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3   AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND FOR DOOR CREEK WILDLIFE AREA

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5   Dane County Land & Water Resources Department (LWRD) recommends the purchase

6   of approximately 128.3 acres of land in the Town of Dunn from the Michael Lee Symons

7   Trust and Cynthia G. Cullen Trust. This parcel is located off of County Highway AB,

8   across from Lower Mud Lake Natural Resource Area and is bordered by the Door Creek

9   Wildlife Area to the east and Fish Camp County Park to the south.

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11 The parcel contains a mix of tillable land in the north, with pasture and a farmstead and

12 a large area of wetlands in the south.   Acquisition of the property would extend the

13 wetlands complex to CTH AB expanding wildlife habitat and opportunities for public

14 recreation including hunting. The property would provide needed public access from the

15 west with the opportunity for a parking area. The property also provides options for a

16 Lower Yahara River Trail connection to Fish Camp County Park.

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18 The county's next phase of sediment removal at Door Creek is planned to being in 2024.

19 The property's northern upland will provide a staging area and dewatering site for the

20 project as well as an alternate site if needed, for the current Yahara River sediment

21 removal project.

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23 The seller has agreed on a purchase price of $925,000 for the property. Funds for the

24 purchase are available in the 2022 Dane County Conservation Fund budget. The debt

25 issued to support this expenditure will have a term of 20 years.

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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors

28 and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of approximately 128.3

29 acres from the Michael Lee Symons Trust and Cynthia G. Cullen Trust for $925,000 plus

30 miscellaneous costs according to Wis. Stats. Chapter 27.03(3); and

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32 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Dane County Land & Water Resources

33 Department Director and the Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the

34 closing and the transfer of the above-mentioned property to Dane County, and the

35 Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.