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To whom it may concern:

I would love the opportunity to sit on the board of supervisors. I think that the board would benefit from having someone directly involved in agriculture like myself. After all the biggest industry in this county is agriculture. I have been a resident of district 3 for over 40 years and am the sixth generation of my family to live in district 3 dating back to 1888 on our family farm. My family and I have always been very interested in the development of Woodbury County. My family has seen the development of Banner Township from the days of no roads to horse drawn road graders, to the 772G motor grader that I operate for the county today. I feel that I can communicate to the board and the public a clearer picture of agriculture and the road department since I have worked there for almost 10 years.

I think I would make a good board member because I have already been helping residents achieve safety, comfort, and convenience through my work with the country road department. I realize that those attributes are very important to the quality of life here in Woodbury County. I continue to be interested in the growth and change in this county and would like to represent my neighbors and friends through the board of supervisors. Also, I have farmed in this county for 20+ years and realize the importance of the board's responsibility to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the people of Woodbury County.

I have an associate degree from WITCC in Ag Business and worked at Tyson for 2 years before coming home to farm. As an employee throughout my life, I have worked at all management levels, bottom to top, so I have learned a lot about communication. As the head union steward for our road department crew, I have been working to listen to the concerns of the group and communicate those with management. I have been a Mason for 15+ years and each year I work with our group on multiple community service projects; you will often find me flipping pancakes or sorting pop cans.

My wife and kids also help to make me a good choice. My wife teaches at North Middle School and keeps me grounded to the fact that not all people of Woodbury County are sixth generation farmers. We have a lot of diversity in our county, and it's a good thing to be able to understand and listen to where others are coming from. My two sons also keep me in tune to the fact that what I do today will be what I leave to them in the future, and I can't think of a better way to do that than being involved in our local government.

I do currently work for Woodbury County Secondary Roads Department and realize that this is a conflict of interest. I am not sure of all my options on this topic, but the one I am thinking at the present time would be to resign. I would be open to discuss this, realizing the difficulty in finding someone to take over my position in the winter, with training them to operate a motor grader.

Thank you for considering me for the board. Please contact me at 712-870-1007 if you would like more information.

Sincerely,

Charles Clark

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Objective

To serve and represent the citizens of Woodbury County
To protect and preserve their rights, privileges, and property
To listen to concerns and details, and make decisions based on the welfare of our citizens

Strengths

Hardworking, dependable, responsible, good problem solver, willing to ask for help, flexible

Education

Western Iowa Tech Community College, Sioux City, IA
Associates of Applied Science Degree in Agribusiness Tech, May 2001
3.800 GPA with Honors

Woodbury Central High School, Merville, IA, Diploma, May 1999
National Honor Society, Honor Roll

Work Experience

Farmer and Farm Manager, for myself and my family, rural Lawton, IA (spring 2003 – present)

- Plan, prepare, and execute each year's farming cycle, spring to fall, for grain crops
- Manage expenses, accounts, and marketing
- Operate and mechanically maintain all kinds of farm equipment
- Be environmentally aware and make choices to benefit all

Equipment Operator, Woodbury County Roads Dept, mostly based in Merville, IA (Jan 2013 – present)

- Rural road grader operator; maintain gravel roads in District 2 (2013 – present)
- Maintain a snow route in District 5 (Jan 2013 – May 2013)
- Operates all types of equipment for projects needing completion for the road department
- Maintain equipment, other roads, ditches, buildings, etc.

Truck Driver, Horizon Distribution, Pella, IA (June 2012 – Jan 2013)

- Load and deliver feed for animals using a semi truck.
- Follow all OSHA guidelines for safe working environments.
- Courteously work with managers for smooth transitions.

Equipment Operator/Truck Driver, J&S Barto Trucking, Merville, IA (April 2006 – May 2012)

- Hauled grain in semi trucks to and from local elevators in various road conditions.
- Operated all types of farm equipment including tractors, loaders, snow blowers, self-propelled sprayers, combines, mowers, etc.
- Maintained and repaired equipment for smooth operation during planting and harvest.

Granite Installer, Harberl Tile and Stone, Merville, IA (August 2005 – April 2006)

- Drove delivery truck for installation jobs. Used various hand tools and power tools.
- Fabricated and installed granite countertops in kitchens, baths, bars, etc.
- Communicated with team members and customers to ensure customer satisfaction.

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLIC

Information for appointment interview to Woodbury County Board of Supervisors

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name Charles Harrison Clark

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Street City/State Zip

Email Address farmerchuck50@yahoo.com

Employer Woodbury County secondary Roads

Phone Business 712 873-3215

Business Address 759 E Frontage Rd, Mowille Ia 51039
Street City/State Zip

PLEASE ANSWER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Are you a resident of District 3, Woodbury County? Yes No

How many years have you been a resident? 39

Are you a registered voter? Yes No

Have you reviewed Iowa Code §331 to have a general understanding of the office, its powers, and its duties as a member of the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors? Yes No

SERVING ON A BOARD – Are you currently serving on any other appointed Board, Commission, or Committee?

Yes No

If yes, list here:

Mowille Area Masonic Center - Treasurer

Have you previously served on any other appointed Board, Commission or Committee? Yes No

If yes, list here:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – Please describe your past and present community involvement including voluntary, social, city, church, school, business, and/or professional associations you have been involved in and are applicable to this application. (Include dates of involvement and any offices or leadership positions held.)

Swine Superintendant, Woodbury County Fair, 2010-2011; help with swine show.
Trial Lodge 532, 2007-Present: Pancake breakfast fundraisers.

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT – The position of Woodbury County Board of Supervisors is elected every 4 years, except of cases of vacancy. There are slightly less than two years remaining on the vacant position for which you are applying. At this time, are you interested in running for the position after you fulfill the balance of the term?

Yes No

If yes, please list any campaign experience or involvement that you have had, including dates.

None.

REPRESENTATION – The position of Woodbury County Board of Supervisors is elected to serve all of Woodbury County, not just those in the district in which you live. Are you able to serve all of the constituents of Woodbury County – those who live the rural areas, the small communities, in addition to those living in Sioux City? Explain how any applicable experience and qualifications would facilitate your ability to represent and serve all of Woodbury County?

I am very able to help and serve all of woodbury county. My nine years in the Secondary roads department has showed me the struggles of anyone who has used a road or lived close to a road. Also, my farming background would help give a clearer picture to the biggest industry in the county, Agriculture.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS – Please list any special qualifications for serving as a Woodbury County Board of Supervisor including skills, training, licenses, and certificates that you feel are applicable:

Skills - Knowing how to maintain a townships roads.
Class A CDL, Private Pesticide Applicator, Managing a business

INTEREST – State why you would like to serve as a Woodbury County Board of Supervisor and what contributions you believe you can make:

I would like to serve on the board to help the residents of woodbury county achieve safety, health, comfort, convenience, peace, and welfare. Working in the road department gives me some good ideas for most all of these topics.

WORKING RELATIONSHIP – Please state your basic understanding of the working relationship between the Board of Supervisors and other elected officials in Woodbury County, i.e., Attorney, Auditor, Sheriff and Treasurer.

To act as the general Manager of the group and use their expertise in their fields to protect and preserve the rights, privileges and property of the citizens of woodbury county.

NEPOTISM DISCLOSURE – Please list any County employees and their department that you are related to.
(Nepotism will not disqualify an applicant)

Pam Clark - Board of Adjustments

PERSONAL REFERENCES – Please list 2 references. The Committee may contact your references:

Name: Dave Healy
Address: 2648 150th St Moulton, Ia 51039
Phone: 712 870-3050
Email: Dhealy@wiatel.net

Name: Joelle Pease
Address: 1815 Berry St, Sioux City, Ia 51103
Phone: 712-259-0211
Email: Joellerpe54@gmail.com

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES – Please list 2 references. The Committee may contact your references:

Name: Tony Ruhland
Address: 30585 300th St Hinton, Ia 51024
Phone: 712-203-6979
Email: tony.ruhland@plantpioneer.com

Name: Corey Davis
Address: 202 6th St Sgt Bluff, Ia 51054
Phone: 712-574-0044
Email: CWA7103@MSN.COM

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REFERENCE – Have you met or communicated with any of the current or past members of the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors to understand the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Supervisors? Yes No

CRIMINAL HISTORY – Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a simple traffic misdemeanor in the last 10 years? (A conviction will not necessarily disqualify an applicant from appointment.) Yes No

If yes, please explain and include the type of offense, jurisdiction in which it occurred, and date of conviction.

Is there any other relevant information that you believe is important for this committee to know about you in considering your application for the vacant seat on the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors?

If appointed to the board I would like to resign from the road department which would give me ample time to devote to the position.

I understand the role and responsibilities of the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors, and I am willing to serve?

Yes No

Signature Charles Clark

Date 1-17-2023