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April 1 meeting: New venue

The annual meeting of members (the "2025 Annual Meeting") of Lake Area Corn Processors, LLC (the "Company") will be held in person on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. The meeting will take place at the Dakota Prairie Playhouse, 1205 Washington Avenue North, Madison, SD 57042. Registration for the 2025 Annual Meeting will commence at 11:30 a.m. CDT time. Lunch will begin at 12:00 p.m. CDT time. The 2025 Annual Meeting will follow lunch, and will commence at approximately 1:00 p.m. CDT time. Please note that the meeting location has changed from the previous meeting's venue.

The purposes of the meeting are to: (1) Elect two managers to the Board; and (2) Transact such other business as may properly come before the 2025 Annual Meeting or any adjourn-

ments thereof. There are four candidates for the two manager positions: Dave Wolles (incumbent), Mark Hofer, Kevin Minnaert and Randy Minnaert. Members will be asked to vote for two. Biographical information for each nominee is included in the proxy statement which was mailed to members with other meeting information in early March.

We encourage members to return the proxy card included in that mailing prior to the meeting, even if they intend to attend. This helps us ensure we receive enough total ballots to reach a quorum. The information is also available on the Company website under the LACP tab. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

CEO Report:

Focus on efficiency, CI score

Dakota Ethanol concluded 2024 with the commissioning of two major capital projects. We replaced the sieve bottles that date back to 2001, as they had reached the end of their service life. We also constructed whole stillage corn oil extraction to increase corn oil yields. The combined cost of both projects was approximately \$13 million. We expect enhanced reliability and production efficiency from the projects.

Dakota Ethanol management and leaders continue to focus on enhancing the return to investors, and many of the opportunities lie in our carbon intensity (CI) scores and the associated tax credits. Reducing the CI scores involves improving plant production efficiency and decreasing

energy consumption. Additional opportunities for CI reduction are related to lower carbon intensity farming practices becoming recognized and incorporated in the CI scores of the ethanol plants. Carbon capture sequestration and utilization also reduce the CI scores.

Monitoring the political winds is a daily activity with the Trump administration in office. The flurry of activity in the past two months has created both opportunities and threats to the ethanol industry. The effects of the implemented and proposed tariffs are yet to be seen as ethanol and distillers grains exports were key in supporting prices during 2024.

—Scott Mundt, CEO

CFO Report:

Strong performance despite lower markets

Lake Area Corn Processors finished 2024 as another strong year of financial performance although net income was lower than 2023. Our 2024 revenues and cost of revenues were both considerably lower than 2023 primarily due to decreased values in both the energy and grain markets. Q4 2024 margins were considerably weaker than Q4 2023.

Dakota Ethanol, Hankinson Renewable Energy (Guardian) and Ringneck Energy plants all ran well during the year and produced at nameplate capacity. The reductions in the operating margins and profits were experienced at all of the plants as a reflection of the overall market.

The 2024 financial statement audit has been completed and the full report is available on the LACP page of the website.

K-1's were mailed February 17. Contact our office if you have not received yours yet. Taxable earnings for 2024 were \$1.02 per unit. Tax credits were \$0.20 per unit, and cash distribution was \$0.90 per unit.

—Rob Buchholtz, CFO

Balance Sheet Data	12/31/24	12/31/23
Current Assets	\$45,615,219	\$61,486,747
Total Assets	\$184,564,771	\$193,384,154
Current Liabilities	\$29,178,523	\$37,989,725
Long-Term Liabilities	\$16,011,000	\$20,001,000
Member's Equity	\$139,375,248	\$135,393,429
Book Value Per Capital Unit	\$4.71	\$4.57

Statement of Operations	Year Ended 12/31/24	Year Ended 12/31/23
Revenues	\$190,691,715	\$280,440,962
Gross Profit	\$24,241,620	\$35,714,291
Equity in Net Income of Investments	\$12,291,108	\$9,105,895
Net Income	\$30,811,805	\$42,381,393
Net Income Per Capital Unit	\$1.04	\$1.43
Distributions Per Capital Unit	\$0.90	\$0.50

Unit trading continues on AgStockTrade.com

Capital units continue to be traded on Ag-StockTrade.com. Trading has been light thus far in the first quarter of 2025 with only 1,000 units trading at \$5.50

Quarter	Low Price	High Price	Average	Units Traded
First Quarter 2024	\$6.00	\$6.06	\$6.01	20,000
Second Quarter 2024	\$6.10	\$6.50	\$6.30	19,500
Third Quarter 2024	\$5.60	\$6.00	\$5.71	25,750
Fourth Quarter 2024	\$5.25	\$5.80	\$5.46	37,000

Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline suspended

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Summit Carbon Solutions on March 12 filed a motion with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission asking the agency to suspend the current schedule for its CO2 pipeline permit application, citing changing circumstances caused by the state's new eminent domain law. (Dakota Ethanol is one of more than two dozen ethanol companies partnering with Summit Carbon Solutions.)

South Dakota Gov. Larry Rhoden on March 6 signed a bill to prevent the use of eminent domain for the development of CO2 pipelines. The law specifically targets the CO2 pipeline project under development by Summit Carbon Solutions and has been criticized by the company and other project stakeholders for "changing the rules in the middle of the game."

In its motion, Summit said the process of acquiring a permit for the CO2 pipeline route "necessitates a number of actual boots on the ground surveys, civil and biological and cultural in nature, in order to determine and prove to the Commission the feasibility of constructing

and operating the facility over the permitted route."

Summit explained that the current survey law requires the surveying party to have an existing permit application and the legal authority to condemn right of way. With the passage of the new eminent domain law, HB 1052, Summit said its ability to obtain survey permission has changed. "However, the project must survey the route completely in order to inform the Commission of the constructability prior to obtaining a permit," the company wrote. "The surveys which are necessarily required to inform the route decisions as to right of way will be significantly delayed.

"The resulting delays in obtaining the surveys mean that the timelines involved in Commission action on this application are unrealistic," Summit continued. "Accordingly, the Applicant asks that the proceedings be paused for review and adjustment of the schedule until such time as the Applicant is prepared to proceed."

The South Dakota PUC has announced it will hold a hearing to consider Summit's motion on April 10.