



RESOLUTION # 74-211

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 2-5
BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 31
Against: 0
Abstain: —
Abs/Excd: 4
Vote Req: —
Other Action: —

FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted: 1-13
For: 4
Against: 2
Abstain: —
Abs/Excd: 3

PLANNING, RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 5
Against: —
Abstain: —
Abs/Excd: 2

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION TO THE WISCONSIN WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM (PACE)

WHEREAS, the Farmland Preservation Committee has received applications from property owners in La Crosse County for the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement on their properties; and,

WHEREAS, the Farmland Preservation Committee has assessed these applications and determined that the properties listed on attached EXHIBIT A meet the general purposes, objectives and provisions of the PACE program set forth in Chapter 32 and that purchase of agricultural conservation easements on said properties is compatible with the County's long-range goals regarding farmland preservation, and that said properties are located within areas designated for farmland preservation in the La Crosse County Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan, and,

WHEREAS, each landowner's commitment to convey a conservation easement on their property and the County's commitment to accept such an easement is contingent upon the agricultural conservation easement being eligible to receive the state grant funding acceptable to the landowner in lieu of a local match and the parties successfully negotiating the language of the conservation easement; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning, Resources & Development Committee has reviewed the recommendations of the Farmland Preservation Committee and approves the applications for the conservation easements listed on EXHIBIT A and recommends that the County Board approve such applications for submittal to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby approve the applications to convey conservation easements set forth on EXHIBIT A and certifies that the purchase of the easements on the nominated properties are compatible with the long-range farmland preservation goals of La Crosse County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each landowner accepted for the PACE Program shall incur the costs associated with the conveyance of the conservation easement on their property to La Crosse County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Planner shall submit this resolution and other necessary documentation to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for consideration of the grant funding and the landowners shall also be notified of the approval of their application by the County Board.

FISCAL NOTE: Funding for staff work on the PACE Program was included in the 2011 budget. All other funding for the program will come from state grants and payment by each landowner to La Crosse County for the costs incurred for the conveyance of the easement on their property.

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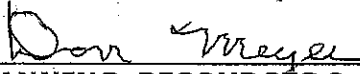


**FARMLAND PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

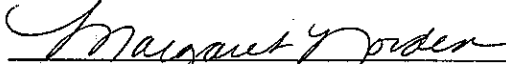


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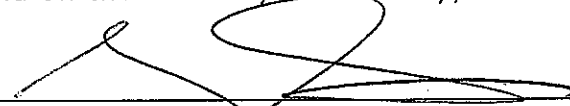
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	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	<u>SO</u>	_____	_____	Requested By: County Planner Date Requested: Jan. 13, 2011 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	<u>GT</u>	_____	_____	
Corp. Counsel	<u>WAS</u>	_____	_____	
Board Chair	<u>SD/mm</u>	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 17th Day of February, 2011

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 17th day of February, 2011.


Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk