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**LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, August 20, 2020

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.

Discuss and decide on actions related to county damages from the storm of August 10, 2020

Review draft Governing Plan for Dows Farm Agri-Community

Discuss and decide on a resolution to approve Governing Plan for Dows Farm Agri-Community.

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.

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 866-576-7975, access code 218839#
- 2) Email questions or comments prior to or during the meeting to: bd-supervisors@linncounty.org

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A Resolution to Approve the Governing Plan for the Dows Farm Agri-Community

WHEREAS, in April 2017, Linn County acquired approximately 485 acres of land generally located north of Mt. Vernon Road and west of Highway 13. The acquisition consisted of a north 306-acre tract and a south 179-acre tract.

AND WHEREAS, because of the strategic location of the north 306-acre tract adjacent to existing park and recreation facilities, this was the County's priority for acquisition with an intended long-term use for conservation and related uses.

AND WHEREAS, the south 179 acres, bordered by Mt. Vernon Road on the south, Dows Road on the west, and the Squaw Creek Ridge residential development on the northeast, was included with the purchase and is the project area for the Dows Farm Agri-Community.

AND WHEREAS, the project area is designated as Metro Urban Service Area on the Future Land Use Map of the adopted Linn County Comprehensive Plan, and can be served by water and sewer. The general guidelines for Urban Service Areas states that these areas will likely be needed for future urban development.

AND WHEREAS, the guiding principles for development of the 179-acre Dows Farm Agri-Community are rooted in the *Linn County Comprehensive Plan: A Smarter Course – Building on the Past, Embracing the Future of Rural Linn County*.

AND WHEREAS, Linn County shall consider and may apply the goals, objectives and strategies of the comprehensive plan during deliberation of all appropriate planning, zoning, development and resource management decisions.

AND WHEREAS, the vision for the Dows Farm Agri-Community is one of walkable neighborhoods with healthy and diverse lifestyle choices for multiple generations. The Dows Farm Agri-Community will create a unique living, educational and economic experience and will be developed in a sustainable way that efficiently uses land, energy, and water in order to reduce waste and pollution, and to conserve natural resources.

AND WHEREAS, the Dows Farm Agri-Community keeps 75% of the site in conservation open space or agriculture, with only 25% of the site allocated to development of a mix of housing types and a carefully integrated commercial area.

AND WHEREAS, a Master Plan for the development of the Dows Farm Agri-Community illustrates the vision for the Dows Farm Agri-Community. The Master Plan identifies the Conservation Area, the Farm, and the Development Area including neighborhoods. The Master Plan illustrates residential types and densities, streets, green infrastructure, public spaces, and the small, carefully integrated commercial area.

AND WHEREAS, the **Governing Plan for Dows Farm Agri-Community** provides detailed development criteria. The Governing Plan identifies planning parcels, streets, utility corridors, stormwater management strategies, public spaces, land uses and densities.

AND WHEREAS, the intent of the Governing Plan is to provide the detailed development design criteria to be followed by the developer, and to serve as a tool to promote communication and cooperation between adjacent property owners and the developer to ensure a cohesive and unified development.

AND WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on July 20, 2020 the Linn County Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the Governing Plan.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Linn County Board of Supervisors approves the **Governing Plan for Dows Farm Agri-Community**.

Considered and passed on the ____ day of _____, 2020.

Motion by: _____ Second by: _____

Ben Rogers, Chair
Linn County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor

State of Iowa)
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County of Linn)

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

Voting:	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Oleson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rogers	_____	_____	_____	_____
Walker	_____	_____	_____	_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the aforementioned Joel Miller, on this ____ day of _____.

Notary Public, State of Iowa