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CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE MEMO
cityadmin@hiawatha-iowa.com
319-393-1515 ext.523

To: Mayor and City Council

From: City Administrator, Kim Downs

Date: June 15, 2018

RE: Miene Septic Containment Compost Facility

Attached is additional information regarding Miene Septic Containment Compost Facility. In speaking with Linn County there is still a lot of prep work to be done by Mr. Miene prior to being placed on their next planning and zoning meeting in July. They are meeting with Mr.Miene today. Included in the information are my notes in speaking with Stephanie from Linn County to help gain additionally understanding of the project and its status.

As I mentioned in my earlier email the city has no legal authority outside of platting. This issue is not a platting issue. In speaking with Hiawatha residents and larger property owners in close proximity of the potential development they are not in favor of such development. If you would so choose to provide a statement of opinion acknowledging this type of development and how it would negatively impact mainly a residential community with home values ranging from $300,00-$800,000 you would want to focus on the concerns of obnoxious smells and dust control from turning the windrows as described in Linn County's executive summary.

If you are curious of what such a development may look like I have provided pictures. This facility is located in Eddyville and is not composting human waste. It composts food processing by-products, pre- and post-consumer food scraps, non-recyclable paper and cardboard, yard waste (leaves, grass, brush, tree branches) and difficult and exotic industrial by-products.

Additionally, I have contacted the IDNR to learn more about the permitting process but the individual I need to talk to is out on vacation this week. I should note that the IDNR has not seen any application or request for application from Mr. Miene.

Kim

K Downs

From: K Downs
Sent: Saturday, June 09, 2018 12:07 AM
To: Dick Olson; Aime Wichtendahl; R Archibald; Steve Dodson; Dennis Norton
Cc: J Bender; Patrick Parsley; Bill Bennett; Mark Parmenter
Subject: Fwd: Miene Enterprise
Attachments: Miene Enterprise.pdf

Council-

I have attached a document I have received at my door step and two phone calls regarding their individual concerns of the potential of a septic tank company who has applied through the DNR and Linn County Public Health to spread septic tank materials. Some individuals are concerned that it will smell like Bertram or hog confinements. I can speak with knowledge when it comes to hog confinements considering when I lived north my acreage was surrounded by three sides with sets of hog confinements and the only time I had ever smelled them was one to two days a year when they dumped their pit and then drilled into the soil. I would need to do more research to understand if this products would create the smell some are concerned about. Linn County Public Health, DNR may be able to provide some answers and what the compliance would be for such a development. You will also see a letter the City of Robins Mayor Hinz wrote people who were concerned about this development in 2016 in support of the development and the benefits of it.

The parcel of land is north of Midway and east of I380. It is within our 2-mile jurisdiction but legally not within our scope of decision making. Our 2-mile jurisdiction approval is only for platting not for zoning. This would be in Linn County's hands. I have not heard anymore about this since last week and wanted to give you heads up if someone would reach out to you.

Kim Downs

City Administrator
City of Hiawatha
101 Emmons Street
Hiawatha, Iowa 52233
319-393-1515 Ext. 523

John Schumacher
Toddville

Proposed Septic Tank Sewage Treatment Facility - Midway

Residents of Linn County Iowa and the Greater Midway area urge Linn County Elected Officials and Regulatory Agencies to NOT approve the Conditional Use Permit of the Proposed Septic Tank Sewage Treatment Facility to be located at 3453-3457 Midway Road – Toddville, IA 52341.

This proposed facility had applied for the permit as Timed Enterprises LLC, 3450Clearwater Ln. Robins, IA 5238, which is a Rick Miene enterprise.

They propose to take Septic Tank Sewerage from his Septic Tank pumping business and take it to the Midway site. Liquid would be extracted and sent to a Leach Field at the north and west end of the property. There is the possibility that they would take Septic Tank material from other business's as well.

The Solids would be composted in the open, close to the SW end of the property.

His proposal puts loaded truck traffic on Midway Road, which would be Septic Trucks as well as Bio-Mass trucks. (Straw, Corn Stalks, Leaves, etc). this Bio-Mass would be mixed with the separated solids and then composted.

Midway Road is not designed for heavy truck traffic.

This project would have a damaging effect on property values in the surrounding area. Who wants to live near a Sewage Treatment Facility?

This will also dramatically affect the quality of life for all residents in the area.

Odors and windborne particulates will flow over a populated urban area. Changing wind direction will allow all quadrants to be affected.

We urge everyone to contact their County Supervisor.

The Primary election is coming up. Vote no against a Supervisor who supports this project.

There will be a meeting 5-29-18 at the Pavillion in the ~~Midway Park~~ Toddville Legion Hall at 6:30pm

for updating information and developing a plan of action.

* 700,000 gal. annually
* 2 mi. jurisdiction only consist w/ platting not zoning.

* separation differences - DNR
ext. 309 Ambyr - composting inspect - co sanitary sanitar 563.927.2640; 563.920.2695

Hiawatha Communi | View File | File - Contacts | Inbox (2,187) - ppar | churches in Hiawath | Land Records | City of Hiawatha | Hiawatha Zoning

Secure | https://gis.linncounty.org/webapps/auditor/landrecords/

GIS **Land Records** Linn County, Iowa | Real Estate Division | GIS Portal | Help | Contact

3453 midway rd

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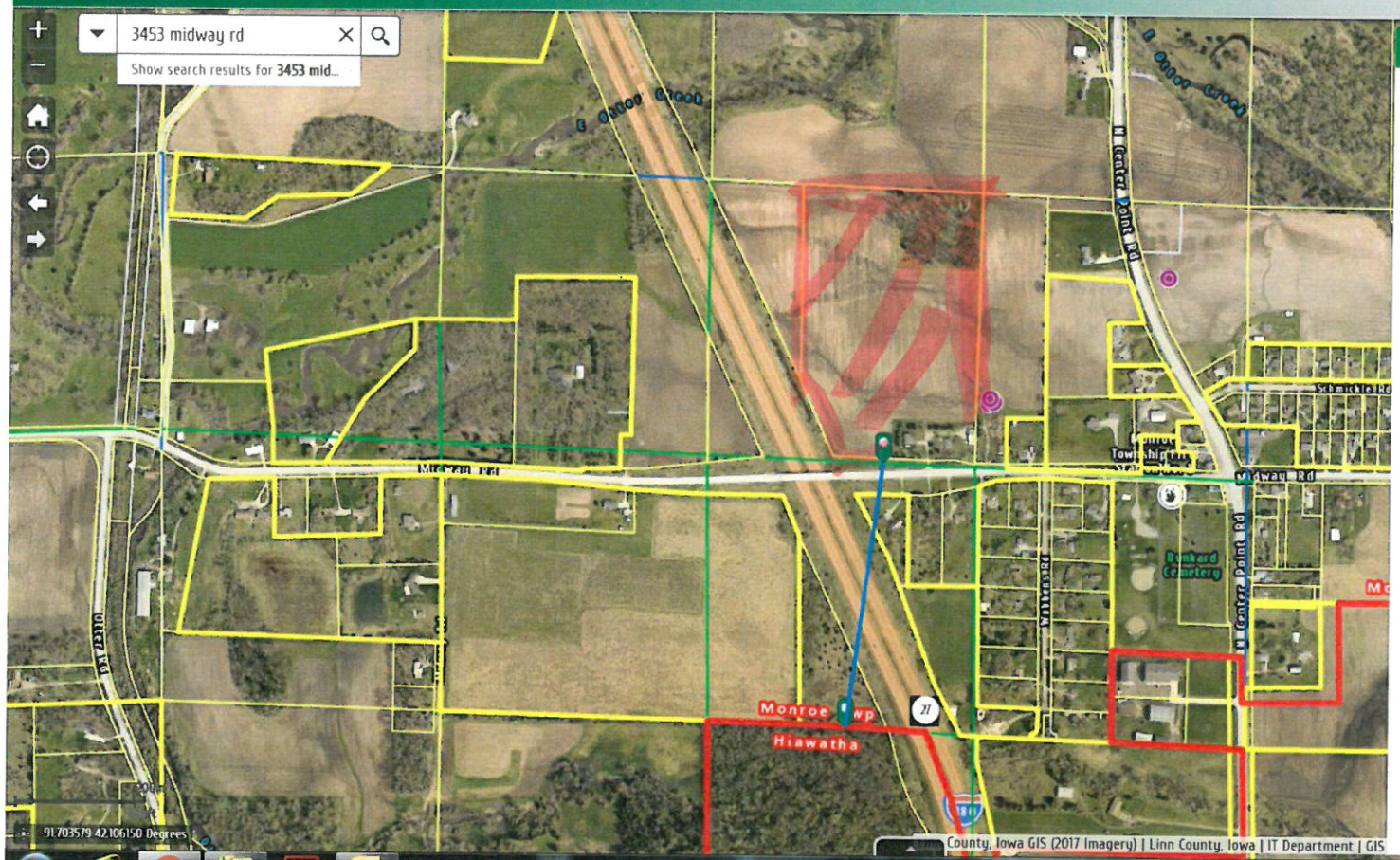

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Measure

Miles

Measurement Result

0.25 Miles

4:43 PM
6/8/2018

K Downs

From: chuck.hinz@cityofrobins.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 8:24 PM
To: K Downs
Cc: chuck.hinz@cityofrobins.org
Subject: RE: Can you provide information

I will look into it.

Chuck

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Can you provide information
From: K Downs <cityadmin@hiawatha-iowa.com>
Date: Tue, May 29, 2018 1:36 pm
To: chuck.hinz@cityofrobins.org, mackenzie1800@msn.com
Cc: jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com, pparsley@hiawatha-iowa.com, mayor@hiawatha-iowa.com

Hi Chuck-

Are you aware of this? A gentleman stopped my house at lunch time today and was vividly upset. He is going door to door in my neighborhood. I have had text from my neighbors asking me what I know. Any information you can provide would be helpful.

Kindly,

Kim

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Sent from my iPhone

Robins

Community Family Friends

December 1, 2016

To whom it may concern:

We are writing this letter in support of Miene Septic Service, Inc. Rick Miene is applying to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agency to approve permits for a pilot project for dewatering, subsurface absorption, and composting.

Miene Septic Service would be a strong candidate to operate this project. They have been in business since 1973 and care deeply about the environment and renewable resources. They recognize the need to protect our water aquifers and also the need for amended top soil. The City of Robins would utilize Miene Septic's project in several ways: First, to dispose of leaves twice a year from residents' trees; and second, to obtain compost which is a by-product of dewatering. Not only would the citizens of Robins benefit from this, but also those in the surrounding rural community. Currently the proposed location for this project is located in the future land use map for the city of Robins.

We fully support Miene Septic's endeavor to move forward with this project in order to protect and improve our water ways and land and create viable options for waste; we would welcome this addition to our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF ROBINS

Chuck Hinz

Chuck Hinz
Mayor

*not necessary supported by council

Mayor
Cheryl O. Miller
requested a copy of
this letter for your
We appreciate your help
in opposing the Sewage
treatment proposal for Midway.
Greg Johnston
3266 Midway Rd

265 S. Second Street • Robins, Iowa 5

CASE # JC18-0006
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – SEPTIC WASTE RECYCLING & COMPOSTING FACILITY
STAFF CONTACT: STEPHANIE LIENTZ

OWNER/APPLICANT INFORMATION

OWNER/APPLICANT:	Timed Enterprises, LLC	Rick Miene
MAILING ADDRESS:	3450 Clear Water Ln. Robins, IA 52328	3450 Clear Water Ln. Robins, IA 52328
PROPERTY ADDRESS:	3400 Block of Midway Rd. Toddville, IA 52341	

REQUEST

The applicant proposes that waste collected by his septic pumping service will be hauled to the site, where it will be dewatered, and an on-site absorption field will receive and filter the effluent. After dewatering, solids will be incorporated into windrows to produce compost. A 15,000 square foot building is proposed to be constructed for use in the septic waste repurposing operation.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL

The proposed uses of recycling facility and sewage treatment plant are allowed with a Conditional Use Permit in the AG (Agricultural) zoning district. The proposal must meet all of the standards for approval for Conditional Use Permits in Article IV, Section 107-73, § (4) of the Linn County Unified Development Code. Other development standards include those requirements for a major site plan, and a requirement that the site shall have access to a hard surfaced road of sufficient capacity to accommodate the traffic that will be generated by the use. The applicant must obtain all applicable state and federal permits prior to operation, and must maintain these permits during operation. Additional details about the proposed operation are needed from the applicant.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommendation is pending, additional information is needed.

NOTES:
- meeting w/ property owner on Friday; not going to June's mtg.
- This would be a conditional use activity; No hearing dates set
- most of the over site would be thru DNR permitting: NPDF, wastewater, storm water, air quality

Current Case Reviews

Technical Review, Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment, and Board of Supervisors cases to revi

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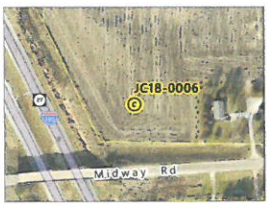
Technical Review Cases **Planning and Zoning Commission Cases**



1 **JC18-0006: Miene**

2 **JPS18-0007: Silver Estate Addition**

5 **JPS18-0006: Hoke Farms Inc Third Addition**

6 **JF18-0007: Hardeman First Addition**

NOTES: still in being stages; no real discussion w/ DNR
1 building
1 observation feild

Concerns:
- trabbic
- smell
- city of Hiawatha no legal authority
- Expanison of current facility proposed in future

*citizen's group formed; Boddville, Robins, Hiawatha + county resident signitures over 400. against such a facility.

*only 1 similar facility in Des Moines
* 2 in California w/ indoor composting. County trying to steer that direction; bio-filter
* Robins Mayor supports; city council not aware

JC18-0006

LINN COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

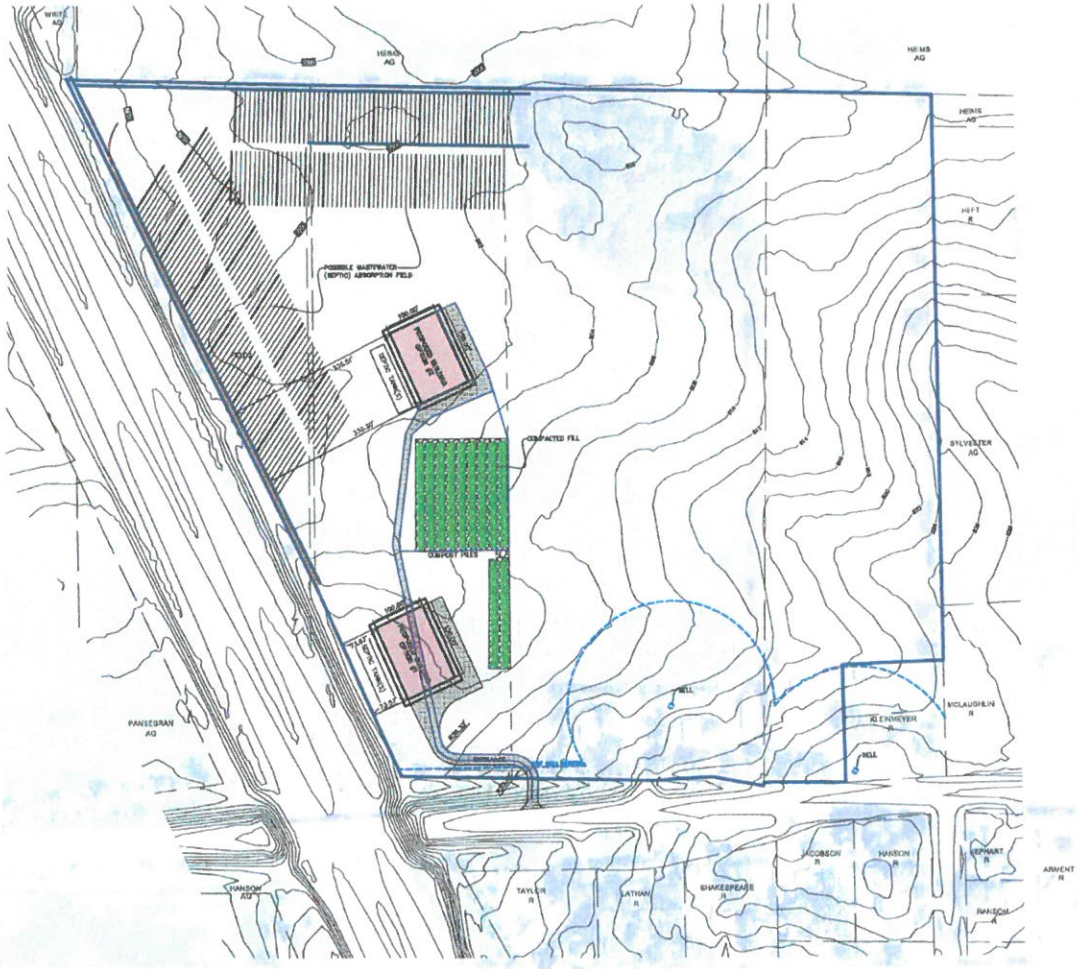
MAY 16 2018

RECEIVED

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN
CLEAR WATER, LLC
TODDVILLE, LINN COUNTY, IOWA

PLAT PREPARED BY:
MMS CONSULTANTS INC.
1917 S. GILBERT STREET
IOWA CITY, IA 52240

OWNER/SUBDIVIDER:
TIMED ENTERPRISES LLC
3450 CLEAR WATERLANE
ROBINS, IA 52341
(319)393-4142



LEGEND AND NOTES

- CONCRETE/BRASS CORNER FOUND
- CONCRETE/BRASS CORNER RESTORED
- CONCRETE/BRASS CORNER, REQUIRED LOCATION
- PROPERTY CORNER, FOUND (as noted)
- PROPERTY CORNER SET
  5/8" Iron Pin w/ yellow plastic LS Cap stamped with "MMS"
- CUT '+'
- PROPERTY B/W BOUNDARY LINES
- CONFIDENTIAL SECTION LINES
- RIGHT-OF-WAY LINES
- CENTER LINE
- ROAD CENTER LINE
- LOT LINES, PLATTED OR BY DEED
- SUBJECT LINES, NOTE & PURPOSE NOTED
- EXISTING EASEMENT LINES, PURPOSE NOTED
- RECORDED DIMENSIONS
- MEASURED DIMENSIONS
- CURVE SEGMENT MARKER

UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE, ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN FEET AND DECIMALS

GRAPHIC SCALE 1" = 100'

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 7-84-1, LINN COUNTY, IOWA EXCEPT WHICH PART ADJOINS TO LINN COUNTY, IOWA AND FURTHER EXCEPT ALL PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AND ALL THAT PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 NE 1/4 SECTION 7-84-1, LINN COUNTY, IOWA EXCEPT ALL PUBLIC HIGHWAY AND ALL THAT PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 NE 1/4 AND ALL THAT PART OF THE NE 1/4 NE 1/4 LYING NE-LY OF THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY ALL IN SECTION 7-84-1, LINN COUNTY, IOWA, EXCEPT ALL PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

NOTES:

1. NO PERMANENT EMPLOYEES ON SITE, NO PARKING
2. NO SIGNS ON SITE.
3. NO UTILITY EASEMENT.
4. NO BRIDGES OR CULVERT CROSS.
5. CIRCULATION PATTERNS OF VEHICLE W/A TO SITE.
6. ALL LIGHTING LOCATED ON BUILDING AND DOWNWARD SHIELDED.
7. EASEMENT LIGHTS TO REMAIN THE SAME AGRICULTURAL USE. THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THE EASEMENT IS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY 100-400 FEET FROM WASTEWATER, ALSO KNOWN AS DOWNTOWN.
8. THERE ARE NO WATERCOURSE, FLOODWAY, FLOODPLAIN OR WETLANDS ON THIS SITE.
9. PROPERTY LINES SHOWN ARE PROVIDED BY LINN COUNTY GIS PARCEL DATA.

I hereby certify that this engineering document was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Iowa.

SCOTT E. POTTHOFF
P.E. Iowa Lic. No. 19936
My license renewal date is December 31, 20__

Pages or sheets covered by this seal:

SCOTT E. POTTHOFF 19936 IOWA

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CLEAR WATER LLC
LINN COUNTY, IOWA

LOCATION MAP
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ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALISTS

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Date	Revision

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN

CLEAR WATER LLC

TODDVILLE
LINN COUNTY
IOWA

MMS CONSULTANTS, INC.

Date	05/10/2018
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