

State of Nebraska

Accountability and Disclosure Commission

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June 23, 2025

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Re: C-2 Potential Conflict of Interest Statement

Dear Ms. Hirschman,

This will acknowledge receipt of a C-2, Potential Conflict of Interest Statement ("Statement"), which you filed with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission ("NADC") on Monday, June 23, 2025. This will also acknowledge a short conversation which you had with me on that same date, in which you provided some additional facts with respect to the Statement.

You are a member of the Howard County Board of Commissioners ("Board"). Tomorrow, the Board will consider the question of whether to vacate a portion of 8th Avenue, between Friend and Gordon Roads. You and your husband lease property which adjoins the potential vacation. The vote could result in a slight increase in the land you lease, or a slight decrease—depending upon the result of the vote on the vacation of the said Road area.

As a member of the Board, you are governed by the terms and requirements of Section 49-1499.03(1) of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. That Section provides in pertinent part that if you are required to, "take any action or make any decision in the discharge of [your] official duties that may cause financial benefit or detriment to [you], a member of [your] immediate family, or a business with which [you are] associated," then you should prepare and file with the NADC a written statement describing the matter. You have done this by filing your subject Statement with the NADC. The cited NPADA Section further provides that the NADC will advise you with respect to what action you should take under the circumstances. It should also be noted that in our telephone conversation you advised that you intended to recuse yourself from voting on the said vacation matter when it comes before the Board on June 24th.

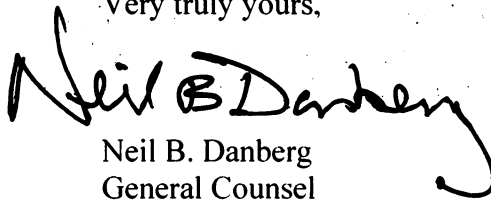
Based upon the foregoing facts and circumstances, we conclude that the vacation of the road area in question may result in either a financial benefit or detriment to you and your husband in view of the adjacent lease which you currently hold. Consequently, we conclude that the decision on the issue of vacation of the road is one in which you would

have a financial interest, and you should recuse yourself with respect to discussion and voting on said issue when it comes before the Board.

In reaching this conclusion, we are relying upon our understanding, as we have expressed it in this letter, of the accuracy of information and facts which you have provided in your subject Statement. If our expressed understanding of these facts is incorrect or incomplete, please advise us immediately.

Thank you for your filing of the subject Statement. Please contact me directly if you have any questions concerning this opinion.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Neil B. Danberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The "N" is large and loops around the "e". The "B" is also large and loops around the "D". The "Danberg" part is written in a more straightforward cursive script.

Neil B. Danberg
General Counsel

NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION 11 th Floor, State Capitol P.O. Box 95086 Lincoln, NE 68509 (402) 471-2522	POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT NADC FORM C-2	POSTMARK DATE <u>6/21/25</u>
BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM READ THE FILING REQUIREMENTS ON PAGE 3		MICROFILM NUMBER
OFFICE USE ONLY RECEIVED JUN 23 2025 NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY and DISCLOSURE COMMISSION		

- An official or employee of the executive branch of state government or any other official or employee required to file Statements of Financial Interests must file this form if he or she has a potential conflict of interest.
- Elected officials of school districts and elected officials of villages and cities (except Omaha and Lincoln) should not use this form. Use Potential Conflict of Interest Statement Form C-2A.
- File this Potential Conflict of Interest Statement with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission and with your immediate superior (if any) whenever a potential conflict of interest situation arises.
- Persons who fail to disclose a potential conflict of interest or who otherwise do not comply with the law are subject to penalties.

ITEM 1	NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER		
Name	<u>Hirschman Kathryn Ann</u>		Telephone No. <u>308-750-7185</u>
Address	<u>830 Hardy Road St. Paul NE 68873</u>		
	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE	City	STATE ZIP CODE
ITEM 2	TITLE, AGENCY, ADDRESS, PHONE AND SUPERIOR		
Your Title	<u>Howard County Commissioner</u>		Agency <u>Howard County</u>
Agency Address	<u>612 Indian St. St. Paul, NE 68873</u>		
Agency Phone	<u>308-754-4343</u>		
Name of Immediate Superior			Title
ITEM 3	DESCRIBE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN DETAIL (Use Item 7 Continuation, if necessary)		
Date action is to be taken or decision is to be made: <u>June 24, 2025</u> Description of Potential Conflict: <u>On June 24, 2025 the Howard County Board of Commissioners will vote on the vacation of 8th Avenue between Friend Road and Gordon Road in Howard County. On the south side of the road that pertains to the vacation, the Nebraska Board of Education Lands and Funds owns this property which my husband, Robert Hirschman, and I currently hold the lease to farm this parcel. Therefore a financial benefit or detriment could be associated with my vote in this agenda item. My involvement with the property raises the concern of a conflict of interest and with the action the commissioners.</u>			

ITEM 4 PERSONS WHO MAY RECEIVE FINANCIAL BENEFIT OR DETRIMENT☒ You☐ Member of your Immediate Family:Kathryn Ann Hirschman
NAME☒ Business With Which You
Are Associated (See Definitions)Robert Hirschman
NAME OF BUSINESS**ITEM 5 NATURE OF FINANCIAL BENEFIT OR DETRIMENT**

Therefore if more acres are added to the property because of vacating the road our family will experience financial benefit, because of the added income. Financial detriment could also be possible if the road is vacated and the property reverts back to the original land owners and acres are lost because the section line is to the south side of the road.

ITEM 6 FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE ONLY

If you will not abstain from acting on a matter state why, despite the potential conflict, you intend to vote or otherwise participate.

ITEM 7 CONTINUATIONKathryn Ann Hirschman
(SIGNATURE)6-18-2025
(DATE)