

ROLL CALL					
DIST	SUPERVISOR	Y	N	OTHER	
1	POMUSH				
2	BONG				
3	SLAY				
4	FENNESSEY				
5	BAKER				
6	LEINO				
7	GLAZMAN				
8	SKOWLUND				
9	JAQUES				
10	PETERSON				
11	STAUPE				
12	LEAR				
13	VACANT				
14	RYAN				
15	HENDRICKSON				
16	LUOSTARI				
17	LIEBAERT				
18	MOEN				
19	LONG				
20	BORGESON				
21	BERGMAN				
TOTALS		YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
ACTION					
ADOPTED	LOST	REFERRED	AMENDED	OTHER	
X					
LAST REVISED 5-18-23					

**RESOLUTION #35-23
RESOLUTION REGARDING FOREIGN
OWNERSHIP OF FARMLAND**

**PRESENTED BY SUPERVISORS ON LAND CONSERVATION AND
ZONING COMMITTEES**

WHEREAS, according to the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture), as of December 31, 2020, foreign agricultural interests in Wisconsin own over 500,000 acres of land in the state, with that number rising by over 25,000 acres from 2019 to 2020 alone, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin law currently allows for ownership of up to 640 acres of agricultural or forestry land per foreign company or foreign individual, and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic shows the need to localize supply chains, especially for food and medicine, and to keep them out of the hands of adversarial governments or entities party to adversarial governments, and

WHEREAS, with the reality that supply chain disruption could happen again in the future, it is prudent to limit the exposure of these critical supply chains to foreign governments who routinely

abuse human rights, violate international trade law and labor standards, and seek to upend fair market through state-owned enterprises, monopolization or means that otherwise threaten food security and the Wisconsin family farming tradition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors, at the recommendation of the supervisors on the Land Conservation and Zoning Committees, respectfully requests the State of Wisconsin, in the next legislative biennium, review and revise its policy on foreign ownership of farmland and forestland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Douglas County Land Services Director, Wisconsin Counties Association, all Wisconsin Counties, Wisconsin Land & Water Association, State Senator and State Representatives representing Douglas County, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers and Senators and Representatives representing Wisconsin in the federal legislature.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2023.

*Committee Action: Unanimous
Fiscal Note: None*

ACTION: Motion by Hendrickson, second Fennessey, to adopt. Motion carried.