

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2019

**AUTHORIZING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE 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. Sauk County and Peter Kinsman entered into a lease agreement for such premises on March 1, 2018. In April 2019, staff and Mr. Kinsman were agreeable to changing the field boundary of the crop field to the north due to wet field conditions that persist each year allowing for the expansion of the pasture. The First Amendment to the Lease would increase the pasture lease acreage by 5.8 acres.

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

WHEREAS, Peter Kinsman and Sauk County entered into a lease for the pasture at the County Farm on March 1, 2018 for a period of five years beginning January 2018 and ending February 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Sauk County and Peter Kinsman desire to amend the lease based upon terms and conditions set forth within the First Amendment attached as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, that the attached amendment is hereby agreed to and the CPZ Committee Chair and the County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an amendment to such lease agreement.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on May 21, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

SAUK COUNTY CONSERVATION, PLANNING, AND ZONING COMMITTEE

CHUCK SPENCER, CHAIR

MARTY KRUEGER, VICE CHAIR

GLEN JOHNSON

JOHN DIETZ

ROBERT NEWPORT

JEAN BERLIN

Fiscal Note: The annual payment from the pasture rental agreement at the Sauk County farm will be increased by \$319.06.

MIS Note: No information systems impact.