

RESOLUTION # 101 - 2023

**Resolution to .... Request the State of Wisconsin to Review its Policy of Foreign Ownership of Farmland.**

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education (CUW) Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

**WHEREAS**, foreign ownership of Wisconsin Farmland is accelerating making it further difficult for family farmers and is jeopardizing our food security; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. § 710.02 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 illustrated the need to localize supply chains, especially for food and medicine, and to keep them out of the hands of adversarial governments and those entities associated therewith; and,

**WHEREAS**, it would be prudent to limit the exposure of such critical supply chains to governments and associated entities who routinely abuse human rights, violate international trade law and labor standards, and seek to upend fair markets through state owned enterprises, monopolization or means that otherwise threaten food security and the Wisconsin family farming tradition; and,

**WHEREAS**, it would be to the benefit of the citizens of Oneida County, the State of Wisconsin and the United States to have local farmland be held by United States citizens, permanent residents of the United States, and companies incorporated in the United States that aren't controlled by foreign entities,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors does respectfully request that the State of Wisconsin, in the next legislative biennium, review its policy on foreign ownership of agricultural or forestry land; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all members of the State Legislature, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

**Approved by the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023**

Vote Required: Majority =   ✓   2/3 Majority =        3/4 Majority =

51  
52  
53  
54  
55  
56  
57  
58  
59  
60  
61  
62  
63  
64  
65  
66  
67  
68  
69  
70  
71  
72  
73  
74  
75  
76  
77  
78  
79  
80  
81  
82  
83  
84  
85  
86  
87  
88  
89

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed  
by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_, Date:  
11-2-23

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Conservation and UW Extension  
Education Committee this 14th day of November, 2023.

Consent Agenda Item:  YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Offered and passage moved by: James T. Winkler  
\_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor

Robert Winkler  
\_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor

Collette Sengel - via electronic  
\_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor

[Signature]  
\_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor

/s/ John Engel  
-----

Supervisor

18 Ayes

0 Nays

3 Absent

0 Abstain

X Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of November, 2023.

[Signature]  
Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

[Signature]  
Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair

Consent Agenda

*Cushing / Jensen*

Supervisors	AYE	NAY	ABS	ABSTAIN
Almekinder	X			
Winkler	X			
Jensen	X			
Schultz	X			
Fisher	X			
Rio	X			
Ryden	X			
Kelly	X			
Schreier	X			
Oettinger	X			
Timmons	—		X	
Fried	X			
Sorgel	X			
Newman	X			
Cushing	X			
Briggs	—		X	
Harris	X			
Showalter	—		X	
Condado	X			
Roach	X			
Holewinski	X			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>3</b>	
TAGS				

**Resolution # 92 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to convey Part of PE-76-7 excess county lands to Bart and Adair Sexton.

**Resolution # 93 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to convey Part of PE-76-7 excess county lands to Steven and Patrice Ory.

**Resolution # 94 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to convey Part of PE-76-7 excess county lands to Karl Berger.

**Resolution # 95 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to convey Part of PE-76-7 excess county lands to Karl and Jennifer Berger.

**Resolution # 96 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee regarding the approval of the County Board designating named banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, trust companies and mutual savings banks as County depositories under Section 59.61 and 34.05, Wis. Stats.

**Resolution # 97 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee cancelling stale dated checks.

**Resolution # 98 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee delegating the authority to invest county funds to the Oneida County Auditor/Finance Director.

**Resolution # 99 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Public Works Committee that \$68,492.87 be paid to the Town of Stella, and the money to come from the County Bridge Aid Account.

**Resolution # 100 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Administration Committee to approve Oneida-Vilas Transit Commission to Borrow Funds.

**Resolution # 101 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Conservation and LW-Extension Education (CUW) Committee to request the State of Wisconsin to Review its Policy of Foreign Ownership of Farmland.

**Resolution # 102 – 2023:** Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to convey County Lands to State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Appointments to Committees, Commissions and other Organizations:  
 Re-Appoint Jeff Welk to the Civil Service Commission for a 5-year term to expire in December 2028.