

RESOLUTION NO. ___ - 14

**APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A CONSERVATION STREAMBANK EASEMENT
FOR THE TOM MESITER PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND SAUK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) and Sauk County are parties to the “Memorandum of Agreement Concerning U.S. Highway 12 Between Middleton and Lake Delton, Wisconsin” (MOA), fully executed by WISDOT, Sauk County, the Governor of Wisconsin, the Federal Highway Administration, the National Park Service(NPS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WISDNR), Dane County and the Nature Conservancy (TNC); and,

WHEREAS, by Resolution #124-2011, the Honorable Sauk County Board of Supervisors approved the Memorandum of Agreement implementing the Sauk County Fund component of the Highway 12 Growth Management Plan that provides the State of Wisconsin allocate funds in the amount of \$250,000 to fund among other things the purchase of lands or scenic/conservation/agricultural easements from willing sellers in Sauk County outside of the Baraboo Range National Natural Landmark (BRNNL); and,

WHEREAS, one of the express and stated purposes of the Implementation Agreement between the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Sauk County for the Sauk County Fund is to procure streambank easements and to protect and enhance these environmentally sensitive areas and mitigate the environmental impact caused by the expansion of US Highway 12.

WHEREAS, the Conservation, Planning and Zoning Committee believes this offer to purchase a streambank easement is in the best interest of Sauk County and implements the MOA executed between Sauk County and the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, that said streambank easement is hereby Approved.

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For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on August 19, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Conservation, Planning and Zoning Committee

Gerald Lehman, Chair

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Fiscal Note: The easement purchase price of \$16,160 plus related expenditures such as title search and appraisal are funded 55.6% by the state and 44.4% by existing appropriated funds.

MIS Note: No Impact.