phone: 308-883-8108
E-Mail:

County: Chase
Legal Description of Property: NE 27-5-39

Specific Request, be as detailed as you can in stating exactly what you are asking to do:
Add NE 27-5-39 to pool C-143 F1 beginning in 2026 and average the beginning allocations.

Reason for this request:

The field was purchased in 2020 and was never added to the pool, so he would like to add it now to help with the use on the field since the certified acres are less than the actual irrigated acres.

Applicable URNRD Rules:

(c) A tract may only be added to a pool prior to July 31st of the second year (2024) of the allocation period.

Other information:

The field is certified with 77.8 certified acres and waters about 120 acres

Applicant Rod Johnson Date 3-27-26

Applicant _____ Date _____