

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 32

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF WISCONSIN FARM
TECHNOLOGY DAYS 2013**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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2 **WHEREAS**, at the invitation of the Barron County Board of Supervisors, Barron
3 County hosted Wisconsin Farm Technology Days from July 9-11, 2013, at Breezy Hill
4 Dairy, Dallas; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, Barron County is a leading agricultural county in Wisconsin,
7 generating more than \$1.38 billion for the local economy; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, agriculture provides 8,231 jobs to the county's workforce, almost
10 29 percent of the county's workforce and every job in agriculture generates an additional
11 0.76 jobs in the county, and Barron County is home to a diverse agricultural community
12 whose top commodities are milk, poultry and eggs, grain crops, cattle and calves, and
13 vegetables; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, Barron County farmers own and manage 324,196 acres, and
16 approximately 92 percent of farmland in Barron County is owned by individuals or
17 families allowing for good stewardship of the land; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, Barron County farmers and its agribusiness sector are progressive
20 and adapt readily to new technologies; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, Farm Technology Days was highly successful due to the efforts of
23 nearly 1700 volunteers, monetary and in-kind contributions from the County and State,
24 and support from the UW-Extension, and

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26 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Farm Technology 2013 generated nearly \$1 million in
27 economic activity for Barron County businesses; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days 2013 Executive Committee
30 has distributed nearly \$165,000 in surplus funds to volunteer non-profit organizations in
31 Barron County; and

32 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Extension / Land Conservation
33 Committee on September 2, 2014 on a vote of 6 - 0 with Horstman, McRoberts, Reul,
34 Gores, Rindsig and Nelson voting in favor and no members voting against.

35 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Executive Committee on,
36 September 3, 2014, on a vote of 9 - 0, with Okey, Heinecke, Christensen, Henck,
37 Horstman, McRoberts, Miller, Thompson, Heller (alternate for Bartlett) voting in favor
38 and no members voting against. Bartlett was absent.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Barron County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize and commend the volunteers, the leadership team, the host farmers, Alex and Mary Olson, the Agribusinesses, and farm families of Barron County and the Barron County UW-Extension staff for their hard work in the completion of an outstanding Wisconsin Farm Technology Days 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that publication of this resolution may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

OFFERED THIS 22nd day of September, 2014.

<p>Number of readings required: One (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Two (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) 2/3 Entire Board (20) (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted (<input type="checkbox"/>) General Fund (<input type="checkbox"/>) Grant (<input type="checkbox"/>) Contingency (<input type="checkbox"/>) Other (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Details: N/A</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - 0 - - Future years total amount: \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ - 0 -</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by: _____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by: _____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Don Horstman, Chair LCC / Extension Committee</p> <p>_____ James Miller, Chair Executive Committee</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Failed (<input type="checkbox"/>) Tabled (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Agricultural Agent Tim Jergenson gave a presentation to the Board highlighting various positive aspects of the Farm Technology Days which took place in Barron County last summer. Jergenson also thanked his UW Extension staff, the Farm Technology Executive Committee, all of the volunteers and contributors as well as the host family, Alex and Mary Olson. The Farm Technology Executive Committee Chair, Audrey Kusilek, and Vice Chair, Don Horstman, presented County Board Chair Miller and County Administrator French with an aerial picture of the Barron County Farm Technology Days and thanked the Board for their support of the event.</p>
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	<p>Jergenson invited all volunteers and Board members for cake and coffee during their break. Chair Miller thanked Jergenson for his major role in the Barron County Farm Technology Days and the Board gave him a standing ovation. Motion: (Thompson/Hanson) to approve. Carried.</p>
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