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RESOLUTION NO. 12,171

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR RISE PROJECT FUNDING WITH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, Ag Processing, Inc., desires to expand it existing operations in Woodbury County, State of Iowa, at 2753 Port Neal Circle, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa. Ag Processing, Inc. (also known as AGP, Inc.) will make a capital investment of \$90 million for this expansion, and will directly hire 19 highly paid skilled employees to perform specialized work associated with its vegetable oil refinery;

WHEREAS, Woodbury County has determined it necessary to improve its current highway system serving the area to the property owned by AGP, Inc. at which the new refinery will be constructed; and

WHEREAS, the planned refinery and permanent job creation commitments are contingent upon transportation improvements being made to support the plant expansion and the new traffic generated by the business expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation administers the RISE program, which is designed to fund transportation improvements related to job creation; and

WHEREAS, RISE funding is essential in order for the county to make necessary transportation improvements in the area; and

WHEREAS, without an immediate commitment of RISE funds, these necessary transportation improvements cannot be completed in a timely manner, thus jeopardizing the AGP, Inc. commitment to creating jobs and opportunities for future industrial growth in Port Neal Area of Woodbury County; and

WHEREAS, Woodbury County is a duly recognized political subdivision of the State of Iowa acting under the laws of the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is the duly elected governing body of Woodbury County, Iowa; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Woodbury County, Iowa as follows:

- 1. The Woodbury County Board of Supervisors is in full support of the opportunity to promote permanent job creation in Woodbury County and the related RISE program application.
- 2. The improved road serving the expanded plant site will continue to be dedicated to serve the public use.
- 3. Improvements to existing highways will serve not only the new plant, but assist in accommodating traffic to other area industries, present and future.

- 4. Woodbury County will assure that the RISE funded improvements will be adequately maintained according to the RISE program administrative rules.
- 5. Woodbury County will guarantee at least 20% of the funds for the Project from funds other than the RISE program.
- 6. County staff is authorized to prepare and file a RISE program application and any materials deemed necessary.

SO RESOLVED this 28th day of April 2015.

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

Patrick F. Gill, County Auditor

Mark Monson, Chairman

Larry Clausen, Member

Jaclyn Smith, Member

Geremy Taylor, Member

Matthew Ung, Member