

A Resolution By:

Republican River Irrigation Districts:

WHEREAS, **Frenchman Valley Irrigation District** acknowledges the value of maintaining compliance with the Republican River Compact for the short and long term and that proper management of one of Nebraska's (State) most valuable resources is essential for the State's overall economy.

WHEREAS, **Hitchcock-Red Willow Irrigation District** acknowledges the value of maintaining compliance with the Republican River Compact for the short and long term and that proper management of one of the State's most valuable resources is essential for the State's overall economy.

WHEREAS, **Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District** acknowledges the value of maintaining compliance with the Republican River Compact for the short and long term and that proper management of one of the State's most valuable resources is essential for the State's overall economy.

WHEREAS, **Nebraska Bostwick Irrigation District** acknowledges the value of maintaining compliance with the Republican River Compact (Compact) for the short and long term and that proper management of one of the State's most valuable resources is essential for the State's overall economy.

WHEREAS, the above mentioned Irrigation Districts (Districts) are concerned with the declining base flows associated with the excessive mining of ground water that jeopardizes Nebraska's short term and long term ability to comply with the Compact.

WHEREAS, the above mentioned Districts acknowledge that having the ability to lease their supply for appropriate monetary consideration in times of shortage is a benefit to Nebraska and enhances her ability to comply with the Republican River Compact in the **short term**.

WHEREAS, the above mentioned Districts acknowledge that leasing their supply does not increase or decrease the Basin's virgin water supply (VWS) but merely retimes the supply.

WHEREAS, the above mentioned Districts acknowledge that the primary benefit to Compact accounting is the reduction in the State's computed beneficial consumptive use (CBCU) during the lease period.

WHEREAS, the above mentioned Districts would consider the lease of their supply in times of shortage if the State can demonstrate to the above mentioned Districts that an equal and permanent reduction of groundwater pumping will occur above all Federal Dams and Reservoirs located in Nebraska within a five year period.

WHEREAS, the above mentioned Districts would be inclined to allow the State to offset the required pumping reduction with an equal amount of imported augmentation water discharged into the stream above the appropriate Reservoir.

WHEREAS, the above mentioned Districts would require all Federal Reservoirs simultaneously to have a storage supply of not less than 70% of full capacity before any water would be available for lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRENCHMAN VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT, HITCHCOCK – RED WILLOW IRRIGATION DISTRICT, FRENCHMAN CAMBRIDGE IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND NEBRASKA BOSTWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION AND PLEDGE OUR FULL COOPERATION IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE REPUBLICAN RIVER COMPACT SO LONG AS NEBRASKA CAN ADDRESS AND RESOLVE THE CONCERNS STATED ABOVE.

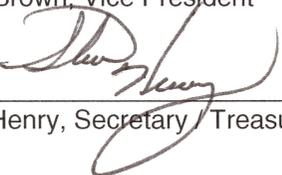
Acknowledged October 6, 2009 by:

Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation

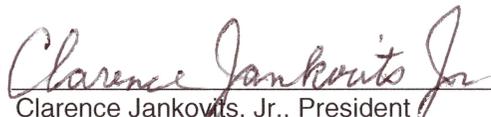
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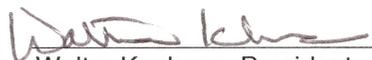
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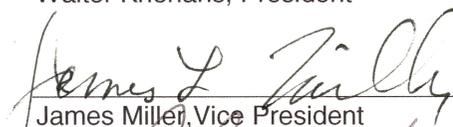

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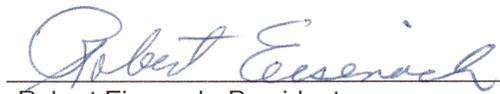
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