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RESOLUTION #

**SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DELLONA AGRICULTURAL
ENTERPRISE AREA IN THE TOWN OF DELLONA**

Resolution offered by the Land Resources and Environment Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Sauk County, Wisconsin:

BACKGROUND:

An Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) is an area of contiguous land, devoted primarily to agricultural use, as designated by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) through the Wisconsin's Working Lands Initiative in response to a local petition. The designation of an AEA identifies an area as valuable for current and future agricultural uses and may help to promote the development of agricultural businesses.

An AEA designation enables eligible farmers to enter into voluntary Farmland Preservation Agreements with the Wisconsin DATCP for a 15-year period and to receive income tax credits in return for preserving their land in agricultural use and meeting state agricultural performance standards. The petition for establishment of an AEA must be jointly filed by at least five eligible farmers within the boundaries of the proposed AEA, and by each county, town, or municipality in which any part of the proposed AEA is located.

In winter of 2022, Sauk County staff were approached by landowners in the Town of Dellona seeking assistance with establishing an AEA. Establishing an AEA in the Town of Dellona is the only opportunity for these landowners to enter into new voluntary agreements and be eligible for the Farmland Preservation tax credit. The completed AEA petition application is attached as Appendix A. On June 8, 2023, the Dellona Town Board approved a resolution supporting the establishment of the Dellona AEA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, that the County of Sauk supports the establishment of the Dellona Agriculture Enterprise Area within Sauk County, Wisconsin.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Resources and Environment Committee, this 27 day of June 2023.

Consent Agenda Item: [] YES [X] NO

Fiscal Impact: [] None [X] Budgeted Expenditure [] Not Budgeted

Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes _____ No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date:

Offered and passage moved by: Land Resources and Environment Committee

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