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Certificate of Township Clerk of Result of Election on voting Railroad tax to the St. Joseph, Albany & DesMoines Railway Company, on February, 14th, 1905. To The Public. ) Certificate.

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E. F. Connoran. Recorder.

To the County Auditor of Madison County, Iowa.

I, Claude Wight, Township Clerk of Grand River Township Madison County, Iowa, hereby certify,

That on the 24th. day of January, A.D. 1905, there was a petition of the Resident Freehold Taxpayers of Grand River Township and the Town of Macksburg, Madison County, Iowa, presented to the Board of Trustees of the said Township of Grand River, asking that the question of aiding in the construction of a railroad by "St. Joseph, Albany & Des Moines Railway Company" from St. Joseph, Missouri. through the said Township of Grand River Madison County, Iowa, and through the present incorporated limits of the Town of Macksburg in the said Township, to Des Moines, Iowa, by a tax of five per cent (5%) On the assessed or taxable valuation of the real and personal property of the said Township of Grand River and the Town of Macksburg, Madison County, Iowa, for the year Nineteen Hundred Five (1905) be submitted to the legal voters of said Township and Town of Macksburg at a special election upon conditions set forth in said petition which are herein after set out. That said Board, of Trustees, on the 24th. day of January, A.D. 1905, found that said petition contained the signatures of a majority of the Resident Freehold Taxpayers of said Township of Grand River and the Town of Macksburg, Madison County, Iowa, and there and then ordered that a special election be held in Macksburg, Iowa, at the regular voting place on the 14th. day of February, A.D. 1905 and immediately gave notice of a special election by publishing the same in the Winterset Madisonian, a weekly newspaper published in Winterset, Madison County, Iowa, there being no newspaper printed in the said Township of Grand River or the Town of Macksburg, and also by posting copies of said notice in five (5) public places in the said Township of Grand River and the Town of Macksburg in said Township for ten (10) days before said election was held. And that said notice was in the words and figures following, to wit:-

Notice Of Special Election.

To the Legal Voters of Grand River Township, Madison County, State of Iowa:-

Whereas, a petition has this day been presented to the undersigned, the Trustees of Grand River Township, Madison County, Iowa, signed by a majority of the Resident Freehold Taxpayers of said Township, asking that the question of aiding the "St. Joseph, Albany & Des Moines Railway Company" in the construction of a line of railroad from St. Joseph, Missouri, through the said Township of Grand River and through the incorporated limits of the Town of Macksburg in said Township to Des Moines, Iowa, by a tax of five (5) per cent on the assessed or taxable valuation of the real and personal property of said Township of Grand River and Town of Macksburg, Iowa, for the year Nineteen Hundred Five (1905) be submitted to the legal voters of said Township and Town at a special election upon the following conditions, to wit:-

1st.- That said Company shall locate and build within the present incorporated limits of the Town of Macksburg in The said Township of Grand River, Madison County, Iowa, and not more than seventeen hundred feet (1700) from the public square in said Town a depot for the transaction of its business and the convenience of the people.

2nd.- That said line of rail road shall be a standard gauge steam railway and shall be graded, tied and properly railed, and the road so completed that through trains shall be regularly operated thereon on scedule time from St. Joseph, Missouri, through the said Township of Grand River and the said Town of Macksburg to Des Moines, Iowa, and a depot of said Company located and built within the present incorporated limits of the said Town of Macksburg and within seventeen hundred feet (1700) of the public square in said Town all done by the 31st. day of December, 1906,

3rd.- The grading for said road in and through the said Township of Grand River shall be completed ready for the ties on or before July, 1st., 1906.

4th.- Said tax shall be levied when the ordinary taxes are levied in the year Nineteen Hundred Five (1905); the one half thereof to be collected when the ordinary taxes are collected in September in the year Nineteen Hundred Six (1906), and paid to said Company thirty (30) days after the said road shall have been completed as herein set forth, unless the said road be so completed before any of the taxes herein specified are collected in which event the amount so collected shall be due and payable to the said Railway Company thirty (30) days after the completion of the road and upon the collection of said tax, and the balance, if any, of said taxes shall be payable as soon as thereafter collected.

5th. The second half of said taxes to be collected when the ordinary taxes are collected in the year Nineteen Hundred Seven (1907) and paid to said Company as collected.

6th. In no case shall any part of the said tax be paid to said Company until thirty (30) days after the road is fully completed as hereinset forth from St. Joseph, Missouri, by way of Macksburg Iowa. and through the said Township of Grand River to Des Moines, Iowa.

7th.- In case of failure on the part of the said Railway Company to comply with any one or more of said conditions, said tax shall be forfeited and never paid to said Company, and on such failure the Trustees of Grand River Township, Madison County, Iowa, may at once certify such facts to the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Iowa, who may then cancel and abate the tax.

And it appearing to the Trustees that said petition is signed by a majority of the Resident freehold Taxpayers of Grand River Township, Madison, County, Iowa, and that it is in conformity with law and sufficient under the requirements thereof.

It Is Therefore Hereby Ordered.

That a special Election be held at The regular voting place, in Macksburg, in said Township of Grand River, Madison County , Iowa, on the 14th. day of February, A. D. 1905 at which time and place the question of aiding said Railroad as aforesaid, under the conditions aforesaid, shall be submitted to the Legal Voters of said Township of GrandRiver, Madison County, Iowa.

Dated at Macksburg, Iowa, this 24th. day of January, A. D. 1905.

J. D. Ross. (
W. S. McKinney. (Trustees.
J. B. Huff. (

Attest: Claude Wight, Township Clerk.

That on the 14th. day of February, A. D. 1905, an election was held as provided in said notice. and that at the said election there was cast by the legal male voters, 102 -- ballots in favor of the proposition hereinafter set out, and 30 ballots against said proposition; total ballots cast, on said , proposition were - 132. The total majority in favor of said proposition was -- 72.- That the proposition which was submitted to the aforesaid voters and voted upon by each of them, was in the words and figures as follows,to wit:-

" Shall the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Iowa, levy a tax of five (5) per cent on the assessed or taxable valuation of the real and personal property of the Township of Grand River, and the Town of Macksburg, Madison County, Iowa, for the year Nineteen Hundred Five (1905),to aid the " St.Joseph, Albany & Des Moines Railway Company" in The construction of a line of railroad from St.Joseph, Missouri, through the said Township of Grand River, Madison County, Iowa and through the present incorporated limits of the Town of Macksburg in the said Township, to Des Moines, Iowa, upon the following conditions, to wit:-

1st. That said company shall locate and build within the present incorporated limits of the Town of Macksburg, and the said Township of Grand River.

Madison County, Iowa, not more than seventeen hundred (1700 ) feet from the public square in said Town, a depot for the transaction of its business and the convenience of the people.

2nd, That said line of railroad shall be a standard gauge , steam railway,and shall be graded, tied and properly railed, and the road so completed that through trains shall be regularly operated thereon on scedule time from St. Joseph, Missouri, through the said Township of Grand River and the said Town of Macksburg, to Des Moines, Iowa, and a depot of said company located and built within the present incorporated limits of the said Town of Macksburg and within seventeen hundred (1700) feet of the public square, in said Town, all done by the 31st. day of December,(1906) The grading for said road in and through the said Township of Grand River, shall be completed ready for the ties on or before July, 1st, 1906.

3rd. Said tax to be levied when the ordinary taxes are levied in the year Nineteen Hundred Five (1905); the one half thereof to be collected when the ordinary taxes are collected in september in the year Nineteen Hundred Six (1906), and paid to said company thirty (30) days after the said road shall have been completed as before stated and within the time specified, unless the said road be so completed before any of the taxes herein specified are collected in which event the amount so collected shall be due and payable to the said railway company thirty (30) days after the completion of the road and upon the collection of said tax, and the balance of said taxes, if any, shall be payable as soon as thereafter collected. The second half of said taxes to be collected when the ordinary taxes are collected in the year Nineteen Hundred Seven (1907), and paid to said company as collected, provided, however, that no part of the said tax shall be paid to said company until (30)days after the road is fully completed as before stated from St. Joseph, Missouri, by way of and through the said Township of Grand River and the town of Macksburg, Iowa, to Des Moines, Iowa.".

And that the Board of Supervisors are commanded as shown by the result of said election, to levy a tax of five per cent (5%) on the taxable property of the Township of Grand River and the Town of Macksburg, Madison County, Iowa, in the year Nineteen Hundred Five (1905), in favor of the St.Joseph, Albany & Des Moines Railway Company; one half thereof to be collected when he ordinary taxes are collected in September in the year Nineteen Hundred Six, and the other half to be collected when the ordinary taxes are collected in the year Nineteen Hundred Seven (1907). The said taxes to be paid to the said Company when it shall have fulfilled the conditions set forth in the aforesaid proposition.

Witness my hand and Seal as Township Clerk of Grand River Township, Madison County, Iowa, this --18th - day of February , A. D. 1905.

Claud Wight
Township Clerk.