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PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF LAND GIFT FOR IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Action Requested: Consider authorizing the acceptance, for the benefit of Iowa State University, of a one acre tract of land on the McNay Research Farm from the Committee for Agricultural Development (CAD), subject to approval of the final documents by the Board Office and Attorney General's Office.

(ROLL CALL VOTE)

Executive Summary: The Board is requested to authorize acceptance of a one acre tract of land on the McNay Research Farm from the Committee for Agricultural Development (CAD).

The ISU McNay Research Farm, established in 1956, is the primary location in south central Iowa for agricultural research and demonstrations. The farm began as a gift of land from the McNay family and consists of 1,968 acres used primarily as pasture for a beef cowherd (about 400 cows). The cows and their offspring are used for genetics, breeding, health, nutrition, grazing, management, and research projects. Also on the farm are research projects related to soils, tillage, forages, and forestry.

The one-acre tract was the site of a one-room schoolhouse. There are no improvements on the tract now which is near the center of McNay Farm and is bordered on two sides by ISU-owned land and on two sides by county roads (see Attachment A).

Committee for Agricultural Development (CAD) is an affiliate of Iowa State University organized as a 501(c)(5) non-profit Iowa corporation. CAD exists for scientific and educational purposes to promote the general welfare of agriculture through the production and distribution of superior germ plasma and other products of research. In addition, the organization owns and leases farmland to benefit Iowa State University agricultural research. CAD recently purchased the one-acre tract and now wishes to donate the land to ISU and make it part of the adjacent ISU McNay Research Farm.

Additional information is available from the Board Office.

