News Release

Great Plains’ Drought Means We Still Need to Irrigate

General Manager Cory Steinke reported that Lake McConaughy’s elevation as of May 1 was at 1,350.7 feet above MSL. As of this date, Lake McConaughy’s elevation is about 8 inches below the reservoir’s low storage elevation. The reservoir is meeting all its critical demands for water and is in a good position to meet irrigation demands for the remainder of the growing season. The reservoir is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2.

The timing and amount of the drawdown will vary from lake to lake based on the amount of water needed to meet Central’s hydroelectric power needs. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2. The drawdown of Supply Canal lakes is scheduled to begin on Aug. 12 and end with the last irrigation deliveries on Sept. 2.

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Bruce Smith of Lincoln appeared before the board as an advocate for people who use the lake to keep the lake lower and minimize the risk of flooding. He said the bridge, which would be constructed over the outlet canal, would start with the ability of large sailboats to access slips, docks and ramps in the outlet canal. He said the bridge would offer a handful of sailboats that regularly use the outlet canal, as well as doormen that primarily operate on the lake.

Marshall of Kearney depicting the recreational assets and activities at the lake.

Steinke said, “we’re still going to see some hot, dry weather and we’ll need to irrigate through the end of the month.”

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