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**Curtis Starnes**  
**1441 Baker Ave.**  
**West Branch, IA 52358**

**RE: Review of Time of Transfer Inspection Report**  
**Property: 1441 Baker Ave. West Branch, IA 52358**  
**Time of Transfer Inspection Report: 23397(Shop) / 23396 (house)**  
**Time of Transfer Inspector: Lawrence Lynch /Cert # 8920**

Dear Curtis Starnes,

The Cedar County Environmental Health Department has reviewed the Time of Transfer Inspection Report submitted for the above-referenced property. Based on this review, the County has determined the following status for the onsite wastewater treatment system:

**☒ 1. Approved**

The septic system was found to be functional at the time of inspection. While the system is not required to meet current code standards, it must be in working order and properly treating wastewater at the time of transfer. No further action is required currently.

**☐ 2. Conditionally Approved – Permit Required**

The septic system requires repair, modification, or other corrective action as identified in the inspection report. A valid Cedar County permit must be obtained prior to proceeding with any work.

Reason(s) for Conditional Approval:

- ☐ Distribution box replacement
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**☐ 3. Not Approved – Permit Required**

The septic system does not comply with state or county regulations and must be replaced. A valid Cedar County permit is required before construction or installation begins.

Reason(s) for non-approval:

- ☐ System failed to function at the time of inspection
- ☐ System has no primary treatment
- ☐ System has no secondary treatment\*\*
- ☐ System has structural damage or major deterioration
- ☐ Soil conditions are inadequate for current system
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:**

Shop septic system appears to be functioning as designed during Time of Transfer inspection.  
House septic system appears to be functioning as designed during Time of Transfer inspection.

**Disclaimer: Life expectancy of septic systems varies depending on age, maintenance, soil conditions, usage, and other factors. Cedar County Environmental Health Department does not guarantee the future performance of any septic system and is not responsible for any system failure after the time of inspection.**

Please retain this letter for your records and provide a copy to any parties involved in the property transfer, as required under Iowa Administrative Code 567—69.2(3).

If you have any questions regarding this review or the permitting process, please contact our office at 563-886-2248 (phone) or [EHS@cedarcounty.iowa.gov](mailto:EHS@cedarcounty.iowa.gov) (email).

Sincerely,



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