

Resolution No. 147—2022-23 – Agriculture, Extension Education, Zoning & Land Conservation Committee. Respectfully request that the State of Wisconsin, in the next legislative biennium, review and revise its policy on foreign ownership of farmland.

Supervisor Konetzke moved, seconded by Supervisor Spears, for adoption.

ROLL CALL: 32 yes, 3 absent, 1 vacant. RESOLUTION NO. 147—2022-23 IS ADOPTED.

VOTE RESULTS

32 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 4 ABSENT

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Passed By Majority Vote

1 THOMPSON	YES	13 WEGAND	YES	25 NOOYEN	YES
2 MILLER	ABSENT	14 HERMES	YES	26 WEINBERG	YES
3 SMITH	YES	15 MacDONALD	ABSENT	27 CULBERTSON	YES
4 PATIENCE	YES	16 SCHROEDER	YES	28 MONFILS	YES
5 GABRIELSON	YES	17 CROATT	YES	29 WINTERFELDT	YES
6 KONETZKE	YES	18 SPEARS	YES	30 NEJEDLO	YES
7 HAMMEN	YES	19 COOKE	YES	31 CLEGG	YES
8 LAWRENCE	YES	20 SANTONATO	YES	32 THYSSEN	YES
9 KRUEGER	YES	21 CUFF	YES	33 VANDERHEIDEN	YES
10 LAMERS	YES	22 HAGEN	YES	34 RETTLER	YES
11 FERGUSON	YES	23 KLEMP	YES	35 VACANT	ABSENT
12 McCABE	ABSENT	24 THIEDE	YES	36 LAUTENSCHLAGER	YES

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MAJORITY

1 According to the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture), as of
2 December 31, 2020, foreign agricultural interests in Wisconsin own over 500,000
3 acres of land in the state, with that number rising by over 25,000 acres from 2019
4 to 2020 alone. Wisconsin law currently allows for ownership of up to 640 acres
5 of agricultural or forestry land per foreign company or foreign individual. The
6 COVID-19 pandemic shows the need to localize supply chains, especially for
7 food and medicine, and to keep them out of the hands of adversarial governments
8 or entities party to adversarial governments. With the reality that supply chain
9 disruption could happen again in the future, it is prudent to limit the exposure of
10 these critical supply chains to entities party to governments who routinely abuse
11 human rights, violate international trade law and labor standards, and seek to
12 upend fair markets through state owned enterprises, monopolization or means that
13 otherwise threaten food security and the Wisconsin family farming tradition.
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15 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Agriculture, Extension Education,
16 Zoning & Land Conservation Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

17 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does respectfully
18 request that the State of Wisconsin, in the next legislative biennium, review and revise its policy
19 on foreign ownership of farmland, and

20 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a
21 copy of this resolution to the Outagamie County Land Conservation Director, Wisconsin Counties
22 Association, all Wisconsin Counties, and the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution to the
23 State Senator and State Representatives representing Outagamie County.

24 Dated this 14th day of March 2023
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Respectfully Submitted,

AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION
EDUCATION, ZONING AND LAND
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE



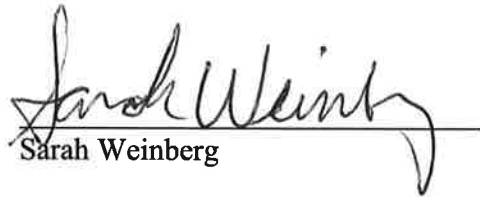
Debbie Vander Heiden



Daniel Rettler



Rick Lautenschlager

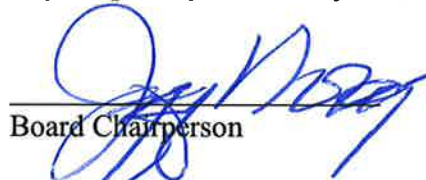


Sarah Weinberg

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Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: March 14, 2023

Signed:



Board Chairperson



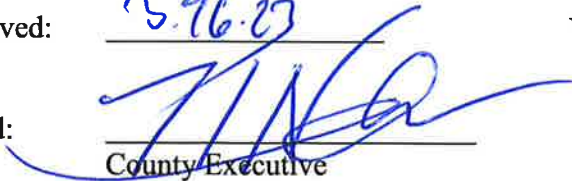
County Clerk

Approved:

3.16.23

Vetoed: _____

Signed:



County Executive