

Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
Order Amending Rules
Effective Date of Amendments: May 16, 2025

FINDINGS:

- 1) Nebraska Revised Statutes § 46-701 *et. seq.*, provides the authority for the adoption, amendment, and revision of rules and regulations by natural resources districts for the management of ground water.
- 2) The Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District (“UBBNRD”) prepared proposed amended rules and regulations to its Rule 5 – Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations, including the addition of Chapter 7, Large Volume Water Users. The proposed amendments recognize the preferences of use, requires a hydrologic analysis with particular requirements for any qualifying well, and possible conditions to be placed on any permitted well. The proposed amendments also include alterations to the format of Rule 5.
- 3) Notice of the March 20, 2025, Public Hearing on the proposed amendments to the rules and regulations was published in accordance with state law in the following newspapers in general circulation within the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District (“UBBNRD”) and on the UBBNRD’s website.
 - York News-Times
- 4) On the date of publication of the Notice in paragraph 2 above, a full copy of the proposed amended rules and regulations was available on the UBBNRD website, and was available to all members of the public at the UBBNRD offices in York, Nebraska. Copies of the same were also made available to members of the public upon request.
- 5) The Public Hearing was held as set forth in the Public Hearing Notice and in accordance with state law. All persons present at the Public Hearing were afforded an opportunity to provide oral or written testimony regarding the proposed amended rules and regulations. The Public Hearing record remained open to receive comments from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, which were received on or before April 2, 2025. All comments received have been retained by the UBBNRD for the record.
- 6) Members of the Board of Directors were present to hear the comments received from members of the public and were provided with the comments received from the state agencies.
- 7) As its regular meeting of the Board of Directors on April 17, 2025, the UBBNRD Board of Directors considered all comments received. In open session, the Board of Directors

voted to adopt the proposed amended rules and regulations. Copies of the adopted amended rules and regulations are available on the UBBNRD's website (www.upperbigblue.org), or at its office at: 319 E. 25th St., York, NE 68467.

BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE UPPER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEBRASKA LAW, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The amended rules and regulations adopted by the UBBNRD Board of Directors on April 17, 2025, are hereby adopted and shall become effective on May 16, 2025.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

By: *John S. Gruber*
Date: 4-17-2025

By: *[Signature]*
Date: 4/17/2025

Motion

The Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District does here by adopt the amended Rule 5 Rules and Regulations which shall become effective on May 16, 2025.