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Adam Wedmore, Auditor
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awedmore@cerrogordo.gov

Date: October 22, 2025

To: Drainage District Trustees

Re: Request for ROW Easement in Drainage District 89

Our office has received a request from Bob Nuehring for right-of-way access within Drainage District 89. The request is associated with the proposed construction of a pig nursery located within the district.

The applicant has been informed that their application and supporting documents may be referred to a drainage engineer for review, and that any expenses related to that review will be the responsibility of the applicant. This review would focus specifically on evaluating the project's potential impact on the drainage district.

Given the scope of the project and its location within an established drainage district, I recommend that an engineer with expertise in drainage district matters be appointed to review the plans and provide a professional recommendation. Tyler Conley with Bolton & Menk has expressed interest in serving as the drainage engineer for this review, should the trustees choose to appoint him.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Wedmore".

Adam Wedmore
Cerro Gordo County Auditor

Cerro Gordo County,
Iowa

Application for Easement Through Drainage District Right-of-Way

Pursuant to Iowa Code §468.186, the following "Applicant" hereby submits this Application to the Cerro Gordo County, Iowa Board of Supervisors (as drainage district Trustees) for permission and easement rights to construct, improve or maintain a Project (as described below) on, over, across, or beneath the right-of-way of certain drainage districts in Cerro Gordo County.

I. Applicant Information

Full Legal Name:

Bob Nuehring

State of Incorporation:

Federal I.D. No. /SSN:

484-84-6483

Address:

815 Elm

Contact Person:

Title:

owner

Address:

815 Elm

Phone:

641-430-4939

Email:

rmnuehri@netius.net

II. Project Information

Check one: ☐ pipeline ☐ electric transmission line ☐ underground utility ☐ other

Describe the proposed "Project" (Applicant is to submit detailed maps):

Drainage District Facilities to be crossed:

89

Proposed Commencement Date:

Fall 2025

Estimated Construction Period:

89

Affected Drainage District (s):

In submitting this Application, Applicant acknowledges its receipt of the attached Procedures and Conditions for Construction in Cerro Gordo County Drainage Districts Right-of-Way (the "Procedures"), which Procedures shall be incorporated into any Easement granted to Applicant.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2025.

Applicant

By 
(Print Name and Title)

For County Use Only

<u>Action</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>
☐ Application reviewed by Drainage Engineer	_____
☐ Confirmation of affected Drainage Districts	_____
☐ Drainage District Maps provided to Applicant	_____
☐ Final project plans submitted	_____
☐ Drainage Engineer approval	_____
☐ Board of Supervisors approval	_____
☐ Easement through Drainage District Issued	_____

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Board of Supervisors Cerro Gordo County Courthouse

220 North Washington Avenue
Mason City, IA 50401-3254
<https://cerrogordo.gov/supervisors/>

Chris Watts
Casey M. Callanan
Carl M. Ginapp

October 27, 2025

LeAnn Moskowitz
Iowa Department of Health and Human Services
Iowa Medicaid Enterprise
Bureau of Long-Term Care
199 Army Post Road
Des Moines, IA 50315

Dear Ms. Moskowitz:

This letter is to support One Vision's request to open a 5-person HCBS home in Cerro Gordo County located at 900 1st Avenue North in Clear Lake, Iowa.

We would like to commend One Vision for their efforts to provide services to individuals in homes in the community of their choice. This is an accessible home located in a residential neighborhood and will be a very nice single-family home for five individuals.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request and your acknowledgement of our support.

Sincerely,

Chris Watts, Chairman
Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors



2025 WEED COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

For the County of: Cerro Gordo

Submit to County Board of Supervisors by: November 1, 2025
Return copy to the IDALS office by: December 1, 2025

Weed Commissioner's Contact Information:

Name Ryan Wilcke	Year Appointed 2021
Address 3501 Lime Creek Road	Telephone 641-423-5309
City, Zip Code Mason City, 50401	Alternate Telephone 641-430-6961
Email Address rwilcke@cerrogordo.gov	Pesticide Certificate # 45243

Which of the noxious weeds have you found in your county?

- 1 – Found, a problem in my county
2 – Found, but not a problem

- 3 – Not known in my county
? – If you cannot identify this plant

<i>Primary Noxious Weeds</i>	<i>Answer</i>	<i>Secondary Noxious Weeds</i>	<i>Answer</i>
Buckthorn	1	Buckhorn Plantain	2
Bull Thistle	2	Cocklebur	2
Canada Thistle	1	Curly Dock (Sour Dock)	2
Field Bindweed	2	Multiflora Rose	2
Hoary Cress (Perennial Pepper-grass)	3	Poison Hemlock	1
Horse Nettle	2	Puncturevine	3
Leafy Spurge	1	Red Sorrel (Sheep sorrel)	3
Musk Thistle	2	Shattercane	3
Palmer Amaranth	3	Smooth Dock	3
Perennial Sow Thistle	2	Teasel	2
Quackgrass	2	Velvetleaf (Butterprint)	2
Russian Knapweed	2	Wild Carrot	2
		Wild Mustard	2
		Wild Sunflower	2

<i>Invasive Prohibited Plants</i>	Answer		
Garlic Mustard	2		
Japanese Hop	3		
Japanese Knotweed	2		
Oriental Bittersweet	3		
Purple Loosestrife	1		

Please list any other plants which are a problem or a concern in your county:
Wild Parsnip, Crown Vetch, and Giant Ragweed

As County Weed Commissioner, do your duties include roadside spraying?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Did your county publish a Notice of Program for weed control pursuant to the provisions of Title VIII Chapter 317 Section 317.14?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Did your county employ contract spraying during 2025?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what percentage of your total spray program is contracted? _____%

If possible, please list the contract rates. \$/mile _____

Total contract cost \$ _____

In the past year how much did your county spend on purchasing herbicides?

\$ 20,336.79

How many times during 2025 was it necessary to serve a noxious weed notice?

Private (written) 2 Public (written) (DOT, DNR, CCB) _____

How many times did you contact individuals personally, rather than sending them a weed control notice?

Private (verbal) 2 Public (verbal) (DOT, DNR, CCB) 1

How many times did you actually enter private or public land, control weeds, and assess the cost to the owner?

0

How many months were you employed as weed commissioner in 2025?

12 months

Are your duties as weed commissioner incorporated into another county job?

Yes ☒ No ☐ If Yes, what? Roadside Vegetation Manager

Weed Comm. Duties 10 % IRVM Duties 80 %

Other County Duties 10 %

How does the overall county weed situation compare with last year?

Improved ☒ Unchanged ☐ Worse ☐

Comments? _____

Is brush control included in your weed commissioner duties?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, what method(s) do you use? *(Circle all that apply):*

Spraying ☒ Cutting ☒ Stump treatment ☒ Basal bark ☒

Other, explain Mowing

What are your suggestions and/or recommendations which may improve your county weed and brush infestations?

Maintenance mowing could be used as a management tool

What herbicides did your county use in your weed control program? Be specific, please list brand name and quantity of each. Please do not list surfactants or adjuvants. If the spray program is contracted in your county, ask your contractor for this information. Add another page if necessary.

Herbicide usage table:

CHEMICAL/BRAND	RATE USED	QUANTITY USED	TO CONTROL?
<i>(Example)</i> Milestone	4 fluid ounces per acre	3.32 gallons	Thistle and teasel on roadside
Roundup	1.5gal/100gal H2O	9.30 Gallons	Bare Ground
Plainview	32oz/100gal H2O	128 Ounces	Bare Ground
Method 240 SL	7oz/100gal H2O 4oz/100gal H2O	44.70 Ounces	Leafy Spurge and Brush
TerraVue	2.5oz/100gal H2O 1.5oz/100gal H2O	52 Pounds	Canada Thistle and Brush
Escort XP	1oz/100gal H2O 2oz/100gal H2O	41.40 Pounds	Canada Thistle and Brush
Vastlan	64oz/100gal H2O	95.20 Gallons	Brush and Purple Loosetrife

The above report is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____
County Weed Commissioner

Date

Signature _____
Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

Date

Please return a copy to:

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Attn: State Weed Commissioner
2230 S Ankeny Blvd
Ankeny, IA 50023-9093



2026 COUNTY WEED COMMISSIONER CERTIFICATION FORM

For the County of: Cerro Gordo

Weed Commissioner's Contact Information:

Name	Year Appointed
Ryan Wilcke	2021
Mailing Address	Telephone
3501 Lime Creek Road	641-423-5309
City, Zip Code	Alternate Telephone
Mason City, 50401	641-430-6961
Email Address	Pesticide Certificate #
rwilcke@cerrogordo.gov	45243

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chair/President, County Board of Supervisors

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP
State Weed Commissioner
2230 South Ankeny Boulevard
Ankeny, IA 50023-9093

317.3 Weed commissioner -- standards for noxious weed control.

The board of supervisors of each county may annually appoint a county weed commissioner who may be a person otherwise employed by the county and who passes minimum standards established by the department of agriculture and land stewardship for noxious weed identification and the recognized methods for noxious weed control and elimination. The county weed commissioner's appointment shall be effective as of March 1 and shall continue for a term at the discretion of the board of supervisors unless the commissioner is removed from office as provided for by law. The county weed commissioner may, with the approval of the board of supervisors, require that commercial applicators and their appropriate employees pass the same standards for noxious weed identification as established by the department of agriculture and land stewardship. The name and address of the person appointed as county weed commissioner shall be certified to the county auditor and to the secretary of agriculture within ten days of the appointment. The board of supervisors shall fix the compensation of the county weed commissioner and deputies. In addition to compensation, the commissioner and deputies shall be paid their necessary travel expenses. At the discretion of the board of supervisors, the weed commissioner shall attend a seminar or school conducted or approved by the department of agriculture and land stewardship relating to the identification, control, and elimination of noxious weeds.

The board of supervisors shall prescribe the time of year the weed commissioner shall perform the powers and duties of county weed commissioner under this chapter which may be during that time of year when noxious weeds can effectively be killed. Compensation shall be for the period of actual work only although a weed commissioner assigned other duties not related to weed eradication may receive an annual salary. The board of supervisors shall likewise determine whether employment shall be by hour, day or month and the rate of pay for the employment time.



DATE: October 20, 2025
TO: Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors
CC: Michelle Rush, Assistant Zoning Administrator
FROM: Daniel Ries, Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health
SUBJECT: Manure Management Plan Bottlebrush Swine (Roger 1)

This report is to make you aware of concerns regarding a Manure Management Plan Annual Update received by this office from **Bottlebrush Swine (Roger 1)**. This report is being submitted according to Resolution 2003-123 **A Resolution Adopting Policy for the Receipt, Review and Comment on Manure Management Plans Received by the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors**. Within seven (7) days of receipt of the manure management plan the Environmental Service Manager shall review the Manure Management Plan and prepare a report to the Board of Supervisors detailing concerns to forward to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The confinement unit is located at **1649 Vail Avenue, Klemme, Ell Township in Hancock County**. The swine operation is an existing operation that is not expanding. The operation has 2,400 hogs or 960 AU (animal units). The facility will produce 788,400 gallons of manure annually which will be stored in below-building pits.

The last review for this operation was conducted in 2021. Manure will be applied on seventeen fields totaling 2,279.52 acres. Seven fields are located in Cerro Gordo County in Sections 30 and 31 of Clear Lake Township and Sections 6, 18, 19, and 30 of Union Township. All the other fields/acres are in Hancock County. **There is about a 2,000-acre reduction in the fields on which manure will be applied compared to the 2021 plan, however the Cerro Gordo fields are essentially the same.** The concerns with the plan for Cerro Gordo County are listed below:

- Unincorporated Ventura Heights is about one mile the manure application area.
- The city of Ventura is about 1¼ miles from the manure application area.
- The heavily populated unincorporated areas of the south shore of Clear Lake are about 2¼ miles from the manure application area.
- Clear Lake (lake) is about 1¼ miles from the manure application area.
- Ventura Marsh Wildlife Management Area is about ½ mile from the manure application area.
- The Ventura Marsh Wildlife Management Area dredge ponds south of Ventura are adjacent to the manure application area.
- Blue Wing Marsh is about 1½ miles from the manure application area.
- Union Hills Wildlife Management Area is about 1¾ miles from the manure application area.
- Galls Creek dissects and runs adjacent to the fields in Section 18 of Union Township.
- A waterway cuts through the field in Section 19 of Union Township.
- Additionally, several of the Hancock County fields near the county line are in close proximity to Ventura Marsh Wildlife Management Area and the city of Ventura.

If you have any questions regarding this information, feel free to contact this office at (641) 421-9338 or dries@cghealth.com.



DATE: October 21, 2025

TO: Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors

CC: Michelle Rush, Assistant Zoning Administrator

FROM: Daniel Ries, Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: Manure Management Plan Bottlebrush Swine (Roger 2)

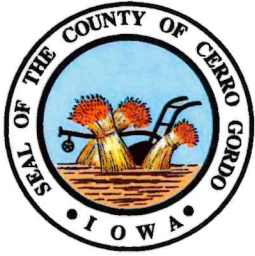
This report is to make you aware of concerns regarding a Manure Management Plan Annual Update received by this office from **Bottlebrush Swine (Roger 2)**. This report is being submitted according to Resolution 2003-123 **A Resolution Adopting Policy for the Receipt, Review and Comment on Manure Management Plans Received by the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors**. Within seven (7) days of receipt of the manure management plan the Environmental Service Manager shall review the Manure Management Plan and prepare a report to the Board of Supervisors detailing concerns to forward to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The confinement unit is located at **2498 180th Street, Klemme in Section 25 of Ell Township in Hancock County** on the Cerro Gordo-Hancock county-line. Roger 2 hog site is an existing operation that is not expanding. The operation has 2,400 hogs or 960 AU (animal units). The facility will produce 788,400 gallons of manure annually which will be stored in below-building pits.

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Cerro Gordo County Engineer

Phone: (641) 424-9037
Fax: (641) 424-9058

17274 Lark Ave.
Mason City, Iowa 50401

Brandon Billings, P.E.
Assistants: Andy Swinton, and Spencer Nielsen
Administrative Assistant: Michele Eiklenborg

Agenda Item

I received a request from the Lark Ave. Apartments and Townhomes association to pave approximately 600ft of Lark Ave north of Highway 122 next to their development. It will be at their cost for the improvement.

I would like to be on the agenda to consider allowing the improvement and to close the road during the construction of the road (estimated 1 week).



**LARK
APARTMENTS**
MASON CITY, CERRO GORDO
COUNTY COUNTY, IOWA