

Groundwater Conveyance Permit Application

Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District

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This form must be completed in full and be accompanied by a non-refundable \$50.00 filing fee (payable to the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District). Please refer to number eight (6) below if this form is being submitted as a late permit.

Please take the time and review the rules of the permit below. All rules and regulations pertaining to the conveyance of Groundwater into a stream or Water Impoundment Structure is located in the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District Groundwater Quantity Rules and Regulations (LBBNRD). Ensure all information is filled out correctly. An incomplete or defective application will be returned by the District, with 60 days being allowed for resubmission. All permits are subject to Board approval. Applications will be tabled until the next board meeting if the Board feels additional information is needed or the application was received after 4:30PM one week prior to the scheduled monthly board meeting. The applicant should expect the permitting process to take up to thirty (30) business days.

PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Per Neb. Stat. 46 and LBBNRD Groundwater Rules & Regulations Rev. December 22, 2025)

1. Water Impoundment Structure shall mean a man-made structure, whether a dam across a watercourse or structure outside a watercourse, used or to be used to retain or store waters or other materials. The term includes surface water impoundments, wastewater treatment and wastewater retention facilities or lagoons, and irrigation reuse pits. *(LBBNRD Ch.3.51)*
2. Source Well shall mean a Water Well located on a Source Tract that provides Groundwater for a Groundwater Transfer or provides Groundwater for conveyance into a Water Impoundment Structure or stream. *(LBBNRD Ch.3.52.17)*
3. District shall mean the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District or the staff or others designated by the Board of Directors to carry out these Rules and Regulations. *(LBBNRD Ch.3.14)*
4. Any Person who intends to convey Groundwater from a High Capacity Well, or a Water Well that has a pumping capacity of fifty (50) gallons per minute or less that is to be used for purposes of irrigation, into a stream or Water Impoundment Structure, or any Person who intends to modify an approved Permit or previously unpermitted conveyance of Groundwater within the District shall, before commencing such activity, apply for a Permit from the District and receive approval from the District. *(LBBNRD Ch.10.15)*
5. If the conveyance of Groundwater into a stream or Water Impoundment Structure is not constructed and equipped within a one-year period from the date of approval under the terms of the approved permit, the District will cancel the permit, and a new permit application is required. *(LBBNRD Ch.10.19)*
6. A person who has failed to obtain a permit as required shall make application for a late permit. A late permit may be issued when a Groundwater Transfer was illegally constructed or modified without first receiving a permit. Late permits shall be accompanied by a non-refundable \$1000.00 fee payable to the District and shall be subject to Board approval *(LBBNRD Ch.10.2)*
7. An unpermitted conveyance of Groundwater into a stream or Water Impoundment Structure shall be subject to a cease-and-desist order and other such legal action. *(LBBNRD Ch. 10.3)*
8. Conveyance of Groundwater from a Water Well into a Water Impoundment Structure shall remain on the Source Well owner's property and shall be limited to the Government Survey Section where the Source Well is located. The Groundwater shall be tested, and the water quality test results will be provided to the Board. *(LBBNRD Ch. 10.16)*
9. Conveyance of Groundwater from a Water Well into a stream shall not leave the Source Well owner's property and shall be limited to the Government Survey Section where the Source Well is located. The Groundwater shall be tested, and the water quality test results will be provided to the Board. *(LBBNRD Ch. 10.16)*

Date Received: _____ Permit Number: _____ Reg. No. _____

Date Approved: _____ Date Denied: _____

This permit expires one (1) year from the approval date. NRD Representative: _____

1. APPLICANT:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

2. PURPOSE FOR PERMIT APPLICATION: Groundwater Conveyance Late Permit Application (see #6 on front)**3. SOURCE WELL INFORMATION:**

Source Well Registration Number: _____

Is this well used in series with another well? Yes No If yes enter registration number: _____

Source Well Legal: Subsection: _____, Section: _____, TWN/RNG: _____

County: _____

4. STREAM AND WATER IMPOUNDMENT STRUCTURE INFORMATION:

Stream or Water Impoundment Structure Legal: Subsection: _____, Section: _____, TWN/RNG: _____

County: _____

Estimated Distance from the Source Well to the discharge point into the stream or Water Impoundment Structure: _____ (feet)

Proposed Irrigated Acres: _____, Type of Irrigation Proposed: Pivot Gravity/Flood Sub-Drip**5. Aerial Map/Site Plan:**

Submit an aerial map depicting the information from numbers 3 and 4 above also including:

- 1) The location of the discharge point of Groundwater into the stream or Water Impoundment Structure.
- 2) The location of the withdrawal point of water from the stream or Water Impoundment Structure.
- 3) The location of the land to be irrigated.

6. Groundwater Transfer Requirements:

1. Conveyance of Groundwater must remain on the Source Well owner's property.
2. Conveyance of Groundwater must remain in the same Government Survey Section as the Source Well.
3. The Groundwater is to be tested and the results provided with this permit application.
4. The Source Well must have a Flowmeter installed.
5. The District will have access at reasonable times for inspection of the Groundwater conveyance.
6. The applicant has 1 year after approval to complete construction of the Groundwater conveyance or the permit will be cancelled.
7. An increase to the number of irrigated acres or any modification after a Groundwater conveyance permit has been approved will require another Groundwater conveyance permit application to be submitted to the District.

7. I certify that I am familiar with the information contained on page 1 and 2 of this application and all rules and regulations pertaining to water wells in the State of Nebraska and the Lower Big Blue NRD Groundwater Quantity Rules and Regulations and that such information provided on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true, complete, and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____