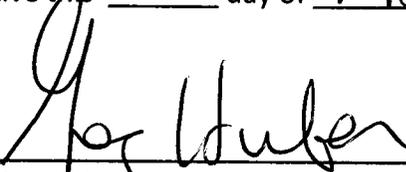


**ORDER APPROVING REPEAL  
of  
OPERATIONAL PLAN IN LANGLADE COUNTY**

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Effective this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.



Hon. Greg Huber  
Chief Judge, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

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