

# RESOLUTION

## ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Land Records Committee  
INITIATED BY

Finance Committee  
SUBMITTED BY



Michelle Schultz and Phil Boutwell  
DRAFTED BY

July 6, 2010  
DATE DRAFTED

### Authorizing the Creation of the Rock County Land Information Council

1 **WHEREAS**, 1989 Wisconsin Act 31 and 1989 Wisconsin Act 339 created a statewide Land  
2 Information Program for the purpose of facilitating land records modernization in each county in  
3 Wisconsin; and,  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors established a Land Information Office in 1990  
6 for the purpose of directing and supervising Rock County's Land Information Program and Land  
7 Information System; and,  
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9 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 59.72, of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, each county in  
10 Wisconsin, including Rock County, funds its Land Information Program with real estate document  
11 recording or filing fees that are charged and collected in the office of the register of deeds; and,  
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13 **WHEREAS**, 2009 Wisconsin Act 314 was enacted on May 12, 2010, became effective on June 25,  
14 2010, and renumbered, amended, and created statutory language, which relates to changing the fees  
15 collected by a register of deeds, the redaction of social security numbers from electronic documents,  
16 changes to the land information program, and creation of a Land Information Council.  
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18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly  
19 assembled this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010 does hereby authorize the creation of the Rock  
20 County Land Information Council to advise and review the priorities, needs, policies, and  
21 expenditures of the Land Information Office and advise the County on matters affecting the Land  
22 Information Office; and,  
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24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 9-member Land Information Council shall consist of the  
25 Register of Deeds, the Treasurer, the Real Property Lister as the representative of the Rock County  
26 Land Information Office, the Rock County Surveyor, a County Board Supervisor, a realtor or a  
27 member of the Realtors Association employed within Rock County; A public safety or emergency  
28 communications representative employed within the county, and two "at large" Council members  
29 appointed by the County Board Chair that may be either Supervisors or members of the public; and,  
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31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair shall appoint members to serve on  
32 the Land Information Council for terms commencing on September 1, 2010, with one-third to serve  
33 a term expiring on August 31, 2011, one-third to serve a term expiring on August 31, 2012, and  
34 one-third to serve a term expiring on August 31, 2013, with all subsequent appointments to be for a  
35 term of three years, except that any person appointed to fill a vacant position on the Council shall be  
36 appointed for the remainder of an unexpired term of the position to which appointed; and,  
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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Land Information Council shall meet once in September  
39 and once in March, and at other times as needed.

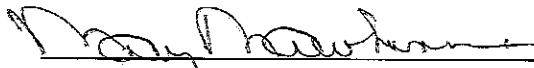
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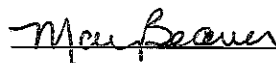
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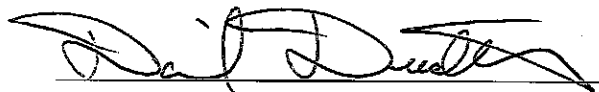
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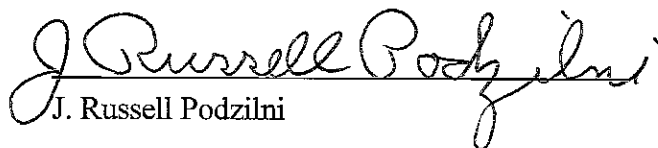
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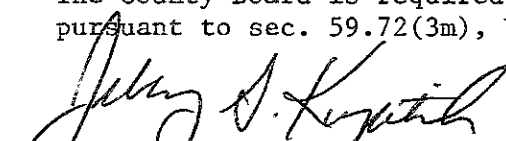
FISCAL NOTE:

Minimal fiscal impact for the cost of per meeting allowances.

  
George Baltes  
Internal Auditor

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is required to take this action pursuant to sec. 59.72(3m), Wis. Stats.

  
Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

  
Craig Knutson  
County Administrator

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Rock County Board of Supervisors established a Land Information Office in 1990 pursuant to 1989 Wisconsin Act 31 and Act 339. The purpose of the Rock County Land Information Office is to direct and supervise Rock County's Land Information Program and System. The Rock County Land Information Program is funded with real estate document recording or filing fees that are charged and collected in the Register of Deeds Office.

2009 Wisconsin Act 314 was enacted on May 12, 2010 and became effective June 25, 2010. Act 314 renumbered, amended and created statutory language relating to the charging of fees collected in the Register of Deeds Office, the redaction of social security numbers from electronic documents and the creation of Land Information Council.

The Resolution creates the 9-member Land Information Council. Members shall serve on the council commencing on September 1, 2010, with one-third to serve a term expiring on August 31, 2011, one-third to serve a term expiring on August 31, 2012 and one-third serving a term expiring on August 31, 2013. All subsequent appointments shall be for a term of three years, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall do so for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Staff from the various departments that comprise that Land Information Office has been meeting monthly since 1990. This informal "Ad Hoc" workgroup is referred to as the Land Records Committee. On a staff level, they have guided the process of land records modernization in Rock County. In addition, the Land Records Committee has overseen the design, purchase and implementation of the Geographical Information System (GIS) and the multitude of information "layers" that define land records (e.g. planning & zoning maps, deeds and mortgages, tax bills, parcels, survey coordinates, residential address for 911). The newly created Land Information Council does not replace, nor diminish the role of the Land Records Committee.

The Resolution directs the Land Information Council to meet twice a year, once in September and once in March. The Council's role is to review the priorities, needs, policies and expenditures of the Land Information Office and advise the County on matters affecting the Land Information Office. The Land Records Committee will continue its practice of holding a monthly "staff meeting" of the custodial departments that comprise the Land Information Office.