

Date September 28, 2009

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2009, by Roll Call Number 09-1347, the City Council of the City of Des Moines received, filed and referred to the City Manager a request from Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to name the Euclid Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines River, in honor of Brigadier General Marcellus Crocker; and

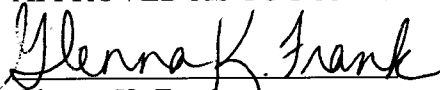
WHEREAS, this naming request and City and Polk County review thereof, and concurrence in and resolution regarding such request, is required by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT), Office of Traffic and Safety, in the IDOT review of the Sons of Union Veterans' request to rename twelve bridges along the route of U.S. Highway 6, at the expense of the Veterans organization and signage placed by the IDOT if approved; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and his designee have reviewed this request and have submitted the attached communication recommending approval and concurrence of the naming request for the Euclid Avenue Bridge, in order for the Sons of Union Veterans to proceed with the renaming process with the IDOT.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, that the request from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to name the Euclid Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines River, in honor of Brigadier General Marcellus Crocker, is hereby approved and concurred as required by the Iowa Department of Transportation, subject to the understanding that all costs and signage requirements associated with said renaming will be at the expense of the Veterans organization and at the approval of the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Glenna K. Frank  
Assistant City Attorney

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MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

★ Roll Call Number

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Date July 27, 2009

Request from Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to name the Euclid Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines River, in honor of Brigadier General Marcellus Crocker.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Sue Elliott [mailto:Sue.Elliott@polkcountyiowa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2009 7:39 AM  
**To:** Warburton, Joyce M.  
**Subject:** FW: Need for resolution

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**From:** David M Lamb [mailto:digger1@q.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2009 8:16 PM  
**To:** County Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** RE: Need for resolution

Dear Miss Elliott,

I am aware that the bridge is located within the confines of the City of Des Moines, and have no idea what the Iowa Department of Transportation requires BOTH a city and county resolution on these matters, but it is my understanding that they do. I notified City Councilwoman Christine Hensley at the same time that I sent the request to Mrs Connolly, and have been told that their resolution is forthcoming. We will, as I understand it, still need one from the Board of Supervisors.

Best regards,

D. Lamb

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**From:** CountyBoard@polkcountyiowa.gov  
**To:** digger1@q.com  
**Date:** Mon, 20 Jul 2009 15:05:00 -0500  
**Subject:** RE: Need for resolution

Mr. Lamb -

Thank you for your email requesting a resolution of support for the naming of the Euclid Avenue Bridge. As you are aware, the Euclid Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines River is located within the jurisdiction of the City of Des Moines. Please forward your request to Mayor Frank Cownie with a copy to the Des Moines City Council and City Manager, Rick Clark. The link to the information for the Mayor and council is below:

[http://www.ci.des-moines.ia.us/mayor\\_council/index.htm](http://www.ci.des-moines.ia.us/mayor_council/index.htm)

Sincerely,

Sue Elliott  
Project Manager  
Polk County Board of Supervisors

**From:** David M Lamb [mailto:digger1@q.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 8:09 AM  
**To:** County Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** Need for resolution

**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**Subject:** FW: G.A.R. Highway Bridge Project

**From:** Sue Elliott [mailto:Sue.Elliott@polkcountyiowa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2009 7:41 AM  
**To:** Warburton, Joyce M.  
**Subject:** FW: G.A.R. Highway Bridge Project

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Joyce -

Will you let me know when/if Council approves? Thanks!

Sue

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**From:** David M Lamb [mailto:digger1@q.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2009 8:59 PM  
**To:** County Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** FW: G.A.R. Highway Bridge Project

Deat Miss Elliott,

Here is the most recent information (July 20, 2009) regarding the requirements of the IDOT regarding our Bridge Project. Polk and Dallas Counties are the only two remaining counties in Iowa that we have not gotten the requisite resolutions from.

D. Lamb

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**From:** cs@referencellc.com  
**To:** jmsh341@netzero.net  
**CC:** Wgpcw@aol.com; digger1@q.com  
**Subject:** G.A.R. Highway Bridge Project  
**Date:** Mon, 20 Jul 2009 08:41:02 -0500

Good Morning Brothers,

I finally spike with Troy Jerman of the Office of Traffic and Safety. Troy is standing in for Tim Crouch, my first contact with the Department of Safety. Mr. Crouch is in Afghanistan on military leave from the D.O.T.

These are the final points that needed clarification to complete our project:

- Resolutions for bridges in city limits will need to come from **both** the County Board of Supervisors and the City Council. Mr. Jerman could not give specifics, but said it was determined by population. So, to 'cleanly' get this done; obtain Resolutions from both entities.
- Resolutions will to sent to:

Timothy D. Crouch, PE, PTOE  
Office of Traffic & Safety  
800 Lincoln Way  
Ames, IA 50010

- The two county bridges, Jasper & Guthrie, will need to be handled by those counties. The IA D.O.T. has no jurisdiction. So, my suggestion would be to contact their Board of Supervisors by telephone, Brother James, and ask what they will need from us to finalize the bridges in their respective county. I am sure if

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30 June 2009

Chairperson Angela Connolly  
Polk County Board of Supervisors

Dear Chairperson Connolly,

I am writing to ask you assistance with a matter of considerable importance to an organization to which I belong.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (the legal representatives of and heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic) has undertaken a state-wide project to have twelve bridges along the route of U.S. Highway 6 (the old G.A.R. Highway) named for General Officers from Iowa who served the cause of Union and Freedom in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865. In Polk County, the Bridge that we have chosen is the Euclid Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines River. It is our intention that this bridge shall be named after Brigadier General Marcellus Crocker, who was an attorney in Des Moines before the war and who lies buried in Woodland Cemetery (see attached bio of BG Crocker).

Once this project is completed (we have only two bridges left to have resolutions of approval and support granted by the city and county governments, Polk County being one of these) Iowa will be the first state in the nation to have completed this project. The signage for each bridge will be paid for by our organization and shall be of no expense to the taxpayers, and will be placed by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

I am asking that you pass a formal resolution, as required by the Iowa Department of Transportation, before they will complete the project. We cannot proceed until we have all of the necessary city and county resolutions in hand, and are anxious to complete this project in light of the rapidly approaching Sesquicentennial of the Civil war in 2011.

Please advise me of what further measures I might need to take to insure that this happens in a timely manner.

Yours most sincerely,

David M. Lamb. BSc., M.A.  
Chief-of-Staff  
Department of Iowa (SUVCW)  
1305 Locust Street # 7  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
515-282-5900  
[digger1@q.com](mailto:digger1@q.com)

we follow the same direction we have taken with the State, they will give their approval. From our e-mail conversations, Brother James, I know you have already made contact, so the approval from both counties might already be in motion....well done!

Once, again, if there is any further assistance required from me, please let me know.

Yours in F, C, & L,

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September 25, 2009



The Honorable Mayor  
and  
Members of the City Council  
City of Des Moines

**Re: Renaming of Euclid Avenue Bridge**

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

At the July 27, 2009 Council meeting, by Roll Call No. 09-1347, Council received, filed, and referred to the City Manager a request from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to name the Euclid Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines River in honor of Brigadier General Marcellus Crocker.

Although this bridge is confined in the City of Des Moines and Polk County, it is a State of Iowa bridge and is owned and maintained by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). Because this bridge is owned by the State of Iowa, it does not fall under the City Council's naming policy which was recently adopted. For this bridge to be named in honor of Brigadier General Marcellus Crocker, IDOT is requiring the City of Des Moines and Polk County to pass a formal resolution to name this bridge.

It is staff's recommendation to concur with the naming request and pass a formal resolution for the naming as outlined in the attached roll call. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard A. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard A. Clark  
City Manager

RAC/kpr