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**LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING AGENDA**

Monday, March 29, 2021

11 a.m.

Formal Board Room—Jean Oxley Public Service Center
935 2nd St. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA**Call to Order****Public Comment: Five Minute Limit per Speaker**

This comment period is for the public to address topics on today's agenda.

Minutes

Discuss and decide on meeting minutes.

Public hearing and first consideration on an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa by amending provisions in Chapter 107, Unified Development Code

Discuss proposed Temporary Use Permit, Case JTU21-0001, request by Larry Hess, owner, and Dean Paup, petitioner, for a seasonal campground, located in the 900 & 1000 Block of Lnenicka Lane, from April 1 to October 31, 2021

Discuss resolution confirming the schedule of assessment for nuisance abatements.

Discuss a Preliminary Plat Application requested by Dows Agri Community Development LLC, petitioner, for the Dows Farm property

Discuss a public participation plan for upcoming utility scale solar project applications

Discuss receipt of U.S. Board on Geographic Names letter approving the name change from Squaw Creek to Wanatee Creek

Approve and authorize Chair to sign a letter of support for the Affordable Housing Network's application to the Iowa Finance Authority's HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program.

Discuss and decide on derecho related debris pick up

Public Comment: Five Minute Limit per Speaker

This is an opportunity for the public to address the board on any subject pertaining to board business.

Payroll Authorizations

Discuss and decide on Employment Change Roster (payroll authorizations).

Claims

Discuss and decide on claims.

Legislative Update

Discuss and decide on action related to proposed legislation

Correspondence**Appointments****Adjournment**

To adhere to social distancing requirements, Linn County employees and the public may participate in this meeting as follows:

- 1) Conference call—telephone number 1-800-945-0974, access code 501116
- 2) Email questions or comments prior to or during the meeting to: bd-supervisors@linncounty.org

For questions about meeting accessibility or to request accommodations to attend or to participate in a meeting due to a disability, please contact the Board of Supervisors office at 319-892-5000 or at bd-supervisors@linncounty.org.

Prepared by Jessie Black
Linn County Planning & Development
935 2nd Street S.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404-2100
(319) 892-5130
Return to Becky Shoop, Auditor's Office

LINN COUNTY ORDINANCE # _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
BY AMENDING PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 107**

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors, Linn County, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SEE ATTACHMENT A

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. SAVING. The Code of Ordinances, Linn County, Iowa, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Public hearing and first consideration on the 29th day of March, 2021.

Second consideration on the 31st day of March, 2021.

Third and final passage on the 7th day of April, 2021.

Published in the Gazette on the _____ day of April, 2021.

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairperson

Supervisor

Supervisor

ATTEST:

Joel D. Miller, Linn County Auditor

STATE OF IOWA)
)SS
COUNTY OF LINN)

I, _____, County Auditor of Linn County, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance passed by the Linn County Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting of said Board held on _____, 2021 and published as provided by law on _____, 2021.

Linn County Auditor

Subscribed and sworn to me this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Notary Public, State of Iowa

ATTACHMENT A

Language that is added to the section will be displayed as underlined text and deleted language will be represented as ~~strikethrough~~ text.

Article VI Specific Development Standards, Section 107-112 Standards for agricultural uses, Subsection (a) Horses and non-commercial livestock on lots in VR, VM, RR or USR zoning districts

(a) Agriculture, Horses and non-commercial livestock on lots in VR, VM, RR or USR zoning districts. *On parcels with zoning classifications of VR Village Residential District, VM Village Mixed District, RR1, RR2 or RR3 Rural Residential Districts, or USR Urban Services Residential District, the following standards shall apply to the keeping of horses and other non-commercial livestock:*

- (1) Number of animals per lot. *Horses and non-commercial livestock are limited to the maximum animal densities as shown in Table 107-112 below. Density ratios shall not exceed the limits of any single category or any combination thereof. Waste disposal shall comply with state waste disposal requirements.*
- (2) Juvenile animals. *The number of juvenile animals less than six eight months of age is not limited provided they are offspring to the allowed adult animals.*
- (3) Show animals. Small animals kept primarily for the purpose of display and exhibition at fairs and like events and not for commercial purposes shall not count towards the twelve (12) animal per acre limit.

Table 107-112 Maximum animal densities in VR, VM, RR or USR districts

Size and Type of Animals	VR, RR1/RR2/RR3 District	<u>VR, VM, USR and USR-MF District</u>
<i>Large animals: horses, cattle, llamas, elk, deer, and other similar animals</i>	One per acre	One per acre only on lots of three acres or larger
<i>Intermediate animals: sheep, swine, goats, <u>geese, turkeys, pea fowl</u>, and other similar animals</i>	Three per acre	Three per acre only on lots of three acres or larger and excluding swine
<u><i>Small animals: domestic fowl, rabbits, chinchillas, and other similar size animals</i></u>	<u><i>Twelve (12) per acre. For parcels less than one (1) acre in size, no more than twelve total</i></u>	<u><i>Twelve (12) per acre. For parcels less than one (1) acre in size, no more than twelve total</i></u>

Article XI Definitions, Section 107-180 Definitions

Domestic fowl means and includes ducks, quail, pheasants, and female chickens (excludes roosters). Geese, turkeys, and pea fowl are not considered domestic fowl for the purposes of this ordinance.

Livestock means and includes, but shall not be limited to, animals or domestic fowl which are being produced primarily for sale or use as food or food products, such as: cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, poultry, ~~birds, fish, horses, donkeys, mules,~~ and farm deer as defined in ~~I.C.A. § 481A.1~~ Iowa Code.

Prepared by and to be returned to: Stephanie Lientz, Linn County Planning & Development
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RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY USE

RESOLUTION # _____

WHEREAS, Dean Paup, petitioner; Larry Hess, owner; Case JTU21-0001, has requested the Linn County Board of Supervisors' permission to operate a seasonal campground located in the 900 & 1000 Block of Lnenicka Lane.

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors makes the following Findings of Facts:

1. The campground will operate from April 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021 located at the Hess property located in the 900 & 1000 Block of Lnenicka Lane, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
2. The campsite area is zoned Recreation-Agricultural (REC-AG) and is located within the floodway.
3. The Board of Supervisors has authorized a maximum of 10 campsites.
4. The campground visiting hours are from Thursday through Sunday and during holidays. Campground leasees have full-time use.
5. Campers shall have the waste pumped from their camper on a monthly basis by a certified company. One handicapped accessible portable restroom facility is required to be on-site for the duration of the Temporary Use.
6. Vehicle trips are estimated to increase by 5 or 6 per day.

AND WHEREAS, the Linn County Technical Review Committee has examined the application and all conditions of approval are listed as part of this Resolution;

AND WHEREAS, the Temporary Use application has been examined by the Linn County Board of Supervisors at a public meeting on March 29, 2021, all interested persons having been heard;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Linn County Board of Supervisors approve the application, Case JTU21-0001, subject to the following conditions:

LINN COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Zoning & Building Divisions)

1. The Temporary Use may be reviewed at any time during the duration of the permit to ensure that all conditions have been or are being met.
2. Existing electrical services for campers shall be tested for proper grounding and function and repaired/replaced as necessary by a licensed electrician.

3. Provide our office a current list of the campsite leasees, including mailing addresses and phone numbers.
4. Dean Paup shall be the designated Campground Manager and shall be responsible for notifying/warning campers in the event of a flood warning.
5. The designated Campground Manager shall be responsible for relocating RV's outside of the flood hazard area in the event of a flood warning; in addition, Campground Manager shall provide proof of ownership or access to a vehicle capable of removing/ towing the RV's out of the flood hazard area.
6. All RV's shall be operable, fully licensed with up-to-date registration.
7. No permanent or semi-permanent tie-downs or anchors shall be installed that would prevent prompt removal of the RV from the site in the event of a flood threat.
8. Maintain maximum of 10 campsites.
9. Adhere to campground visiting days: Thursday through Sunday, holidays (campground leasees are allowed fulltime use).
10. Portable toilet and individual camper waste receptacles will be maintained and clean.
11. The applicant or owner shall obtain and submit proof of a liability insurance policy prior to Board of Supervisors approval and maintain current insurance throughout the Temporary Use.
12. The petitioner shall sign an "Acceptance of Conditions" form which provides assurance that all conditions will be met prior to the Board of Supervisors Resolution of Approval, and specifically agrees to hold Linn County harmless from any and all damages or claims for damages that might arise or accrue by reason of approval of the Temporary Use permit by the Linn County Board of Supervisors. Further, by signing the "Acceptance of Conditions" form, the petitioner shall agree to allow employees of the County reasonable access to the property for inspection and for submission of documents to verify any additional information.

LINN COUNTY ENGINEERING

1. Rock the private lane to county standards by placing 5" of Class A road stone 16' wide (0.4 tons per foot of roadway length). Maintain to private lane standards.
2. Mark private lane with white on blue street sign and cabin sites with white on blue address signs placed in accordance with county standards. Maintain and replace signage as needed by applying at the Secondary Road Department.

LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Campers must have self-contained waste that is properly disposed at a municipal sewer plant or an approved on-site septic system.
2. Require submittal of a copy of the written contract with the DNR certified/licensed septage pumper.
3. Septic tanks at the flooded structures deemed non-habitable must be properly abandoned per Linn County Ordinance Chapter 10 Article VI.
4. Any structure that is not habitable, debris, and junk, etc. must be properly removed to prevent safety hazards.

Comments:

1. Prior to using any existing water well, LCPH recommends testing to determine if water is potable.
2. If any well is not in use, it should be properly abandoned and plugged per Linn County Ordinance Chapter 10.

LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

1. Camper sites must be identified.

LINN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

1. A tone alert weather radio is required to be on site.
2. Procedures to provide shelter for campers during severe weather shall be identified in a Severe Weather Plan and this information shall be provided to each camper.

WHEREAS, failure to comply with any of the above conditions in a timely manner will void this temporary use permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Linn County Board of Supervisors that said temporary use is hereby approved.

Passed and approved this 31st day of March, 2021.

Linn County Board of Supervisors

Chair

Vice Chair

Supervisor

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Attest:

Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor

State of Iowa)
) SS
County of Linn)

I, Joel Miller, County Auditor of Linn County, Iowa hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the said Board of Supervisors the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of:

___ Aye ___ Nay ___ Abstain and ___ Absent from voting.

Joel Miller

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the aforesaid Joel Miller, on this 31st of March, 2021.

Notary Public State of Iowa



Zoning Division

Temporary Use Application

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Owner Information:		Applicant Information:	
Owner	Larry Hess	Applicant	Dean Paup
Address	110 Lincoln Ave W Unit D Lisbon, Ia 52253	Address	404 W 2nd St Box 315 Mechanicsville, Ia 52306
Phone	319-981-1826	Phone	319-551-8093
E-mail		E-mail	dean.paup@gmail.com
Surveying Co: _____		E-Mail _____	
Engineer: _____		Phone _____	
Property Information:			
Property Address or Address Range (block) 900 E 1000 Block of Lnenicka Ln CR 52404			
Brief legal(s) (Sec./Twp./Range) 510 SW SE SW 4.82-6 NENW 9-28-6			
GPN(s) 1804 376 001 00000 E 1809 201001 00000			
Rural Land Use			
Map Designation AA E CRNA			
Current Zoning AG - REC		Total Acres 91 acres	
Submittal Requirements: Application, Fee, Minor Site Plan Drawing Proof of Insurance (if applicable)			
The undersigned is/are the owner(s) of the described property on this application, located in the unincorporated area of Linn County, Iowa, assuring that the information provided herein is true and correct. I hereby give my consent for the office of Linn County Planning and Development to conduct a site visit and photograph the subject property.			
This development is subject to and shall be required, as a condition of final development approval, to comply with all Unified Development Code policies, requirements, and standards that are in effect at the time of final development approval.			
Owner	Larry C. Hess	Applicant	Dean Paup
Date	02/28/2021	Date	2-28-21
Case #	JTU21-0001	Date Received RECEIVED MAR 08 2021 LINN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	
Receipt#			

The following information shall be provided with the application:

Is the property located within a Flood Plain? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Is the Proposed Use within the Flood Plain area? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Temporary use period:

Beginning 4-1-2021

Ending 10-31-2021

Description of Proposed Use:

Camping 7 days a week for leases
Thurs - Sunday and Holidays for visitors

Days & Hours of Operation

24 hrs a day

Will a building or structure be used and what type?

NO

Will there be a sign? Per Article V, section 107-94 (j) include dimension details and content.

NO

Have you contacted the Building Division for review of applicable building code requirements?

☐ YES ☐ NO

campers will have facilities pumped out monthly by a certified company. Handicap port potty must be on site

Restroom Facilities:

☐ Currently provided on site.

☒ Portable will be brought to the site.

☐ None available.

Estimated increase in vehicle trips per day 5-6 per day

Type of vehicles using facility campers, trucks, cars

Does the property have access from a state highway? ☒ YES ☐ NO

(If yes, review with Iowa Department of Transportation at (319) 365-3558.

Number of parking spaces provided NA

The following documents shall be attached:

- Proof of Insurance
- Minor Site Plan



RESOLUTION NO: _____

CONFIRMING THE SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENTS

WHEREAS, the conditions of certain properties in the County, identified on the attached Linn County Nuisance Abatement Assessment Schedule, have been found unsafe by the Linn County Building Official and constitute the installation of temporary safeguards to protect the public as authorized in Linn County Code of Ordinances chapter 105, article VI; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code §331.384 authorizes the County to assess the County's costs of abatement of a nuisance against the property for collection in the same manner as a property tax; and

WHEREAS, following notice to the respective property owners and subsequent failure of the property owner to abate the nuisance as directed, the County has expended public funds to abate the nuisance condition of respective properties listed.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Department has filed with the Auditor the attached Nuisance Abatement Assessment Schedule showing parcels of property on which nuisances were abated at public expense, a description of each lot to be assessed for such abatement, the valuation of each lot, the amount to be assessed against each lot and, where applicable, the amount of deficiency, if any, which may be subsequently assessed against each lot under Iowa Code §384.63 as incorporated by Iowa Code §331.384; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The valuation of each lot described on the attached Nuisance Abatement Assessment Schedule (the "Schedule") is hereby fixed at the amount shown for that lot in the "Property Value" column of the Schedule.
2. The Schedule is hereby adopted by this Board and declared to be final and received and filed as such.
3. The assessment against each lot as shown in the "Assessment Amount" column of the Schedule with respect to that lot is hereby confirmed and levied. The deficiency which may be subsequently assessed against each lot under Iowa Code §384.63 is hereby conditionally levied, subject to application of and compliance with Iowa Code §384.63, in the amount, if any, shown in the "Deficiency" column of the Schedule with respect to that lot.
4. Assessments less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall be paid in full.
5. Each assessment of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more shall be divided into and is payable in ten (10) equal annual installments payable in accordance with Iowa Code §384.65. Interest on all unpaid installments shall accrue and be payable, in accordance with §384.65, at a rate of three

and a half percent (3.5%) unless on the date of adoption of this Resolution a lower rate is in effect pursuant to Iowa Code §§78A.4 and 74A.6(2), in which event the lower rate shall apply.

6. Assessments shown on the Schedule shall be payable July 1, 2021. Installments into which an assessment is divided shall be payable July 1 of each year commencing 2021.
7. The County Auditor as Clerk to this Board shall certify the Schedule of assessments to the Linn County Treasurer. The Auditor shall further cause notice of the Schedule to be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the County, the first such publication to be within fifteen (15) days of the adoption of this Resolution. The notice shall be in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A. On or before the second publication of the notice, the Auditor shall send by certified mail to each property owner whose property is subject to assessment for the nuisance abatement, as shown by the records in the office of the Auditor, a copy of the notice setting forth the information required by Iowa Code §384.60(2).
8. Payments received by the Treasurer shall be credited to the County's General Basic Fund, from which abatement costs were originally appropriated.

Passed this 31st day of March, 2021.

Linn County Board of Supervisors

Chair

Vice Chair

Supervisor

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Attest:

Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor

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___ Aye ___ Nay ___ Abstain ___ Absent from voting.

Joel Miller

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the aforesaid Joel Miller, on this 31 day of March, 2021.

Notary Public State of Iowa

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF FILING OF LINN COUNTY NUISANCE ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT
SCHEDULE
EXHIBIT A**

TO: THE OWNERS AND OTHER PERSONS HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE
SITUATED IN LINN COUNTY, IOWA, DESCRIBED ON THE SCHEDULE SET OUT
BELOW:

Case File Number	Tax Dist./Parcel	Legal Description	Property Address	Township or City	Abatement Date	Property Value	Assessment Amount	Owner Name
ENF20- 0095	08000/12- 36-452- 009-00000	Miller's 1 st , Lot 7	5511 Hickorywood Ct	Monroe	12/16/2021	\$265,000	\$3461.03	Terry L Randall

You are hereby notified that the schedule of assessments against said properties for Linn County nuisance abatement, the Linn County Nuisance Abatement Assessment Schedule, has been adopted and the assessments shown thereon levied by the Linn County Board of Supervisors and said Schedule has been certified to the Linn County Treasurer. The amount of each assessment is set forth opposite the property description on the Schedule.

Assessments may be paid in full or in part without interest within thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this notice of the final assessment schedule. Thereafter all unpaid special assessments bear interest at the rate of three and a half percent (3.5%) per annum commencing September 9, 2020 computed to December 1 next following the due date of the respective installments as provided in Iowa Code §384.65(3). Assessments of less than \$500 are payable in full in one installment. Assessments of \$500 or more are payable in up to ten annual installments. Installments are payable on July 1 of each year commencing with 2021, and each installment will be delinquent from October 1 following its due date, however when the last day of September is a Saturday or Sunday, that amount shall be delinquent from the second Linn County business day of October. Delinquent installments will draw the same delinquent interest as ordinary taxes. Property owners may elect to pay any installment semi-annually in advance. Assessments are payable at the office the Linn County Treasurer, 935 2nd Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52404. The last day to pay assessments without interest is September 9, 2020.

A person having an interest in property subject to special assessment may, within twenty days after the adoption of a resolution of necessity, test the regularity of proceedings or legality of the assessment procedure by a petition in equity filed in the district court of the county where the property is located. A person having an interest in any property specially assessed may appeal from the amount of the assessment, at any stage of the special assessment procedure up to twenty (20) days after the final publication of notice of filing of the final assessment schedule, by petition to the district court of the county where the property is located. No action shall be brought appealing the amount of any special assessment from and after twenty (20) days after said final publication. Additional information regarding appeals may be found in Iowa Code §384.66.

By the Order of the Linn County Board of Supervisors
Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor



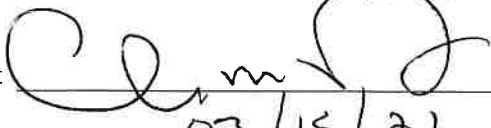
Planning & Development
Linn County, Iowa

Unified Development Code Article IV
Section 107-72(2) d.1

Zoning Division

Preliminary Plat Application

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Owner Information:		Applicant Information:	
Owner	Linn County, Iowa	Applicant	Dows Agri Community Development LLC
Address		Address	1950 Boyson Road
			Hiawatha IA 52233
Phone		Phone	(319) 899-8460
Surveying Co	Hall & Hall Engineers, Inc.	E-Mail	brian@halleng.com
Engineer:	Brian Vogel, P.E.	Phone	319-362-9548
Property Information: 6900 Block Mt Vernon Road SE			
Property Address or Address Range (block)		28-83-4 NWSW	
Brief legal(s) (Sec./Twp./Range) Parcel A and Parcel B, Amended Plat of Survey No. 2474			
GPN(s) 15201500400000 and 1520401003000000			
Rural Land Use Map Designation	MUSA	Proposed Plat Name	Dows Farm Agri-Community Addition
Current Zoning	PUD-USR	Total Acres	181 Acres
Proposed Zoning	PUD-USR	Number of Lots	247 Lots
Associated Zoning Cases			
Submittal Requirements: Application, Fee, Preliminary Plat Drawing			
The undersigned is/are the owner(s) of the described property on this application, located in the unincorporated area of Linn County, Iowa, assuring that the information provided herein is true and correct. I hereby give my consent for the office of Linn County Planning and Development to conduct a site visit and photograph the subject property. This development is subject to and shall be required, as a condition of final development approval, to comply with all Unified Development Code policies, requirements, and standards that are in effect at the time of final development approval. Development proposals approved by the Linn County Board of Supervisors do not supersede deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, or rules adopted by a homeowners' association.			
Owner		Applicant	
Date		Date	03/15/21
Case #	JP21-0001	Date Received RECEIVED MAR 16 2021 LINN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	
Receipt#	41475		



U.S. Board on Geographic Names

U.S. Geological Survey
523 National Center
Reston, VA 20192

March 14, 2021

Mr. Brent Oleson
Linn County Supervisor
935 2nd Street SW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404

Dear Mr. Oleson:

We are pleased to inform you that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, at its March 11, 2021 meeting, approved the proposal to change the name of Squaw Creek in the City of Marion in Linn County to Wanatee Creek.

The change has been entered into the Geographic Names Information System, the nation's official geographic names repository, which is available and searchable online at <https://usgs.gov/geonames/domestic-names>. The decision reads as follows:

Wanatee Creek: stream; 10 mi. long; heads in Marion Township at 42°03'24"N, 91°33'30"W, flows S through into the City of Marion and back into Marion Township, then S into Bertram Township, then W to enter Indian Creek near Vernon View; named for Adeline Wanatee (1910-1996), a Meskwaki (Sac & Fox Tribe) elder and leader; Tps83&84N, R6W, Fifth Principal Meridian; Linn County, Iowa; 41°58'24"N, 91°34'44"W; USGS map – Bertram 1:24,000; Not: Squaw Creek, West Fork Squaw Creek - in part.

Sincerely,

Glenn Guempel
Executive Secretary (Acting)
U.S. Board on Geographic Names

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March 29, 2021

Debi Durham, Executive Director
Iowa Finance Authority
1963 Bell Ave., Suite 200
Des Moines, IA 50315

Dear Ms. Durham:

The Linn County Board of Supervisors is pleased to offer its support for the Affordable Housing Network, Inc.'s (AHNI) application to the Iowa Finance Authority's (IFA's) HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program, which will provide rental subsidies, including security and utility deposits, for homeless households working toward addiction recovery in Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, Marion and Clinton, Iowa.

The Board of Supervisors fully endorses this request and believes it is critical to meeting the housing needs of this vulnerable population at this important time in our community. Safe and stable housing is a crucial factor in the well-being of households that have experienced homelessness and are recovering from addictions. With IFA's assistance, AHNI and the Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC) – AHNI's community partner – will provide a cost-effective program that will lead to and support positive recovery by helping provide community-based, market-rate housing to homeless households.

Please consider this letter as an indication of our support for AHNI's application for TBRA funding, which will help maintain and preserve affordable housing for Iowa's vulnerable populations.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice support for AHNI, a certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), and its HOME TBRA project, which we believe is important for successful recovery households in eastern Iowa. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stacey Walker
Chair