# HARDIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 WEDNESDAY - 9:00 A.M. COURTHOUSE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

Chair BJ Hoffman called the meeting to order. Also present were Supervisors Reneé McClellan and Lance Granzow; and Michael Pearce, Pauline Lloyd, Kent Krause, Joe Donald, Taylor Roll, Machel Eichmeier, Jolene Pieters, Thomas Craighton, Darrell Meyer, and Angela Silvey. Attending via Zoom: Curt Groen, JD Holmes, Matt Rezab, Cheryl Lawrence, Allison Munro, Lisa Lawler, Lori Kadner, Julie Duhn, Elaine Loring, Mark Buschkamp, Breanne Butler, Laura Cunningham, Kristi Swalve, Donna Juber, Zeb Stanbrough, Denise Smith, and James Sweeney.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the agenda with the following item stricken: Quit Claim Deed to S and I Properties, LLC. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the minutes of September 8, 2021 and September 15, 2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the September 22, 2021 claims for payment. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the final plans for BRS-SWAP-0077(601)—FF-42, Bridge 3267, Main Street Alden over Iowa River. Motion carried.

At 9:02 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing on deeding roadways within the unincorporated towns of Abbott and Robertson.

Publication of notice of hearing was verified. CAD Technician Joe Donald reviewed the proposed deeding.

There being no written or oral comments or objections, McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Kent Krause, of Pinnacle, requested the Board waive its 14-day appeal period on the final construction permit for a hog site, and the following action was taken:

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve Krause's request for waiver of right to appeal issuance of final construction permit – Schiller Site, Section 3, Alden Township. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded that the following Resolution 2021-41, Approval of Waiver of Hardin County's Right to Appeal Issuance of Final Construction Permit for the Construction of Confined Animal Feeding Operation by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, be adopted. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman. "Nays" None. Resolution 2021-41 is hereby adopted as follows:

## **RESOLUTION 2021-41**

# APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF HARDIN COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPEAL ISSUANCE OF FINAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION BY THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardin County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The Hardin County Board of Supervisors has received notice from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that Kyle Janes, Schiller Site has been issued a draft permit for the construction of a confined animal feeding operation building(s) in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 3, T89N, R22W, Alden Township, Hardin County, Iowa in unincorporated Hardin County.

Section 2. The Hardin County Board of Supervisors reviewed the construction permit application and the manure management plan and determined that both appeared to be in compliance with the requirements of the Master Matrix, Iowa Code Section 459 and Iowa DNR rules and recommended approval of said application on 9/15/2021.

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Section 3. The Hardin County Board of Supervisors hereby waives its right to appeal the issuance of the final permit within the fourteen (14) day limit from the time of receipt of notice

of the issuance of the draft permit.

Section 4. The Hardin County Board of Supervisors encourages the Iowa DNR to issue the Final Permit immediately upon notification of this waiver.

Section 5. The Hardin County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Board Chairman to notify the Iowa DNR of this waiver.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

## ADOPTED this 22 day of September, 2021 with the vote thereon being as follows:

AYES: Granzow, McClellan, and Hoffman

NAYS: None OBSTAIN: None

ABSENT/NOT VOTING: None

/s/ BJ Hoffman

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

/s/ Jolene Pieters

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McClellan moved, Granzow seconded that the following Resolution 2021-42, a resolution on the "Election Misconduct and Penalties Act," be adopted. Roll Call Vote: "Ayes" McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman. "Nays" None. Resolution 2021-42 is hereby adopted as follows:

# RESOLUTION 2021-42

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature has passed and Governor Kim Reynolds has signed, on March 8, 2021, an Act entitled the "Election Misconduct and Penalties Act", which is now found in Iowa Code Chapter 39A, Sections 39A.1 through 39A.7, addressed to "election officials", in Section 39A.1, which include the "county commissioner" of elections and those in the county auditor's office, under Iowa Code Section 331.505, "who are responsible for carrying out functions or duties under chapters 39 through 53" relating to elections; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 39A.2 through 39A.5, define Election Misconduct in four degrees of criminal offense for acts and omissions of county auditors and the designated deputies and employees acting in the scope of their official duties for claimed election related misconduct; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 39A.1(2) declares that "(t)he general assembly also recognizes that instances may arise in which technical infractions of chapters 39 through 53 may occur which do not merit any level of criminal sanction" but Iowa Code Section 39A.6(3)(a) empowers the Iowa Secretary of State to issue a "technical infraction" notice to the county auditor, (which the Legislature has not defined and about which the Secretary of State has not promulgated implementing rules), for which "the state commissioner shall also impose a fine not to exceed ten

thousand dollars to be deposited in the general fund" with a removal from office if such amount is not challenged or paid after unsuccessful challenge; and

WHEREAS, the County Home Rule power is vested in the County Board of Supervisors, Iowa Code Section 331.301(2), under which the Board may "exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county and its residents" ... "except as expressly limited by the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and if not inconsistent with the laws of the general assembly", Section 331.301(1), "subject only to limitations expressly imposed by a state law", Section 331.301(3)."; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 670.8(1) requires that the Board of Supervisors "shall defend its officers and employees, whether elected or appointed and shall save harmless and indemnify the officers and employees against any tort claim or demand whether groundless or otherwise, arising out of an alleged act or omission occurring within the scope of their employment or duties" for "any breach of duty, whether statutory or other duty" under Section 670.1(4); and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.324(4) requires that "the board [of supervisors] shall pay a loss for which the officer or employee is found liable beyond the amount of insurance ... (i)f the liability of a county officer or employee in the performance of official duties is not fully indemnified by insurance" and empowers the Board "to compromise and settle any such claim"; and

WHEREAS, the county auditors and their deputies serving within the scope of their employment and duties in connection with the responsibilities they are assigned under the election laws of Iowa are threatened by the increasing animosity, partisanship, and vehemence and vitriol of persons involved in political party politics who can easily make or cause to be made criminal complaint under Sections 39A.2 through 39A.5, or cause action to be brought under Section 39A.6, whether criminal or civil, thus exposing such elected officers and their appointed deputies and employees to criminal proceedings, criminal penalties, attorneys expenses and costs, criminal or civil fines for administrative proceedings, attorneys fees and costs, and removal from office of the Auditor resulting in loss of income for two years all for undefined "technical infractions",

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Hardin county auditor and any deputy auditor or employee who performs election related responsibilities within the scope of criminal offenses and civil infractions, defined by the Election Misconduct and Penalties Act, Iowa Code Sections 39A.1 through 39A.7, shall be provided at county expense,
  - (a) In the cases of criminal charges made under Iowa Code Sections 39A.2 through 39A.4, and any charges brought under Iowa Code Chapter 721, as referred to in Section 39A.7, a defense, meaning a lawyer to represent the auditor, deputy auditor, and any employees of that auditor's office so charged criminally, including any appeals to the Iowa Supreme Court.
  - (b) If conviction results under any of the charges referred to in subparagraph (a), above, the person convicted shall not be indemnified for any fine so levied in the criminal judgment.
  - (c) Any person so charged as defined in subparagraph (a) shall immediately notify the Board of Supervisors of the pendency of such charges to invoke this Section.

- 2. That the Hardin county auditor and any deputy auditor or employee who performs election related responsibilities within the scope of criminal offenses and civil infractions defined by the Election Misconduct and Penalties Act, Iowa Code Sections 39A.1 through 39A.7, shall be provided, at county expense,
- (a) in the case of technical violations and infractions under Section 39A.6, defined as civil violations under Section 39A.1, an attorney to represent the auditor, deputy auditor and any employees of the auditor's office cited for any such technical violation or infraction to file an appeal of such allegations or findings pursuant to Chapter 17A as specified by Section 39A.6(3)(b), in lieu of paying the civil fine of not to exceed ten thousand dollars specified by Section 39A.6(3)(a). Such representation shall continue for any of the successive appeals thereafter provided from the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge with appeals therefrom to the Secretary of State, the Iowa District Court and the Iowa Supreme Court.
- (b) Under the provisions of Iowa Code Sections 670.8(1) and Section 331.324(4), to the extent that the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool excludes from coverages the payment of any civil fine levied under Section 69A.6(3)(a), the fine so levied and negotiated shall be paid and/or compromised by the Hardin County Board of Supervisors during or following unsuccessful completion of the civil appeal proceedings described in subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph two (2).

# /s/ BJ Hoffman

Chair, Hardin County Board of Supervisors

upon roll call vote before the Board on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2021.

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## **Utility Permits:**

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve Hardin County Utility Permit Application No. UT-21-15 submitted by Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the retirement of Dave Hilsabeck, Motor Grader Operator, effective 11/30/2021. Motion carried.

Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to approve the promotion of Dale M. Schwarck to Truck Driver, at a rate of \$22.37/hour, effective 09/20/2021. Motion carried.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to approve the resignation of Heath Hansen, Truck Driver, effective 09/22/2021. Motion carried.

#### Other Business:

Hoffman shared visitor feedback on the Tower Rock cabins. Hoffman also stated he would check with Economic Development Director Angela De La Riva on the status of a County UTV ordinance.

McClellan moved, Granzow seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

At 11:15 a.m. Chair Hoffman reconvened the meeting. Also present: Supervisors McClellan and Granzow; and Michael Pearce, Joe Donald, Darrell Meyer, Machel Eichmeier, and Angela Silvey.

Where upon Board Member McClellan moved that the following resolution be adopted:

### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-43

#### PROPOSAL TO CONVEY INTEREST IN VACATED REAL PROPERTIES

**WHEREAS**, the Hardin County Board of Supervisors published notice and held public hearing on September 22, 2021, relative to conveying the following vacated properties:

A 20 foot-wide (north-south) alley lying west and adjacent to lots 1 through 6 in block 11, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa.

East 160 feet of First Street lying between block 10 and 11, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa.

A 20 foot-wide (north-south) alley lying west and adjacent to lots 1 through 6 in block 10, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa.

East half of Johnson Street lying west and adjacent to lots 7 through 10 in block 10, and the east of Johnson Street lying west and adjacent to Second Street, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa.

Second Street lying south and adjacent to lot 7, block 10, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa. Abby Trust

East 160 feet of Second Street lying between blocks 9 and 10, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa.

A 20 foot-wide (north-south) alley lying west and adjacent to lots 1 and 2 in block 9, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa. Birch Grove Investments Inc.

East half of a 20 foot-wide (north-south) alley lying west and adjacent to lots 4,5,6 in block 9, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa

The South half of a 20 foot-wide (east-west) alley laying north and adjacent to lots 9 and 10 in block 2, located in the unincorporated town of Robertson, Hardin County, Iowa.

The North half of First Street adjacent to lots 9 and 10 in block 2, located in the unincorporated town of Robertson, Hardin County, Iowa

**WHEREAS**, there appearing no cause to delay or prevent the County from conveying the described vacated real properties,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Hardin County, Iowa, that the County's interest in the aforementioned real property should be conveyed by the attached proposed quit claim deeds.

The motion was seconded by Board Member Granzow and after due consideration thereof, the roll was called and the following Board Members voted:

Ayes: McClellan, Granzow, and Hoffman

Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Whereupon, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2021.

/s/ BJ Hoffman BJ Hoffman, Chair Board of Supervisors

Attest:

/s/ Jolene Pieters

**Hardin County Auditor** 

Prepared by: Darrell G. Meyer, 1201 14th Avenue, Eldora, IA 50627 Phone: (641) 939-8118

Taxpayer is: Maple Grove Investments Inc.

Return Document to: Hardin County Auditor's Office, ATTN: Angela Silvey, Eldora, IA 50627

# QUIT CLAIM DEED

For the consideration of One Dollar(s) and other valuable consideration, **Hardin County**, **Iowa** does hereby Quit Claim to **Maple Grove Investments Inc.** all our right, title, interest, estate, claim and demand, in the following described real estate in Hardin County, Iowa:

A 20 foot-wide (north-south) alley lying west and adjacent to lots 1 through 6 in block 11, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa.

Each of the undersigned relinquishes all rights of dower, homestead, and distributive share in and to the real estate. Words and phrases herein, including acknowledgment hereof, shall be construed as in the singular or plural number, and as masculine or feminine gender, according to the context.

Hardin County, Iowa	
By:	_ Attest:
BJ Hoffman, Chair, Board of Supervisors Covenantee	Jolene Pieters, County Auditor
STATE OF IOWA, HARDIN COUNTY, ss:	
State of Iowa, personally appeared BJ Hoffman and Joles sworn, did say that each is the Chairperson of the Board County of Hardin, Iowa; that the seal affixed to the fore that the instrument was signed and sealed on behal	before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the ne Pieters, to me personally known, who, being by me duly of Supervisors and the County Auditor, respectively, of the egoing instrument is the corporate seal of the County, and lif of the County, and BJ Hoffman and Jolene Pieters or voluntary act and deed and the voluntary act and deed of
	Notary Public in and for said State

Prepared by: Darrell G. Meyer, 1201 14th Avenue, Eldora, IA 50627 Phone: (641) 939-8118

Taxpayer is: OHP 1, LC

Hardin County Iowa

Return Document to: Hardin County Auditor's Office, ATTN: Angela Silvey, Eldora, IA 50627

# QUIT CLAIM DEED

For the consideration of One Dollar(s) and other valuable consideration, Hardin County, Iowa does hereby Quit Claim to OHP 1, LC all our right, title, interest, estate, claim and demand, in the following described real estate in Hardin County, Iowa:

The East 160 feet of First Street lying between block 10 and 11, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa.

A 20 foot-wide (north-south) alley lying west and adjacent to lots 1 through 6 in block 10, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa.

The east half of Johnson Street lying west and adjacent to lots 7 through 10 in block 10, and the east half of Johnson Street lying west and adjacent to Second Street, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa.

Second Street lying south and adjacent to lot 7, block 10, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa.

Each of the undersigned relinquishes all rights of dower, homestead, and distributive share in and to the real estate. Words and phrases herein, including acknowledgment hereof, shall be construed as in the singular or plural number, and as masculine or feminine gender, according to the context.

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By:	Attest:
STATE OF IOWA, HARDIN COUNTY, ss:	
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Prepared by: Darrell G. Meyer, 1201 14th Avenue, Eldora, IA 50627 Phone: (641) 939-8118

Taxpayer is: Abby Trust

Return Document to: Hardin County Auditor's Office, ATTN: Angela Silvey, Eldora, IA 50627

# QUIT CLAIM DEED

For the consideration of One Dollar(s) and other valuable consideration, Hardin County, Iowa does hereby Quit Claim to Abby Trust all our right, title, interest, estate, claim and demand, in the following described real estate in Hardin County, Iowa:

East 160 feet of Second Street lying between blocks 9 and 10, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa.

A 20 foot-wide (north-south) alley lying west and adjacent to lots 1 and 2 in block 9, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa.

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Hardin County, Iowa	
By:BJ Hoffman, Chair, Board of Supervisors Covenantee	Attest: Jolene Pieters, County Auditor
STATE OF IOWA, HARDIN COUNTY, ss:	
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Prepared by: Darrell G. Meyer, 1201 14th Avenue, Eldora, IA 50627 Phone: (641) 939-8118

Taxpayer is: Birch Grove Investments Inc.

Return Document to: Hardin County Auditor's Office, ATTN: Angela Silvey, Eldora, IA 50627

# QUIT CLAIM DEED

For the consideration of One Dollar(s) and other valuable consideration, Hardin County, Iowa does hereby Quit Claim to Birch Grove Investments Inc. all our right, title, interest, estate, claim and demand, in the following described real estate in Hardin County, Iowa:

East half of a 20 foot-wide (north-south) alley laying west and adjacent to lots 4,5,6 in block 9, located in the unincorporated town of Abbott, Hardin County, Iowa.

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Prepared by: Darrell G. Meyer, 1201 14th Avenue, Eldora, IA 50627 Phone: (641) 939-8118

Taxpayer is: Dana Allen LLC

Return Document to: Hardin County Auditor's Office, ATTN: Angela Silvey, Eldora, IA 50627

# QUIT CLAIM DEED

For the consideration of One Dollar(s) and other valuable consideration, **Hardin County**, **Iowa** does hereby Quit Claim to **Dana Allen LLC**. all our right, title, interest, estate, claim and demand, in the following described real estate in Hardin County, Iowa:

The South half of a 20 foot-wide (east-west) alley laying north and adjacent to lots 9 and 10 in block 2, located in the unincorporated town of Robertson, Hardin County, Iowa.

The North half of First Street adjacent to lots 9 and 10 in block 2, located in the unincorporated town of Robertson, Hardin County, Iowa.

Each of the undersigned relinquishes all rights of dower, homestead, and distributive share in and to the real estate. Words and phrases herein, including acknowledgment hereof, shall be construed as in the singular or plural number, and as masculine or feminine gender, according to the context.

EXEMPT FROM TRANSFER TAX - §428A.2(6), Code of Iowa

Hardin County, Iowa			
Ву:		Attest:	
BJ Hoffman, Chair, B Covenantee	oard of Supervisors	Jolene Pieters	, County Auditor
STATE OF IOWA, HARDI	N COUNTY, ss:		
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Treasurer Machel Eichmeier reminded property owners to submit tax payments by September 30, 2021, to avoid penalty.

At 11:21 a.m. Granzow moved, McClellan seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ BJ Hoffman BJ Hoffman, Chair Board of Supervisors /s/ Jolene Pieters
Jolene Pieters
Hardin County Auditor

Chat Log from 9/22/2021

09:08:28 From Donna Juber to Everyone:

Since the law quoted was passed in 2016, does this mean that board will defend our county employees against false claims like the on earlier this year? 09:08:54 From Donna Juber to Everyone:

the one earlier this year?

09:08:56 From Julie Duhn to Everyone:

After the Constitutional cosplay event and despite the claim of bringing back public comment, it is conspicuous by its absence from the agenda.