

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

LAND CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE
INITIATED BY



THOMAS SWEENEY
DRAFTED BY

LAND CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE
SUBMITTED BY

FEBRUARY 14, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

**AUTHORIZING OPTION TO PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ON THE MORTON AND
VANTHOURNOUT PROPERTIES BY THE PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION
EASEMENTS (PACE) PROGRAM**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program acquires
2 agricultural conservation easements ("Easements") on eligible lands throughout unincorporated Rock County;
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, through Resolution 13-1A-222 (January 10, 2013),
6 authorized the Rock County PACE Program to begin the Easement acquisition process on the following properties:
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- 8 1. Morton Property: Rock County Tax Parcel Number 6-10-95, Section 14, Township 2 North,
9 Range 13 East, Town of La Prairie, and Rock County Tax Parcel Number 6-7-387, Section 36,
10 Township 3 North, Range 13 East, Town of Harmony;
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- 12 2. Vanthournout Property: Rock County Tax Parcel Number 6-20-103, Section 13, Township 4 North,
13 Range 10 East, Town of Union; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, to move towards completion of the Easement acquisition process, the Land Conservation
16 Department ("LCD") will submit Easement acquisition funding applications for the aforementioned properties to
17 the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS"); and,
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19 **WHEREAS**, the NRCS requires, as a component of its application process, a signed agreement ("Option")
20 between Rock County and the owners of the aforementioned properties; and,
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Option will identify the estimated purchase price of the Easement, and Rock County and the
23 property owner's interest in completing the Easement acquisition process; and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, the Option is subject to all terms and conditions of the Rock County – Conveyance Agreement and
26 Escrow Instructions and contingent upon Easement acquisition funding from the NRCS; and,
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28 **WHEREAS**, after execution of the Option, the LCD will submit Easement acquisition funding applications to the
29 NRCS for each property, and if funding is awarded, Rock County will acquire Easements on the properties with
30 future action by the County Board.
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32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this
33 14 day of March, 2013, do by enactment of this Resolution, authorize a Rock County – Option
34 to Purchase Agreement – Agricultural Conservation Easement for each Property, subject to all terms and
35 conditions stated therein.

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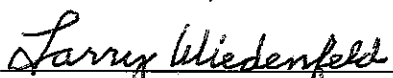
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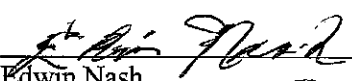
Respectfully submitted:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE


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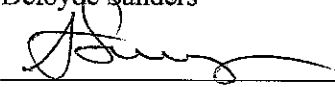

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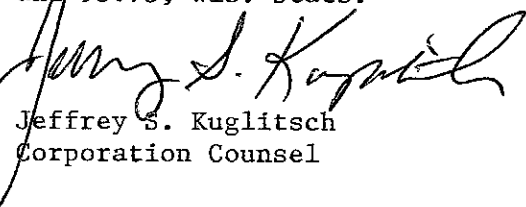
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes Option to Purchase Agreements for agricultural conservation easements on two properties. Sufficient funds are available in the Land Conservation Department's PACE budget for the County's portion of these easements. Purchase of these easements is subject to funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director


LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51 and 93.73, Wis. Stats.


Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program acquires agricultural conservation easements ("Easements") on eligible lands throughout unincorporated Rock County. This resolution authorizes Rock County to execute an agreement ("Option") with two property owners, identifying Rock County and the property owner's interest in completing the Easement acquisition process on their properties, and also identifying the estimated purchase price of the Easements. Completion of the Easement acquisition process is subject to funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.