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Ms. Kay Kuhlmann, City Council Administrator
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Re: 1998 sale of 4.17 acres of Veith Family farm to the City of Red Wing for the purpose of construction of a public golf course for the citizens of Red Wing

Dear City Council Members:

Back in 1998, Mr. Wendell Pittenger approached my father, Donald Veith, about the sale of approx. 4 acres of the Veith Family Farm for purposes of construction of nine holes on the Highlands course at Mississippi National Golf Links. My father explained to Mr. Pittenger that I, his son, Randall Veith, was the interested party since I owned the land and was operating the family farm. My father arranged for a meeting between Mr. Pittenger and my father and me. Mr. Pittenger explained to us that 4 acres of our land was needed in order to finish the new 18 hole golf course that would come to be known as the Highlands course. Since the sale of the land mainly affected me, as operator of the Veith Family Farm, I took the lead in the discussion of a possible sale of land for a Red Wing public golf course.

While neither my father nor I had any interest in selling off any of our family farm, we recognized the value of a public golf course for the citizens of Red Wing. My family has lived and worked in the Red Wing area for almost a century and a half. The Veiths have had several generational ties with the City. We, my father and I, decided that we could help the citizens of Red Wing by selling a small acreage to the City of Red Wing for the purposes of building the public golf course. The stipulation we made to Mr. Pittenger, whom we assumed was representing the City of Red Wing, was that if the use of the land for a golf course was discontinued, the 4 acres would be returned to the Veith Family Farm.

Mr. Pittenger arranged for a local attorney to draw up the legal documents. Neither my father, mother, nor I obtained our own lawyer. On March 31, 1998 Donald Veith, Lois

Veith and myself signed documents that transferred the 4 acres of Veith land to the City of Red Wing for the purposes of construction of a public golf course. The deed of transfer contained the words, "Grantors convey this property to Grantee solely for the purpose of a golf course being constructed on said property. In the event that use of the property is discontinued during the lifetime of the Grantors, this property shall revert to them or the survivor of them." Dad, mom, and I all assumed this meant that if the land was no longer used as a golf course the land would return to Don, Lois, Randy, or our heirs. The idea was that if the golf course was discontinued, the 4 acres would return to the Veith Family Farm.

Recently there has been talk of the City of Red Wing selling the public golf course. I have also recently discovered that the 1998 deed transferring Veith Family Farm land has language limiting the return of Veith family farm land to the lives of Donald and Lois Veith. This is **NOT** the intent of, nor the agreement, the Veith family made with Mr. Pittenger and the City of Red Wing. The agreement was that the 4 acres of land would be returned to the Veith family whether Don or Lois or Randy or their heirs were owners of the land if and when the City of Red Wing discontinued the golf course.

I do not know what arrangements the City of Red Wing is making to sell the public golf course. I do wish to protect myself and my family in the event the City divests itself of the public golf course. I request the original intent and agreement in the transfer of Veith Family Farm land be honored. I request the City of Red Wing provide me with new deeds transferring the 4 acres of land from the Veith family to the City of Red Wing. I request the new deeds express the intent and agreement of the Veith family and the City of Red Wing and include language that "In the event that the City of Red Wing discontinues its public golf course that the 4 acre property shall revert to Lois Veith, Randall Veith, Haley Veith, Marcus Veith, or their heirs and survivors living within 21 years after the death of said persons."

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I would appreciate action by the Red Wing City Council prior to their sale of the land transferred to the City of Red Wing by the Veith family.

Respectfully yours,
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