

STATE OF COLORADO)
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County of Kit Carson)

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF STRATTON, COUNTY OF KIT CARSON, STATE OF COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Stratton, County of Kit Carson, State of Colorado ("Board of Trustees"), declares that, in light of current economic conditions in the Town of Stratton, State of Colorado, it is in the best interests of the people of the Town of Stratton that measures be taken to encourage, promote, and stimulate economic development in the Town of Stratton consistent with existing county, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is concerned about the long-range economic development of the Town of Stratton; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is concerned about the balance between the environment, commerce, industry, agriculture, professions, and the labor market in order to provide employment and economic well-being for all the people of the Town of Stratton; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees declares that the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Town of Stratton are, in large part, dependent upon the attraction of new private enterprises as well as the retention and the expansion of existing private enterprises within the Town of Stratton; and,

WHEREAS, Midwest Farms, L.L.C. has indicated a desire to construct a sizable swine confinement facility in Kit Carson County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees declares that the construction of a major swine production facility in Kit Carson County would stimulate economic development throughout Kit Carson County resulting in the creation and maintenance of new jobs, and the attraction and retention of agricultural business entities; and,

WHEREAS, Midwest Farms, L.L.C. presently has applications before the Colorado Groundwater Commission for permanent change of use permits on irrigation wells at the proposed project; and,

WHEREAS, Midwest Farms, L.L.C. presently has applications before the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for the allocation of certain Private Activity Bonds for the waste management of its proposed project; and,

WHEREAS, Private Activity Bonds are used by local and state governments to induce new businesses to come to their location; and,

WHEREAS, Private Activity Bonds are used as an incentive for economic development and new employment growth; and,

WHEREAS, the Colorado Agricultural Development Authority has agreed to sponsor the application of Midwest Farms, L.L.C. for Private Activity Bond Allocations; and,

WHEREAS, Private Activity Bonds will be solely the responsibility of Midwest Farms, L.L.C. and will not be an obligation of the State of Colorado, Kit Carson County, the Town of Stratton, or any taxpayer thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs needs input from the local community and related parties in considering their decision to approve the issuance of Private Activity Bonds for Midwest Farms, L.L.C.; and,

WHEREAS, the Burlington Chamber of Commerce employed Beam & Associates, Inc., an independent market research and opinion polling firm in Englewood, Colorado, to conduct a study and prepare a written report estimating the economic impact of Midwest Farms, L.L.C. on both the public and private economies of the City of Burlington and Kit Carson County; and,

WHEREAS, the Beam & Associates, Inc. reports entitled "ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF MIDWEST FARMS, L.L.C. ON KIT CARSON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BURLINGTON" dated August 21, 1995, and ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF MIDWEST FARMS, L.L.C. - IMPACT MODEL ADDENDUM dated September 14, 1995, copies of which are attached hereto, indicate, in part:

- a. that Kit Carson County experienced a 6% decline in population from 1986 to 1990, when, at the same time, the population of Colorado grew by 14%;
- b. almost 64% of Colorado's population is in the 25 to 64 year age range while only 55% of Kit Carson County and City of Burlington residents are in this prime working and wage earning category, due, in part, to lack of off-farm job opportunities;
- c. the proposed Midwest Farms operation will significantly increase the economic base of the region, and thus directly benefit many industries in the region and state as well as significantly improving the household income spending patterns of the region;
- d. assessed valuations for Kit Carson County have been steady since 1990, reflecting a lack of significant new building activities to offset the declining value of older structures;
- e. if the assessed valuations do not increase for the County of Kit Carson in the immediate future, higher taxes or lower levels of service may result as inflation continues to drive costs higher;

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- f. the proposed Midwest Farms operation in Kit Carson County will be of significant economic benefit to the Town of Stratton.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Stratton, County of Kit Carson, State of Colorado, that:

1. the proposed swine confinement facility of Midwest Farms, L.L.C. is hereby endorsed; and,
2. the Colorado Groundwater Commission is hereby requested to act upon the permanent change of use applications of Midwest Farms, L.L.C., in a timely fashion; and,
3. the Colorado Department of Local Affairs is hereby requested to approve the issuance of Private Activity Bonds for Midwest Farms, L.L.C. in a timely fashion.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at Stratton, Colorado, this 9th day of Nov, 1995.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF
STRATTON

By Donald E Peters
Mayor

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ATTEST:

Paullette Thompson
Town Clerk

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