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Dodge County Board of Supervisors

RE: Stop Signs at Intersection L-3

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I am Rick Brune, owner of Brune Farms which is located two miles from the intersection of concern (L-3). I am writing this letter to request stop signs to be installed for safety reasons at the intersection of L-3 in Pleasant Valley Township of Dodge County.

We farm in the general area of this intersection, which has always been a point of concern because the view is obstructed by a grove of trees on the Northeast corner, which creates a blind crossing. This intersection has a history of tragic auto accidents.

In September of 1986, Dean Eikmeier was killed in a collision with a loaded feed truck. While harvesting, I happened to cross Dean's accident shortly after it occurred and the only thing I could do was to wrap my shirt around my good friend Dean's head and hold him until he passed away. I promised his family I would try my best to get stop signs installed. I then approached the county road department at that time but was denied.

In February of 2018, there was another horrible accident with my neighbor, Mike Ortmeier, who had collided with a loaded grain trailer. No deaths occurred in this accident, but the scene was a bloody mess. Again, I approached the county road department, but once again was denied for the installation of stop signs.

The latest accident at this same intersection occurred a few weeks ago. I'm not sure of the details on this accident, but by the pictures I saw it didn't look good.

I am once again requesting the county to review the safety history of this intersection and install stop signs for the safety of all our patrons. As in the past, each time I approached the county, I had the support of our township board, who is again supportive of the installation of stop signs and will be submitting a letter as well.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

If you need me to present at your board meeting, feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Rick Brune

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