

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PARTICIPATION
IN THE VAN BUREN COUNTY FARMLAND
AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION
PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Preserving farmland and open space is important to the Township of Lawrence for generating economic revenue, providing locally grown food, providing environmental significant wildlife habitat, and is essential to maintaining the rural character of Lawrence Township; and,

WHEREAS, the protection and preservation of farmland and open space is a significant policy adopted by the Township Planning Commission as documented in the Township Master Land Use Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners has adopted an ordinance establishing a countywide Farmland and Open Space Preservation Purchase of Development Rights Program in which the Township of Lawrence can participate to implement the farmland and open space preservation goals established by the Township Planning Commission and Township Board; and,

WHEREAS, to be a recognized participant in the Van Buren County program by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, the Township of Lawrence must pass a resolution confirming its participation in the Van Buren County program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Township of Lawrence hereby declares its intent to participate in the Van Buren County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Purchase of Development Rights Program and hereby directs the Township Clerk to file a certified copy of the resolution with the Van Buren County Clerk and the Director of the Van Buren County Planning Commission.

Resolution offered by Reynolds and supported by Tinker.

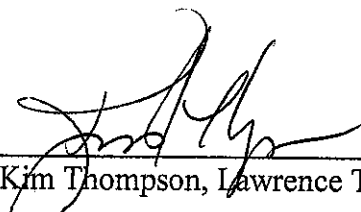
Roll Call Vote: Yes: Stroud, Barnett, Thompson, Reynolds, Tinker

No: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

I hereby certify the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees, County of Van Buren, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on March 12, 2015.

Date: 3/12/15



Kim Thompson, Lawrence Township Clerk

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March 18, 2015

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Van Buren County Clerk
212 E. Paw Paw Street, Suite 101
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RE: Resolution Confirming Participation

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed for filing a certified copy of a Resolution adopted by the Lawrence Township Board of trustees at its regular meeting on March 12th. The Resolution was adopted at the request of Dave Foerster as shown on the enclosed letter dated November 12, 2014.

Sincerely,



Mark D. DuBay
Attorney for Lawrence Township

MDD/vab

C: Lawrence Township Clerk
Dave Foerster



VAN BUREN CONSERVATION DISTRICT &
VAN BUREN COUNTY LAND PRESERVATION BOARD



Helping to preserve Van Buren County, one farm at a time

12-November-2014

Lawrence Township Supervisor
Lawrence Township Hall
205 N Paw Paw Street
PO Box 442
Lawrence, MI 49064-0442

Dear Supervisor Barnett,

We need your help. The Van Buren County Land Preservation Board is presently reviewing documents on file relating to the County's program to protect and preserve farmland and open space. This program, as you may know, is enabled by VBC Ordinance number two, a copy of which is viewable at www.vbco.org/lp_ordinance.asp.

A key element of the program is the means by which townships may enable landowners to protect eligible farmland through the County's Purchase of Development Rights Program. We see that your Township has taken all the necessary steps to incorporate a Farmland and Open Space element in its Master Plan that is consistent with the requirements for Township participation in the program. Congratulations! The hard work is done and you're good to go except for one tiny detail: We can't find the required Township resolution to participate in the program. It could be that we have misplaced it in which case we request you send us a copy. Not to worry if, however, it can't be located. In this case we request that the Township Board simply execute a new resolution. A sample Township Participation Resolution is attached for your convenience.

If you have any questions about this request or have any other questions about the Land Preservation Program, please do not hesitate to call. I can usually be reached at 269-655-9100 on weekdays or, call me at home if that is more convenient – 269-657-3660.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Foerster".

Dave Foerster, Chair
Van Buren County Land Preservation Board