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Certificate of Township Clerk of Result of Election on voting Railroad Tax to the St. Joseph, Albany & Des Moines Railway Co. on May 29th 1905. to The Public

Certificate

(Filed For Record June 3rd A.D. 1905 at 2:30 o'clock P.M.

E.F. Connoran. Recorder.

To the County Auditor of Madison County, Iowa.

I, Gillett Harpole, Township Clerk of Webster Township, Madison County, Iowa, hereby certify,

That on the 16th. day of May A.D. 1905, there was a petition of the resident freehold taxpayers of Webster Township, Madison County, Iowa, presented to the Board of Trustees of said Webster Township, asking that the question of aiding in the construction of a railroad by the "St. Joseph, Albany & Des Moines Railway Company" from St. Joseph, Missouri, through the said Township of Webster, to Des Moines, Iowa, by a tax of three (3) per cent on the assessed or taxable valuation of the real and personal property of the said Township of Webster, Madison County, Iowa, for the year Nineteen Hundred Five (1905), be submitted to the legal voters of said Township of Webster, at a special election, upon conditions set forth in said petition which are hereinafter set out.

That said Board of Trustees on the 16th. day of May A.D. 1905, found that said petition contained the signatures of a majority of the resident freehold taxpayers of said Webster Township, Madison County, Iowa, and there and then ordered that a special election be held at the regular voting place at Webster Center School House in said Township of Webster, Madison County, Iowa, on the 29th. day of May 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 Webster, and also by posting copies of said notice in five public places in the said Township of Webster for ten (10) days before said election was held. And that said notice was in words and figures following, to-wit:-

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION.

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

Whereas, a petition has this day been presented to the undersigned, the Trustees of Webster 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 Webster, to Des Moines, Iowa, by a tax of three (3) per cent on the assessed or taxable valueation of the real and personal property of the said Township of Webster, Madison County, Iowa, for the year Nineteen Hundred Five (1905), be submitted to the legal voters of said township at a special election upon the following conditions towit:-

1st.- That said company shall locate and build within the limits of the said Township of Webster, Madison County, Iowa, and as near as possible where said road crosses Middle River in said township, a depot for the transaction of its business and the convenience of the people. Said depot to be located and built not farther East of where the said road crosses Middle River in said Township of Webster if it follows the present survey than the Roseman Bridge which crosses Middle near that place, and not farther than a quarter of a mile East of the Roseman Bridge if the said railroad should cross Middle River in said Township of Webster East of the Roseman Bridge.

2nd.- Thatsaid line of railroad shall be a standard guauge 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 Webster, to Des Moines, Iowa, and a depot of said company located and built within the limits of the said Township of Webster and as near as possible where said road crosses Middle River in said Township as heretofore set forth, all done by the 31st. day of December, 1906.

3rd.- That actual work of construction on said railroad to the amount of Seventy-five Thousand (75000.00) Dollars in the State of Iowa, not less than the pro rata amount of which shall be spent in Madison County, Iowa, shall be done on or before January, 1st. 1906.

4th.- Said tax shall be levied when the ordinary taxes are levied in the year Nineteen Hundred Five (1905), and to be collected when the ordinary taxes are collected 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.

5th.- In the event that the said road be completed as heretofore stated before any of the taxes herein specified are collected 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.

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 herein set forth from St. Joseph, Missouri, by way of and through the said Township of Webster, 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 Webster 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 said Trustees that said petition is signed by a majority of the resident freehold taxpayers of Webster 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 at Webster Center School House in said Township of Webster, Madison County, Iowa, on the 29th. day of May A.D. 1905 at which time and place the question of aiding said railway company as aforesaid, under the conditions aforesaid, shall be submitted to the legal voters of said Township of Webster, Madison County, Iowa.

Dated at Webster Center School House in Webster Township, Madison County, Iowa, this 16th. day of May A.D. 1905.

M. E. Harris :

Robt Given :Trustees.

J. M. Drake :

Attest: Gillett Harpole.
Township Clerk.

That on the 29th. day of May 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 91 ballots in favor of the proposition hereinafter set out and 51 ballots against said proposition; the total ballots cast on said proposition was 142.
The total majority in favor of said proposition was 40.

That the proposition which was submitted to the aforesaid voters and voted upon by each of them was in words and figures as follows, towit:-

" Shall the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Iowa, levy a tax of three (3) per cent on the assessed or taxable valuation of the real and personal property of the Township of Webster, 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 Webster, Madison County, Iowa, to Des Moines, Iowa, upon the following conditions to-wit:-

1st.- That said company shall locate and build within the limits of the said Township of Webster, Madison County, Iowa, and as near as possible where said road crosses Middle River in said Township, a depot for the transaction of its business and the convenience of the people. Said depot to be located and built not farther East of where the said road crosses Middle River in said Township of Webster if it follows the present survey than the Roseman Bridge which crosses Middle River near that place, and not farther than a quarter of a mile East of the said Roseman Bridge if the said railroad should cross Middle River in said Township of Webster east of the Roseman bridge.

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 schedule time from St. Joseph, Missouri, through the said Township of Webster, to Des Moines, Iowa, and a depot of said company located and built within the limits of the said Township of Webster and as near as possible where said road crosses Middle River in said Township as heretofore set forth, all done by the 31st. day of December, 1906. Actual work of construction on said road to the amount of Seventy-five Thousand (75,000.00). Dollars in the State of Iowa, not less than the pro rata amount of which shall be spent in Madison County, Iowa, shall be done on or before January, 1st. 1906.

3rd.- Said tax to be levied when the ordinary taxes are levied in the year Nineteen Hundred Five (1905), and to be collected when the ordinary taxes are collected in the year Nineteen Hundred Six (1906), and paid said company thirty (30) days after the 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 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, provided, however, that no part of the said tax shall be paid to said company until thirty (30) days after the road is fully completed as before stated from St. Joseph, Missouri, by way of and through the said Township of Webster, Madison County, 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 three (3) per cent on the taxable property of the Township of Webster, Madison County, Iowa, in the year Nineteen Hundred Five (1905), in favor of the St. Joseph, Albany & Des Moines Railway Company; said taxes to be collected when the ordinary taxes are collected in the year Nineteen Hundred Six (1906).
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 Webster Township, Madison County, Iowa, this 3rd. day of June A.D. 1905.

Gillett Harpole
Township Clerk.