

Public Forums on the Jefferson County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) Program



The forums are an opportunity for farmers, landowners and the public to learn more and provide feedback on the criteria the Commission is now considering to rank applications to the PACE program.

All sessions will be similar:

Monday, 8/31 Palmyra

Young Community Room, Palmyra-Eagle High School, 123 Burr Oak Street,
7 – 8:30 pm

Monday, 9/14 Jefferson

Activity Center, Jefferson County Fair Park, 503 North Jackson Avenue,
7 – 8:30 pm

Monday, 9/21 Waterloo

Waterloo Town Hall, N8193 STH 89, 7 – 8:30 pm

Speakers:

- ◆ John Molinaro, Cambridge, Jefferson County Board member and chair of Farmland Conservation Easement Commission
- ◆ Dan Poulson, Palmyra, co-chair, Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative Steering Committee
- ◆ A landowner who has donated or sold a conservation easement on his/her farm

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Farmland Conservation Easement Commission Agenda

Public Information Sessions

Members: John Molinaro (Chairman), Margaret Burlingham (Vice Chairman), Steve Nass (Secretary), Daphne Holterman, and County Board Chairman Sharon Schmeling, ex-officio.

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on August 31, 2009

Young Community Room, Palmyra-Eagle High School, 123 Burr Oak Street

Agenda

7:00 pm

John Molinaro: Welcome and purpose/format of meeting and overview of Farmland Conservation Easement Commission's work on PACE program

Dan Poulson: Working Lands Initiative/the need to protect our farmland and farming economy

7:10

Presentation on Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements by Jim Welsh, Natural Heritage Land Trust

7:25

Testimony from a landowner who has put easement on his/her farm

Palmyra: Steve Ruh

Jefferson: TBA

Waterloo: Bob Uphoff

7:40

Q&A

8:00

Test driving the selection criteria

Additional citizen feedback

8:30

Close/Thank You by John Molinaro

A QUORUM WILL BE PRESENT BUT NO DECISIONS WILL BE MADE