

TAB 2



# City of Palmetto Agenda Item

Meeting Date

9/4/12

Presenter: **JEFF BURTON**

Department: **CRA DIRECTOR**

Title:

**BACKGROUND:**

APPLICANT, GARY S. GUTHRIE, HEARTLAND FERTILIZER CO, ADDRESS OF 917 11<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE WEST, PALMETTO, FL 34221 PARCEL I.D.# 2707900003 IS REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR A STORE FRONT GRANT, SFG#12-09, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,648.20. THE BUSINESS IS LOCATED WITHIN THE CRA LIMITS AND IS CURRENT WITH ALL UTILITIES, FREE FROM CITY ISSUED LIENS AND HAS BEEN CLEARED BY CODE ENFORCEMENT.

THREE BIDS WERE TURNED IN FOR SURVEILLANCE CAMERA & VIDEO. PHOTOGRAPHS, APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SECURITY SURVEY. THIS PROPERTY HAS A LONG HISTORY OF VANDALISM AND BURGLARIES. OWNER IS IN AGREEMENT WITH PROVIDING THE PALMETTO POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCESS TO THE VIDEO UPON WRITTEN REQUEST IF EVER NEEDED.

ON OCTOBER 17, 2011, THE CRA BOARD APPROVED A NEW INCENTIVE UNDER THE STORE FRONT GRANT PROGRAM, CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED), WHICH IS REIMBURSABLE AT 75%. THE INSPECTION WAS PERFORMED BY LT. TYLER WITH THE PALMETTO POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE SURVEY CONTAINS SENSITIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SECURITY SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES IN USE AT THIS LOCATION, 917 11<sup>TH</sup> AVE WEST, PALMETTO, FL 34221 AND IS EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE UNDER FLORIDAS STATE STATUTE 281.301. THE SECURITY SURVEY AND ALL THREE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THIS PACKET FOR THE BOARDS REVIEW AND WILL NOT BE SCANNED INTO LASERFICHE.

THREE BIDS WERE SUBMITTED.

LOWEST BID: PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT AS HE WILL BE DOING THE WORK HIMSELF. THERE IS NO LABOR REIMBURSEMENT STRICTLY SUPPLIES.

\$2,197.60 REIMBURSED AT 75%=\$1,648.20

Approved by:  
Jeff Burton

Budgeted  Budget Page  Available  Expenditure

Amount:  No(s):  Amount:  Amount:

Additional Budgetary  
Information:

Funding Source(s):  Sufficient Funds Available: ☒ Yes ☐ No Budget Amendment Required: ☐ Yes ☒ No Source:

City Attorney Reviewed: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A Advisory Board Recommendation: ☐ For ☐ Against ☒ N/A Consistent With: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Potential Motion/Direction Requested:

Staff Contact:

Attachments:

'2011 Tangible Personal Prop.  
900000031862

917 11th Ave W Palmetto FL 34221

### AD VALOREM TAXES

TAXING AUTHORITY	ASSESSED VALUE	EXEMPTIONS	TAXABLE VALUE	MILLAGE RATE (Per \$1000 of taxable value)	TAXES LEVIED
Sheriff (941-747-3011)	42,751	25,000	17,751	3.8954	69.15
Bd Of County Commissioners (941-745-3730)	42,751	25,000	17,751	1.5753	27.98
Transportation Trust Fund (941-745-3730)	42,751	25,000	17,751	0.2625	4.66
Library Operations (941-745-3730)	42,751	25,000	17,751	0.2328	4.13
Children's Services (941-745-3730)	42,751	25,000	17,751	0.3333	5.92
School Board Required Effort (941-708-8770)	42,751	25,000	17,751	5.7120	101.39
School Board Basic Discretionary (941-708-8770)	42,751	25,000	17,751	0.7480	13.28
School Board Capital Improvement (941-708-8770)	42,751	25,000	17,751	1.5000	26.63
Palmetto Operating (941-723-4570)	42,751	25,000	17,751	5.1185	90.86
Southwest Fla Water Mgt - Manas (352-798-7211)	42,751	25,000	17,751	0.0000	0.00
Southwest Fla Water Mgt - Dist (352-798-7211)	42,751	25,000	17,751	0.3928	6.97
Mosquito Control District (941-981-3895)	42,751	25,000	17,751	0.1288	2.28
West Coast Inland Navigation D (941-485-9402)	42,751	25,000	17,751	0.0394	0.70
2003 G O Refunding I & S (941-745-3730)	42,751	25,000	17,751	0.1303	2.31



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QUALIFYING EXEMPTIONS:  
Tangible PP Exemption

1. For information on partial payments, visit <http://www.taxcollector.com>.
2. ALL exemptions do not apply to all taxing authorities. For exemption/assessment questions, visit <http://www.manateepao.com/> or call the Property Appraiser at (941) 742-5660.
3. For payment locations and information, visit <http://www.taxcollector.com> or call the Tax Collector at (941) 741-4800.

Tax Roll Certified 10/12/2011

20.06890

AD VALOREM TAXES

\$356.24

### NON AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

LEVYING AUTHORITY	RATE	AMOUNT
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### NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

\$0.00

### COMBINED TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

\$356.24

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12/08/2011	12/31/2011	01/31/2012	02/29/2012	03/31/2012	April - Add'l fees due. See <a href="http://www.taxcollector.com">http://www.taxcollector.com</a>
\$341.99	\$345.55	\$349.12	\$352.68	\$356.24	

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Manatee County Tax Collector  
<http://www.taxcollector.com>

2011 Tangible Personal Property  
NOTICE OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT  
TAXES BECOME DELINQUENT APRIL 1ST

PROPERTY I.D.	ESCROW COMPANY	TAX DIST	UNPAID PRIOR YEAR(S) TAXES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS BILL
900000031862		0019	

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Heartland Fertilizer Company  
P O Box 877

FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIP  
PHYSICAL LOCATION:



2011 Real Estate  
2707900003

EVERYWHERE 33 FT 3 IN FM C/L THEREOF FOR A DIST  
OF 225 FT, RUN SLY AT R/A FOR DIST OF 16.75 FT TO  
GRANTOR SLY R/W LINE; RUN ELY ALONG GRANTORS SLY  
...See tax roll for continuation

### AD VALOREM TAXES

TAXING AUTHORITY	ASSESSED VALUE	EXEMPTIONS	TAXABLE VALUE	MILLAGE RATE (Per \$1000 of taxable value)	TAXES LEVIED
Sheriff (941-747-3011)	397,731	0	397,731	3.8954	1,549.32
Bd Of County Commissioners (941-745-3730)	397,731	0	397,731	1.6753	626.55
Transportation Trust Fund (941-745-3730)	397,731	0	397,731	0.2625	104.40
Library Operations (941-745-3730)	397,731	0	397,731	0.2328	92.59
Children's Services (941-745-3730)	397,731	0	397,731	0.3333	132.58
School Board Required Effort (941-708-8770)	397,731	0	397,731	5.7120	2,271.84
School Board Basic Discretionary (941-708-8770)	397,731	0	397,731	0.7480	297.50
School Board Capital Improvement (941-708-8770)	397,731	0	397,731	1.5000	596.60
Palmetto Operating (941-723-4570)	397,731	0	397,731	5.1185	2,035.76
Southwest Fla Water Mg - Manas (352-796-7211)	397,731	0	397,731	0.0000	0.00
Southwest Fla Water Mg - Distr (352-796-7211)	397,731	0	397,731	0.3928	156.23
Mosquito Control District (941-981-3895)	397,731	0	397,731	0.1288	51.15
West Coast Inland Navigation D (941-485-9402)	397,731	0	397,731	0.0364	15.67
2003 G O Refunding I & S (941-745-3730)	397,731	0	397,731	0.1303	51.82



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Tax Roll Certified 10/12/2011 20.06890 AD VALOREM TAXES \$7,982.02

### NON AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

LEVYING AUTHORITY	RATE	AMOUNT
North River Fire Resc (941-721-6700)	UNIT SIZE	4,576.01

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NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS \$4,576.01

COMBINED TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS \$12,558.03

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\$12,055.71	\$12,181.29	\$12,306.87	\$12,432.45	\$12,558.03	

Producers Fertilizer Co  
P O Box 877

SEC: 14 TNSHP: 34S RNG: 17E  
BEG AT A POINT ON W LINE OF LAMB ST DIST 33 FT 3  
IN SLY MEAS AT R/A FM C/L TO GRANTORS MAIN

## COMMERCIAL FAÇADE ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

APPLICANT:

BUSINESS NAME:

PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME:

CONTACT PERSON:

MAILING ADDRESS:

PHONE:

FAX:

Hermland Fertilizer Co

917 11th Ave W

GARY S. Guthrie

same

PO Box 877

Palmetto, FL

941-722-3265

941-729-3475

### REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS:

General Project Description – Please provide detailed plans and elevations of improvements. Include descriptions or samples of proposed colors and/or materials where applicable. Please be specific.

Timeline – Outline total renovation timeline to include project start and end dates.

Occupants – Provide information on business(s) that currently occupy/will be occupying structure. Include any other information that may be helpful in review of the application.

Existing site information – Please break out an itemized list of estimates for all improvements. Attach written estimates and plans for improvements as described in *Procurement Procedures* with the application.

Site Control – Applicants must submit verification of site control (deed).

NOTE: Any plans that are submitted should be 8.5" x 14" or smaller. Should you need to submit plans that are larger, please provide 20 copies.



## **SATISFACTION OF GRANT CRITERIA**

By filing this application, the applicant agrees and understands that this grant is given at the sole discretion of the Community Redevelopment Board. Application for funds under this program does not create an entitlement to funding. Renovations are subject to the approval of the Planning and Zoning Board, Building Department, and other Boards where applicable.

Submission of this application serves as the applicant's verification that he/she has the financial means to complete the project and is committed to maintaining the property in the renovated state.

This application and all attachments will become a part of public records.

## **CERTIFICATION**

Applicant hereby certifies that all the information provided to complete this application is current, accurate, and truthful and that he/she has read and understands the associated **COMMERCIAL FAÇADE ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**. The applicant understands that, to be eligible for funding assistance, all projects must be complete within 90 days of award, unless a written extension is granted by the CRA Board. The applicant certifies that he/she shall not derive any monetary benefit from specified contractors.



APPLICANT SIGNATURE



CRA SIGNATURE

## NOTARIZATION

{Acknowledgment for Individual}

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by

Who is personally known to me,

Who produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, who did take an oath, and who acknowledged before me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the purposes therein expressed.

(Notary Seal)

Signature

Print Name - NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA

My Commission Expires: 11/4/2012

Commission No. DD834011

{Acknowledgement for Corporation or LLC}

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Manatee

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20 day of August, 2012, by

Gary Stephen Guthrie as (Insert title) \_\_\_\_\_ of (Insert name of corporation or LLC) Heartland, a (Insert State of

Incorporation) Florida corporation/limited liability company, on behalf of the corporation/limited liability company.

Who is personally known to me,

Who produced FDL as identification, who did take an oath, and who acknowledged before me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the purposes therein expressed.

(Notary Seal) NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA



Antoinette Kilgore  
Commission #DD834011  
Expires: NOV. 04, 2012

Signature

Antoinette Kilgore

Print Name - NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA

Commission No. \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

{Acknowledgment for Partnership}

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by

\_\_\_\_\_, as a general partner of (Insert name of partnership) \_\_\_\_\_ a (Insert State of organization) \_\_\_\_\_

general/limited partnership, on behalf of the partnership.

Who is personally known to me,

Who produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, who did take an oath, and who acknowledged before me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the purposes therein expressed

(Notary Seal)

Signature

Print Name - NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA

Commission No. \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Improvements must be in keeping with the intentions of the program. Items on the example list will not necessarily be approved if they do not meet all other aspects of the Commercial Façade Enhancement Grant Program.



**ELIGIBILITY****APPLICANT  
INITIALS****CRA STAFF  
INITIALS**

Property Owner is Applicant (if no, explain below)

Permit(s) City and/or County Obtained (if applicable)

☒ Local Business Tax Receipts Current (if applicable)

Exterior Improvements Only – Page 2

Within CRA Boundary – Page 2

Project Timeline within 90 days of approval – Page 2

No Water/Sewer/Garbage Delinquencies – Page 3

No Palmetto City liens – Page 3

**REQUIRED INFORMATION & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED**

General Project Description – Page 7

Project Timeline – Page 7

Storefront Business Name – Page 7

CRA Map Location – Page 2

☒ Site Plan Survey – Page 7 – PROVIDED – NO COPY MADE

Site Control – Page 7 – DEED – PROVIDED BUT TOO OLD TO COPY

☒ Site Plan Photographs – Page 7

**PROJECT COST ESTIMATES (>\$10,000 SUBMIT THREE) \*PBB**

Estimate #1 \$ 2,197.<sup>60</sup> - Applicant

Estimate #2 \$ 6,750.<sup>5</sup>

Estimate #3 \$ 10,570.<sup>5</sup>

\*PBB=Palmetto-based business

Applicant {Print Name} Gary Guthrie Initials \_\_\_\_\_

CRA Staff {Print Name } Jen Silverio Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**CRA STAFF:**

Date Completed Application Received \_\_\_\_\_

Date for CRA Advisory Board Review N/A

Date approved/denied by Advisory Board N/A

Date approved/denied by CRA Board 9/10/12

Additional requirement for approval

/Comments \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

VERIFICATION OF CODE/BUILDING ORDINANCE COMPLIANCEDate of Request: 8/20/12

Store Front Grant Application # \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Service Representative:

Please provide the requested information and return to:

PALMETTO CRA  
715 4<sup>TH</sup> Street West  
Palmetto, FL 34221  
Attention: Jenny Silverio  
E-Mail: JSilverio@PalmettoFl.org  
Fax: (941)723-4704

Property Name &amp; Address:

Hortland Fertilizer Co. 917 11<sup>TH</sup> Ave W.

Property Owner Name &amp; Mailing Address:

Gary Guthrie, 917 11<sup>TH</sup> Ave W.Thank you, JL

Please indicate with an (X):

☒

Property is within compliance with all applicable codes and building ordinances

☐

Property will be in compliance with all applicable codes and building ordinances upon completion of projected improvements.

☐

Property is not within compliance with applicable codes and building ordinances

Additional comments: (Please note repeated or extended violations as evidenced throughout the past 24 month period).

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Building/Code Enforcement Representative:

Whitney Chapman  
Print NameW. Chapman  
Signature8/21/12  
Date



VERIFICATION OF STATUS OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS

Date of Request: 8/20/12 Store Front Grant Application # \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Service Representative:

Please provide the requested information and return to:

PALMETTO CRA  
715 4<sup>TH</sup> Street West  
Palmetto, FL 34221  
Attention: Jenny Silverio  
E-Mail: [JSilverio@PalmettoFl.org](mailto:JSilverio@PalmettoFl.org)  
Fax: (941)723-4704

Property Name &

Address: Heartland Fertilizer Co. 917 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. W.

Property Owner Name & Mailing Address:

Gary Guthrie, 917 11<sup>th</sup> Ave W.

Thank you, JR

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Please indicate with an (X):

Services provided:

X Water  
X Sewer  
X Garbage

Status:

X Utility Account is paid in full to date  
\_\_\_\_\_ Utility Account is delinquent in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as of \_\_\_\_\_.

Additional comments: (Please note repeated or extended delinquencies as evidenced throughout the past 24 month period).

Has a good pay history.

Customer Service Representative:

Kera Hill

Print Name

Kera Hill

Signature

08/21/12

Date



Location

917 11th Ave W, Palmetto, FL, 34221







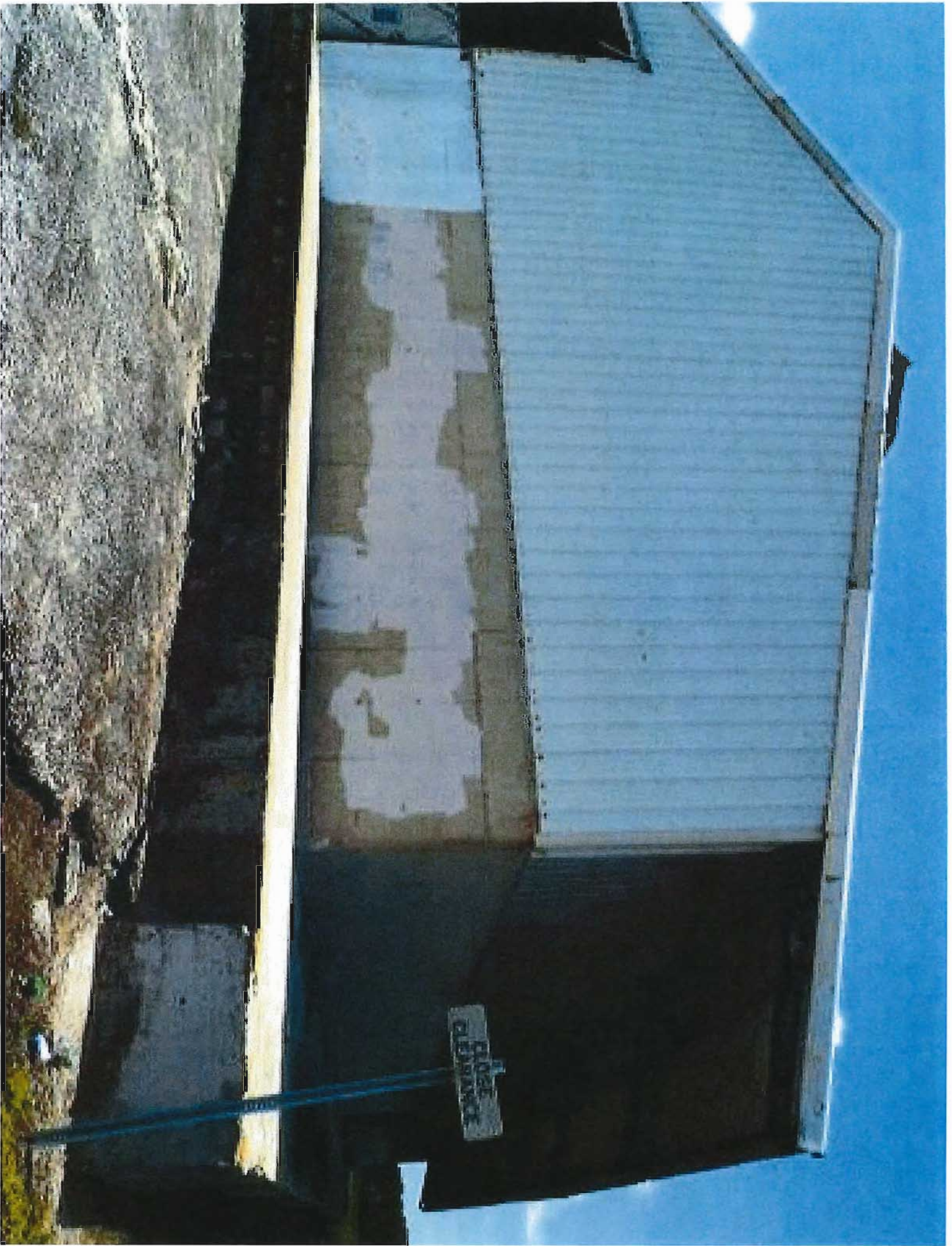












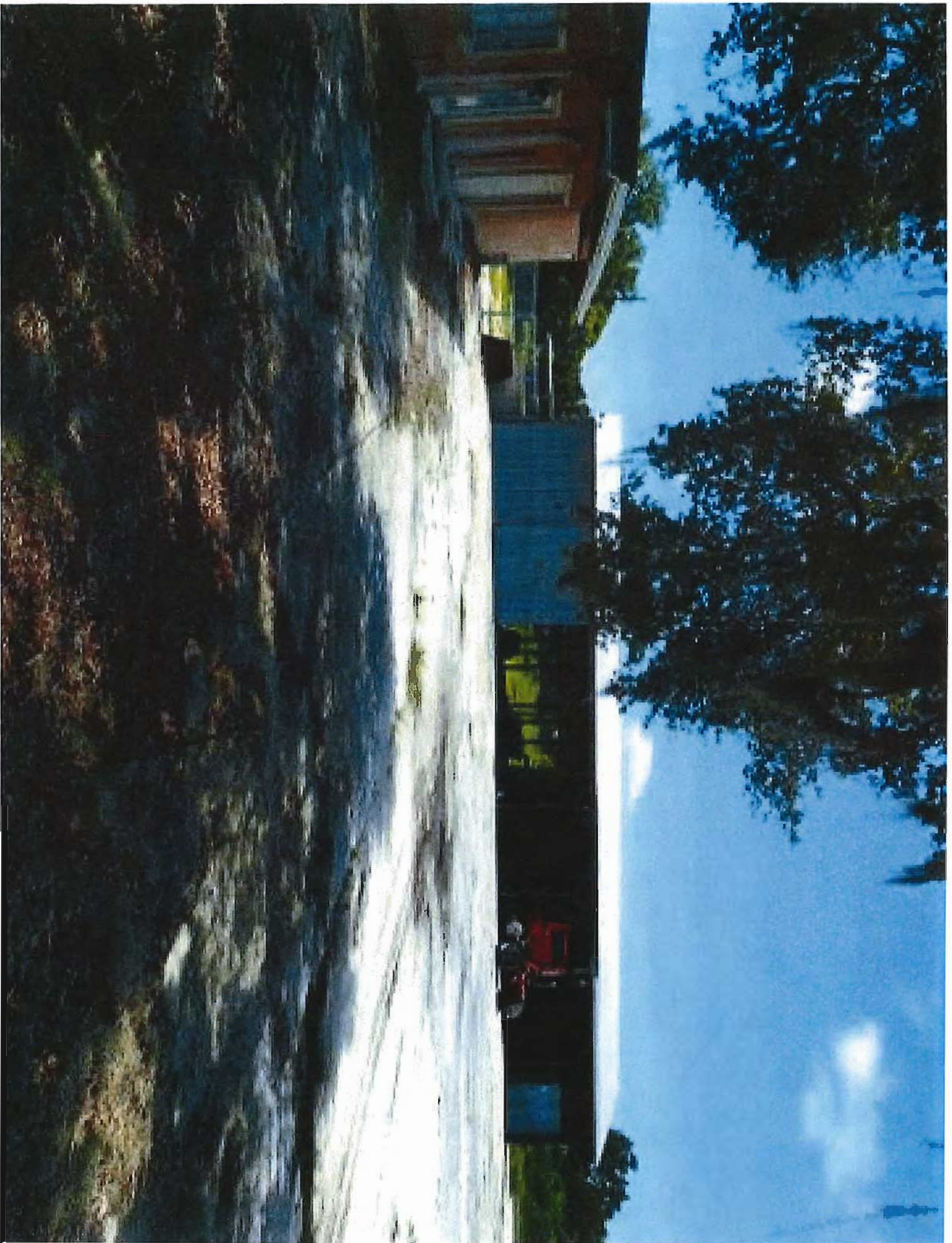


















# Heartland Fertilizer



## Legend



Optex Point-to-Point Beam

Optex Voice Warning Motion Detector

Vandalresistant/Waterproof Day/Night Camera

DVR/Security Control Panel Headend

# CITY OF PALMETTO

State of Florida

## LOCAL BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT

Receipt#  
13-00689

Receipt Valid To: September 30, 2013  
Issue Date: August 9, 2012

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This BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT is issued under the provisions of Ordinance 08-960, AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A LICENSE TAX FOR BUSINESSES OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF PALMETTO BOUNDARIES.

MANUFACTURING 11 - 50 EMPLOY

Business Name/Address

HEARTLAND FERTILIZER  
P O BOX 877  
PALMETTO FL 34220

Business Tax Receipt Issued to:

HEARTLAND FERTILIZER  
917 11TH AVE W  
PALMETTO FL 34221

NOTE: POST IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE.

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TO: DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS

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FROM: GRIMES, GOEBEL, GRIMES &amp; HAWKINS, P.A.

ACCT#: 072460000742

CONTACT: ~~CHERYL COMSTOCK~~ JACK MAAS

PHONE: (941)748-0151

FAX #: (941)748-0158

NAME: PRODUCERS FERTILIZER COMPANY

AUDIT NUMBER.....H97000008943

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Sandra B. Mortham  
Secretary of State

May 23, 1997

JACK M. MAAS  
GRIMES, GOEBEL, GRIMES & HAWKINS, P.A.

The name HEARTLAND FERTILIZER COMPANY has been reserved for 120 days beginning May 23, 1997. The reservation number is R97000002546 and this reservation is NONRENEWABLE.

A reservation is not a grant of authority to use the name. It is only a withholding of a name from its availability for use by another. When the proposed document is submitted, the name will AGAIN be checked against the records of the Division and if still no conflict exists and all other requirements are fulfilled, the reserved name shall be filed as the entity name.

The Division of Corporations is a ministerial filing office and may not render any legal advice. The Division does not adjudicate the legality of any corporate name or arbitrate disputes between entities. You may wish to review other laws such as common law rights, including rights to a trade name; United States Code, Federal Trademark Act, Section 1051 (Lanham Act); Chapter 495, Florida Statutes, Registration of Trademarks and Service Marks (Florida Trademark Act); and Section 865.09, Florida Statutes (Fictitious Name Act).

If someone else submits the document for filing, it must have a copy of this letter attached.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please telephone (904) 488-9000, the Name Availability Section

Marie Bartlett

Letter number: 297A00028283

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**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT  
OF THE  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
PRODUCERS FERTILIZER COMPANY**

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97 MAY 30 PM 4:28  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

PRODUCERS FERTILIZER COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (the "Corporation"), in order to amend its Articles of Incorporation in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, does hereby certify as follows:

1. The Articles of Incorporation of the corporation were filed by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida on June 29, 1962.

2. The amendment to the Articles of Incorporation being effected hereby will completely delete Article 1 of the Articles of Incorporation as of the date hereof, and substitute in its place the Article 1 set forth below. As amended below, Article 1 of the Articles of incorporation has the sole effect of changing the Corporations' name from "PRODUCERS FERTILIZER COMPANY" to "HEARTLAND FERTILIZER COMPANY".

3. This amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was adopted on the 27th day of May, 1997.

4. The number of votes cast for the amendment by the shareholders and directors was sufficient for approval.

5. These Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation shall be effective immediately upon the filing by the Secretary of State for the State of Florida and thereafter, the name of the corporation shall be "HEARTLAND FERTILIZER COMPANY" and Article 1 of the

John D. Hawkins, Esquire/ FL Bar No. 277691  
Grimes Goebel Grimes Hawkins & Gladfelter, P.A.  
1023 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205  
(941) 748-0151 Fax (941) 748-0158

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Articles of Incorporation of the corporation shall read as follows:

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Article 1

Name

The name of this corporation shall be:

HEARTLAND FERTILIZER COMPANY

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, HEARTLAND FERTILIZER COMPANY has caused these  
Articles of Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation to be executed by its sole President,  
Director and Shareholder this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1997.

HEARTLAND FERTILIZER COMPANY

By: 

Gary S. Guthrie,  
President/Director

By: 

R. Earle Lucas, Jr.,  
Vice President/Director

By: 

April M. Lucas,  
Secretary/Treasurer/Director

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