



**UPPER BIG BLUE
Natural Resources District**

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**Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
Order Amending Rules
Effective Date of Amendments: August 21, 2026**

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 revised language removing the requirement for owners of dryland and fields smaller than twenty-five acres located in the Phase II/III Hastings Wellhead Protection Groundwater Management Area, from submitting the Reporting form and moving it to a voluntary reporting in Chapter 22 and 26.
- 3) Notice of the June 18, 2026, 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 3 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. 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 July 23, 2026, 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.

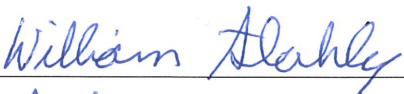
BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE UPPER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEBRASKA LAW, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The amended rules and regulations adopted by the UBBNRD Board of Directors on July 23, 2026, are hereby adopted and shall become effective on August 21, 2026.

CHAIRMAN

By: 
Date: 7-23-2026

SECRETARY

By: 
Date: July 23, 2026