

Ag secretary announces major crops purchase, antitrust efforts

BY ANNA KAMINSKI
KANSAS CITY — U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins announced on Thursday, Sept. 25, plans to boost American farmers by purchasing millions of bushels of crops.

In an effort to increase American exports, the USDA will purchase 417,000 metric tons of commodities immediately to support the international food aid programs. That's equivalent to more than 16 million bushels of corn and sorghum.

Rollins made the announcement during a speech that earned a standing ovation at the Ag Outlook Forum in Kansas City, where she outlined the Trump Administration's efforts to aid a struggling farm economy.

"The cost of doing business for our farmers has increased drastically while commodity prices have slipped," Rollins said.

The large purchase would benefit America First International Food Assistance programs, the McGovern-Dole Food for Education program and

Food for Progress, which rely on U.S.-grown crops.

Rollins outlined a series of dire economic challenges facing farmers and ranchers in the United States, blaming the Biden administration for inflation and policies that "all but ignored the needs" of farmers.

Since 2020, the cost of seed has risen 18%, the cost of fuel rose 30%, labor costs are up 47%, electricity up 36%, machinery up 45% and fertilizer up 37%, she said. Largest of all was a 73% increase in interest expenses.

To address rising costs for farmers, Rollins said the Federal Reserve needs to keep lowering interest rates. The Trump administration is also reportedly repurposing "Biden DEI," or diversity, equity and inclusion funds. Those could benefit farmers as soon as Oct. 2.

She touted seven new international trade deals, including 99% tariffs on Indonesia, increased rice exports from Japan and an ethanol deal with the United Kingdom.

Out of concern for undue foreign influence in

American agriculture, Rollins also announced that the USDA and the U.S. Department of Justice signed a joint memorandum Thursday morning to scrutinize the agriculture marketplace through antitrust enforcement that promotes market competition, effective immediately.

Rollins addressed a pressing beef cattle shortage, which partially has to do with low inventory, a loss of cattle ranches and disease risk. Over the past decade, the U.S. has lost about 150,000 cattle operations, Rollins said. Many have been offshored or consolidated. U.S. cattle inventory is at its lowest in 75 years, she said.

She also promised new dietary guidelines for Americans that encourage beef, protein and whole milk consumption.

However, the USDA has no current plans to offer payments to beef producers.

"We see how the government getting involved can completely distort the markets, and so currently there will be no plan," Rollins said. "No plan is even under consideration to in-

sert ourselves through payments into the beef cattle industry."

Instead, Rollins said, the government will focus on freeing up land, using funding from the One Big Beautiful Bill for animal disease prevention, and, "hopefully inspiring the next generation of farmers."

She told reporters following the speech that the USDA is not yet ready to announce a payment plan to aid farmers. During the first Trump administration, farmers received around \$23 million in subsidies.

Also on Thursday, President Donald Trump told reporters he would use tariff revenue to bail out farmers, who have been disproportionately hurt by tariff policies, according to reporting from Politico.

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WORD SCRAMBLE

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GMG CSD
Special Board Meeting
09/22/2025 07:30 AM
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance
Voting Members: Kristine Kienle, Board Vice President
Ann Jackson, Board Member
Justin Hornberg, Board Member
Rod Claassen, Board Member
Non-Voting Members:
Chris Petersen, Superintendent
Betsy Spaur, School Board Secretary

I. Call To Order
The special meeting was called to order at 7:32 AM.
II. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
III. Approve Board Agenda
Motion made by: Ann Jackson
Motion seconded by: Justin Hornberg

Voting: Unanimously Approved
IV. New Business
i. Opening of Construction Account
Motion made by: Ann Jackson
Motion seconded by: Rod Claassen

Voting: Unanimously Approved
ii. Resolution Appointing Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement, and Authorizing the Execution of Same.
Motion made by: Rod Claassen
Motion seconded by: Ann Jackson

Voting: Unanimously Approved
iii. Approval of form of Tax Exemption Certificate
Motion made by: Justin Hornberg
Motion seconded by: Rod Claassen

Voting: Unanimously Approved
iv. Approval of Continuing Disclosure Certificate
Motion made by: Ann Jackson
Motion seconded by: Justin Hornberg

Voting: Unanimously Approved
v. Resolution Amending the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$12,300,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025, and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof
Motion made by: Rod Claassen
Motion seconded by: Justin Hornberg

Voting: Unanimously Approved
vi. Contracts & Resignations
Motion made by: Ann Jackson
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vii. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned
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vi. Consent Agenda
i. Contracts & Resignations
Motion made by: Ann Jackson
Motion seconded by: Rod Claassen
Voting: Unanimously Approved
vi. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned
Motion made by: Justin Hornberg
Motion seconded by: Rod Claassen

Voting: Unanimously Approved
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NOTICE OF FILING OF THE FINAL PLAT AND SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS AGAINST BENEFITED PROPERTIES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GOULD STREET SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, WITHIN THE CITY OF GLADBROOK, IOWA

TO THE PERSONS OWNING LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT DESCRIBED AS THE GOULD STREET SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, WITHIN THE CITY OF GLADBROOK, IOWA:

consisting of the properties which are described as follows:
All properties fronting on Gould Street receive special benefit from the completion of this project. These benefits include improved sanitary sewer and sanitary sewer services.

Properties which shall receive special benefit from the proposed improvements, and upon which special assessments will be levied to finance a portion of the project cost are the following:
A. PCL 70' X 182' SW SE 9-85-16
B. PCL 93'X182' BEING PT OF LOT 15 AUD PLAT SE 9-85-16
C. PCL 121' X 182' SW SW SE LOT 15 9-85-16
D. W 182' SOUTH OF CONANTS ADD EX S 284' SE 9-85-16
E. LOT 6 CONANT'S

The extent of the work completed on the Gould Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements, is as follows:
The work was performed in the rear of the lots along the east side of Gould Street, from 6th Street to W 8th Street. The work in this area included construction of a new sanitary sewer main, connection of existing sanitary sewer services, installing new sanitary sewer service cleanouts, and seeding/fertilizing. All improvements are proposed to be located within a proposed public easement.

You are hereby notified that the final plat and schedule of assessments against benefited properties within the District described as the Gould Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements, for the construction of sanitary sewer and other public improvements, has been adopted and levied by the Council of the City of Gladbrook, and that said plat and schedule of assessments has been certified to the County Treasurer of Tama County, Iowa. Assessments of \$500.00 or more are payable in ten equal annual installments, with interest on the unpaid balance, all as provided in Section 384.65, Code of Iowa. Conditional deficiency assessments, if any, may be levied against the applicable property for the same period of years as

the assessments are made payable.

You are further notified that assessments may be paid in full or in part without interest at the office of the City Clerk, at any time within thirty days after the date of the first publication of this notice of the filing of the final plat and schedule of assessments with the County Treasurer. Unless said assessments are paid in full within said thirty day period all unpaid assessments will draw annual interest computed at five (5) percent (commencing on the date of acceptance of the work) computed to the December 1st next following the due dates of the respective installments. Each installment will be delinquent on September 30th following its due date on July 1st in each year. Property owners may elect to pay any annual installment semiannually in advance.

All properties located within the boundaries of the Gould Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements, above described have been assessed for the cost of the making of said improvements, the amount of each assessment and the amount of any conditional deficiency assessment having been set out in the schedule of assessments and plat accompanying the same, which are now on file in the office of the County Treasurer of Tama County, Iowa. For further information you are referred to said plat and schedule of assessments.

This notice is given at the direction of the Mayor pursuant to Code Section 384.60, Code of Iowa.

Jackie Stephenson

City Clerk, City of Gladbrook, Iowa
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ADOPTION
ADULT
APPLICATION
BEHAVIOR
BOND
COMMITMENT
COMPANION
DONATION
FOREVER HOME
FOSTER
KENNEL
LOVING
MICROCHIP
NEUTER
PUPPY
RESCUE
SCREENING
SENIOR
SHELTER
SPAY
TRAINING
TRANSPORT
VOLUNTEER

CLUES ACROSS

- Comedic actor Rogen
- Bits per inch
- Tire pressure measurement
- Angels great Mike
- Own (Scottish)
- Notable FI racing team
- Upper bract of grass
- Tax collector
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
- Informal loan clubs
- Skeletal muscle
- Popular fish type
- Salts of acetic acid
- Arriving early
- Worded
- Single Lens Reflex
- Amphibians
- Warm greeting
- Belonging to a thing
- Segmented worm
- Concerns
- Audacious
- Wings
- Type of drug
- Wind chill formula scientist Charles
- Island close to the U.S.
- "To the ___ degree"
- Daniel ___, French composer
- A way to march
- Where golfers begin
- Spiritual leader
- Of she
- Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
- Tall, slender-leaved plant

CLUES DOWN

- Engine additive
- Amounts of time
- Fragrant brown balsam used in perfume
- Color properties
- One who hands over
- Thieves of the sea
- Put in
- Nocturnal rodents
- Pouches
- Systems, doctrines, theories
- Greek alphabet letter
- Greek goddess of youth
- Satisfy
- Partly digested food
- Dictator
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- A major division of geological time
- Angry
- St. Francis of ___
- Romanian monetary unit
- Stale
- Go quickly
- Commercial
- Canadian city
- One who slices
- Perform perfectly
- Nest of pheasants
- Tactile sensations
- Sword
- Climactic
- Adrenocorticotrophin
- Fisherman's tool
- Swiss river
- Plant that makes gum
- A French abbot
- One point east of northeast
- Get free of

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