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18	Certified Shorthand Reporter, and a Notary Public within	
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Page 5 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between 1 Parties that this hearing may be taken in shorthand by 3 Kelley J. Olroyd, CSR and Notary Public, and thereafter transcribed into typewriting. 5 (Hearing began at 6:01 P.M.) 10 HEARING OFFICER: Seeing the time is six o'clock we'll get started. Good evening. On behalf of 11 12 Bob Flider, the Director of Illinois Department Agriculture, we thank you very much for the invitation 13 14 to come to Menard County tonight. My name is Scott Frank. I'm with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, 15 and I'll be serving as the hearing officer for tonight's 16 public informational meeting. Also with me on behalf of 17 18 the Department are Warren Goetsch, Chief of the Bureau of Environmental Programs, and Brad Beaver, Manager of 19 20 the Department's Livestock Program. 21 This meeting is being conducted pursuant to 2.2 Section 12 of the Livestock Management Facilities Act. 23 The informational meeting is being held at the request 24 of the Menard County Commissioners and to afford members

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- 1 of the public an opportunity to ask questions and
- 2 present oral and written testimony regarding the
- 3 proposed construction of a 3,722 animal unit swine
- 4 facility owned by Grigsby Protein.
- 5 My task this evening is to ensure that this
- 6 meeting is conducted in an orderly fashion and to ensure
- 7 that all comments and testimony received are entered
- 8 into the record. Tonight's meeting is being
- 9 transcribed. The transcript of the meeting will be sent
- 10 to the Menard County Commissioners, as well as used by
- 11 the Department of Agriculture in making its
- 12 determination regarding the proposed construction of
- 13 this facility.
- 14 In order to ensure that we have an orderly
- 15 process I will quickly explain how the meeting will
- 16 proceed this evening. First, following my comments
- 17 Warren Goetsch will provide an overview of the
- 18 provisions of the Livestock Management Facilities Act as
- 19 it relates to this particular project specifically
- 20 outlining the current status of the project and how the
- 21 process will proceed following this meeting. Following
- 22 Mr. Goetsch, representatives for the proposed
- 23 construction project will be given an opportunity to
- 24 describe the project and demonstrate how they believe it

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- 1 meets the siting criteria of the Livestock Facilities
- 2 Management Facilities Act.
- 3 After the presentation I will open the
- 4 meeting to questions. Anyone wishing to ask questions
- 5 of the facility representatives or the Department of
- 6 Agriculture will be given an opportunity to do so.
- 7 During the question and answer session I will ask that
- 8 you state your name and spell your last name for the
- 9 court reporter. You may then ask your question.
- 10 Depending upon the number of people who wish to testify
- in the oral testimony phase of the meeting, which
- 12 follows the question phase, there may be a time limit
- 13 placed on this questioning phase.
- 14 Please keep in mind that we are not here
- 15 this evening to discuss or debate the perceived
- 16 inadequacies or merits of the existing regulation. We
- 17 are here tonight to receive information on this
- 18 particular proposed livestock facility to assist with
- 19 determining compliance with the existing regulations.
- 20 Following the question and answer session I
- 21 will ask for oral testimony from the public. Sign-in
- 22 sheets were placed in the back of the room as you came
- 23 in, actually out in the hall, one sheet for attendance
- 24 and the second sheet for testimony. People who wish to

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- 1 provide comments during this oral testimony phase are
- 2 asked to sign the oral testimony sheet. People
- 3 providing oral comments will be sworn in and will be
- 4 subject to questioning from the public. Each person
- 5 will be given three minutes to provide his or her oral
- 6 comments. Legal counsel speaking on behalf of multiple
- 7 clients will be given a total of 15 minutes for all
- 8 clients and will be asked to state the names of all of
- 9 the persons on whose behalf he or she is speaking.
- 10 Deferring time to other speakers will not be allowed.
- 11 If you signed the oral testimony sheet you may either
- 12 speak or if you have changed your mind you may pass.
- 13 You may not give your time to someone else. Also please
- 14 keep in mind that if you do not wish to be asked
- 15 questions regarding your oral testimony do not sign the
- 16 sheet, or if you have already signed it indicate that
- 17 you would like to pass when I call your name.
- 18 Following the oral testimony I will ask for
- 19 written testimony. Written testimony will be accepted
- 20 in paper form and will be entered into the record for
- 21 this proceeding. The meeting will then conclude with
- 22 the closing comments from the facility and from the
- 23 Department of Agriculture.
- 24 So to summarize the procedure tonight we

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- 1 will have comments from the Department, comments from
- 2 the facility, questions directed to the Department and
- 3 the facility, remember to state your name and spell your
- 4 last name, oral testimony from the public, people will
- 5 be sworn in and questions may be asked following the
- 6 testimony, written testimony accepted and then closing
- 7 comments.
- Again, we very much appreciate your
- 9 hospitality in inviting us here tonight to consider the
- 10 proposed construction of the Grigsby Protein I swine
- 11 facility. Please remember to confine your comments and
- 12 questions to that subject we continue.
- I will now turn the proceeding over to
- 14 Warren Goetsch for remarks from the Department of
- 15 Agriculture, Mr. Goetsch.
- 16 MR. GOETSCH: Good evening. My name is
- 17 Warren Goetsch. I currently serve as the Bureau Chief
- 18 of the Environmental Programs at the Illinois Department
- 19 of Agriculture. One of our responsibilities at the
- 20 Department is the administration of the various
- 21 provisions of the Livestock Management Facilities Act.
- 22 On behalf of the Department let me welcome you to this
- 23 public informational meeting.
- 24 Before we hear from the proposed facility's

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- 1 representatives I would like to say a few words
- 2 regarding the applicable provisions of the Livestock
- 3 Management Facilities Act and the current status of this
- 4 proposed project. The Livestock Management Facilities
- 5 Act was originally passed and became law on May 21,
- 6 1996. Since that time the Act has been amended four
- 7 times, first during the General Assembly's 1997 fall
- 8 session, second a major revision during the General
- 9 Assembly's 1999 spring session, and most recently two
- 10 minor amendments in 2007 and 2009. The current Act can
- 11 be generally described as covering five major areas.
- 12 Those areas include facility design standards, waste
- 13 management planning requirements, facility operator
- 14 training and testing, anaerobic lagoon financial
- 15 responsibility demonstration and facility setback
- 16 requirements.
- 17 Each of these provisions impacts various
- 18 types of facilities in different ways depending upon
- 19 their size, expressed in animal units, and whether the
- 20 proposed facility is considered as a new facility, a
- 21 moderate or a modified facility or the expansion of an
- 22 existing site.
- 23 The Livestock Management Facilities Act
- 24 provisions are quite complicated and specific facility

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- 1 designs and situations certainly can differ. It is,
- 2 however, the Department's intention to always fairly and
- 3 equitably apply these requirements to the livestock
- 4 industry in this state.
- 5 Now regarding the current status of this
- 6 project, the Department received a formal notice of
- 7 intent to construct application for the proposed
- 8 construction of a swine wean to finish facility on
- 9 September 24th of 2014. The proposed project consists
- 10 of the construction of two swine wean to finish
- 11 buildings each measuring 102 by 304 feet with a 10 foot
- 12 deep under-building livestock waste handling facility.
- 13 The project is proposed to be located approximately 3.6
- 14 miles northwest of Tallula, Illinois in southwestern
- 15 Menard County. The application was submitted by
- 16 Maschhoff Environmental, Incorporated, on behalf of
- 17 Grigsby Protein Realty I, LLC, of Tallula, Illinois.
- 18 The maximum design capacity of the proposed
- 19 facility is 3,722.4 animal units or 9,306 head greater
- 20 than 55 pounds. As I mentioned earlier, the Department
- 21 received a notice of intent to construct applications on
- 22 September 24th and reviewed it for compliance with the
- 23 applicable provisions of the Act. On November 14th the
- 24 Department determined that the notice was complete and

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- 1 forwarded a copy of the completed application to Menard
- 2 County Board of Commissioners. The design capacity of
- 3 the proposed facility requires compliance with a
- 4 residential setback distance of not less than 1,760 feet
- 5 and a populated area setback of not less than 3,520
- 6 feet.
- 7 On December 1st the Department received
- 8 notice from the Menard County Board of Commissioners
- 9 requesting the public informational meeting be scheduled
- 10 regarding the proposal. After further consideration and
- 11 consultation with the County the Department scheduled
- 12 this meeting and caused notice of the meeting to be
- 13 published in the appropriate newspapers.
- 14 An additional requirement of the Livestock
- 15 Management Facilities Act deals with the design and
- 16 construction plans of the livestock waste handling
- 17 facility. The Department has received a formal
- 18 submittal detailing design plans and specifications for
- 19 the proposed projects under-building livestock waste
- 20 handling facility. However, a detailed review of the
- 21 aforementioned plan has not been completed at this time,
- 22 as such the Department is currently unable to comment as
- 23 to their compliance with the statutory requirements of
- 24 the Act.

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1 We are here this evening to receive testimony regarding the proposed livestock management 3 facilities compliance with the cited criteria as defined in Section 12 of paragraph D of the Livestock Management 5 Facilities Act. In general information regarding the following would be appropriate for this evening's 6 meeting, manure management planning, potential impact on the proposed facility on the surrounding area's 9 character, whether the proposed facility is located 10 within any flood plains or other sensitive area, odor control plans, possible impact of the proposed facility 11 12 on the existing area traffic patterns and possible impact of the proposed facility on community growth, 13 tourism and recreation or economic development of the 14 15 area. 16 Copies of this specific criteria were available on the table with the sign-in sheets. 17 anyone would like to have a copy of the criteria and 18 19 failed to pick one up if you'd identify yourselves we 20 have got some copies and we can get them to you. 21 Okay. Finally, the process that will be 2.2 followed after this evening's meeting is as follows, the 23 County Board will have up to 30 -- excuse me, the County 24 Board of Commissioners will have up to 30 business days

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- 1 from tonight's meeting to the submit to the Department a
- 2 non-binding recommendation relative to the proposed
- 3 siting of this facility, thus a recommendation from the
- 4 Menard County Board of Commissioners is due at the
- 5 Department on or before January 29th of 2015. After the
- 6 close of the County's 30 business comment period the
- 7 Department will have 15 calendar days, or until February
- 8 13th of 2015, to review all of the information submitted
- 9 to date, including the notice to of intent to construct,
- 10 the construction plans and specifications, transcript of
- 11 this evening's meeting, the Board of Commissioners
- 12 recommendations and any other information submitted by
- 13 the owners at the request of the Department. Based on
- 14 that review the Department will determine whether the
- 15 eight siting criteria have been met. Once that
- 16 determination has been made the Department will notify
- 17 both the Board of Commissioners and the applicant of the
- 18 Department's decision.
- 19 Mr. Hearing Officer, at this time I would
- 20 like to submit copies of the completed notice of intent
- 21 to construct application and its associated
- 22 correspondence file for formal entry into the record as
- 23 an exhibit, and I would also like to offer a copy of our
- 24 power-point presentation for an exhibit as well. This

Page 15 concludes my formal remarks. Again, I would thank you for your attention and I look forward to hearing your 3 comments regarding the proposals and I'll give the meeting back to the Hearing Officer. 5 HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr. Goetsch. Entered into the record as Exhibit Number 1 is a copy of 6 the completed notice of intent to construct, including correspondence between the Department and applicant, 8 9 notice of the public informational meeting and 10 correspondence with the Menard County officials. Also entered into the record as Exhibit 11 12 Number 2 is a copy of the Department's power-point 13 presentation. 14 We will now hear comments from the facility. 15 Before we begin for those who will be presenting 16 information please state your name and spell your last name for the court reporter and then I will swear you 17 18 in. 19 MR. LEKA: Randy Leka, L-e-k-a. 20 MR. MASCHHOFF: Patrick Maschhoff, 21 M-a-s-c-h-h-o-f-f. 2.2 MR. HENRY: Matt Henry, H-e-n-r-y. 23 (Witnesses sworn.) 24 MR. LEKA: Good evening and welcome tonight.

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- 1 My name is Randy Leka. I'm here tonight representing
- 2 the Grigsby family as their farm manager, a position I
- 3 have held for the past 25 years. We have been asked
- 4 here tonight to tell you about the proposed expansion of
- 5 the Grigsby farm which will help us diversify our risks,
- 6 nourish our crops and provide economic development for
- 7 the county by adding to the tax base and creating
- 8 employment opportunities. The Grigsby family owned and
- 9 operated the family farms located in western Menard and
- 10 eastern Cass County. Our main enterprise is crop
- 11 production, including corn, soybeans and wheat. We are
- 12 proposing to add swine to the list of commodities
- 13 produced. The growth and diversification that this
- 14 expansion represents will help the Grigsby's meet their
- 15 goal of providing for a growing family while spreading
- 16 some of the risks that exist for us as an agricultural
- 17 producer between different spectrums of the agricultural
- 18 industry.
- 19 As spokesperson for the family it is our
- 20 hope that this hearing will allow us to demonstrate how
- 21 we will comply with all local, state and federal
- 22 regulations, speak to the sustainability of our
- 23 proposals and bring to light our track regard as a farm.
- Now I'd like to give you a brief overview of

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- 1 the proposed expansion. The farm will consist of two
- 2 wean to market barns with dimensions of 304 feet by 102
- 3 feet, and each barn will house 4,653 pigs. Manure will
- 4 be stored in a 10 foot by 3 feed pit underneath the
- 5 barns. The manure storage is designed to a capacity
- 6 that will allow us to apply manure through a direct
- 7 injection system once per year. Over the course of
- 8 three to four days, depending on field conditions, pigs
- 9 will come to the farm at 15 pounds and be raised to
- 10 market weight 280 pounds over a six month period. The
- 11 barns will be washed after each group of pigs. The
- 12 barns will utilize automated ventilation and feeding
- 13 systems.
- Our goal for this meeting, provide a general
- 15 overview of the proposed project and why we decided to
- 16 partner with the Maschhoff family, explain how our
- 17 proposed project specifically meets each of the eight
- 18 siting criteria under the Livestock Management
- 19 Facilities Act, which will include community
- 20 considerations that influenced site selection,
- 21 technology and management to protect the environment,
- 22 answer your questions and engage our neighbors and
- 23 community in open discussion.
- 24 At this time I'd like to introduce Patrick

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- 1 Maschhoff and Matt Henry with the Maschhoff's so they
- 2 will be explaining in depth how the farm has met and
- 3 exceeded the eight siting criteria under the LMFA.
- 4 MR. MASCHHOFF: Thanks, Randy. As Randy
- 5 indicated I'm Patrick Maschhoff. I'm an environmental
- 6 service manager with the Maschhoff's, as such we provide
- 7 a consulting services to Grigsby Protein to help with
- 8 the facility's application. Our primary responsibility
- 9 at this meeting is to provide evidence that Grigsby
- 10 Protein has met all eight siting criteria. We will
- 11 present the story on how this farm proposal was
- 12 developed and will address the eight siting criteria.
- 13 Thus, the eight criteria have been divided into four
- 14 project phases, including site selection, permit
- 15 application, design and construction and facility
- 16 management. During the site selection phase we will
- 17 discus the steps that were taken to evaluate the
- 18 suitability of the proposed location. In the permit
- 19 application phase we'll review the steps taken to submit
- 20 the necessary applications. Phase three includes the
- 21 facility design and construction. We will walk you
- 22 through how the facility is constructed from the ground
- 23 up to demonstrate the safety and construction standards
- 24 that are developed in the manure storage facilities.

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- 1 The last phase of the project includes the plans we have
- 2 for operation and management of the farm that will
- 3 ensure protection of the environment as well as
- 4 minimizing odors from the farm. With that we will
- 5 proceed to phase one. Phase one of the project will
- 6 address the selection of the proposed facility. Phase
- 7 one incorporates five of the eight siting criteria,
- 8 including design, location and management to protect the
- 9 environment, compliance with zoning setbacks,
- 10 environmentally sensitive areas and construction
- 11 standards, effects on local traffic and existing
- 12 economic development plans.
- This is an aerial photo. This illustrates
- 14 our compliance with the required setbacks as required
- 15 through the Livestock Management Facilities Act. The
- 16 proposed farm will house a maximum of 3,722 animal
- 17 units. An animal unit means a unit of measurement the
- 18 calculation divisible by multiplying the number of pigs
- 19 by the factor for pigs with an average weight greater
- 20 than 55. The required setback for a distance of
- 21 residence is 1,760 feet, as indicated by the orange
- 22 circle. The populated area setback is 3,520 feet, as
- 23 indicated by the blue circle. To meet the residential
- 24 setback requirement there can be no residence within the

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- 1 residential setback. To meet the populated area setback
- 2 there has to be fewer than 10 non-farm residences and
- 3 there cannot be a commonplace of assembly or a
- 4 non-farmable business that at least 50 different people
- 5 at least once per week within the populated setback. As
- 6 you can see on the map there are no residences within
- 7 the residential setback or the populated area, and there
- 8 is no common place of assembly located within the
- 9 populated area setback.
- 10 The second aspect of the compliance with the
- 11 setbacks is making sure that we are compliant with local
- 12 zoning which Menard County has adopted. The area in
- 13 which the farm will be located is zoned for agriculture.
- 14 The separation distance between the livestock farm and
- 15 the nearest property line is 4,200 feet, and the
- 16 separation distance from the proposed farm to the Rogge
- 17 Road is 1,950 feet. This distance complies with Menard
- 18 County zoning setbacks. The source of this map is from
- 19 the Illinois Association of County Zoning Officials
- 20 January 2009. This is a representation of the proposed
- 21 truck route into and out of farm. The yellow line
- 22 represents the route that will be used to deliver weaned
- 23 pigs and feed to the farm. The market hogs will leave
- 24 the farm following the same route they took into the

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- 1 farm. Trucks will travel north from State Route 125 on
- 2 Newmansville Road 11 miles to Rogge Road, and then will
- 3 travel south on Rogge Road a half a mile to the driveway
- 4 of the farm. This truck route has been discussed and
- 5 approved by the county highway superintendent and
- 6 Newmansville township road commissioner. The previous
- 7 slide was shown because one of the siting criteria
- 8 requires us to analyze the impact to local truck
- 9 patterns. The information presented here is from the
- 10 Illinois Department of Transportation. The Illinois
- 11 Department of Transportation trucking data is not kept
- 12 beyond State Route 125 but looking at the total traffic
- 13 volume according to IDOT, Newmansville Road sees an
- 14 average of 2,450 vehicles 2 per week. We estimate that
- there will be an average of 8.6 trucks per week
- 16 travelling to the Grigsby farm. Therefore, 8.6 trucks
- 17 per week increased on Newmansville Road equates to .35
- 18 percent increase in local traffic.
- 19 Another siting requirement requires us to
- 20 evaluate the proposed location of the facility with
- 21 respect to the sensitive environmental features on the
- 22 landscape. One of these investigations includes an
- 23 evaluation of the 100 year flood plain. This map is
- 24 based the 2009 FEMA National Flood Insurance Data, as

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- 1 the light blue dotted area represents the 100 year flood
- 2 plain. The map clearly illustrates this site is not
- 3 located within the 100 year flood plain.
- 4 Another sensitive environmental feature
- 5 deals with whether the farm is located within Karst
- 6 regions. Karst regions are most prone to sink holes.
- 7 This map shows the proposed location is located outside
- 8 a Karst region of Illinois. The source of this
- 9 information is Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
- 10 The Frank and West Environmental Engineers,
- 11 Incorporated, conducted a visual investigation, and that
- 12 investigation did not reveal a natural obstruction
- 13 within 400 feet of the planned livestock waste
- 14 containment facility and no voids were discovered within
- 15 the soil bores.
- 16 The third potential environmental feature
- 17 would be determining if aquifer material is present
- 18 within five feet of the bottom the facility. The chart
- 19 illustrates the silt profile described by on-site soil
- 20 boring conducted by Frank and West Environmental
- 21 Engineering. It was the conclusion of the professional
- 22 engineer who completed the soil borings that there is no
- 23 aquifer material found within five feet of the planned
- 24 bottom of the structures. The soil profile as

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- 1 prescribed as per the proposed barn location consists of
- 2 silt loam and silty clay loam.
- If you examine the County breakdown of 2011
- 4 with Goldsmith and Wang from the University of Illinois
- 5 they have studied the economic impact of livestock in
- 6 Menard County. You can see the pork production has an
- 7 economic impact of \$3.3 million to the County. The
- 8 estimated real estate taxes generated by this farm will
- 9 be roughly \$22,000. These taxes will go to help support
- 10 the local schools and roads within Menard County. This
- 11 along with the fact the project utilized agricultural
- 12 land would suggest to us that this project is consistent
- 13 with the existing economic development.
- 14 Phase two of the project would be permit
- 15 application phase. Once we have determined that the
- 16 site is suitable the next step is to prepare the permit
- 17 application. This process includes several of the eight
- 18 criteria requirements including registration, local
- 19 information, compliance with setbacks and facility
- 20 design plans. On September 24, 2014 the notice of
- 21 intent to construct was submitted to Department of Ag.
- 22 On October 24th we received IDOA approval of the notice
- 23 of intent to construct. On November 24, 2014 we
- 24 completed the landowner notifications. November 25,

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- 1 2015 certified mail receipts were submitted to IDOA that
- 2 landowner notifications were sent. December 8, 2014
- 3 site investigation reports were submitted by Frank and
- 4 West Environmental Engineers. On December 8, 2014
- 5 construction drawings were submitted by Frank and West
- 6 Environmental Engineers. On December 9th the non-lagoon
- 7 livestock facility application was submitted with the
- 8 Department of Ag.
- 9 With that I'd like to turn the presentation
- 10 over to Matt Henry to discuss design and construction
- 11 procedures.
- MR. HENRY: Thank you, Patrick. Phase three
- 13 of our presentation covers design and construction.
- 14 This phase also involves several elements of the eight
- 15 siting criteria, including design, location and
- 16 management to protect the environment, environmentally
- 17 sensitive areas and construction standards, and finally,
- 18 number five, plans to prevent spills, runoff and
- 19 leaching.
- 20 Let's start with an overview of the process
- 21 used to meet the construction standards required within
- 22 the LMFA. In the Act it references concrete
- 23 specifications have to meet Midwest Plans Services
- 24 Concrete Manure Storage NWPS-36 requirements. These are

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- 1 rigorous construction specifications to ensure the
- 2 safety and integrity of the manure storage structure.
- 3 Midwest Plan Services, a university based publishing
- 4 cooperative of the 12 north central region land grant
- 5 university and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This
- 6 is the construction standard that the Livestock
- 7 Management Facilities Act, the legislation that
- 8 regulates these sites that's chosen to be used. Those
- 9 specs I will go over with you this evening are water
- 10 stop at all concrete joints, perimeter tile sampling to
- 11 monitor manure storage structure integrity, and the fact
- 12 that the storage structure is fully enclosed, excluding
- 13 rainfall and helping to minimize odors.
- 14 Per the regulation all concrete used in the
- 15 construction of a manure storage structure must be at
- 16 least 4,000 PSI. Using this strength of concrete helps
- 17 to ensure the proper compressive strength of the cured
- 18 mix. The strength of the concrete mix used has to be
- 19 certified in writing by the manufacturer. These steps
- 20 are required to ensure the utmost integrity of the
- 21 manure storage structure. Illinois Department of Ag
- 22 conducts an inspection prior to the construction, during
- 23 construction and a final inspection. IDOA also requires
- 24 photo documentation of these construction standards as

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- 1 well as written documentation. Grigsby or their builder
- 2 will have to collect this documentation during the
- 3 construction and submit them to IDOA before they will be
- 4 given approval that the construction is acceptable to be
- 5 used.
- 6 This facility is not only required to have
- 7 the proper concrete base but will also have the proper
- 8 concrete footings and gauge 60 steel reinforcement. As
- 9 you can see in the pictures on the left this site will
- 10 be leveled and ready for construction of the floor. The
- 11 square of concrete in the photo represents the footings
- 12 that will be under each column in the storage structure.
- 13 These columns carry the vertical load of the flooring as
- 14 well as the livestock. In the picture to the right you
- 15 can see the steel reinforcement of these columns.
- 16 As we begin to talk about the floor, as you
- 17 can see in this photo that it is reinforced with steel
- 18 mats secured together to cover the entire floor. These
- 19 steel mats are made up of six gauge wires in six inch
- 20 squares. This design feature adds additional stability
- 21 to the manure storage facility structure floor. Another
- 22 point that I'll make here is now one of the requirements
- 23 of Livestock Management Facilities Act that governs this
- 24 farm is six month minimum storage facility capacity.

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- 1 This farm exceeds that requirement.
- 2 Another design requirement I mentioned
- 3 earlier was water stops at all concrete joints. We've
- 4 included a photo that shows you exactly what water stop
- 5 is. It is a six inch vinyl material that is set half
- 6 way into the floor and the other half gets poured into
- 7 the bottom of the walls, which is shown in the next
- 8 slide. This creates a waterproof seal at the base of
- 9 the walls, therefore, sealing the structure and
- 10 eliminating any leaks or leaching.
- 11 You can see further here the extent of grade
- 12 60 steel reinforcement I spoke of earlier. The walls of
- 13 the storage structure have vertical and horizontal steel
- 14 reinforcement which are all secured together. This
- 15 steel, along with the third that it is backfilled on the
- 16 outside of the wall adds additional stability in the
- 17 structure walls.
- 18 The completed manure storage facility is
- 19 also inspected by IDOA prior to animals entering the
- 20 farm. This adds a visual inspection to the other items
- 21 also required, such as, the written certification of the
- 22 concrete strength and the photo documentation.
- To finish off the top of our construction
- 24 the manure storage structure the beams and slats used in

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- 1 these facilities are designed and engineered for the
- 2 load of the equipment and the animals. The beams will
- 3 be set across the pillars we talked about earlier, then
- 4 the four by ten slats will be set on top of those beams.
- 5 Over the slats in the beams are -- once the slats and
- 6 beams are all in place all joints are grouted. Grouting
- 7 these joints gives us continuous solid form structure
- 8 further adding to the strength of the building. This is
- 9 also a requirement of the Livestock Management
- 10 Facilities Act and it is inspected by IDOA.
- 11 The last design construction I will go over
- 12 with you this evening is the perimeter tile monitoring
- 13 that will consist in this facility and be utilized. The
- 14 structure is required to have a perimeter tile. The
- 15 picture on the left you can see what is referred to as
- 16 form drain. What the name references is the fact that
- 17 concrete forms used when the pouring the floor are
- 18 actually left in place after the floor is done. The
- 19 forms are slotted on the outside and then left in place
- 20 only to fit continuous watertight tile around the
- 21 perimeter of the structure. The two pictures on the
- 22 right show the monitoring well that is set on top of
- 23 that tile, therefore, giving Grigsby access to any water
- 24 collected in the tile therein. An initial water sample

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- 1 is required to be taken prior to the Illinois Department
- 2 of Ag's final approval of the construction. The LFMA
- 3 also requires the Grigsby's to take water samples from
- 4 the monitoring well in quarterly phases, have it
- 5 analyzed and the results submitted to the Illinois
- 6 Department of Aq.
- 7 Some of these design construction features I
- 8 have gone over with you this evening I hope it gives you
- 9 a better sense of the careful standards that the LMFA
- 10 provides for the construction of the manure storage
- 11 facility. These specs are developed to ensure that the
- 12 structure has the best engineered structural integrity
- 13 and give the Grigsby's neighbors some piece of mind that
- 14 not only are we thinking of the construction of the
- 15 facility today, but also the long-term monitoring that
- 16 all of these measures will continue to work effectively
- 17 in the future.
- 18 With that I'll turn it back over to Patrick
- 19 for phase four.
- MR. MASCHHOFF: The final phase of our
- 21 presentation addresses the operational plans and
- 22 management strategies that will be used to address the
- 23 remaining siting criteria. We will discuss the waste
- 24 management plan, environmental protection, operational

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- 1 plans to reduce spills, runoff and leaching and plans to
- 2 control odor.
- 3 One of the main points we want to make
- 4 tonight is we're taking the integrated management
- 5 approach. We use this comprehensive system and we want
- 6 to make sure that we're managing every facet of this
- 7 operation in a way that protects the environment. This
- 8 starts with the feeding of the animal which has
- 9 significant impacts on the potential odors that can be
- 10 produced. We will talk about the items that will be
- 11 utilized to facilitate the congestion and treatment of
- 12 manure. The existing tree buffers will be discussed as
- 13 a practice used to improve air quality. Nutrient
- 14 management as well as barn cleaning and sanitation
- 15 procedures that are used to clean the facility are also
- 16 part of this integrated management system.
- 17 We have all heard the expression what goes
- 18 in must come out, and it certainly applies to what we
- 19 feed animals. One of the most powerful strategies for
- 20 reducing odors at the source is aggressive management of
- 21 dietary ingredients. Maschhoff nutritionists are
- 22 equipped with modern technologies for feed management
- 23 tools. Using these tools these professionals can
- 24 formulate diets designed to meet the nutritional needs

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- 1 of the animal while also minimizing environmental
- 2 impacts. The end result is the significant reduction of
- 3 odor and emissions through a variety of mechanisms. We
- 4 can effectively lower the total nitrogen coming out of
- 5 the animal which in turn lowers ammonia emissions. We
- 6 can also control of the amount of excreted phosphorus.
- 7 With this feeding program we have also reduced the
- 8 amount of volatile fatty acids produced. Volatile fatty
- 9 acids are the main constitutes of odor. All of these
- 10 combined strategies has reduced odor and emissions.
- 11 One of the tools in the toolbox includes
- 12 microbial additives that are available commercially.
- 13 MicroSource S is a blend of six naturally selected
- 14 beneficial microbes added directly to the feed to reduce
- 15 odor and ammonia. The microbes help the animal to
- 16 better digest the feed, but then also passes through the
- 17 animal and continue to work to decompose and reduce odor
- 18 and ammonia.
- 19 The second product is known as Probiotic.
- 20 It is the same kind of thing you can get in yogurt and
- 21 is meant to enhance digestion. The other product that's
- 22 utilized is called Accelerator Plus, and it is blended
- 23 to have enzymes added directly to the manure storage to
- 24 speed and improve microbial activity to decompose the

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- 1 manure. It gives tools to speed up the process.
- 2 Perfect analogy of this is Accelerator Plus is Rid-X.
- 3 If you've ever had an issue with a septic system
- 4 Accelerator Plus is the same type of product.
- 5 Studies have proven that trees act as
- 6 natural filters to capture dust particles that come out
- 7 of the barn and prevent those particles from moving
- 8 offsite. This is an overview of the Grigsby's proposed
- 9 farm. The new farm is located in an area where the
- 10 existing tree buffer will filter air in all directions
- 11 of the farm. We do also want to point out that all of
- 12 the barns are -- the barn is cleaned and pressure washed
- 13 and sanitized between every single production cycle. We
- 14 want to ensure proper sanitation for the next group of
- 15 pigs that come in by cleaning, but cleaning is also
- 16 important for odor control because the potential causes
- 17 of odor are removed from the interior surfaces of the
- 18 barn.
- 19 Swine manure is unlike any product that can
- 20 be purchased commercially. It is an organic product and
- 21 provides a complete nutritional package for plants. Not
- 22 only do you get your nitrogen, phosphorous and
- 23 potassium, which are the primary elements for plant
- 24 growth, secondary micronutrients are also provided for

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- 1 the plant, and the manure also provides organic matter.
- 2 Organic matter not only builds soil structure, but also
- 3 improves the soil health and the ability to maintain and
- 4 manage water in the soil, which in turn enhances
- 5 nutrient cycling making more nutrients available for the
- 6 plants to utilize to grow.
- Just as commercial fertilizers that manage
- 8 the crop production, manure must also be evaluated for
- 9 its value of nutrient source. This slide illustrates
- 10 how the nutrient management plan will be developed for
- 11 farm. We look at the nutrient management plan as a
- 12 balancing act where we try to balance crop need with
- 13 nutrient availability and comply with state and federal
- 14 regulations. As we look at crop need we consider soil
- 15 testing, crop rotation and realistic crop yields.
- 16 Within these fertility recommendations we determine how
- 17 many nutrients the crop actually needs. On the other
- 18 side of the equation is the nutrient availability for
- 19 things such as annual manure sampling and this all must
- 20 be taken into account. All of these tasks are completed
- 21 on the guidance and recommendations published by the
- 22 USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, University
- 23 of Illinois and other credible sources. The nutrient
- 24 management plan will then balance all this in accordance

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- 1 to the Livestock Management Facilities Act.
- 2 This slide represents the highest level
- 3 nutrient plan for the farm. We have to determine crop
- 4 need and how many nutrients are available. From that we
- 5 can then calculate the land requirements for the farm.
- 6 We set a realistic yield goals off a five year average
- 7 yield from crop insurance data and then development the
- 8 nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium recommendations
- 9 according to the University of Illinois Cropping
- 10 Handbook. The nutrient availability numbers are based
- on book values in a calculated to 4,900 gallons per
- 12 acre.
- 13 Another tool we can use to minimize odor is
- 14 by using proper application methods. This picture shows
- 15 a direct injection of the nitrogen directly into the
- 16 soil. This technology has been scientifically shown to
- 17 eliminate 70 percent of all application odors. The plow
- 18 uses the flow meter to ensure accurate rates and
- 19 conservation shanks on this particular plow which
- 20 greatly prevents the disturbance of the soil and soil
- 21 erosion. Another part of the application is to adhere
- 22 to all applicable guidelines. There is a 200 foot
- 23 setback where no application can be performed. The
- 24 Certified Livestock Manager Program ensures that on farm

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- 1 personnel are properly trained in manure application and
- 2 regulations.
- 3 Waste management plan must be developed and
- 4 implemented 60 days after commencing operations. Six
- 5 Farms is required to maintain that plan and keep
- 6 records. The plan must be regularly updated and
- 7 available for inspection by regulatory personnel. The
- 8 farm operator will complete training and pass a written
- 9 exam every three years to properly be certified to apply
- 10 manure.
- In conclusion we feel that through these
- 12 four product phases we have addressed each of these
- 13 eight siting criteria and conclude that this project
- 14 meets all eight of the criteria. We would like to thank
- 15 you for your time this evening. I have a copy of the
- 16 presentation.
- 17 HEARING OFFICER: Entered into the record as
- 18 Exhibit Number 3 is a copy of the facility's
- 19 presentation.
- 20 We will now open the meeting for any
- 21 questions that you may have of the facility or the
- 22 Department of Agriculture. If you have a question that
- 23 you would like to ask, please raise your hand and when
- 24 called upon please state your name and spell your last

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- 1 name. Please indicate to whom you are directing your
- 2 question. I will remind you that this portion of the
- 3 meeting will be limited to questions only. After this
- 4 question and answer session there will be a session for
- 5 public testimony where you can provide oral comments.
- 6 So please limit this session to questions only.
- 7 When called upon I would ask that you stand
- 8 and speak loudly. Are there any questions?
- 9 MR. SCHONEWEIS: Yes.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER: Go ahead.
- 11 MR. SCHONEWEIS: Jeff Schoneweis,
- 12 S-c-h-o-n-e-w-e-i-s.
- Do you guys here know how much water will
- 14 this facility require?
- MR. MASCHHOFF: On a daily usage about
- 16 14,000 gallons a day on average.
- 17 MR. SCHONEWEIS: And do you have wells that
- 18 will produce that much water or ponds?
- 19 MR. HENRY: Yeah, Jeff, we've got wells at
- 20 the Clairy Creek Bridge there on the north side. We
- 21 have two wells on each side of the creek. They have
- 22 both been rated by well drilling at approximately 25 to
- 23 40 gallons per minute.
- 24 MR. SCHONEWEIS: And how far exactly are you

Page 37 from Lake Petersburg are you? How far either way of Rogge Road are you? MR. HENRY: Approximately 1,950 feet east of 3 Rogge Road. 5 MR. SCHONEWEIS: How far will you be from 6 the west side of Lake Petersburg? MR. HENRY: As I recall I think we are approximately 5.1 mile and are 3.6 from Tallula; is that 8 correct? 10 MR. MASCHHOFF: Yes. MR. SCHONEWEIS: I have a couple more 11 12 questions, I promise. Is this an LLC, limited liability 13 corporation? 14 MR. HENRY: Yes. 15 MR. SCHONEWEIS: Okay. Can I ask some more 16 questions later if I have them? 17 HEARING OFFICER: Yes, you may. Are there other questions? Jeff, you have further. Are there any 18 19 other questions from anyone else? 20 MR. SCHONEWEIS: Jeff Schoeneweis again. 21 The truck traffic you are going to go north on Rogge 2.2 Road and west on Newmansville Road hauling 125 to 23 Beardstown; is that the finished hogs? 24 MR. HENRY: Yes, north on Rogge, west on

Page 38 Newmansville and then west on Newmansville to 125. MR. SCHONEWEIS: Okay. And is that 8.6 3 trucks per week and is that feed in and hogs out? MR. HENRY: Yes. 5 MR. SCHONEWEIS: If they put a weight limit on the roads in the spring are you going to be able to 6 haul feed in? MR. HENRY: We have got a secondary route 8 9 plan so we have a truck route A and truck route B, and 10 we have talked to both the county highway superintendent and we've told them we will recognize if the roads get 11 12 posted we will obviously need to get permitted to get a 13 load in and out. 14 MR. SCHONEWEIS: Where is route B? MR. HENRY: Route B comes from 15 16 Chandlerville. 17 MR. SCHONEWEIS: From the north and west 18 then? 19 MR. HENRY: Correct. 20 MR. SCHONEWEIS: Okay. And you have six 21 months of storage capacity in your pits? 22 MR. HENRY: Actually we should have close to 23 a year. 24 MR. SCHONEWEIS: And it will be knifed in,

Page 39 all maneuvers knifed in? MR. HENRY: That's correct. 3 MR. SCHONEWEIS: How many acres are you planning -- if you can't a get it on in the springtime for some reason, are you putting in more wheat than you 6 have now or not or don't know? MR. HENRY: Most of it will be a fall application, Jeff. 8 9 MR. SCHONEWEIS: Okay. If this parameter 10 tile that becomes contaminated is the public available to find out that record identifying that or is it just 11 12 unavailable? 13 MR. MASCHHOFF: I would have to ask the Department to address that. 14 15 MR. GOETSCH: Yes. Those records are available through the Freedom of Information Act 16 request. 17 MR. SCHONEWEIS: Somebody else better ask 18 19 questions, I'm running out. 20 HEARING OFFICER: Any other questions? 21 Seeing none, that concludes the question and answer 22 phase. 23 MR. SCHONEWEIS: I have one more. 24 Mr. Maschhoff, how far do you live from one of these

Page 40 buildings? 1 MR. MASCHHOFF: I would say two and a half 3 hours to the south. MR. SCHONEWEIS: The closest building -- I 5 mean do you live near one of these facilities? 6 MR. MASCHHOFF: No, I do not. I live in town. MR. SCHONEWEIS: How about this guy over 8 here? 10 MR. HENRY: I live in Pittsfield. I would be four miles probably from a unit. 11 12 MR. SCHONEWEIS: Are you -- is that where the feed is coming from, the Grigsby's feed for the main 13 facility? Are you thinking about putting in a feed mill 14 in the area or are you going to haul all of the feed in? 15 16 MR. HENRY: At this time we don't have any 17 plans to build one. 18 HEARING OFFICER: Any other questions? 19 Okay. We are going to move on to the oral testimony. 20 have the sign-in sheets that were put in the hallway 21 listing the people who wish to provide oral testimony. 2.2 I will call the names of those who wish to testify, when 23 called upon please step up to the microphone, and we'll 24 have to get that set up here in just a moment, state

Page 41 your name and spell the last name for the court reporter. I will then swear you in. Remember you will 3 have three minutes to speak. Are there any attorneys representing clients? I see none. 5 First on the list is Drew Stevens. Will you state your name and spell your last name? 6 MR. STEVENS: Drew Stevens, S-t-e-v-e-n-s. (Witness sworn.) 9 MR. STEVENS: Again, I'm Drew Stevens. I am 10 the store manager at Sloan Implement at Petersburg, Illinois. We sold to Stevens Implement Company started 11 12 in 1957 and we sold to Sloan Implement this August. are a John Deere dealership and we have been in business 13 14 with Randy and Ag Plus Developments for over 20 years, and my -- I don't have any expertise in the confinement 15 side of it or the development side of it, but what we 16 have done with their organization they have been a good 17 partner to us and I can affirm that they run a 18 professional operation. They're always current with us 19 20 in that regard, but they're very into excellent site 21 management, well trained employees. At John Deere we 22 are mainly a John Deere equipment dealership. John 23 Deere has partnered with them on research equipment in 24 the past and worked with them on the development of

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- 1 different products that they wouldn't do unless they
- 2 were dealing with a very well run organization, and all
- 3 of my dealings with Randy and their organization have
- 4 been top-notch. I just consider them a good promoter of
- 5 agriculture. When we have somebody that is interested
- 6 in John Deere or agriculture, we contact Randy, hey,
- 7 we'd like to tour their facility, and he has been more
- 8 than open to do that. I don't have much else other than
- 9 to say that their organization is as well run as you
- 10 will find around and good promote of agriculture in our
- 11 county.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER: Ouestions for this
- 13 witness? I see none. Thank you. Next is Terry Hill.
- 14 MR. HILL: My name is Terry Hill, H-i-l-l.
- 15 (Witness sworn.)
- 16 MR. HILL: As I said, I'm Terry Hill. I'm
- 17 from Virginia, Illinois. I work for Sunrise Ag. I'm
- 18 certified crop advisor. I've been there for 15 years.
- 19 That entire time I've worked with Randy and the Grigsby
- 20 family, and I'm impressed with the way business is done
- 21 there. They are very professional. They strive to obey
- 22 and just go above and beyond the call of duties with EPA
- 23 labels concerning chemicals and the like, fertilizer
- 24 applications, everything is done correctly, very

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- 1 impressive, very top-notch operation. As Drew said,
- 2 when seasons change they have refresher meetings with
- 3 their employees. They will contact us and have chemical
- 4 reps come in and talk about their specific products
- 5 about the service or different chemistries that will be
- 6 applied at the time. This is just a top-notch outfit,
- 7 very fair, very above board operation. It's been a
- 8 pleasure to work with them. You know it's done right at
- 9 Grigsby. You don't have to worry about any problems.
- 10 Approximately five years ago I think they put a new
- 11 chemical load out facility, which is state of the art,
- 12 it's something to see, it's probably as well above
- 13 anything that we have at all of our different facilities
- 14 at Sunrise Ag. So I just really enjoy having that
- 15 business, that relationship there at the Grigsby because
- 16 it's just an ag leading type business in our community
- 17 and it's run and managed properly, and I would challenge
- 18 anyone disagrees. I have been there several years, and
- 19 it's an amazing facility and things are done right.
- I can't really think of a negative or
- 21 anything other that would be questioned, so I guess I
- 22 would leave it with that and say thanks for the
- 23 opportunity.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER: Are there questions for

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1	this witness? Thank you, Mr. Hill.	
2	Next is Genny Six.	
3	MS. SIX: Genny Six, S-i-x.	
4	(Witness sworn.)	
5	MS. SIX: Good evening. My name is Genny	
6	Six, and I'm here in support of these hog barns and	
7	would like to illustrate the potential economic and	
8	community impact. Our family we began managing one of	
9	the Maschhoff's owned farms 12 year ago, affording my	
10	husband and his brother to pay their way through	
11	college, five years ago our family built our first hog	
12	barn and we continued to manage the additional Maschhoff	
13	owned barn. Our partnership with the Maschhoff's has	
14	helped us in supporting three sons coming back to farm	
15	and raise our families. My husband and I were both	
16	raised on hog farms and we truly appreciate our parents	
17	raising us to have strong work ethics and we want to	
18	instill this value in our children. Working as	
19	employees for the Maschhoff's has allowed us to continue	
20	the tradition of raising our kids around livestock,	
21	teaching them to care well for animals and provides us	
22	the finances to raise our family in a rural area where	
23	job opportunities can be limited.	
24	The barns being discussed this evening will	

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- 1 allow employment opportunities for families like ours
- 2 and also supply indirect jobs. We regularly employ
- 3 college student and seasonal workers to help in the care
- 4 of our hogs, and we also rely on local repair shops,
- 5 electricians, welders and plumbers to help us in
- 6 maintaining the buildings.
- We are an agricultural region. Our
- 8 communities are successful when farms are successful,
- 9 and on a state level the pork industry provides over
- 10,000 jobs and \$170 million in taxes. This project has
- 11 the potential to create good direct and indirect jobs
- 12 for our region.
- With regard to community impact, nationwide
- 14 we see rural communities struggling to provide
- 15 employment opportunities to keep productive citizens
- 16 residing local. In our family, our children are the six
- 17 generation to not only farm but we also invest in our
- 18 local community. While it's important for citizens to
- 19 invest in our local communities they must have a
- 20 beneficial means of income to keep them close.
- 21 Tonight I am showing support for this
- 22 facility that will afford local folks opportunity for
- 23 quality work in Menard County. In conclusion, the
- 24 building of these barns will have a positive economic

Page 46 and community impact on our region. Thank you. HEARING OFFICER: Are there questions for 3 this witness? Thank you, Ms. Six. Next we have Jeff Schoneweis. 5 MR. SCHONEWEIS: Jeff Schoneweis, S-c-h-o-n-e-w-e-i-s. 6 (Witness sworn.) MR. SCHONEWEIS: I know Maschhoff's run a 8 9 well run operation. I know Grigsby's do, too. They are 10 two multi-million dollar corporations that have done very well and I praise them for that. I'm not sure how 11 12 many employees they are going to hire locally because most of the people won't work in a hog facility from the 13 ones I see. I live about five miles from two smaller 14 barns than this. I smell it probably one to two days a 15 16 month, just depends on which way the wind is blowing. If I was living at Lake Petersburg I would be really 17 concerned. I live about six miles south of here. I'm 18 little bit concerned. I don't know how much economic 19 20 impact they will have in Petersburg. If they raise 21 \$22,000 in taxes that will probably fix a mile of road 2.2 if they do tear it up. I'm not dead set against this. 23 I'm just not for it as much as you guys are. 24 There used to be probably 15 to 20 family

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- 1 farms out on the Grigsby now there is just them, so that
- 2 is part of the impact that they have brought in. That's
- 3 not anybody's fault, but that's just the way, that's the
- 4 facts. Before you guys all just want to let them come
- 5 in just do diligent research and don't let it go too
- 6 fast. Thank you very much.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER: Are there questions for
- 8 this witness? I see none. Thank you.
- 9 Next we have Nic Anderson.
- MR. ANDERSON: Nic Anderson,
- 11 A-n-d-e-r-s-o-n.
- 12 (Witness sworn.)
- MR. ANDERSON: Thanks for having us here
- 14 tonight from the County Board request to find out about
- 15 this farm. This isn't the end of all of the questions
- 16 that you might have of the County Board, so I encourage
- 17 you to contact Maschhoff's if questions come up or
- 18 Randy. I think they are all willing to do that. That's
- 19 our goal. I work with the Illinois Livestock
- 20 Development Group in the state, and we are made up of
- 21 pork, beef, dairy, corn and soybean associations. Our
- 22 group feels that it's important to have vibrant
- 23 livestock industry in the State of Illinois not only for
- 24 the purposes that Maschhoff's pointed out with taxes and

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- 1 development, but our number one customer of corn and
- 2 soybean raised in this state is livestock, and whether
- 3 it's raised here locally in Menard County or throughout
- 4 the state or oversees livestock is going to consume
- 5 that. I think us as citizens of Illinois that we can
- 6 resource those inputs of grain into our livestock farms
- 7 here locally. It benefits us all. It's not just the
- 8 hog farm. It's the basis of the corn market and the
- 9 soybean market and the soybean meal, and it's also those
- 10 ancillary jobs that come with it. Whether they are
- 11 based locally or not it's about Illinois' economy,
- 12 trucking and processing and all of the steps along the
- 13 way. It's just not the hog farm. So even though it
- 14 might impact me locally and impact your region locally
- 15 in positive and negative ways there are positive
- 16 repercussions throughout the state and really the U.S.
- 17 when we talk about agriculture and livestock production.
- 18 My hope is that the County Board will give a
- 19 favorable recommendation to the Department after what
- 20 you have heard meeting the criteria of the State, but I
- 21 also hope that line of communications with Maschhoff's
- 22 and Leka and back and forth that if there are issues
- 23 that need to be addressed that we find ways to do it so
- 24 we can both continue to benefit from livestock

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production, not only in Menard County but in the State 1 of Illinois. I grew up in the livestock industry, have 3 quite a bit of experience with it. When I look back at history and look at Menard County and its role in pork 5 production throughout the state and you look at George 6 Braugher from this area that was a leader in the industry I think there's some real heritage here that we can actually continue with this farm. That's not the 8 whole story but that's part of it, so those of you that 9 10 live in this community hopefully whether it's through the livestock industry that I work with that can be 11 12 communicated to, the pork industry that has an office in Springfield, your local Farm Bureaus that are involved 13 14 in agriculture or the farm itself that we can address 15 any of those concerns that people have and that we can 16 grow this farm and other farms that might happen to come to this community so we can take the benefit from that 17 and really educate people about what agriculture is and 18 19 how agriculture is going to change and how we're going 20 to produce food in the future, because this is one of 21 the answers. It's not all of them, but I think we are 2.2 going to need a lot of it to succeed here in the future. 23 I'll leave it at that. If there's any questions I'd be

happy to answer as best I can.

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HEARING OFFICER: Any questions for this 1 witness? Thank you, Mr. Anderson. 3 HEARING OFFICER: Is there anyone else that would like to provide oral testimony, anyone else? 5 All right. Entered into the record as Exhibit Number 4 is the oral testimony sign-in sheet. 6 Entered into the record as Exhibit Number 5 is the attendance sign-in sheet. 8 9 Does anyone have any written testimony that 10 they would like to offer at this time, any written testimony? I see none. 11 12 Are there any closing remarks from the facility? 13 14 MR. HENRY: I want to thank everyone for 15 coming and participating tonight. I want to give you 16 our assurance as a farm that we fully intend to engage all of you, our neighbors, our community in this 17 process. I think we have a very strong track record of 18 being pro-agriculture and being good stewards. We've 19 20 tried to be a voice for agriculture and keep it strong, 21 and to us this is all about growing agriculture. Thank 2.2 you again, and if any of you have questions feel free to 23 call me directly, come to the farm, look around, see how 24 we do our business, and I would be glad to personally

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1	hoist you. Thank you.	
2	HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. Other closing	
3	comments?	
4	MR. GOETSCH: Just on behalf of the	
5	Department I would like to also thank you for your	
6	participation this evening. I would like ensure you	
7	that the Department does appreciate the time and effort	
8	that you have made to provide us with your comments this	
9	evening and to assure you that the Department will	
10	certainly consider them as we review this project and	
11	certainly the Menard County Board Commissioners will	
12	consider them as they put forward their recommendation	
13	to us. Again, thank you so much and have a safe trip	
14	home this evening.	
15	HEARING OFFICER: As I mentioned earlier, a	
16	copy of the transcript will be provided to the County	
17	Commissioners. For others desiring a copy the	
18	transcript will be available by contacting the court	
19	reporter.	
20	Thank you for your attendance here tonight.	
21	This public informational meeting is hereby closed.	
22	(Hearing was concluded at 7:08 P.M.)	
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