

**A Resolution confirming participation in the Van Buren County
Farmland and Open Space Preservation Purchase of
Development Rights Program
for
Almena Township, Van Buren County, Michigan**

WHEREAS, preserving farmland and open space is important to Almena Township for generating economic revenue, providing locally grown food, providing environmental significant wildlife habitat, and is essential to maintaining the rural character of Almena 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 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 Almena Township 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, Almena Township must pass a resolution confirming its participation in the Van Buren County program,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Almena Township Board 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 this resolution with the Van Buren County Clerk and the Director of the Van Buren County Planning Commission.

ADOPTION

This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Almena Township Board, Van Buren County, Michigan on the 14th day of December 2011, by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 0 absent.

The names of the Township Board members and their votes are as follows:

| Name | Yes | NO |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Diane Triquet</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Jerry Lentz</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Jim Hanning</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Jim Kickett</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Mark Flick</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Donald Smith</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Shirley Flickli</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of resolution adopted by the Almena Township Board at a meeting held on the 14 day of December 2011, the original of which is on file on my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Act No. 167 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976, including in case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

Dated December 14, 2011

Samira D. Rickli
Township Clerk