

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

PACE AD HOC  
COMMITTEE  
INITIATED BY



CARRIE HOUSTON, WADE  
THOMPSON & JEFF KUGLITSCH  
DRAFTED BY

LAND CONSERVATION  
COMMITTEE  
SUBMITTED BY

NOVEMBER 29, 2010  
DATE DRAFTED

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE START OF ROCK COUNTY PURCHASE OF  
AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS (PACE) PROGRAM AND  
APPROVAL OF THE PACE PROGRAM MANUAL**

1 WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors through Resolution 09-6B-311, adopted June  
2 25, 2009, authorized formation of the Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements  
3 (PACE) Program Ad Hoc Committee, tasked with development of the program; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors through Resolution 09-6B-302, adopted June  
6 25, 2009, tasked the Rock County Planning, Economic and Community Development Agency with  
7 coordinating development of the program, with assistance provided by the Rock County Land  
8 Conservation Department and University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension-Rock County; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the mission of the Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements  
11 (PACE) Program is to work in cooperation with local governments to enhance Rock County's quality of  
12 life by building consensus towards a regional vision, to include preservation of agricultural land, the  
13 agricultural economy, and the County's rural character, and responsible growth and development in  
14 appropriate areas; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the 21 member PACE Program Ad Hoc Committee met 15 times over  
17 approximately a year and a half to: 1) develop a Program vision and goal statement, 2) develop  
18 Program eligibility criteria and identify agricultural parcels eligible to apply for inclusion in the  
19 Program, 3) develop a Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) system to prioritize agriculture  
20 parcels eligible to apply for inclusion in the Program, and 4) develop drafts of the Rock County  
21 Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program Manual, identifying and outlining  
22 all aspects of Program development and implementation, and recommend such to the Rock County  
23 Land Conservation Committee; and  
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25 WHEREAS, oversight of the Program will be provided by the Rock County Land Conservation  
26 Committee and administration of the Program will be provided by the Rock County Land Conservation  
27 Department; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the Rock County Land Conservation Committee held a public meeting on  
30 November 30, 2010 to obtain additional public input for consideration prior to recommending adoption of  
31 the Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program Manual; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the PACE Ad Hoc Committee and the Land Conservation Committee recommend  
34 approval of this Program and the PACE Program Manual.  
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36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors in session  
37 this 13 day of January, 2011, that they officially approve the Purchase of Agricultural  
38 Conservation Easements (PACE) Program and adopt the document entitled Rock County Purchase of  
39 Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program Manual.  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation  
42 Easements (PACE) Program shall be administered by the Rock County Land Conservation Department  
43 and implemented in accordance with the Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements  
44 (PACE) Program Manual.

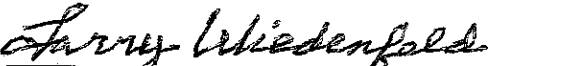
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45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that future modifications to the Rock County Purchase of  
46 Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program Manual, as approved by the Rock County Land  
47 Conservation Committee and in accordance with the procedure outlined in the Manual, shall take effect  
48 without requiring further action by the Rock County Board of Supervisors, except for any modifications  
49 to either Section IV.-Program Development, (II. Eligibility or III. Priority) or Section V.-Program  
50 Implementation, (I. Oversight and Administration or IV. Application) which will require a public hearing  
51 and further approval by the Rock County Board of Supervisors.


Respectfully submitted:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE


  
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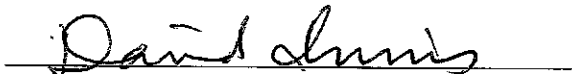
  
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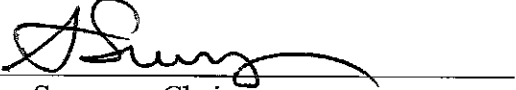
  
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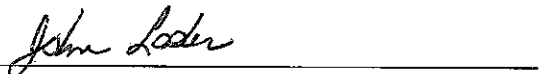
  
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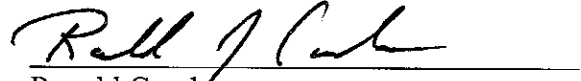
  
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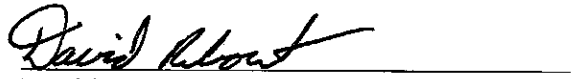
  
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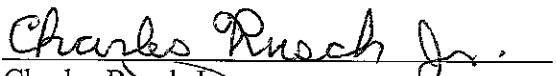
  
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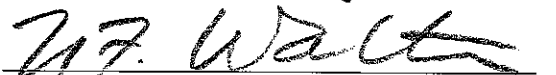
  
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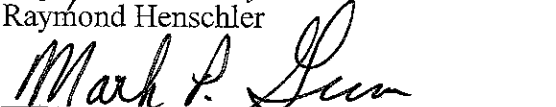
  
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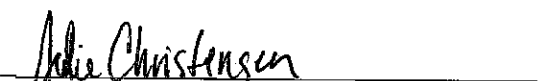
  
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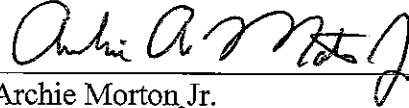
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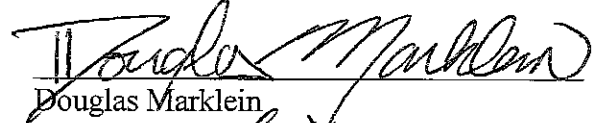
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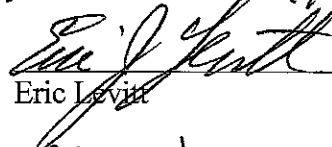
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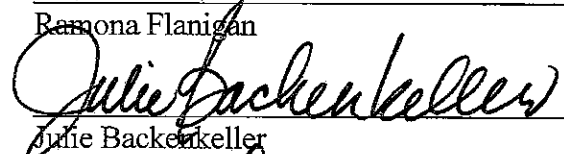
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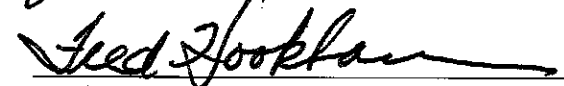
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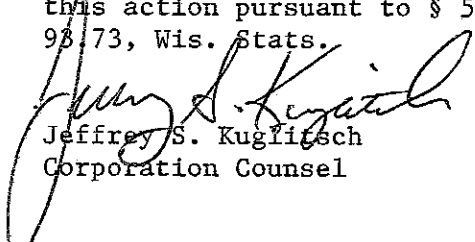
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LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take  
this action pursuant to § 59.51 and  
98.73, Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch  
Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

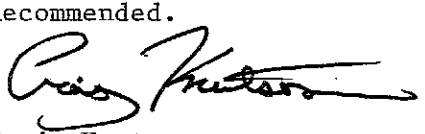
This resolution authorizes the adoption  
of the Rock County PACE Program Manual  
which has no fiscal impact on Rock  
County operations in and by itself.



Jeffrey A. Smith  
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson  
County Administrator

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The County Board of Supervisors took action during their February 2009 meeting authorizing the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program. The mission of the Rock County PACE Program is to work in cooperation with local governments to enhance Rock County's quality to life by building consensus towards a regional vision, to include preservation of agricultural land, the agricultural economy, and the County's rural character, and responsible growth and development in appropriate areas.

The Ad Hoc Committee was charged with the development of the program eligibility criteria and the development of a program manual, which will be used to guide the program into the future. To achieve these goals, the committee met 15 times over one and half years to developing the program eligibility criteria, the land evaluation and site assessment system criteria that was used to identify priority target areas, and finally a draft copy of the program manual. The manual will be used to guide the program into the future.

The Ad Hoc Committee and the Land Conservation Committee held a public informational meeting on December 1, 2010 to obtain public input for consideration prior to recommending adoption of the PACE Program Manual.