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Lethbridge County, AB T1K 8G9

September 09, 2020

NRCB

100, 5401 1 Avenue S.

Lethbridge, AB T1J 4V6

Attn: Joe Sonnenberg

Re: Application L 19032, Corner's Pride Farms Ltd., NE 7-7-20 W4M

Dear Mr. Sonnenberg,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to this application and outline our concerns and reasons why this application should be denied.

1. One of the most important reasons we see is the land textures and drainage problems. The location of this proposed CFO is on NE7-7-20, directly above a flood plain area and drainage ditch. This drainage ditch was built in 1967, starts just west of 7-7-20 and runs east for several miles to drain the lands in this very large low lying flat area. This ditch worked quite well, but it's purpose changed to accommodate irrigation. As well, over the years, more and more farmers, and acreage owners, for miles to the north and south of this ditch, and the Town of Raymond have improved the drainage of water off their land, all of which goes into this drain ditch. There have been improvements to try to make the ditch more efficient, ie new culverts, and different paths of water to the ditch, however, the drain ditch itself has never been expanded in spite of numerous requests by the affected land owners. So, the problem that the ditch was originally built for, has not only returned, but has been greatly amplified. Consequently, when there is high rainfall or water shed events, this ditch cannot handle the volume and frequently overflows, again flooding numerous acres of various land owners along the ditch. See attached pictures. This overflow can affect a good portion of the land Corner's Pride owns and plans to dispose the manure on. Almost all of 5-7-20 (that the previous owner sold because of the excess water problem), can be under water as well as a good

portion of SE7-7-20 and the north part of 6-7-20. Having farmed for many years, the portion of 7-7-20 and the north part of 6-7-20 that Corner's Pride now owns, I experienced this flooding first hand. As well, the land itself, which is heavy clay based, becomes totally saturated with minimal rainfall resulting in frequent substantial pooling. See picture of his drowned-out hay land just south of the proposed site. The direction of the water shed is from north to south, and any runoff will eventually run down to this drain. Even if the drain is not overflowing, there will be times when this heavy gumbo soil is so saturated there will be a slow seep of the manure towards the drain. The majority of Corner's Pride's land is unsuitable no matter how the manure is dispersed. With the totally unexpected extreme weather that we have experienced here over the years due to snow events combined with heavy rainfall, why would you risk an overflow of the lagoon or seepage from the site, and the inevitable detrimental impact on the Environment, acreage owners and neighbors' land. We feel it is of utmost importance that this application be denied. It is our view that Corner's Pride Farms is either unaware of these facts or knows about it and doesn't care, because we see no reason why anyone would put a CFO in this location.

2. Increased traffic on our township roads. We already have Corner's Pride hay hauling semi-truck traffic coming past our home and the community has been told that the CFO traffic will be on our township gravel road 7-2. We know this traffic will increase greatly. Our County gravel roads are narrow, soft, with steep shoulders, and require a great deal of maintenance. The County will experience increased maintenance and upgrading costs as a result of this operation. The roads leading to this site are by no means acceptable for the heavy truck traffic this operation will require. Road damage resulting from this heavy CFO truck hauling will make the roads dangerous for our essential school bus traffic.
3. Most importantly, should this operation be approved, our community will forever be changed, and not at all for the better. We all work and play outdoors and enjoy our quiet and clean environment. That's why the number of acreage homes has greatly increased in our area with some in process and more to come. The traffic noise, dust, smell, flies, and inevitable detrimental impact on the environment that this CFO will bring, would transform this quiet, pristine community to a much less desirable one for the many who live here now, just for Corner's Pride's benefit. The owner lives in B.C. and has no ties to our community other his business.

We are second generation farmers and the Grant farm has been part of this community for the past 75 years. We use sustainable farming practices and are environmentally conscious.

Our children plan to continue our farm business and, in this regard, both our son and daughter with their families, are planning to build new homes close to our operation base. We are all very concerned now with this new proposal as we will be just over a mile directly east of it. With the prevailing west winds, we will experience the strong manure odor, poor air quality, and the increased traffic as we have specified above. Grain production is and has always been the major enterprise in our area. This CFO is unsuitable for our community. The owner shouldn't expect our community to change for him. He should find a suitable site elsewhere, or, use one of the many established feed lots which have space. We do not want our peaceful farm community ruined by the addition of this CFO. We strongly feel this application must be denied.

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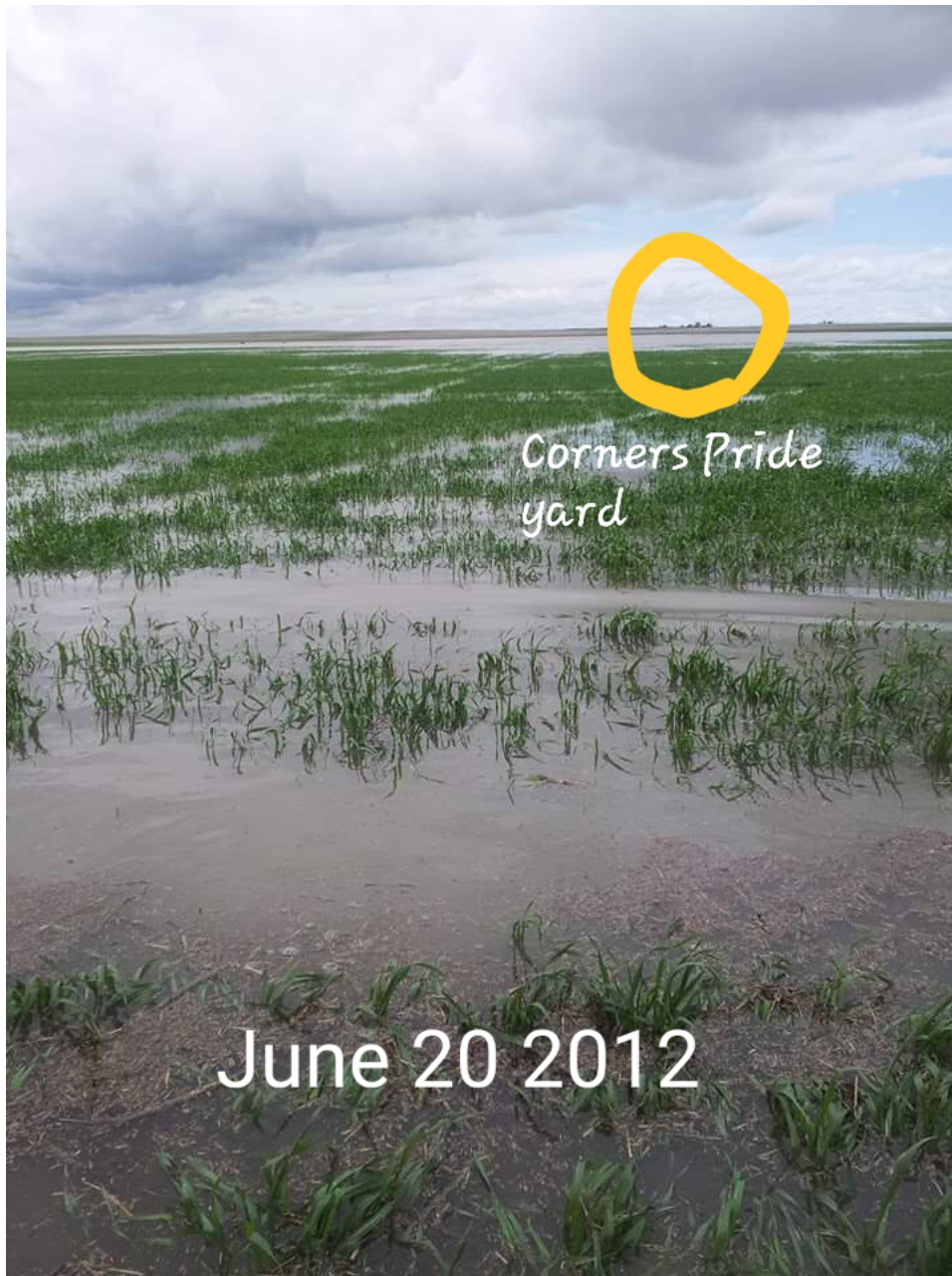
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SE 16-7-20, SW 16-7-20

NE 31-6-20



Corners Pride
yard

June 20 2012

This picture shows the water flooding problem which has happened numerous times and will occur again.



The picture above was taken September 8, 2020, from Township Road 72, just north of the proposed site and shows the drowned out portions of his hay field just south of the proposed CFO.