

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2017

**AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION, PLANNING, AND ZONING
TO EXECUTE A CROP LAND LEASE AGREEMENT AT THE SAUK COUNTY
HEALTH CARE CENTER**

Background: Sauk County owns approximately 12.9 acres of tillable land, known as the Sauk County Health Care Center parcels 3202 and 3180, City of Reedsburg, located adjacent to the Sauk County Health Care Center at 1040 Clark Street. This crop land is used as a demonstration site to showcase new and innovative conservation practices that prevent soil erosion and reduce agricultural runoff to protect groundwater and surface water resources. Cropland is leased out to a local farmer every five years and a competitive bidding procedure is used to solicit bids for leasing this cropland. The lease agreement is contingent on obtaining an annual conditional use permit from the City of Reedsburg. Due to potential construction of additional facilities at the health care center campus, this lease may be modified and re-negotiated or terminated prior to the expiration of this lease.

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

WHEREAS, Jason Bergman of Loganville, submitted the high bid of \$162.79 per acre and should be awarded an agreement for leasing this land for a period of five years beginning March 1, 2018 and ending February 28, 2023; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, that Sauk County supports leasing of the Sauk County Health Care Center crop land for the purpose of growing agricultural crops and demonstrating conservation practices; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Conservation, Planning, and Zoning is hereby authorized to execute a five-year crop land lease agreement and any minor wording amendments thereafter.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on December 19, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

SAUK COUNTY CONSERVATION, PLANNING, AND ZONING COMMITTEE

DENNIS POLIVKA, Chair

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Fiscal Note: Health care center cropland lease payments to the county will amount to \$2,100 per year, for a total of \$10,500** over the five-year period. Revenue from all leased land of \$50,000 and expenses of \$15,000 related to farm building and fence maintenance are also included in the 2018 budget. ** Due to potential construction of additional facilities at the health care center campus, this lease may be modified and re-negotiated or terminated prior to the expiration of this lease and total revenue of the five-year period may be less.

MIS Note: No information systems impact.