



RESOLUTION # 72-1/11

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

ITEM # 1-9

BOARD ACTION

Adopted: ✓
For: 29
Against: —
Abstain: —
Abs/Excd: 6
Vote Req: —
Other Action: —

FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted: X
For: 5
Against: —
Abstain: —
Abs/Excd: 4

PLANNING, RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ACTION

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

RE: APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A HALFWAY CREEK AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE AREA

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County has received a request from Agricultural Landowners to support their effort to establish the Halfway Creek Agricultural Enterprise Area in La Crosse County; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of an Agricultural Enterprise Area will promote agribusiness and improve the climate for continued and expanded Agricultural activities and will promote collaboration and cooperation between petitioning landowners within the Agricultural Enterprise Area; and,

WHEREAS, this program will assist in preserving valuable agriculturally productive land and valuable natural resources and open space land and is consistent with the La Crosse County Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Halfway Creek Agricultural Enterprise Area will provide additional income tax incentives for the participating Agricultural Landowners in La Crosse County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby approve the establishment of the Halfway Creek Agricultural Enterprise Area.

FISCAL NOTE: No cost to La Crosse County.

Date: 1.3.11

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FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

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RECORDING CLERK

Date: 1-3-2011

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PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

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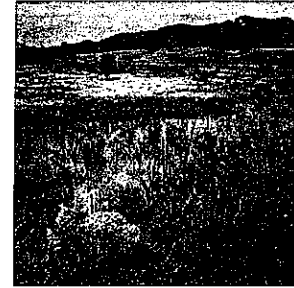
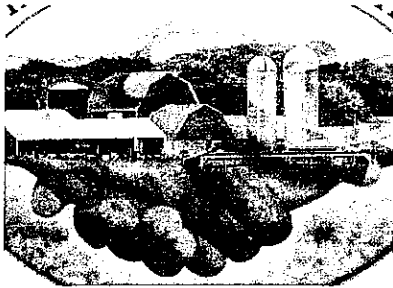
	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	<u>50</u>	_____	_____	Requested By: County Planner Date Requested: December 21, 2010 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	<u>62</u>	_____	_____	
Corp. Counsel	<u>WAS</u>	_____	_____	
Board Chair	<u>SD/ML</u>	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 20th Day of January, 2011

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, Chief Deputy 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 20th day of January, 2011.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse Chief Deputy County Clerk



Halfway Creek Prairie AEA

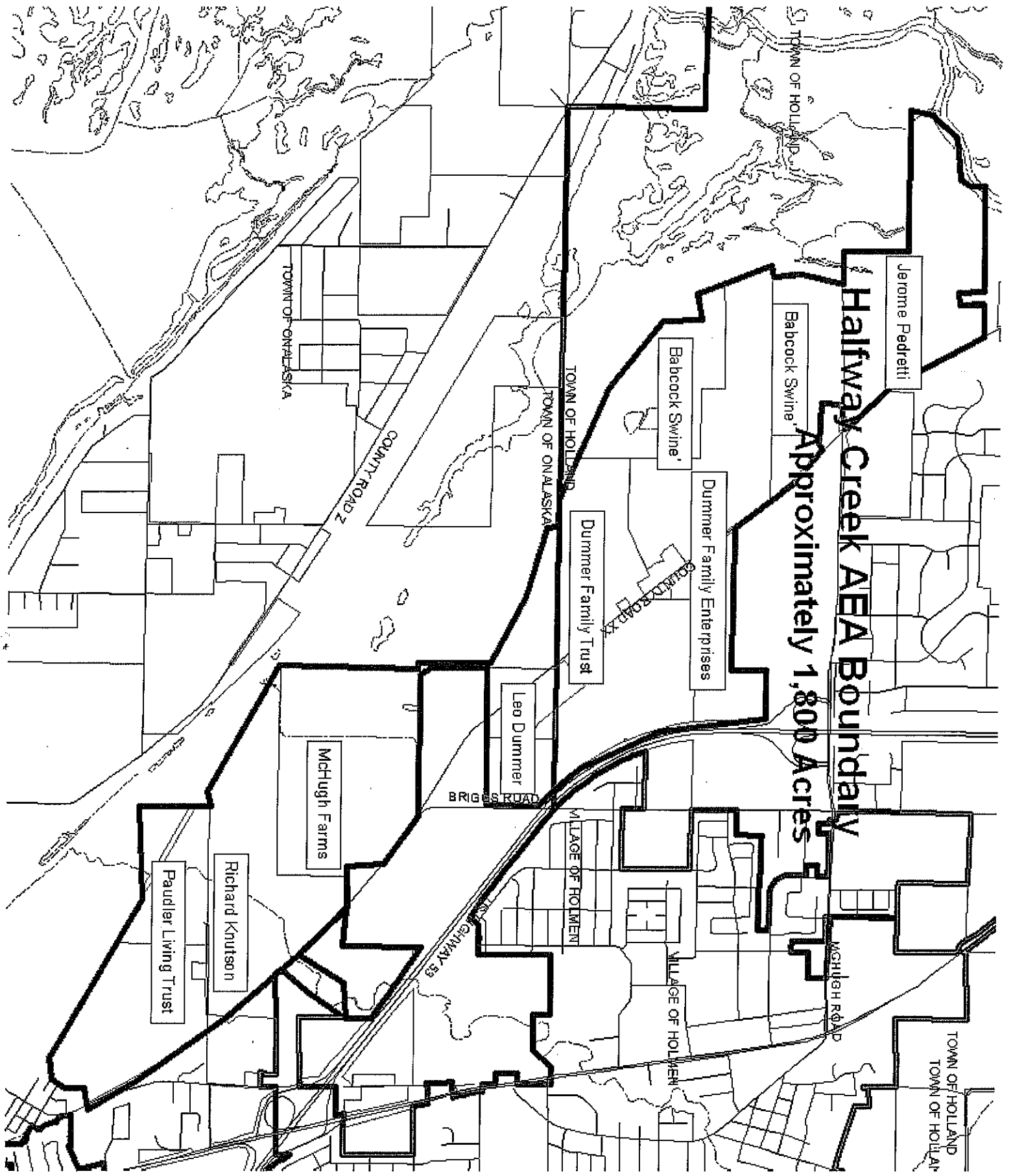
The purpose of establishing the “Halfway Creek Prairie” Agricultural Enterprise Area is to grow and expand agriculture in the Towns of Holland and Onalaska in keeping with towns, county, and state goals to preserve agricultural and promote development of agriculturally-related businesses.

The Petitioners have operations ranging from cash crop to large dairy, to a swine livestock facility, grain elevator service, manure composting facility, along with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, a portion of the Upper Mississippi Wildlife Refuge and a Private Land Trust. Several of the Petitioners were raised in Wisconsin’s Halfway Creek Prairie. From the time of settlement of this area, up to current times, its residents have embraced and protected the beautiful natural resources, while establishing a complementary agricultural heritage as a legacy for their families and others who have similar ideals.

A majority of the Petitioners are 3rd and 4th generation farmers whose families farmed the land before them. Their agricultural businesses are diverse, successful, and provide jobs as well as economic support to other businesses in the area, such as feed stores, implement dealers, veterinarians, and farm supply stores, and also bring active recreation for locals and tourists to the area.

1. What are the agricultural land use and development goals of the proposed AEA?

1. The AEA is being established to further support the current land use goals stated in the La Crosse County Comprehensive Plan and Holland and Onalaska Town plans: to protect existing farmland and promote agricultural and related development. Specifically:
2. Foster growth of bio-energy opportunities.
3. Enhance the acreage covered by conservation and nutrient management plans.
4. Gain the knowledge, experience and information necessary to assist other producers, Towns, and the County to develop farmland protection strategies specifically for the Halfway Creek area.
5. Preserve the Agricultural land and water resources within this AEA that will support and maintain the economic viability of existing and expanded farm operations.
6. Refine existing production practices and establish new business relationships within the AEA to maintain and enhance a stable and predictable supply of agricultural products to protect the existing infrastructure of Agricultural markets and suppliers.
7. Preserve and enhance existing agri-business relationships within the AEA and those that will directly affect this AEA to maintain and increase the agricultural infrastructure and economic viability of farming in the Halfway Creek area.
8. Utilize the Halfway Creek Prairie AEA and the associated agri-business relationships to pursue new business ventures to build the economy and advance economic development.



Halfway Creek AEA Boundary
Approximately 1,800 Acres

Jerome Pedretti

Babcock Swine

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Dummer Family Enterprises

Dummer Family Trust

Leo Dummer

McHugh Farms

Richard Knutson

Paudler Living Trust

TOWN OF HOLLAND
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TOWN OF ONALASKA

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VILLAGE OF HOLMEN

VILLAGE OF HOLMEN

COUNTY ROAD 2

COUNTY ROAD X

BRIGGS ROAD

HIGHWAY 53

McHUGH RD