

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2017**

**AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION, PLANNING, AND ZONING  
TO EXECUTE A PASTURE LEASE AGREEMENT AT THE SAUK COUNTY FARM**

*Background: Sauk County owns approximately 28.3 acres of pasture, known as the Sauk County Farm in Sections 33 and 34, town of Reedsburg, located adjacent to the former Sauk County Health Care Center. This pasture is used to rotationally graze cattle and act as a demonstration site to show case new and innovative conservation practices that prevent soil erosion and reduce agricultural runoff to protect groundwater and surface water resources. The pasture is leased out to a local farmer every five years and a competitive bidding procedure is used to solicit bids for leasing this pasture.*

**Fiscal Impact:** ☐ None ☒ Budgeted Expenditure ☐ Not Budgeted

**WHEREAS,** FARMER JOE of SAUK COUNTY submitted the high bid of \$\$\$\$ 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 Farm pasture for the purpose of grazing cattle 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 pasture lease agreement and any amendments thereafter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

SAUK COUNTY CONSERVATION, PLANNING, AND ZONING COMMITTEE

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**Fiscal Note:** This resolution does not require an appropriation from the county general fund. Lease payments to the county will amount to \$\$\$ per year, for a total of \$\$\$ for the five-year period. This revenue will be included in the 2018 through 2022 Conservation, Planning, and Zoning budgets.

**MIS Note:** No information systems impact.