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3 **2024 RES-227**

4 **AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND AT MORTON FOREST**

5 In 2021, Dane County Land & Water Resources Department (LWRD) purchased 65.5  
6 acres from the Brunner family in the Town of Black Earth as an addition to Morton  
7 Forest. Due to steep slopes, providing easy access on the east side of Reeve Road to  
8 Morton Forest has been difficult and the Brunner property provided a gravel driveway  
9 that addressed this access issue for the public and for land management.

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11 At the time of purchase, the fence line was assumed to be the correct boundary. A  
12 boundary survey was done and revealed that the fence line is several feet off and that  
13 portions of the driveway and a small part of an outbuilding is actually located on the  
14 neighbor's property.

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16 Staff contacted this neighbor and was able to negotiate a purchase of 1.19 acres which  
17 includes the driveway and the outbuilding. LWRD recommends the purchase of this  
18 parcel of land from the Ehling Family Trust for \$9,360.00 in order to resolve the  
19 boundary issue.

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21 Funds for the purchase are available in the 2024 Dane County Conservation Fund  
22 budget. The debt issued to support this expenditure will have a term of 20 years.

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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors  
25 and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of approximately 1.19  
26 acres the Ehling Family Trust for \$9,360.00 plus miscellaneous costs according to Wis.  
27 Stats. Chapter 27.03(3); and

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29 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Dane County Land & Water Resources  
30 Department Director and the Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the  
31 closing and the transfer of the above-mentioned property to Dane County, and the  
32 Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.