RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

<u>Land Conservation Committee</u> INITIATED BY

Land Conservation Committee SUBMITTED BY



Wade Thompson DRAFTED BY

February 4, 2011
DATE DRAFTED

SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACQUISITIONS BY THE ROCK COUNTY PACE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors supports the protection and preservation of productive agricultural lands in Rock County, to encourage and promote the goals of a strong agricultural economy and community identity, intergovernmental cooperation, and a regional land use vision throughout the County; and,

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WHEREAS, Rock County has developed a Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program to protect and preserve productive agricultural lands in Rock County, and proceed towards achievement of the aforementioned goals; and,

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WHEREAS, the Rock County PACE Program proposes acquisition of agricultural conservation easements, utilizing State and Federal funds on the following agricultural parcels:

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1. Krajeck Property - Rock County tax parcel number 6-20-143, Section 18, Township 4N, Range 10E, Town of Union (approximately 160 acres)

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2. Risseeuw Property #1 - Rock County tax parcel numbers 6-5-260 in Section 27, 6-5-281 in Section 29, 6-5-323 and 6-5-324 in Section 33, and 6-5-333 in Section 34, Township 1N, Range 14E, Town of Clinton (approximately 420 acres)

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3. Risseeuw Property #2 - Rock County tax parcel numbers 6-5-270 in Section 28, Township 1N, Range 14E, Town of Clinton (approximately 80 acres)

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4. Carlson Property - Rock County tax parcel numbers 6-5-304 in Section 32 and 6-5-325 in Section 33, Township 1N, Range 14E, Town of Clinton (approximately 120 acres)

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27 28 5. Frei Property #1 - Rock County tax parcel number 6-10-88, Section 13, Township 2N, Range 13E, Town of La Prairie (approximately 160 acres)

29 30 6. Frei Property #2 - Rock County tax parcel number 6-10-163A, Section 23, Township 2N, Range 13E, Town of La Prairie (approximately 150 acres)

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of February, 2011, that they support the proposed acquisition of agricultural conservation easements on the aforementioned parcels by the Rock County PACE Program.

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Respectfully submitted,

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution supports the acquisition of conservation easements on selected parcels. This resolution has no fiscal impact on Rock County operations in and by itself.

Jeffrey A. Smith Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of Policy.

Craig Kautson

County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This resolution proposes support of the acquisition of agricultural conservation easements on six (6) properties throughout Rock County, by the County's Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program. Easement acquisitions are contingent on funding from State and Federal sources. Acquisition of the easements will protect and preserve productive agricultural lands in Rock County, encouraging and promoting the goals of a strong agricultural economy and community identity, intergovernmental cooperation, and a regional land use vision throughout the County.