Whereas, Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 91 establishes that local Counties may adopt a Farmland Preservation Plan for the purpose of making certain farmland eligible for tax credits; and

Whereas, Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 91 further requires that certain farmland eligible for tax credits must comply with soil and water conservation standards as certified by the local County; and

Whereas, the County of Iowa did adopt such a Farmland Preservation Plan and accepted the responsibility to certify compliance with required soil and water conservation standards; and

Whereas, pursuant to W§91.82(1)(c)2 the County of Iowa does require annual certification by the participating landowner of compliance of said soil and water conservation standards; and

Whereas, the administration of this Farmland Preservation Program comes at a cost to the County of Iowa; and

Whereas, this cost should be partially offset by those taking advantage of the tax credits provided for the County of Iowa administering this program; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Statutes authorizes local Counties to collect fees that reasonably offset actual costs of providing services, such as the actual time and materials to receive, process and the self-certification by landowners that participate in receiving farmland preservation tax credits.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Iowa establishes, effective January 1, 2015, an annual $20.00 fee to be charged and collected by the Iowa County Land Conservation Department to each landowner claiming farmland preservation tax credits under W§71.613 that necessitates administrative costs to the County associated with W§91.82.

Adopted this _____ day of ________, 20__.

John M. Meyers
Iowa County Chair

ATTEST:

Greg Klusendorf
Iowa County Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

This is to certify that the above ordinance was duly adopted by the County Board of Iowa County on the ______ day of ________, 20__.

Greg Klusendorf
Iowa County Clerk