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Agricultural Enterprise Area Petition

The undersigned persons hereby petition the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), pursuant to s. 91.86, Wis. Stats., to create an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) under s. 91.84, Wis. Stats. We have read the guidance provided and submit the following information in support of the petition:¹

PART I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Name of AEA. Friends in Agriculture Respecting Traditions Clark
- B. County or counties in which the proposed AEA is located.
- C. All towns, villages or cities in which the proposed AEA is located. Towns of Fremont and Lynn
- D. Number of owners of eligible farms within the proposed AEA who signed the petition. 35
- E. Total number of acres in the proposed AEA. 17,158
- F. All parcels in the proposed AEA are located within a farmland preservation area designated in the certified county farmland preservation plan. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- G. All parcels in the proposed AEA are contiguous. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- H. The proposed AEA is primarily in agricultural use. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- I. Primary type of agricultural production in the proposed AEA. Dairy and Horticulture
- J. Designated contacts for the AEA. *Please list at least two contacts for the AEA; preferably at least one staff contact (county, town, UWEX, regional planning commission etc.) and one landowner representative.² You may have more than two contacts. Attach a separate page if necessary.*

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¹Personal information you provide may be used for purposes other than that for which it was collected, s. 15.04(1)(m), Wis. Stats.

²The listed contacts should be willing to:

- Communicate with other petitioners and partners in the AEA, with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and with contacts in other AEAs
- Respond to an annual status update inquiry from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
- Engage in activities within the AEA

PART II. PURPOSE AND RATIONALE FOR AEA³

Introduction to proposed AEA (optional):

Clark County has a rich tradition of agriculture that spans more than 140 years. By the late 1800's, citizens from other parts of Wisconsin and immigrants from Eastern and Western European Countries including Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Poland, Slovakia, and parts of Scandinavia, began settling into the area to clear the tree stumps leftover from the era of timber harvesting. These immigrants settled the area with the prospect of establishing farms on the fertile soils that once produced the giant pineries, but now would produce one of the largest dairy farming areas in the Nation. By 1910, dairy production within Clark County increased seven times over in ten years. In central Wisconsin alone, there were more than 14,000 dairy farms producing 23.6 million gallons of milk, 8,000 gallons of cream that made 3 million pounds of butter, and 88,500 pounds of cheese. Almost every town in Clark County had at least one, if not more, cheese factory and each town and city usually had its own creamery to produce butter. Friends and neighbors worked together to harvest the timber and use those local natural resources to build homes and roads. Those natural resources ultimately built a community and created an economy. This local economy once based on forestry is now based on agriculture. Natural resources and the land are still the cornerstone of the environment and their use is still the cornerstone of the economy. The agricultural traditions of community and work ethic established by those first individuals willing to clear the cutover stumps and break the fertile ground with a plow still exists today

According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, Clark County is the largest dairy county in Wisconsin, the second largest dairy county in the Midwest, and the twentieth largest dairy county in the Nation. It was the last Wisconsin County to drop below 1,000 dairy farms. The decrease occurred relatively recently in 2009. According to information found in the 2013 Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics, Clark County currently has 921 dairy farms, 262 more than the next largest dairy county in Wisconsin, Marathon County. Clark County ranks in the top tier of Wisconsin counties for the production of corn for silage, oats, alfalfa hay, and all other hay. Clark County is the number one dairy county in Wisconsin. Clark County has more dairy cows, more dairy farms and produces more milk than any other county in the state. It also ranks second in the state for total number of cattle. The 2013 Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics can be found at the following website:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Wisconsin/Publications/Annual_Statistical_Bulletin/bulletin2013_web.pdf.

According to the 2011 UWEX publication titled "Clark County Agriculture: Value and Economic Impact" agriculture is the most dominant economic force in Clark County. Dairy farming is the key Clark County agricultural industry. With 16 dairy processing plants, including Grassland Dairy which is North America's largest butter producer, five feed suppliers, three milking equipment dealers, and numerous support industries, no other county in Wisconsin maintains as thriving of an infrastructure for the dairy industry. Agriculture directly benefits many residents in Clark County and the multiplier impact indirectly benefits many other county residents. In Clark County, agriculture provides 7,696 jobs (46% of the workforce) and every job in agriculture stimulates an additional 0.78 jobs somewhere else in the county. On-farm dairy jobs account for 2,246 jobs, while dairy processing jobs account for 2,588 jobs. The dairy industry supports more than 4,800 jobs and accounts for 63% of the jobs associated with agriculture in the county. Agriculture accounts for \$1.5 billion in business sales and every dollar spent on agricultural products generates an additional \$0.47 of business sales in another part of the county's economy. On-farm milk sales generate

³ DATCP will evaluate petitions under s. 91.86, Wis. Stats., and will consider information provided in response to the following questions.

\$315.3 million and the processing of this milk (value-added) accounts for another \$763.5 million in business sales; added together the direct production and processing of milk accounts for more than \$1 billion in business sales. Furthermore, these business sales include \$51 million in spending when people who work in agriculture spend their income at other local retailers such as hardware stores, groceries, gas stations, and restaurants. Clark County agriculture accounts for \$403.5 million in county income (47%) and every dollar of agricultural income generates an additional \$0.89 of income. Lastly, agriculture pays \$36 million in taxes and this number would be much higher if the taxes paid to support local schools were included in this number. The UWEX publication can be found at the following website:
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/ag/wisag/documents/agimpactbrochClarkCoFINAL.pdf>.

Clark County is agriculture. As noted above, the multiplier impact that the agricultural economy has on Clark County's total economy is important. Therefore, the importance agriculture, especially dairying, has on the local economy cannot be ignored. Agriculture influences more than 60% of the local economic activity and provides more than 40% of the jobs for the local workforce. The designation of the Friends in Agriculture AEA as an agricultural enterprise area will support the local economy and bring a sense of certainty to local farms and farm service providers. The designation will also bring additional income to the farmers in the AEA through the Farmland Preservation Tax Credit, which in turn will bring additional income via the multiplier impact to the other residents in the area. The AEA designation will also demonstrate that Clark County supports agriculture, and that Clark County's agriculture is also supported by Wisconsin. Clearly, this proposed AEA not only reflects what is best about Clark County's agricultural heritage, but it also reflects what is best about Wisconsin's agricultural heritage.

1. State the specific goals for the preservation of agricultural land use.

The goals of the AEA designation can be broadly stated as the following (in no particular order):

1. Assess natural resource quality and quantity and implement methods to increase their function and usability in the economy and environment.
 2. Provide farmers with technical assistance to implement soil and water conservation farming practices and thereby conserve natural resources for future use and enjoyment.
 3. Develop and implement strategies to minimize rural residential and rural agricultural user conflicts by addressing development in urban fringe areas.
 4. Conserve soil and water resources to maintain productive and efficient use of agricultural lands and the associated aesthetics of open space countryside views.
 5. Maintain natural resources for use by existing, expanding, and new agricultural enterprises.
 6. Create the largest contiguous block of working lands for agriculture, forestry, wildlife and recreation by linking the proposed Friends in Agricultural Respecting Traditions AEA with the Heart of America's Dairyland AEA.
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2. State the specific goals for agricultural development and/or innovation.

The goals of the AEA designation can be broadly stated as the following (in no particular order):

1. Preserve and promote the agricultural economy and its social, cultural, and economic heritage.
 2. Retain and enhance existing agricultural-based businesses, the jobs associated with those agribusinesses and the other local businesses patronized by these employees.
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3. Ensure agricultural production capacity and protect food security by supporting farmscapes and foodsheds.
 4. Provide strategies to minimize scattered rural residential development in order to minimize non-farm residential and farm user conflicts.
 5. Develop joint marketing opportunities for local food products.
 6. Pursue new technologies that provide economic benefits for agricultural producers to efficiently utilize the economies of scale created by large blocks of contiguous farmland.
 7. Maintain and create economic certainty for farms and agri-businesses desiring to build additional production and processing capacity through reinvesting in their businesses and the local economy.
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3. Comment on the relationship between the area's goals for agricultural preservation and agricultural development.

The proposed AEA boundary includes numerous agri-businesses, including agricultural commodity processors, agricultural equipment sales and service dealerships, seed/feed/fertilizer suppliers, and numerous other agri-businesses. Most of the agricultural commodities produced in this area are shipped to local processors. This economic relationship is essential to the ongoing stability and sustainability of the local agricultural infrastructure and economy. Furthermore, this AEA has an excellent transportation infrastructure that assists with delivering agricultural goods and services from farm to market. The AEA is located adjacent to the State Highway 10 transportation corridor which links Interstate 94 and State Highway 13. Highway 10 is a major east/west thoroughfare in Wisconsin linking the eastside of the state with the westside. It is important to note that the AEA also has nearby rail service that provides an efficient means to distribute agricultural commodities to regional agri-processors. This area is uniquely positioned to allow complete access to the major metropolitan consumer areas of the Midwest and the East Coast, which are the ultimate destinations for those value-added agricultural products that have been produced by local agri-processors.

This proposed AEA encompasses a wide variety of agricultural enterprises and agricultural service providers; both entities are needed to build and maintain a strong agricultural economy. The State of Wisconsin has been influential in promoting agribusiness retention and development in the proposed AEA. The designation of the Friends in Agriculture AEA will serve to continue that economic support already sustained by the private and public economic sectors.

Farmers continue to be the strongest supporters and implementers of land stewardship practices and this AEA will continue to promote environmental stewardship through the adoption of soil and water conservation practices. Farmers are stewards of 57% of the county's land. Truly, a strong agricultural economy must have a strong environmental ethic, for it is the land which ultimately produces the food that farmers provide to their neighbors.

One important consideration is the local limitation of groundwater. This natural resource is essential for any business. Dairy farms require ample supplies for their livestock. Dairy processors require ample supplies to make cheese, butter, and other milk products. In order to reduce the cost of obtaining water, farm expansions and new business development should occur in areas with sufficient groundwater quantity. The Geological Survey Water-Supply Paper 2022 published in 1974 by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the University of Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey titled "Water Availability in Central Wisconsin- An Area of Near-Surface Crystalline Rock" reports that the proposed AEA encompasses a region of WI that is considered to be groundwater quantity deficient. This survey can be found at http://wi.water.usgs.gov/pubs/water_supply_papers.htm.

Farmland and other open spaces are essential for groundwater infiltration. These types of landscapes are pervious and allow rainwater and snowmelt to infiltrate through the soil profile and contribute to an increase in groundwater quantity. Residential development is often associated with increased impervious surfaces, which limit rainwater and snowmelt infiltration, thereby decreasing the amount of groundwater recharge and increasing the amount of runoff water that may transport pollutants into the surrounding surface waters. The best land use for increasing infiltration of water, and subsequently groundwater quantity, is agricultural, forested, and other open space lands. This agricultural use of land in turn supports further agricultural use of the land.

The Clark County Land and Water Resource Management Plan 2011-2016 identifies farmland preservation as a high conservation priority. The strategy to implement this activity is by coordinating a successful Farmland Preservation Program. Since the original inception of the Heart of America's Dairyland AEA, more than 160 Farmland Preservation Agreements have been voluntarily signed by eligible farms in Clark County. These agreements will ensure that for the next 15 years, approximately 35,000 acres or about 57% of the Clark County portion of the AEA will proudly remain in working condition for local farmers and agri-processors of milk, meat, grain, and fiber.

Furthermore, the Clark County Land and Water Resource Management Plan 2011-2016 identifies agricultural economic development as a high conservation priority. Good long-term economic decisions produce positive environmental benefits for natural resources. A productive economy relies on the wealth of its natural resources for the production of goods and services (jobs). The strategy to implement these activities is through the coordination of a successful Wisconsin Environmental Conservation Assistance Network (WECAN). This local network provides technical assistance and, in some cases, reinvestment funding (tax credits, grants and other cost-share, etc.) to agricultural enterprises to maintain and expand existing operations in an economically and environmentally sound manner. More than \$2.5 million in funding has been reinvested in local farms over the past eight years. These farms hire local service providers and buy local goods thereby redistributing these grant funds throughout the local economy. Clark County also provides the same level of technical assistance to new enterprises and encourages agricultural entrepreneurship and creativity as evidenced by the increasing amount of unique farming enterprises such as fruit, vegetable, and flower farms, vermicompost farms and non-traditional farms such as milking goats, sheep and water buffalo.

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4. Describe (a) all current land uses within the proposed AEA and (b) provide information about land use trends in and around the AEA. *(The proposed AEA must be primarily in agricultural use.)*

According to the tax assessment information provided by the Clark County Land Information Office, the current land uses within the proposed AEA are as follows:

Approximate acres:

Agricultural- 11,284 acres

Undeveloped (wetlands, grasslands, etc.)- 2,346 acres

Agricultural Forest- 1,936 acres

Managed Forest- 589 acres

Other Forest Lands- 869 acres

Residential- 125 acres

Commercial- 4 acres

Exempt- 5 acres

Total acres- 17,158 acres

Approximately 80% of the land included in the AEA is taxed as agricultural. 589 acres in the proposed AEA are associated with the DNR Managed Forest Law Property Tax Credit program, which requires the implementation of a DNR approved timber management plan. In total, the land that is associated primarily with agricultural use (dairy, horticulture, managed forest, associated farm lands, etc.) is approximately 16,155 acres and the non-agricultural use is approximately 1,003 acres. Clearly, this proposed AEA primarily consists of working lands predominantly under agricultural management.

The land use trends associated with the towns located near the Highway 10 transportation corridor differ depending upon adjacency to the City of Marshfield. The Town of Fremont, located immediately adjacent to the city, experienced more fragmentation of productive agricultural and forest lands than the Town of Lynn in recent years. The Town of Fremont has also seen the development of a few rural subdivisions, most notably in sections 2 and 35, and has significantly more scattered single family rural residential development.

Agricultural operations require large blocks of contiguous land in order to make the best use of the efficiencies associated with the agricultural economies of scale. The fragmentation of prime farmland creates difficulties for farmers to accumulate contiguous blocks of land, either through ownership or rental agreements. Furthermore, fragmentation leads to inefficient management and decreased farm profitability. Scattered cropfield locations increase the distances farmers travel, thereby requiring the farmer to spend more unproductive time traveling on the road and more money on fuel consumption and equipment repairs. Non-farm residences also increase the incidences of user conflicts due to the non-farm residence owner's perception of increased traffic congestion, increased dust and noise from operating farm machinery, increased odors associated with the spreading of manure, and increased concerns about off-site impacts due to the application of agricultural fertilizers and chemicals. Large blocks of contiguous farmland that are free from residential encroachment are needed to sustain efficient agricultural operations.

Since the AEA designation is the first step toward allowing a landowner to sign a Farmland Preservation Agreement, the designation of the Friends in Agriculture AEA will support a landowner's voluntary choice to maintain his/her land in agricultural production. Therefore, a landowner's decision to sign a Farmland Preservation Agreement would limit the fragmentation of the agricultural landscape and the user conflicts associated with increased parcel fragmentation and rural residential development. If many contiguous landowners sign Farmland Preservation Agreements, localized land use trends will support large blocks of contiguous farmland that will be preserved for the current and future generation of farmers.

5. How did you determine the boundary (location and size) of the proposed AEA? As part of your answer describe efforts to involve and inform the public in the petition process.

The boundary of the Friends in Agriculture Respecting Traditions AEA encompasses numerous other types of farms than just dairies. The AEA boundary is not limited to just dairy farms. Included in the AEA are numerous cash grain farms that supply the local dairy farmers with corn, soybeans, small grains, and additional hay. These same grain farms produce ample quantities of commodities that are shipped throughout the Midwest and North America for processing into feed for people and livestock.

A large population of Amish (and some Mennonite) families reside in the area. They actively reinvest and rehabilitate old unused farmsteads. These families tend to look for large contiguous acres of farmland that can eventually be split into smaller farming parcels that are handed-down to the next generation of farmers within their families. Amish farmers have nurtured horticulture operations adding to the diversity of the agriculture in the area. These families created a thriving fresh market vegetable and fruit industry that supplies regional grocers with fresh in-season produce through sales at the Central Wisconsin Produce Auction, located just west of Withee. Many of these farmers, through their family owned and operated greenhouse businesses, have successfully begun direct sales of bedding plants and garden transplants to local residents. Numerous small orchards and berry farms also dot the landscape. According the UWEX publication cited earlier in the petition, horticulture adds \$1.6 million to the Clark County economy and direct-marketing sales add an additional \$369,000 in sales per year. The diversity of agricultural operations provides for a stable agricultural economy that maintains a strong influence on the local and regional economies.

The towns decided early-on to communicate the goals of the Friends in Agriculture AEA proposal to those Amish communities. The Town of Lynn Chairman engaged the community through discussions with the bishop. He clearly explained the intent of the AEA and noted that including land within the boundary does not bind a landowner to doing anything including, but not limited to, the signing of a Farmland Preservation Agreement, claiming the Farmland Preservation tax credit, or demonstrating compliance with any of the eligibility requirements, such as gross income or soil and water conservation standards. Unlike the Heart of America's Dairyland AEA boundary, the boundary for this AEA includes some Amish and Mennonite farms, especially in the Town of Lynn. Due to this level of understanding and cooperation the proposed AEA came to be named Friends in Agriculture Respecting Traditions. Farming is the primary occupation of the Amish and the desire to maintain the land in agricultural use is a respected tradition. The "old world" and "new world" traditions found a common goal through the friendship of agriculture. While it is doubtful that the Amish will ever sign Farmland Preservation Agreements and claim the tax credit, they will be preserving farmland for their future generations.

As of March 29, 2014, thirty-two landowners (representing 9,724 acres or 57% of the proposed AEA land) signed landowner signature pages demonstrating support for the establishment of the Friends in Agriculture AEA. Town officials and local farmers went door to door contacting as many landowners as possible in order to personally explain the intent of the AEA. These same individuals also collected the landowner signature pages. These same town officials and farmers are still out having conversations with landowners in the towns and it is expected that more signature pages will be signed and received in the future. At the same time, farmers in the Town of Fremont are striving to receive as much written support for the AEA as possible and it is expected that the AEA will expand into the western part of the Town of Fremont as landowners continue to demonstrate support westward of the proposed AEA boundary. Interestingly enough, some landowners in the Town of Lynn whose land is currently ineligible to participate in farmland preservation, due to the exclusion of their properties in the 1982 Farmland Preservation Plan, also signed landowner signature pages demonstrating support for the AEA. Clearly, these landowners understand the importance of agriculture to their community and did not express any discontent toward farmland preservation or the farmers eligible to receive the tax credit even if those ineligible landowners were not going to directly

profit from it. As discussed in the petition's Introduction Section, most everyone in Clark County benefits from farmland preservation either directly or in these landowners' cases indirectly due to multiplier factors.

Landowners in each town also held three informational meetings about the AEA for a total of six meetings over four years. In total more than 100 residents of the towns attended one or more of these informational meetings to learn more about the process of establishing an AEA.

The Town of Fremont discussions took place over many years, first starting in late 2009. During the ensuing years landowners in Fremont discussed the AEA and eventually requested the Town Board to pass a resolution in support of the AEA. Mid-States Technical College also participated in one of the earlier informational meetings. The meetings in the Town of Fremont occurred on November 11, 2009; January 6, 2010, and March 12, 2014.

The Town of Lynn had already been familiarized with Farmland Preservation and Agricultural Enterprise Areas during an August 31st, 2009 County Towns Association Meeting held at the Loyal Legion Hall in Clark County. At this meeting, Keith Foye from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection gave a presentation on the Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative. This meeting was instrumental in sparking the Town's interest in the Farmland Preservation Program. It is also important to note that many of the town officials, also farmers, in attendance at the meeting remembered Mr. Foye, as he was the first County Conservationist of Clark County back in the late 1970's. Due to this familiarity, the Town of Lynn residents began discussing Agricultural Enterprise Areas with local farmers. After many years of discussion, the Town of Lynn held multiple landowner information meetings on April 20, 2013; December 11, 2013; and March 6, 2014.

All of the land in the proposed AEA is contiguous. Yet, there are some areas where land has not been included in the boundary. Most of the gaps in the AEA occur because of one of the following reasons:

1. Parcels were not primarily in agricultural use (non-managed forest, wetlands, rural residential, etc)
 2. Landowners had not been contacted about the AEA (western part Town of Fremont, for example)
 3. Landowners specifically requested that their land be excluded from the boundary.
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6. Confirm that the proposed AEA is consistent with any existing local comprehensive plan. Use the space provided for any additional information. Submit a future land use map, if available. *Please do not submit a complete copy of any comprehensive plan.*

☐ The county(ies) of _____ has(have) a comprehensive plan and the proposed AEA is consistent with this plan.

Link to plan(s):

☐ The Town(s) of _____ has(have) a comprehensive plan and the proposed AEA is consistent with this plan.

Link to plan(s):

☒ There are no comprehensive plans for the political subdivisions in which the proposed AEA is located.

Additional comments on comprehensive plan and relationship to proposed AEA: There are no comprehensive plans for any town located in the proposed AEA and there is no expectation for any of the towns to adopt comprehensive planning, as this is not a requirement for establishing an AEA or for participating in the Farmland Preservation Program.

7. Describe any recent investments made to support agriculture and agricultural-related business in or near the proposed AEA.

The Towns of Fremont and Lynn are still vibrant with economically-growing dairy, horticulture and cash grain farms. Numerous farm have added cows and new agricultural enterprises, such as on-farm retail of locally produced fruit and vegetables. These expanding farms have increased the demand on local agricultural service providers who, in response, have increased their capacity to manufacture, process, and/or ship and receive agricultural goods.

For example, the following list of agricultural service providers have expanded their businesses within the last five years:

1. Northside Elevator- added new grain storage bins.
2. Vita Plus- added new grain storage bins and constructed a new fertilizer blending plant.
3. Citizens State Bank- added a new location in Spencer to increase agricultural lending services.
4. Meyer Manufacturing- installed a new laser cutting device used to cut farm machinery steel.
5. Roth Manufacturing- increased shipping and receiving capacity to meet increased demand.
6. Lynn Dairy- expanded milk processing and cheese production capacity.
7. Nasonville Dairy- expanded milk processing and cheese production capacity.
8. Grassland Dairy- expanded milk processing and butter production capacity and added a milk dryer to produce non-fat dry milk for export.

The above list is by no means complete. However, the list does give an accurate picture of the diverse level of recent investments used to support agriculture and agricultural-related businesses in or near the proposed AEA. Millions of dollars have recently been invested in the area in order to increase the production capacity of the local agricultural operations and the farm service providers.

The Friends in Agriculture AEA includes a portion of Clark County that is heavily dominated by agriculture and agribusiness. These local businesses employ more than 2,000 Clark County residents or one-quarter of the local workforce. Any increase in agricultural income to this area, be it from an increase in agricultural production and sales or from an increase in Farmland Preservation tax credits, will stimulate economic activity in other sectors of the economy. This direct and indirect economic stimulus will provide for a more stable economy with a more stable investment atmosphere attractive to businesses.

The AEA designation will also bring a level of economic certainty to the area due to the fact that business investments are being made from both the private and public economic sectors. This economic certainty will allow new and existing agribusinesses to be more comfortable in risking their financial investments in the local economy. If agri-businesses know that their clientele (farms) will be more secure financially, those agri-businesses will be more financially secure themselves, due in part to the local multiplier factor discussed earlier.

Ultimately, the designation of the AEA will support existing agri-business investments and promote future agricultural investments, on and off the farm. These agricultural investments directly influence

numerous other economic sectors in the local economy, both private and public, agricultural and non-agricultural. Therefore, the AEA designation will encourage economic activity within the broader economy through both direct and indirect economic cooperation of the public and private, agricultural and non-agricultural economic sectors.

8. Indicate the approximate level of petitioner compliance with state soil and water standards.

- ☐ Nearly all petitioners are in compliance
 - ☐ More than half of the petitioners are in compliance
 - ☒ Half or less than half of the petitioners are in compliance
 - ☐ Few or no petitioners are in compliance
 - ☐ Compliance status of petitioners is unknown
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9. Describe the level of non-petitioner cooperator support for the petition.

Lynn Dairy is an award winning cheese processing plant located within the boundary of Friends in Agriculture AEA. This dairy processor employs numerous local individuals and has been an employer of local residents since 1898. It is one of the biggest cheese makers in the state. This dairy plant is also one of the reasons why the the Town of Lynn, one of the oldest towns in Clark County, had telephones in 1910 and electricity before 1917. Currently, Lynn Dairy receives and processes more than 700,000 pounds of raw milk per day, much of it from local farmers

Lynn Proteins is also located within the boundary of Friends in Agriculture AEA. This business purchases whey from dairy plants throughout the state of Wisconsin. The purchased whey is processed into whey protein concentrate, deproteinized whey, and lactose. All of the products are manufactured and approved for human consumption.

The current owner of the businesses, Mr. William Schwantes, has signed a landowner signature page demonstrating his support for the AEA. Mr. Schwantes also owns agricultural land and his business processes milk for numerous farms located within the boundary of the proposed AEA.

Numerous other local businesses have also been contacted by town officials and/or farmers, including implement dealerships, agronomy and livestock service providers, veterinarians, etc.. These businesses also support the AEA designation and the preservation of farmland, farms, farmers, and farm service providers.

Lastly, the Dairy Business Association (DBA) wrote a letter of support in regard to the establishment of the Friends in Agriculture AEA. DBA consistently supports agricultural investment, farmland preservation and the farmers and agri-businesses in Clark County. In 2011, DBA also provided a letter of support regarding the establishment of the Heart of America's Dairyland AEA.

10. Fill in the tables to provide information about partners and activities in the proposed AEA. Attach additional pages if necessary.

A. AEA Partners	
<i>Ex: UW-Extension, county economic development department, county conservation department</i>	<i>Ex: AEA outreach, strategic planning, marketing, grant-writing, soil and water conservation activities</i>
Partner: Land Conservation Department, UW-Extension, Economic Development Corporation, Private Sector	Partner activity: Identify and apply for grant opportunities that will be used by farmers and agri-businesses to expand the local agricultural production and processing capacity in order to maintain a stable supply of milk and grain to local agri-processors that will continue to support and develop a strong economically viable agricultural infrastructure.
Partner: Land Conservation, USDA Farm Service Agency & Natural Resource Conservation Service, Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources & Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, Private Sector	Partner activity: Assist landowners with implementing soil and water conservation best management practices that meet the intent of NR151 and ATCP50 and conduct workshops and field days where farmers can learn more about the goals and objectives of the Friends in Agriculture AEA.
Partner: UW-Extension, Economic Development Corporation, Local Farms and Private Sector Farm Service Providers	Partner activity: Cooperate with local farmers and agri-businesses to create and/or update business plans that promote the creation of new business ventures that grow the local economy while advancing State and local agricultural goals through the formalization of the relationships that exist between producers, processors, and consumers.
Partner: Land Conservation, Town Boards, Local Farms and Private Sector Farm Service Providers	Partner activity: Further develop farmland preservation strategies through the use of agricultural enterprise areas and encourage farms and agri-businesses to partner together to invest and adopt new-conservation orientated technologies that efficiently utilize the economies of scale created by the preservation of large blocks of contiguous farmland.

B. Farmland Preservation Agreement Strategy	
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Summarize future outreach efforts, including who will provide assistance</i>
☒ Informational meeting(s)	Landowners have a two-step voluntary process to complete before they become eligible to claim the Farmland Preservation Income Tax Credit established under Chapters 71 and 91. The first step is to include their land in the Friends of Agriculture AEA boundary. The second necessary, but voluntary, step is to sign a Farmland Preservation Agreement. Landowners within the boundary of the AEA are not required to sign agreements. If the proposed area is designated as an AEA, the following
☒ Mailing	
☒ One-on-one conversations	
☒ Newsletter/media	

☐ Other	activities will occur to inform landowners about Farmland Preservation Agreements: The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, Clark County and the Towns of Fremont and Lynn will: 1. Notify landowners within the AEA boundary via a direct mailing and describe their new opportunity to sign a farmland preservation agreement and invite those landowners to participate in a "Kick Off Agreement" meeting at their respective town halls. Clark County will: 2. Publish articles in the county newspapers and the UWEX "News and Views" announcing the designation of the AEA and advertise the town organized "Kick Off Agreement" meeting. 3. Attend town board meetings, especially annual meetings, to inform/remind town officials/landowners about the opportunity to sign Farmland Preservation Agreements. These meetings will also be used to update each town about the annual progress of the Farmland Preservation Agreements. 4. Hold annual workshops/field days for participating landowners to teach them about the proper way to maintain and self-certify their eligibility to claim the tax credit. 5. Continue to provide annual Nutrient Management Farmer Training Workshops at the town halls. 6. Continue to annually provide public informational meetings about farmland preservation opportunities at each town hall located in the agricultural enterprise area

C. Land Use Controls

<i>Type of Control</i>	<i>Existing/Future</i>	<i>Provide details about the selected control</i>
☐ Farmland preservation zoning ordinance		
☒ Other zoning ordinances Specify: Town of Fremont	Existing	The Town of Fremont has had land use zoning since 1996. The ordinance's general intent is to "lessen congestion in and promote the safety and efficiency of the streets and highways; secure safety from fire, panic and other dangers; provide adequate sanitation; AVOID UNDUE POPULATION CONCENTRATION; prevent overcrowding; facilitate the adequate provision of public facilities and utilities; FURTHER THE APPROPRIATE USES OF LAND AND CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES; PRESERVE AND PROMOTE THE BEAUTY OF THE COMMUNITY.
☒ Farmland preservation agreements	Existing	Three Farmland Preservation Agreements covering approximately 400 acres.
☐ Purchase of development rights and/or easements (donated or purchased)		
☐ Transfer of development rights		
☒ Subdivision ordinances	Existing	Clark County: Preservation of working land due to smaller lot sizes and promotion of cluster development. Provision in ordinance states: 16.04.370 Cluster Development- Purpose- Use of Undeveloped Area: "Grouping of residences in cluster subdivisions will permit individual minimum lot sizes to be reduced; provided that the overall density within the subdivision is maintained. The remaining undeveloped area within the subdivision is to be used to provide common open space and preserve the scenic qualities...."
☐ Cooperative boundary agreements/inter-municipal agreements		
☐ Natural area protections		
☒ Other (specify)	Existing	Shoreland Zoning Ordinance- Clark County: Soil and

Clark County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance		Water Compliance Monitoring Provision in ordinance states: 17.08.459 Permitted Uses: "All new construction of farm buildings housing animals, and all new barnyard or feedlots, shall be located at least three hundred feet from any navigable water, and shall be located so that manure will not drain into any navigable water. All barnyards, holding pens or animal feeding facilities located within three hundred feet of any navigable water are subject to periodic inspection and review for possible pollution of those waters. Waste collection and disposal systems may be required to prevent the manure from draining into any navigable water."
☒ Other (specify) Clark County Animal Manure Management Ordinance	Existing	Animal Manure Management Ordinance- Clark County: Soil and Water Compliance Monitoring Provision in ordinance states: Article IV: Activities Subject to Regulation- 16.16.470 Manure Management Provisions: "(1) All livestock operations shall comply with the following: a. A livestock operation shall have no overflow of manure storage facilities. b. A livestock operation shall have no unconfined manure piles in a water quality management area. c. A livestock operation shall have no direct runoff from a feedlot or stored manure into the waters of the state. d. A livestock operation may not allow unlimited access by livestock to waters of the state in a location where high concentrations of animals prevent the maintenance of adequate sod or self-sustaining vegetative cover. This prohibition does not apply to properly designed, installed and maintained livestock or farm equipment crossings."

D. Agricultural Development Activities		
<i>Type of Activity</i>	<i>Existing/Future</i>	<i>Provide additional details</i>
<i>Ex: Joint marketing or purchasing, development of agri-tourism opportunity, value-added agriculture</i>	<i>Ex: Existing</i>	<i>Ex: Producers have formed a producer cooperative to market their products directly to consumers.</i>
Develop and maintain the dairy infrastructure of the area and provide support for the creation of additional infrastructure for the horticultural industry.	existing/future	Farmers have begun to develop new business relationships with local end-users of raw agricultural products (local consumers and agri-processors). These relationships will stimulate additional farm sales and create the need for local agri-businesses to build additional processing capacity.
Promote the concept of "brick and mortar" agri-business parks that will assist with new research innovation and further the development of agri-business incubation.	existing/future	Communities have realized the need to diversify employment opportunities in order to retain qualified skilled workers in the participation and the development of the local economy. These agri-business parks will provide assistance to new entrepreneurs to develop new technologies for agriculture.
Document existing agri-business relationships between producers, processors and consumers	existing/future	These existing agri-business relationships between producers, processors, and consumers will be documented in order to identify areas for future agricultural infrastructure development.
Conduct farm and agri-business expansion and modernization workshops and field days	existing/future	These workshop and field days will focus on creating business relationships that develop and maintain a strong, diverse economically-viable agricultural infrastructure.

E. Other AEA Activities		
<i>Type of Activity</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Provide additional details</i>
<i>Ex: Form a stakeholder group, attend statewide AEA meetings, develop strategic plan, set up website</i>	<i>Ex: Ongoing, Future</i>	<i>Ex: Working with UWEX, we will form an AEA stakeholder group to consider appropriate next step.</i>
Extend the AEA boundary into surrounding towns and counties to create the largest block of contiguous farmland acreage in the State of Wisconsin	Ongoing	The proposed AEA is working with multiple public and private entities, including landowners in the award winning Heart of America's Dairyland AEA. (The Heart of America's Dairyland AEA was presented an award from the Wisconsin Rural Partners for being one the best rural initiatives of 2013.) The Friends in Agriculture AEA is uniquely positioned to support the Heart of America's Dairyland and assist with maintaining Clark County as the

		#1 dairy county in Wisconsin and Wisconsin as the only "America's Dairyland".
Assist other landowners, towns, and counties with developing and implementing farmland preservation strategies	Ongoing	Assist local leaders with the creation of a Farmland Preservation Council (or something similar in focus, but not necessarily similar in name) that will focus on implementing local and regional economic and environmental conservation policies that support economic growth and the wise-use of local natural resources.

March 31, 2014

Matt Zoschke, County Conservationist
Clark County Land Conservation Department
517 Court Street, Room 102
Neillsville, WI 54456

Dear Mr. Zoschke:

Thank you for informing me about the interest Clark County landowners have in submitting a petition to DATCP to establish the *Friends in Agriculture Respecting Traditions Agricultural Enterprise Area*.

It is encouraging to learn that more than 75 farmers, managing more than 17,000 acres, will be involved in the creation of this agricultural enterprise area to preserve and promote the dairy industry and agricultural-related businesses in Clark County.

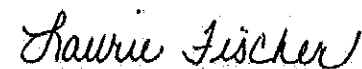
The Dairy Business Association is proud to support creation of the *Friends in Agriculture Respecting Traditions Agricultural Enterprise Area* because dairy production is vital to Wisconsin's economy. The proposed area is ideally suited for an agricultural enterprise area designation given that Clark County already has the largest number of licensed dairy farms and milk cows in Wisconsin. This enterprise area designation should encourage additional dairy farm growth and modernization and allow Clark County to significantly increase the dollar value of its milk production.

University of Wisconsin studies note that today's dairy farms generate many opportunities for related agricultural businesses to maintain and create jobs. While Clark County's local economy is already dependent upon the success of these farms, any increase in dairy or other agriculture commodity production will help local business owners generate more income and keep more people working.

Finally, farmers continue to be the strongest supporters of good land stewardship practices; and, this designation should promote the further adoption of soil and water conservation practices. It is clear that a strong agricultural economy is built on a solid agricultural land preservation ethic, for it is the land which our farmers ultimately rely on to produce the nation's food supply.

We wish the Towns of Fremont and Lynn the best of luck securing their agricultural enterprise area designation and growing the dairy industry in Clark County.

Sincerely,



Laurie Fischer
Executive Director

**Friends in Agriculture
Respecting Traditions
Agricultural Enterprise Area
2014**

Towns of Fremont and Lynn
&
Clark County Board and Land Conservation
Committee

Resolutions of Support
&
Municipal Signature Pages

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2nd KodlNo: 9 Yes: 17Absent: 3Adopted: **x**

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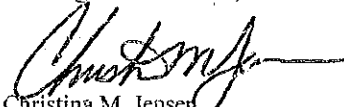
Number of votes required:

Majority

RESOLUTION 10-3-14**IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING AN AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE
AREA WITHIN THE TOWNS OF LYNN AND FREMONT, CLARK
COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

Clark Co Board Roll Call Vote	Y E S	N O	A
1 Hochhalter	X		
2 Leichtman		X	
3 Schindler			X
4 Wilcox		X	
5 Renderman	X		
6 Waichulis	X		
7 Klapatauskas			X
8 Kodl	X		
9 Holtzhausen	X		
10 Kolzow	X		
11 Jalling	X		
12 Petke	X		
13 Bower		X	
14 Krempasky	X		
15 Ashbeck		X	
16 Hendrickson	X		
17 Rueth	X		
18 Froeba	X		
19 Haselow		X	
20 Dahl		X	
21 Rollins		X	
22 Kunze	X		
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28 Neville		X	
29 Wesenberg		X	

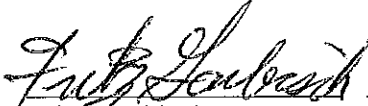
I, Christina M. Jensen,
Clerk for the County of Clark,
hereby certify that this
Resolution was adopted by the
Board of Supervisors at the
meeting held March 18, 2014.


Christina M. Jensen
Clark County Clerk,
Neillsville, WI 54456

SEAL

1. **WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer
2. Protection is requesting petitions, under s. 91.86, Wis. Stats., to
3. designate Agricultural Enterprise Areas throughout the State of
4. Wisconsin under s.91.84, Wis. Stats.; and
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6. **WHEREAS**, agriculture is a vital component of the economy of Clark
7. County and in the Towns of Lynn and Fremont, and their social,
8. cultural, and aesthetic heritage; and
- 9.
10. **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Committee supports and
11. Encourages agricultural preservation and promotion; and
- 12.
13. **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Committee believes that
14. establishing this Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) will preserve and
15. promote the development of the local economy and conserve the
16. environment; and
- 17.
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19. meeting in regard to the establishment of the AEA and have
20. determined that there is public support for establishing an AEA; and
- 21.
22. **WHEREAS**, the proposed boundaries for the Town of Lynn and
23. Fremont AEA that will be used to designate the boundary of the AEA
24. are depicted on the towns' respective maps; and
- 25.
26. **WHEREAS**, the choice to voluntarily participate in programs related
27. to the Agricultural Enterprise Area will be at the sole discretion of the
28. property owner; and
- 29.
30. **WHEREAS**, the continued preservation of agricultural land will
31. support and create jobs in the local economy; and
- 32.
33. **WHEREAS**, agriculture is an important land use that is worthy of
34. preservation and promotion.
- 35.
36. **NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE Clark County Land**
37. **Conservation Committee** in session this 19th day of February, 2014,
38. that the committee supports the petition requesting the establishment of
39. an AEA in the Towns of Lynn and Fremont in Clark County by the
40. state under s. 91.84, Wis. Stats.

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE


Fritz Garbisch

Rick Opelt

Duane Boon

Donald Koerner

Jim Erickson

FINANCIAL IMPACT REPORT:	Projected new positions:	none
(current year)	Anticipated revenue:	none
	Wages & Benefits:	none
	All other costs:	none
	Space requirements:	none

Reviewed by: 
Corp Counsel
Reviewed by: 
Finance Manager

RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING AN AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE AREA WITHIN THE TOWNS OF LYNN AND FREMONT, CLARK COUNTY, WISCONSIN

- WHEREAS,** the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is requesting petitions, under s. 91.86, Wis. Stats., to designate Agricultural Enterprise Areas throughout the State of Wisconsin under s.91.84, Wis. Stats.; and
- WHEREAS,** agriculture is a vital component of the economy of Clark County and in the Towns of Lynn and Fremont, and their social, cultural, and aesthetic heritage; and
- WHEREAS,** the Land Conservation Committee supports and encourages agricultural preservation and promotion; and
- WHEREAS,** the Land Conservation Committee believes that establishing this Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) will preserve and promote the development of the local economy and conserve the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** the Towns of Lynn and Fremont have held public meeting in regard to the establishment of the AEA and have determined that there is public support for establishing an AEA; and
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- WHEREAS,** the choice to voluntarily participate in programs related to the Agricultural Enterprise Area will be at the sole discretion of the property owner; and
- WHEREAS,** the continued preservation of agricultural land will support and create jobs in the local economy; and
- WHEREAS,** agriculture is an important land use that is worthy of preservation and promotion.

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE Clark County Land Conservation Committee in session this 19th day of February, 2014, that the committee supports the petition requesting the establishment of an AEA in the Towns of Lynn and Fremont in Clark County by the state under s. 91.84, Wis. Stats.

Clark County Land Conservation Committee

Fritz Garbush
Donald Hansen

Rick Opet
Jim Erickson

Political Subdivision Signature Page

In addition to passing a resolution in support of this petition, this signature page must be signed by an authorized officer or representative of every political subdivision (county, town, city or village) in which any part of the proposed AEA is included.

Political subdivision name: Clark County

Type (check one): County ☒ Town ☐ City ☐ Village ☐

Printed name of authorized officer or representative: Wayne Hendrickson

Title of authorized officer or representative: Chairman

Authorized signature: Wayne Hendrickson Date: 3-25-14

Principal mailing address: 517 Court St

Neillsville, WI 54456

Phone number: 715-743-5225

E-mail address: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2014

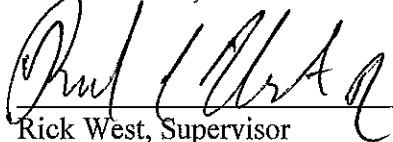
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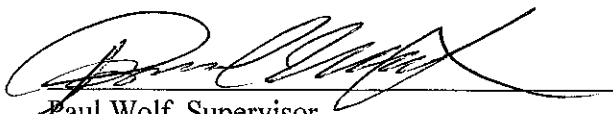
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- WHEREAS,** agriculture is a vital component of the economy of Clark County and in the Town of Lynn, and their social, cultural, and aesthetic heritage; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Lynn supports and encourages agricultural preservation and promotion; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Lynn believes that establishing this Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) will preserve and promote the development of the local economy and conserve the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Lynn has held public meetings in regard to the establishment of the AEA and has determined that there is public support for establishing an AEA; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed boundary for the Town of Lynn AEA that will be used to designate the boundary of the AEA are depicted on the town's respective map; and
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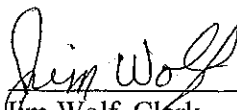
NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE Town of Lynn Town Board in session this 6TH day of March, 2014, that the Board of Supervisors supports the petition requesting the establishment of an AEA in the Town of Lynn in Clark County by the state under s. 91.84, Wis. Stats.

Town of Lynn Town Board


Wade P. Pettit, Chairman


Rick West, Supervisor


Paul Wolf, Supervisor


Jim Wolf, Clerk

Political Subdivision Signature Page

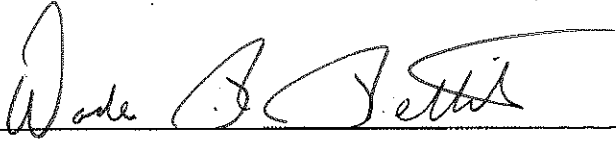
In addition to passing a resolution in support of this petition, this signature page must be signed by an authorized officer or representative of every political subdivision (county, town, city or village) in which any part of the proposed AEA is included.

Political subdivision name: Town of Lynn

Type (check one): County ☐ Town ☒ City ☐ Village ☐

Printed name of authorized officer or representative: Wade Pettit

Title of authorized officer or representative: Chairman

Authorized signature:  Date: 3-19-2014

Principal mailing address: W1018 Starr. Rd.

Chili, WI 54420

Phone number: 715-255-2058

E-mail address: pettitwb@aol.com

RESOLUTION NO. 031214

**IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING AN AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE
AREA WITHIN THE TOWN OF FREMONT, CLARK COUNTY,
WISCONSIN**

- WHEREAS,** the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is requesting petitions, under s. 91.86, Wis. Stats., to designate Agricultural Enterprise Areas throughout the State of Wisconsin under s. 91.84, Wis. Stats.; and
- WHEREAS,** agriculture is a vital component of the economy of Clark County and in the Town of Fremont, and their social, cultural, and aesthetic heritage; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Fremont supports and encourages agricultural preservation and promotion; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Fremont believes that establishing this Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) will preserve and promote the development of the local economy and conserve the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Fremont has held public meetings in regard to the establishment of the AEA and has determined that there is public support for establishing an AEA; and
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- WHEREAS,** the continued preservation of agricultural land will support existing jobs and create new jobs in the local economy; and
- WHEREAS,** agriculture is an important land use that is worthy of preservation and promotion.

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE Town of Fremont Town Board in session this 12th day of March, 2014, that the committee supports the petition requesting the establishment of an AEA in the Town of Fremont in Clark County by the state under s. 91.84, Wis. Stats.

Town of Fremont Town Board

Edward Schuf

Allen Krause Jr.

Karen Schuf

Political Subdivision Signature Page

In addition to passing a resolution in support of this petition, this signature page must be signed by an authorized officer or representative of every political subdivision (county, town, city or village) in which any part of the proposed AEA is included.

Political subdivision name: Fremont

Type (check one): County ☐ Town ☒ City ☐ Village ☐

Printed name of authorized officer or representative: Ed Schultz

Title of authorized officer or representative: Chairman

Authorized signature: Edward Schultz Date: 3/12/14

Principal mailing address: Box 96 Chilesville 54420

Phone number: Home 683-2535 cell 897-6778

E-mail address: edandron@hotmail.com

**Friends in Agriculture
Respecting Traditions
Agricultural Enterprise Area
2014**

Town of Lynn

23 Landowner Signature Pages
(as of 3/28/14)

Landowner Signature Page

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Lynn Dairy

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☐

LLC ☐

Corporation ☒

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature William L. Schwartz Date 2-28-14

Print name William L. Schwartz

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): 1929 Hwy 10

Granton WI 54436

E-mail address(es) (if available): bill@lynn dairy.com

I (we) currently claim a farmland preservation tax credit (either under farmland preservation zoning or through a farmland preservation agreement). ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Don't Know

I (we) are interested in maintaining our existing farmland preservation agreement or entering into a new farmland preservation agreement. ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe
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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

ERNEST & RHODA STERNITZKY

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature

Rhoda Sternitzky

Date

2/28/14

Print name

Rhoda Sternitzky

Authorized signature

Date

Print name

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

N4483 DIVISION AVE

GRANTON, WI 54436

E-mail address(es) (if available):

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

David Wolf

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☐

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature David A. Wolf Date 2.28.17

Print name David A. Wolf

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W3586 Badger Ave

Chili, WI 54420

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Norm-E-Lane

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☐

LLC ☐

Corporation ☒

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature [Signature] Date 3-6-14

Print name Norm-E-Lane

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W248 PANTHER CREEK ROAD

CHILI, WI 54420

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

MERLE ROSE

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☐

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Merle A Rose Date 2-28-14

Print name _____

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

N3061 CTH 'W'
GRANTON

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

ED & LINDA BECKER

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Edwin A Becker Date 2-26-14

Print name Edwin Becker

Authorized signature Linda Becker Date 2-26-14

Print name Linda Becker

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

E-mail address(es) (if available):

I (we) currently claim a farmland preservation tax credit (either under farmland preservation zoning or through a farmland preservation agreement).

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☒ No

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

GENE ROEHL

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Gene Roehl Date 2-26-14

Print name GENE ROEHL

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): 14211 Badger Ave,

GRANTON, Wisconsin 54436

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Keith Bass

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☐

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Keith Bass Date MAR 13-2014

Print name KEITH BASS

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W 1263 STARR RD

GRANTON, WI. 54436

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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☐ Yes

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

WADE PETTIT

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Wade Pettit Date 3-17-2014

Print name WADE P. PETTIT

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W1018 STARR ROAD

CHILI, WI 54420

E-mail address(es) (if available): pettitwb@aol.com

I (we) currently claim a farmland preservation tax credit (either under farmland preservation zoning or through a farmland preservation agreement).

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Don't Know

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Tom + Roger HASZ

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☒

Authorized signature Tom HASZ Date 2-28-14

Print name Tom HASZ

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W 1969 US Hwy 10

GRANTON, WI 54436

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Don't Know

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

JACK KROHN

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature

Jack Krohn

Date 2-26-14

Print name

JACK A KROHN

Authorized signature

Date

Print name

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

N3323 CATLIN AVE

GRANTON WI 54434

E-mail address(es) (if available):

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☐ Yes

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Doreen Helm

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Doreen Helm Date 2/28/14

Print name DOREEN HELM

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): N43016 Ctrp Rd W
Granston, WI 54436

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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☐ Yes

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☒ Yes

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Beverly J. Helm

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Beverly J. Helm

Date 1-11-14

Print name Beverly J. Helm

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

W637 U.S. Hwy 10

Chili, Nv 89420

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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☐ Yes

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Scott Helum

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature

Scott A Helum

Date 1-11-14

Print name

Scott A Helum

Authorized signature

Date

Print name

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

N4657 Hiline Ave

Chili, WI

54420

E-mail address(es) (if available):

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☐ Yes

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Mark Kayhart

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature

[Signature]

Date

1-11-14

Print name

Mark H. Kayhart

Authorized signature

[Signature]

Date

1-11-14

Print name

Julie Kayhart

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

11225 Cranston Rd

Cranston NJ 08436

E-mail address(es) (if available):

I (we) currently claim a farmland preservation tax credit (either under farmland preservation zoning or through a farmland preservation agreement).

Expired?

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Yes

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No

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Don't Know

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Yes

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Tim Sternitzky

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Tim Sternitzky Date 3-7-14

Print name Tim Sternitzky

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W1319 Granton Rd.

Granton, WI 54436

E-mail address(es) (if available): timsternitzky@hotmail.com

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☐ Yes

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☐ Don't Know

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

GARY STERNITZKY

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☐

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☒

Authorized signature

Gary Sternitzky

Date

1-11-2014

Print name

GARY STERNITZKY

Authorized signature

Date

Print name

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

W2405 US HWY '10'

GRANTON, WI 54436

E-mail address(es) (if available):

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Schmitz Farms LLC

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☐

LLC ☒

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature

Sandra K Schmitz

Date

1-10-14

Print name

Sandra K Schmitz

Authorized signature

Date

Print name

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

W1421 Fremont Rd

Granton WI 54436

E-mail address(es) (if available):

sbschmitz@tols.net

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Richard & Catherine Winter

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Catherine Winter Date 2-9-14

Print name Catherine Winter

Authorized signature Richard Winter Date 2/9-14

Print name Richard Winter

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W2316 Hill Rd.

Granton, Wisconsin

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Kevin Winter

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Kevin Winter Date 2-9-14

Print name KEVIN WINTER

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

W2316 Hill Rd

GRANTON WI 54436

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Wolf

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☐

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☒

Authorized signature Paul Wolf

Date 1-15-14

Print name Paul Wolf

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): N2897 Hillin Av

Chili WI 54420

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Doug BECKER

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Douglas Becker Date 2-27-14

Print name Douglas Becker

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): N 3810 Meridian

GRANTON WI 54436

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

LEONARD HORNING

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Leonard Horning Date 2-26-14

Print name Leonard Horning

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

W 1963 Maple Rd

E-mail address(es) (if available):

Grantor WI 54436

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Stephen Pankratz

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Stephen Pankratz Date 3-24-2014

Print name Stephen Pankratz

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): 11031 ct V

Marshfield Wis 54449

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Paul Stichert

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature

Paul Stichert

Date 3-26-14

Print name

Paul Stichert

Authorized signature

Janet Stichert

Date 3-26-14

Print name

Janet Stichert

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

15767 Cty Y

Chili 54420

E-mail address(es) (if available):

pjstichert@tds.net

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☐ Yes

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Rick & Pam Rollins

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Rick Rollins Date 3-25-14

Print name RICKY ROLLINS

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): N 7122 Hilling

Chili, WI 54420

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Meissner Dairy Farm

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☐

LLC ☒

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Lavern Meissner Date 3/24/14

Print name Lavern Meissner

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): N5590 Hilene Ave
Chili, WI 54420

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Curt & Debra Johansson

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature

Curt Johansson

Date

3/25/14

Print name

Curt Johansson

Authorized signature

Date

Print name

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

W424 Cty Rd H

Chick WI 54420

E-mail address(es) (if available):

LDJOHANSSON@yahoo.com

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☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Don't Know

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Allen + Terri Mayer

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Allen Mayer Date 3-24-14

Print name Allen J Mayer

Authorized signature Terri S Mayer Date 3-24-14

Print name Terri S. Mayer

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W784 Timberlane Rd

Chili, WI 54420

E-mail address(es) (if available): terrimayer@tds.net

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☐ Yes

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

James + Linda Gilbertson

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☐

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature James Gilbertson Date _____

Print name JAMES GILBERTSON

Authorized signature Linda Gilbertson Date 3-24-14

Print name Linda Gilbertson

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): N4939 Fair Haven Ave.

Chil. WI 54420

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Meissner Land LLC

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☐

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature David Meissner Date _____

Print name David Meissner

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W136 Panther Creek Rd.

Chili, WI 54420

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

Landowner Signature Page

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Norm E-Lane Inc

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☐

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Authorized signature David Meissner Date 3/13/14

Print name David Meissner

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W267 Panther Creek Rd.

Chili, WI 54420

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

I (we) currently claim a farmland preservation tax credit (either under farmland preservation zoning or through a farmland preservation agreement). ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

I (we) are interested in maintaining our existing farmland preservation agreement or entering into a new farmland preservation agreement. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe
(Note: To claim the farmland preservation tax credit under a farmland preservation agreement, the farm must meet state soil and water conservation standards.)

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

J & J Meissner Land

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☐

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Authorized signature David Meissner Date 3/13/14

Print name David Meissner

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W325 Panther Creek Rd

Chili, WI 54420

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

I (we) currently claim a farmland preservation tax credit (either under farmland preservation zoning or through a farmland preservation agreement).

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't Know

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☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Gale Dawn Miller

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Gale Dawn Miller (Winstead) Date 3-12-14

Print name Gale Dawn Miller (Winstead)

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W2095 Chili Rd

Chili WI 54426

E-mail address(es) (if available): galeepines@hotmail.com

I (we) currently claim a farmland preservation tax credit (either under farmland preservation zoning or through a farmland preservation agreement).

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Don't Know

I (we) are interested in maintaining our existing farmland preservation agreement or entering into a new farmland preservation agreement.
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☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Allen Krause Jr.

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple ☒

LLC ☐

Corporation ☐

Other (describe)

Partnership ☐

Authorized signature Allen Krause Jr. Date 3/25/14

Print name ALLEN KRAUSE JR

Authorized signature Marilyn Krause Date 3/25/14

Print name Marilyn Krause

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): N 6677 Division Ave

Spencer, Wis 54479

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

I (we) currently claim a farmland preservation tax credit (either under farmland preservation zoning or through a farmland preservation agreement).

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Don't Know

I (we) are interested in maintaining our existing farmland preservation agreement or entering into a new farmland preservation agreement.
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☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe