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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

LARRY G AND APRIL M SAWYER LIVING TRUST

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature Larry G Sawyer Date 1-22-14

Print name LARRY G SAWYER

Authorized signature April M Sawyer Date 1-22-14

Print name April M. Sawyer

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W14284 GOLFRD

PRAIRIE DU SAC WI

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Fourth Generation Homestead LLC

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature John Miller Date 1/26/14

Print name John Miller

Authorized signature Dawn Miller Date 1-26-14

Print name Dawn Miller

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

N 1484 O'Connor Rd

Lodi Wis. 53555

E-mail address(es) (if available):

jdts02@gmail.com

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

HERMAN, JOHN, + PAUL MILLER

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature Herman Miller Date 2-6-14

Print name HERMAN J. MILLER

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W 12844 Hwy J

Lodi Wis 53555

E-mail address(es) (if available): ginandherm3@aol.com

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Herman, John & Paul Miller

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature Paul Miller Date 2-2-2014

Print name Paul Miller

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W13551 St. Hwy 60

Prairie du Sac WI 53578

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Ness Enterprises Inc.

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature  Date 2/6/14

Print name Scott D. Ness

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W12403 Cty Rd V

Lodi, WI 53555

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Gordon + Emily Carnecross Wargo Acres, Inc.

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature Gordon N. Carnecross Date 2-6-14

Print name GORDON N. CARNECROSS

Authorized signature Emily Carnecross Date _____

Print name Emily N. CARNECROSS

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W12965 Hwy. J

Lodi, WI 53555

E-mail address(es) (if available): egor@bugnet.net

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Ballweg Farms Jon, Carrie Ballweg

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature Jon Ballweg Date 2, 6, 14

Print name Jon Ballweg

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W12790 Hwy 60 Lad. wis
53555

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

DeLorman + Louise Enge

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

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Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature

DeLorman Enge

Date 2-27-14

Print name

DeLorman Enge

Authorized signature

Louise Enge

Date 3-24-14

Print name

Louise Enge

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

W13371 Co. Rd J

Lodi, WI 53555

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Aspirin Acres

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature Michael J. Benish Date 3-17-2014

Print name Michael J Benish

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W11514 City Rd ✓

Lod. WI 53555

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Partnership

Authorized signature

Daniel Benish

Date

3-17-2014

Print name

Daniel Benish

Authorized signature

Date

Print name

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

W11814 Coy Rd V

Lodi Wis. 53555

E-mail address(es) (if available):

benishdan@yahoo.com

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Alan Treinen

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature

[Signature]

Date

3-17-14

Print name

Alan Treinen

Authorized signature

Date

Print name

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

W12420 State Rd 60

Lodi, WI 53533

E-mail address(es) (if available):

treinenfarm@gmail.com

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Lochner Dairy LLC owners Patrick A. + Ronald E. Lochner

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature Patrick A. Lochner Date 3/19/2014

Print name Patrick A. Lochner

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W11798 Reynolds Rd

Lodi, WI 53555

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Doug Attoe

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature Doug Attoe Date 3/19/2024

Print name Doug Attoe

Authorized signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): N2085 Hwy 113
Lodi WI 53555

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Rolland Wnke

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature

Rolland J. Wnke

Date

3/21/14

Print name

ROLLAND WNK

Authorized signature

Date

Print name

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

N1772 Wnke Rd

Lodi, WI 53555

E-mail address(es) (if available):

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

J&N UEBERSCHIZIG FAMILY TRUST

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

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Partnership

FAMILY LIVING TRUST

Authorized signature James V. Ueberschizig

Date 3/20/14

Print name JAMES V. UEBERSCHIZIG

Authorized signature

Date

Print name

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

111079 O'CONNOR RD

LODI, WI 53555

E-mail address(es) (if available):

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Yes

No

Maybe

* MR. HARTMAN is
Landowner + cooperations
Ag-Business

~~Landowner~~/Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

Persons other than the petitioners may sign in support of the petition. A separate signature page, or letter of support, may be submitted for each cooperator. An authorized individual may sign on behalf of a legal entity.

Legal name of cooperator: Hartmann Farms, LLC

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):
Farm Owner, Grain Dealer

Principal mailing address: W12148 State Rd. 60 Lodi, WI 53555

E-mail address: hartmann@merr.com

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

Agriculture is very important to this area. Likewise it is important to keep farmland available for production purposes. We buy and sell grain in this area to support local farmers. It is vital to our business to keep land in production ag.

Print name Howard Hartmann

Authorized signature:  Date 2-25-14

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Schoepp Farm, LLC

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature Dave Schoepp

Date 3-24-14

Print name DAVE SCHEPP

Authorized signature [Signature]

Date 3-24-14

Print name Ron Schoepp

Farm owner address (street, city, zip):

N2007 E. Harmon Rd

Lodi, WI 53555

E-mail address(es) (if available):

5Schoepps@gmail.com

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

L+S Farms of Sank City LLP

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature Steve Schoeff Date 3-20-14

Print name Steve Schoeff

Authorized signature Lavern Schoeff Date 3-20-14

Print name Lavern Schoeff

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): L+S Farms of Sank City LLP

8706 City Rd 'Y' Sank City, WI
53583

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

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Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Craig and Jen Carncross

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature Craig E. Carncross Date 3/20/14

Print name Craig E. Carncross

Authorized signature Jen Carncross Date 3-20-14

Print name Jen L. Carncross

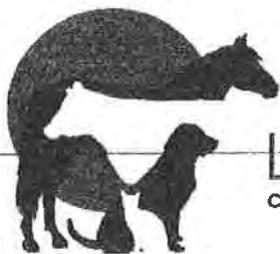
Farm owner address (street, city, zip): W13157 Cty. Rd. J

Lodi, WI 53555

E-mail address(es) (if available): Wargo acres @ gmail . com

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Lodi Veterinary Care™
CLINIC · MOBILE · EMERGENCY

**Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page
Ag Enterprise Area Petition
Town of Westpoint, Columbia County, WI**

Lodi Veterinary Hospital, S.C.
705 N. Main St.
Lodi, WI 53555
lodivetla@charter.net

We are a veterinary clinic that provides services to the animal agricultural farmers of Westpoint Township.

Our interest in signing this petition:

I believe that the main reason to create this Agricultural Enterprise Area is to ultimately maintain more of our lands in agricultural production. I believe there are several reasons to maintain our lands in agricultural production.

First on a global scale, rising population projections impress upon us the importance of feeding a hungry planet and the terrible problems that occur when we are not able to. Having our agricultural lands remain in agriculture is paramount to be able to meet this great challenge.

On a national scale, our country's ability to produce food in abundance has been central to our prosperity and is central to our national security. If we lose our agricultural land, our country will be in a weakened state.

On a local scale, the economic engine that agriculture drives should not be underestimated. The families that are directly supported by owning a farm or being employed on a farm are many. But we cannot forget the way this industry extends itself and benefits so many allied businesses like The Lodi Veterinary Hospital. Many more families are supported through these allied industries. Through this economic engine, public services such as the transportation infrastructure and school districts are supported.

Sincerely,
Scott T. Pertzborn, DVM

Political Subdivision Signature Page

In addition to passing a resolution in support of this petition, this signature page must be signed by an authorized officer or representative of every political subdivision (county, town, city or village) in which any part of the proposed AEA is included.

Political subdivision name: Columbia County

Type (check one): County Town City Village

Printed name of authorized officer or representative: Andy Ross

Title of authorized officer or representative: CHAIR Columbia County Board of Supervisors

Authorized signature: Andy Ross Date: 03.19.14

Principal mailing address: County Clerk
400 DeWitt Street
Portage, WI 53901

Phone number: 608-742-9654

E-mail address: Andy.Ross@Co.Columbia,WI,US

RESOLUTION NO. 6-14

SYNOPSIS: Supporting A Petition And Designation Of The West Point Agricultural Enterprise Area In The Town of West Point

INTRODUCED BY: Agriculture and Land Water Conservation Committee
Planning and Zoning Committee

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Columbia County:

WHEREAS, an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) is an area of contiguous land, devoted primarily to agricultural use, as designated by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection through the Wisconsin's Working Lands Initiative in response to a local petition; and

WHEREAS, the designation of an AEA identifies an area as valuable for current and future agricultural uses and may help to promote the development of agricultural businesses; and

WHEREAS, an AEA designation enables eligible farmers to enter into voluntary Farmland Preservation Program agreements with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for at least a 15-year period and enables farmers to receive income tax credits in return for preserving their land in agricultural use; and

WHEREAS, the West Point Town Board approached the Columbia County Land and Water Conservation and Planning and Zoning departments to assist the town and interested farmers with the development of a petition to establish an AEA in the Town of West Point; and

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation and Planning and Zoning departments have prepared a petition entitled the West Point Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) which encompasses an area in excess of 15,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, the participating farmers would be eligible for a tax credit of 10.00 per acre provided they meet compliance with runoff rules established by ATCP 50; and

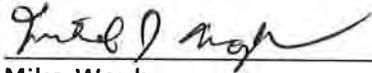
WHEREAS, the West Point Town Board, in February, 2014 voted to approve a resolution supporting the West Point AEA; and

WHEREAS, in order to fully prepare an AEA petition that can be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, each political subdivision that has land within the boundary of the proposed AEA must submit a copy of a resolution clearly stating that the political subdivision is petitioning the State of Wisconsin on behalf of the AEA; and

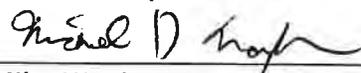
WHEREAS, the lands identified to be part of the West Point AEA are located within Columbia County, a political subdivision of the State of Wisconsin, and therefore requires the support of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Columbia County Board of Supervisors supports the petition and designation of the West Point Agriculture Enterprise Area by the State of Wisconsin under Wis. Stat., Sec 91.84.

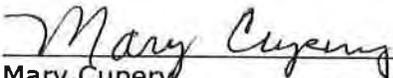
For consideration by the Columbia County Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2014.



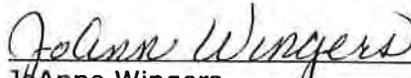
Mike Weyh



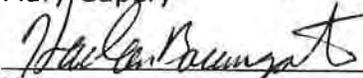
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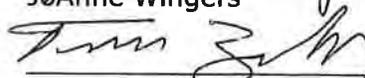
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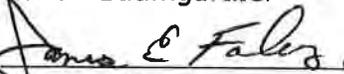
JoAnne Wingers



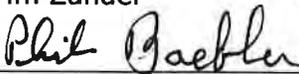
Harlan Baumgartner



Tim Zander



James Foley



Phil Baebler



Fred Teitgen



John Stevenson

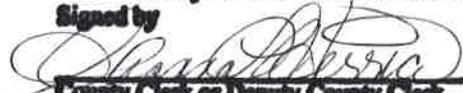
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA
CERTIFIED COPY**

**I certify that this is a true and exact copy
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for the County Clerk of Columbia County.**

Signed by



County Clerk or Deputy County Clerk

March 19, 2014

Date

Political Subdivision Signature Page

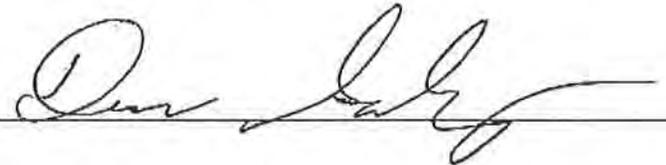
In addition to passing a resolution in support of this petition, this signature page must be signed by an authorized officer or representative of every political subdivision (county, town, city or village) in which any part of the proposed AEA is included.

Political subdivision name: TOWN OF WEST POINT

Type (check one): County Town City Village

Printed name of authorized officer or representative: DEAN SCHWARZ

Title of authorized officer or representative: TOWN CHAIR

Authorized signature:  Date: 2-18-2014

Principal mailing address: N-2114 RAUSCH ROAD
LODI WI 53555

Phone number: 608-592-7059

E-mail address: TOWNCHAIR@TOWNOFWESTPOINT.US

TOWN OF WEST POINT
RESOLUTION #03-20-2014

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WEST POINT AEA

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is accepting petitions for the designation of Agricultural Enterprise Areas throughout the State of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, agriculture is an important component of the Town of West Point, Columbia County economy, landscape, and rural character, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Point, Columbia County has adopted exclusive agricultural zoning through the County ordinance and has consistently supported the agricultural industry, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Point, Columbia County Comprehensive Plan adopted June 20, 2007 identifies the protection and preservation of agricultural land as a goal of the Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Point, Columbia County believes that establishment of an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) will further protect agricultural land and enhance the local agricultural economy, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Point, Columbia County has determined, based on petitioner support and meetings where Agricultural Enterprise Areas were discussed, that there is public support for the proposed West Point AEA, and

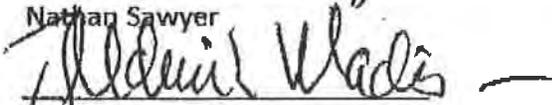
WHEREAS, agriculture is an important land use in the Town of West Point, Columbia County and worthy of preservation and support,

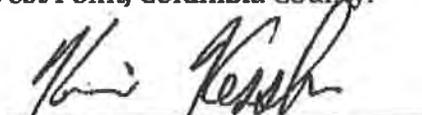
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of West Point Plan Commission hereby supports the establishment of the (AEA) within the Town of West Point, Columbia County.

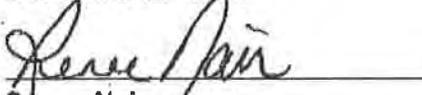
Dated this 20th day of March, 2014

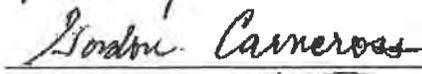

Ashley Nedeau-Owen


Nathan Sawyer

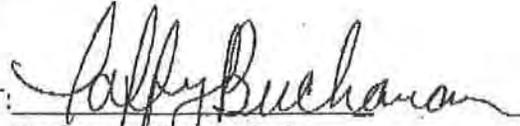

Fred Madison


Kevin Kessler-Chair


Renee Nair


Gordon Carncross-2nd Supervisor


Byron Olson

ATTEST: 
Taffy A. Buchanan, Town Clerk

Landowner Signature Page

The petition must be signed by the owners of at least 5 eligible farms within the proposed AEA. A separate signature page, in the following form, must be signed by the owner of each farm. An authorized individual may sign on behalf of a legal entity. If a farm is jointly owned by a husband and wife as individuals, both must sign.

Farm owner (correct legal name or legal name of business entity):

Ervin + Beverly Breunig Westpoint Farm

Type of business entity, if applicable (check one):

Individual or married couple

LLC

Corporation

Other (describe)

Partnership

Authorized signature Ervin Breunig Date 3-25-14

Print name Ervin Breunig

Authorized signature Beverly A. Breunig Date 3-25-14

Print name Beverly A Breunig

Farm owner address (street, city, zip): Ervin + Bev Breunig

8998 Hwy Y Sauk City WI
53583

E-mail address(es) (if available): _____

I (we) currently claim a farmland preservation tax credit (either under farmland preservation zoning or through a farmland preservation agreement). Yes No Don't Know

I (we) are interested in maintaining our existing farmland preservation agreement or entering into a new farmland preservation agreement. Yes No Maybe
(Note: To claim the farmland preservation tax credit under a farmland preservation agreement, the farm must meet state soil and water conservation standards.)

Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

Persons other than the petitioners may sign in support of the petition. A separate signature page, or letter of support, may be submitted for each cooperator. An authorized individual may sign on behalf of a legal entity.

Legal name of cooperator: Sauk Prairie Veterinary Clinic S.C

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):

Principal mailing address: 1510 North St. Prairie du Sac WI 53578

E-mail address: spvc1@frontier.com

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

Our business is directly related to production agriculture. Without farmland, we don't have a business.

Print name Lynae E Schott, DVM

Authorized signature: Lynae E Schott, DVM Date 2/26/14

Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

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Legal name of cooperator: Kalscheur Implement

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):
Farm equipment + repair business

Principal mailing address: 1113 main st Cross Plains, WI

E-mail address: glen.wipper-furth@kalscheur.com

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

Print name Glen Wipper-furth

Authorized signature:  Date 2/19/14

Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

Persons other than the petitioners may sign in support of the petition. A separate signature page, or letter of support, may be submitted for each cooperator. An authorized individual may sign on behalf of a legal entity.

Legal name of cooperator: United Cooperative

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):

Principal mailing address: E 11145 Hwy 60 Sault City, WI 53583

E-mail address: amyb@unitedcooperative.com

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

United cooperative provides agriculture supplies and services, such as feed and agronomy in the area.

Print name Amy Beisbier

Authorized signature: Amy Beisbier Date 2-21-14

Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

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Legal name of cooperator: Ellefson^{Milk} Hauling

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):

Principal mailing address: 511048 CoRdA SpringGreen Wis 53588

E-mail address: _____

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

Print name Dan Ellefson

Authorized signature:  Date 2-19-14

Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

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Legal name of cooperator: Col. Co. Cooperative Dairy Herd Improvement Association

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):

Principal mailing address: 120 W. Conant St. Room 105 Portage, WI. 53901

E-mail address: _____

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

We are a small non-profit cooperative owned by the Dairyman we serve. The Dairyman in West Point are and will continue to be a an important part of our business since 1944. It is important that we do what we can to continue to let them run there business as they see fit.

Print name Robert Curtis

Authorized signature: Robert Curtis, Manager Date 2-11-14

Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

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Legal name of cooperator: Big Game Wisconsin

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):

Principal mailing address: B W 9077 Schutz Rd Lodi Wi 53555

E-mail address: _____

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

The township of West Point is a viable agricultural production area. We service a lot of livestock production and purchase a large amount of grain in the west point township.

Print name Dwayne Schultz

Authorized signature: Dwayne Schultz Date 3-13-14

Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

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Legal name of cooperator: Bryan C. Hanson, Owner

Mid-State Equipment

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):

Owner of agriculturally related business, providing farm equipment, parts and services to area agricultural producers.

Principal mailing address: N8690 Highland Road, Watertown, WI 53094

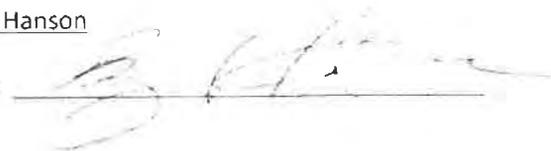
Email address:

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area

See Attached

Print Name: Bryan C. Hanson

Authorized signature:



Date

3/7/2014



WISCONSIN 1200 E. Main St. Janesville, WI 53402 708-754-4400	DELICIOUS 2000 W. Main St. Janesville, WI 53402 708-754-4400	JACKSON 2000 W. Main St. Janesville, WI 53402 708-754-4400	JANESVILLE 323 E. US Highway 14 Janesville, WI 53402 708-754-4400
PRAIRIE DU SAC 500 E. Highway 12 Prairie Du Sac, WI 53108 608-643-2326	SALEM 1841 Antioch Road Salem, WI 53108 262-643-2326	WATERTOWN 18690 Highway 54 Watertown, WI 53094 920-261-8114	

March 7, 2014

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture
 2811 Agriculture Drive
 P O. Box 8911
 Madison, WI 53708-8911

RE: Agricultural Enterprise Zone

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to express my support for an exclusive Agricultural Enterprise Zone for the Westport Township in Dane County Wisconsin. I am a second generation owner and operator of an agricultural farm equipment dealership, with six locations across Southern Wisconsin. I have seen the continued loss of productive farmland to development for non-farm purposes. At the same time, I have seen the demise of our rural economy and small rural villages and towns. We have had an influx of large national chains, such as Wal-Mart, come to the area and force out many small local businesses. The backbone of our state and nation has been our strong agricultural production and small independent businesses that have supported our economy. The land owners should be allowed the economic advantage of being a part of the enterprise zone if they desire to keep their property exclusively agricultural. I want a strong agricultural economy in Wisconsin so we can keep our namesake of "America's Dairyland". As a resident of Southern Wisconsin and an agricultural small business owner that services this community, I am asking to please support the request for agricultural enterprise zoning.

Thank You!



Bryan Hanson

Mid-State Equipment

Ag Enterprise Area (AEA)

Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

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Legal name of cooperator: Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):

Farmer owned cooperative, Livestock Marketing Agency.

Principal mailing address: P.O. Box 230 Arlington, WI. 53911

E-mail address: arlington@equitycoop.com

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

We are a totally livestock oriented cooperative. We feel it is in the best interests of our patron members to maintain as much agriculturally based business in the area as possible.

Print name Gary B. Georgeson (Market Manager)

Authorized signature:  Date 2/25/14

Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

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Legal name of cooperator:

Tim Lanzendorf

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):

Principal mailing address:

111848 Cty Rd D Lodi WI, 53555

E-mail address:

lanztim@charus.net

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

We have a small excavating business that supplies excavating services to our neighboring farmers as well as bedding sand to several dairy farms located within the township of West Point.

It is important for us to support our existing farm operations within the town since most of the area farmers have + continue to support our local business.

Print name

Tim Lanzendorf

Authorized signature:



Date

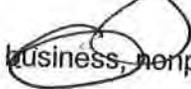
Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

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Legal name of cooperator:



Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):



Principal mailing address:

1240 Water Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

E-mail address:

craigculver@culvers.com

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

Believe in the preservation of farmland.

Print name

Craig C. Culver

Authorized signature:



Date 5-13-14

Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

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Legal name of cooperator: Premier Co-op

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):

Principal mailing address: 501 West Main Street Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

E-mail address: _____

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

Print name Ken Helt on behalf of Premier Coop

Authorized signature: Ken Helt Date 4/24/2014

Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

Persons other than the petitioners may sign in support of the petition. A separate signature page, or letter of support, may be submitted for each cooperator. An authorized individual may sign on behalf of a legal entity.

Legal name of cooperator: Foremost Farms USA

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):

Foremost Farms USA, headquartered in Baraboo, Wis., is a milk marketing cooperative owned dairy farmers from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. In 2013, our farmer members from the Town of West Point, representing farms of all sizes, marketed nearly \$7 million worth of milk through our cooperative. Our cooperative manufactures milk from our members into cheese, butter and whey ingredients which is sold to customers here in the U.S. as well as around the world.

Principal mailing address: E10889 Penny Lane, Baraboo, WI 53913-8115

E-mail address: joan.behr@foremostfarms.com

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

An Agricultural Enterprise Area is a unique way to identify parcels that will remain in agriculture and slow the loss of our state's farmland. We commend the Town of West Point for working on an organized approach to balancing the need for housing and commercial development with protecting farm and forestland.

Wisconsin's population of more than 5.5 million people is expected to grow to 6.1 million by 2020 and then 6.4 million 10 years later. As Wisconsin's population grows in urban areas and communities close to our major cities, it has a significant impact in terms of converting working lands to other uses like schools, subdivisions, shopping malls and industrial parks. The Town of West Point is a good example because of its proximity to Prairie du Sac and Sauk City as well as Madison.

Wisconsin's growing dairy industry depends on a land base to support crops that are fed to dairy cattle that produce milk for a variety of dairy products consumed locally and globally. The demand for dairy protein is growing worldwide and Wisconsin is poised to supply the products for those markets as long as we have the land to continue growing milk production. Our members in the Town of West Point play an important role in supplying those market needs not to mention driving the local economy by providing jobs and purchasing inputs. We feel that the establishment of an agricultural enterprise area within the town protects working agricultural lands for future generations – whether they are farmers involved in production agriculture or consumers who enjoy the foods produced from the land.

Print name DAVID FUHRMAN

Authorized signature: David Fuhrman Date 2-26-14

* MR. HARTMAN IS
Landowner + cooperators
AS - Business

~~Landowner~~ / Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

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Legal name of cooperator:

Hartmann Farms, LLC

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):

Farm Owner, Grain Dealer

Principal mailing address:

W12148 State Rd 60 Lodi, WI 53555

E-mail address:

hartmann@merr.com

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

Agriculture is very important to this area. Likewise it is important to keep farmland available for production purposes. We buy and sell grain in this area to support local farmers. It is vital to our business to keep land in production ag.

Print name

Howard Hartmann

Authorized signature:



Date 2-25-14

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service
2912 Red Fox Run
Portage, WI 53901-3400

Phone: (608) 742-5361 x3
Fax: (855) 819-6163
www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov

March 24, 2014

WI DATCP
ATTN: COREEN FALLAT
PO BOX 8911
MADISON WI 53708-8911

Dear WI DATCP:

It is my pleasure to write a letter supporting the petition by Town of West Point for designation as an agricultural enterprise area for Farmland Preservation. Although the Columbia County NRCS Office isn't directly involved in Farmland Preservation, protection of soil and water resources is also part of our mission.

NRCS provides farmers with financial and technical assistance to voluntarily put conservation on the ground, not only helping the environment but agricultural operations, too. Farmers in the Town of West Point have had a long history of working with NRCS to maintain healthy and productive working landscapes. Through implementing conservation on individual projects, they have contributed to the overall quality of life in the township.

Farmland Preservation is another tool in the toolbox to help people help the land. The Columbia County NRCS Field Office is pleased to support the efforts of the Town of West Point.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Twyla Kite".

Twyla Kite
District Conservationist

Helping People Help the Land

An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer



My paternal ancestors were farmers in the area now known as West Point from it's beginnings in the mid-19th Century. The farm that I was born and raised on and that we continue to operate as a dairy farm with our son Craig and his wife, Jen, was purchased by my parents, Warren & Marrele, in 1946. Warren was born and raised on a farm on the eastern edge of West Point over by Okee and married a West Point farm girl from the western side of the township more towards the Wisconsin River.

As a youngster, I remember our early 1900's red barn having stalls for 20 cows. The farm had an addition added in 1952. When calf pens in the barn were removed, we had room for 9 more cows. In 1976, Emily and I did some remodeling and added 10 big stalls increasing the farms capacity to 39 cows. In 1987, we added an addition to the north end increasing the barns capacity to 50 stalls.

Craig graduated from the UW-Madison in 1999 and decided to return to the farm. In 2006 and 2007, we were making plans for a free-stall barn and parlor and were increasing our cow numbers internally. In October, 2008, we moved our herd and purchased cows into a 350 cow free stall barn and parlor. We were able to make the financial commitment for this venture with a lot of borrowed money with equity we had built up in our operation.

Today we are producing in excess of 11 million pounds of milk annually being process into yogurt in Richland Center.

Warren & Marrele's purchase in 1946 consisted of 160 acres. They soon added 40 acres and then in 1968 added another 79 acres. In 1981, Emily and I added another 52 acres. Craig and Jen purchased 35 acres in 2006. We currently own and operate 366 acres and purchase as much of our feed needs locally as availability allows. We use the herds manure to fertilize our farm and 3 other West Point farms.

The working lands of West Point and it's agriculture has been my families life blood. My 2 sisters and I were raised and educated w/farm revenues. Likewise, Emily's and my 2 children were raised and educated with ag generated revenue derived from West Point's working lands. And now, Craig and Jen's 2 boys are being raised by the revenues of West Point's agriculture.

If the State of Wisconsin will recognize an AEA in West Point, my 2 grandsons will receive a message that agriculture and open spaces are still there in West Point for them.

All youngsters growing up in West Point would benefit by knowing that their town government, county and state recognize the importance that agriculture continues to play in their neighborhoods.



Gordon Carncross

TO: AEA Committee

A brief note on the history of our land W12543 Highway 60. Roger and I purchased this farm because we needed more land for crops to feed our dairy cattle and a place to house our feeder cattle.

My son is now working the farm and feeding cattle on this farm and his sons are also planning on running the farm.

Thank you,

Kathleen Ballweg

My parents, Alex and Ameida Lochner, bought this farm in 1956. A typical diversified farm: dairy, been, hogs, chickens, crops and pasture to feed the livestock.

In the early 1960's, a conservation pond, diversions, waterways and contour strips were implemented.

In the mid 1970's, hogs were scaled back and eventually eliminated for expansion of our dairy and beef herd. Neighboring land was added which was tied to the contours and diversions. I became part of the business in the late 1970's.

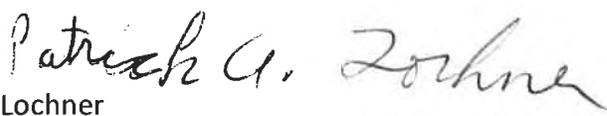
In the 1980's, my wife Bev and I, bought a neighboring farm with similar land improvements. This became a heifer raising farm. As the dairy continued to grow, the steers and chickens were eliminated.

In the 1990's, my brother Ron and his wife became part of the business and in 1996, Lochner Dairy, LLC, was formed. This business form was selected in order to continue into the future. My parents retired out of the business in 1998.

As the dairy continued to grow, a free-stall barn was added in 1999 along with a flat barn parlor. This parlor was replaced in 2008 with a parabone parlor. Present herd size is 250 milk cows and 200 head of replacement animals. In 2010, the heifer farm had a portion converted to rotational grazing paddocks. Neighboring land was added to our operation by either renting or purchasing with ag-exclusive overlay. All crops are used for livestock feed, with a current crop base of 450 acres.

We have always utilized the local equipment dealers, feed and agronomy suppliers. Our milk is shipped to Foremost Farms U.S.A. headquartered in Baraboo. McFarlanes, Mid-State Equipment, United Co-op, Premier Co-op, Accelerated Genetics and Big Gain Wisconsin, LLC, and their predecessors. Over the years, we have served in various leadership roles with some of these companies as well as our community.

My family remains involved when possible in varying capacities. While Ron's family is young, they are just getting started with their involvement. We are committed to stewardship and the longevity of this operation.


Pat Lochner

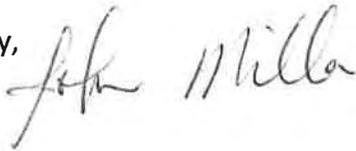
Lochner Dairy LLC

AEA

We are applying for a (AEA) for our farm which is in the Town of West Point. First, I would like to point out the town has a very good Comprehensive Plan that would make an (AEA) fit right in. The town has a lower housing density rate per farm than the county. The town prefers clustering of homes to preserve the workable Ag land. The town has tried to preserve more land by lowering the acreage needed to build a home on.

I think our farm along with our fellow neighbors should be considered for this. Our farm was established in 1899 and is working towards a fifth generation taking over the day to day operation. I am going to give a small biography of our farm. In 1950, the milking barn burned and our dad and grandfather rebuilt holding 35 cows. In 1976, Dad added onto that barn, bringing it to 70 cows with a few out-buildings. Now, the only original buildings are the dairy barn and the farm house. The rest of the outbuildings have been removed and updated with new buildings. In 1986, myself and my brothers Herman and Paul, formed a partnership Fourth generation homestead. We purchased the home farm along with our adjoining neighbors farm to bring our farm to 550 acres. In 1996, we built a new free stall barn and parlor currently milking 200 cows. In 2010, Paul and Herman, retired selling some of there farm assets to our son, Tyler daughter Samantha and nephew Shawn. In order for the farm to keep growing we need to have ways to preserve good farmland. On the block we live, there are more than 1,100 milking cows. This is only a small example of why we should be considered.

Sincerely,



John Miller

Herman Miller

Paul Miller





Kevin Kessler

Columbia County Board Supervisor, District 28 (Town of West Point)
kevin.kessler@co.columbia.wi.us
608-712-7099



DATE: March 16, 2014

TO: Town of West Point Town Board
Columbia County Board
Kurt Calkins, Director, Columbia County Land and Water Conservation Department
John Bluemke, Director, Columbia County Planning and Zoning Department

FROM: Kevin Kessler, Columbia County Board Supervisor *KK*
District 28 (Town of West Point)

SUBJECT: West Point Agricultural Enterprise Area

Dear Colleagues:

A petition has been prepared requesting the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to create designate the West Point Agricultural Enterprise Area under Sec. 91.84, Wis. Stats., through Wisconsin's Working Lands Initiative.

I represent Columbia County District 28 which encompasses all of the Town of West Point and the entire area proposed for inclusion in the West Point Agricultural Enterprise Area.

The West Point Town Board has already approved a resolution in support of the petition and the Columbia County Board will be considering a resolution supporting the petition at its March 19, 2014 meeting.

This is to inform you of my unqualified support for the petition that would create the West Point Agricultural Enterprise Area in Columbia County and the Town of West Point. I urge my colleagues on the Columbia County Board to adopt the resolution supporting the petition when the resolution is considered at the March 19, 2014 County Board meeting.

Please include this letter of support with the other materials at the time the petition is submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

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Legal name of cooperator: AG CONSULTING TEAM INC

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):
Business that works with dairy farmers as clients

Principal mailing address: PO Box 305, PLAIN WI 53577

E-mail address: tcfollen@tds.net

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

Ag Consulting Team provides consulting and nutrition services to dairy farmers. The company has individual nutritionist stationed throughout Wisconsin that collectively work as one team. I am located in Dane, WI and work with Columbia and Dane Counties. I view it is vital to my business to have strong agriculture areas to have successful dairies

Print name: Todd Follenhoff

Authorized signature:  Date: 3/11/14



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

P.O. BOX 8952 • MADISON, WI 53708

March 27, 2014

Department of Agriculture, Trade,
and Consumer Protection
PO Box 8911
Madison, WI 53708-8911
ATTN: Coreen Fallat

Dear Ms. Fallat:

We would like to add our recommendation supporting the designation of the Town of West Point as an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) for Farmland Preservation. This designation will allow the community to continue to promote agricultural production as an economic investment.

Our nation is losing its family farms and agricultural land at an alarming rate due to urban sprawl, massive industrial dairy farms, and declining farm prices. With West Point's proximity to nearby cities and towns, it is inevitable that it, too, will be gobbled up by subdivisions and mini-malls unless something is done to not only retain its agricultural economy but encourage it. An AEA designation also helps protect the area's soil and water resources and preserves natural wildlife habitat.

We wholeheartedly endorse West Point as an Agricultural Enterprise Area and would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact either one of us as you consider West Point's application.

Sincerely,

SEN. JON ERPENBACH
27TH Senate District
608-266-6670

REP. FRED CLARK
81ST Assembly District
608-266-7746

Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

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Legal name of cooperator: Landmark Services
Cooperative _____

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):

Business-Cooperative

Principal mailing address: 1401 Landmark Drive, Cottage Grove WI
53527 _____

E-mail address:
cassandra.strommen@landmark.coop _____

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

Landmark was founded by a group of farmers in the Cottage Grove area in 1933. Their core purpose was to help farmers grow, and Landmarks core purpose is the same today as it was 80 years ago. Agriculture is more important than ever before, and Landmark feels strongly that in order to feed a growing population, there must be land to grow crops and raise animals on. In the United States, farmers feed 155 people, and agriculture is responsible for employing more than 22 million people. Agriculture is important, and we feel strongly that protecting it remains in everyones best interest.

Signed: Cassandra Strommen, Landmark Services Cooperative

Print name _ Cassandra Strommen _____

Authorized signature: _  _____ Date _ 3/27/2014

Cooperator Petitioner Signature Page

Persons other than the petitioners may sign in support of the petition. A separate signature page, or letter of support, may be submitted for each cooperator. An authorized individual may sign on behalf of a legal entity.

Legal name of cooperator: Gen Ovations, Inc.

Relevant interest (farm owner, business, nonprofit or community organization, government entity, other):

Business that works with farmers 100% of the time.

Principal mailing address: N2877 Smith Road Lodi, WI 53555

E-mail address: ncdorshorst@gmail.com

Briefly describe your interest in signing this petition requesting designation of an agricultural enterprise area:

Gen Ovations is a business that specifically deals with advanced reproduction procedures in primarily bovines. As a veterinarian, I am a strong proponent of the rural farming community. West Point is directly in my market that I offer these services and it is in my best interest to do anything I can to hold these acres as productive farmland.

Support of the Petition to designate the Town of West Point as an Agricultural Enterprise Area:



We are interested in West Point receiving the designation of a Wisconsin Agricultural Enterprise Area to help West Point maintain a vibrant agricultural community to let our family farm flourish. We represent the third generation of the Carncross family to farm the land will call Wargo Acres. Considerable investment to modernize and grow the dairy operation occurred in 2007 to support multiple families/generations and while we are proud of what we have built, we are also concerned that with more than 400 cows now, we need additional land to support our nutrient management plan. While the picturesque rolling hills of the Township have eye appeal, they provide challenges to make sure the manure from our dairy is handled properly to fertilize the soil and not pollute surface water or Lake Wisconsin. These are everyday concerns for our dairy and are further complicated by development and loss of farmland. We plan to continue the process of transitioning Wargo Acres to the next generation and possibly beyond with our two sons and are excited that the Town of West Point is taking measures to promote this view of agriculture to the State of Wisconsin.



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