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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Sam Kooiker
DATE: September 20, 2011
SUBJECT: Airport Donation

Dear Council Members,

On August 25, the City received a generous contribution from the Hillenbrand Family Foundation to be used for airport art. The donor requested anonymity due to his humility and his desire not to have publicity for his generosity. Since the funds were earmarked and the spending controlled by the Airport Board and due to the donor's request for anonymity, the name was released only to the Airport Board director, Finance Office and City Council President. Since that time, concerns were raised in the community about the contribution. Since there isn't a specific law that allows for contributions to City government to be kept confidential, and since the donor has since agreed to be named, this is now being released.

We are very grateful for the generosity of the Hillenbrand Family Foundation. We are impressed by their desire to serve our community and for their humility.

Sincerely,


Sam Kooiker



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August 24, 2011

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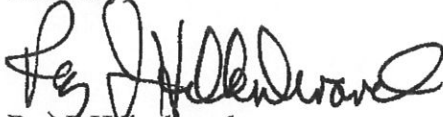
Dear Sam,

Enclosed is our Foundation's check to the city of Rapid City for \$100,000.00. We understand that the city's Airport Authority has set aside funds to decorate the current airport expansion with art purchased from local artists. We would like for this donation to be added to those funds. We have a great respect for the talented artists we have in our area and this effort by the Airport Authority will showcase their talents to visitors to our area as well as area residents using the airport.

We would like for this donation to be as anonymous as possible and would appreciate the city sending our Foundation a receipt indicating our Foundation received no goods or services from the city in exchange for this donation.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Ray J. Hillenbrand
President

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