

## APPENDIX B

### TEMPLATE FOR THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIASTS FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

For Wisconsin easements TPE will use the standard conservation easement provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. (A copy is attached as Appendix B-1.) In Minnesota, Illinois or other states, TPE will use any standard form required for that state. Where none exist, TPE will tailor the Wisconsin standard conservation easement to apply to the state in question.

In addition to the language in the Wisconsin Standard Conservation Easement, TPE will add all or part of the following language to our easements where appropriate.

Land Management Plan. In order to achieve the purpose of this easement, The Prairie Enthusiasts, in consultation with the Landowner, shall develop a Land Management Plan for the Property. All land management activities conducted on the Property shall be in accordance with this Land Management Plan. The Land Management Plan shall, at the minimum:

- (i) Identify objectives, purpose and location of proposed management practices that will be undertaken to protect, enhance, restore and maintain the Conservation Values of the Property, its natural communities, wildlife resources, soil, scenic beauty, and recreational opportunities.
- (ii) Be approved in writing by the Landowner, the easement Holder and \_\_\_\_\_ (here name any person or entity named in the easement as holding an interest in the easement).

The following terms and conditions shall apply to the Land Management Plan:

- (i) The Land Management Plan may be modified from time to time by amendment, approved in writing by the Landowner, Easement Holder, and
- (ii) If there is any inconsistency between the terms of the Land Management Plan and this Easement, the Easement shall control.
- (iii) The cost of amending a Land Management Plan shall be paid by the party requesting the amendment.
- (iv) The Land Management Plan shall incorporate the terms and conditions of any government program contract affecting the Property until such time as no portion of the Property is subject to any such program, which shall include any renewals or amendments of such program. (Such program shall include but not be limited to Wisconsin Managed Forest Lands Stewardship Forest Plan or Conservation Reserve Program.)

Signs. Notwithstanding any other restrictions on signs, The Prairie Enthusiasts has the right, after prior notice to the Landowner, to install and maintain signs on the Property to inform the public that the Property is protected by the Easement Holder.

Research. The Prairie Enthusiasts has the right to conduct, and authorize others to conduct scientific and educational observations and studies of the natural elements and ecosystems of the Property and to take samples to aid in those observations and studies.

Land Management. The Prairie Enthusiasts and \_\_\_\_\_ (here name any person or entity named in the easement as holding an interest in the easement) has the right, but not the obligation, to undertake management activities to preserve, maintain, enhance and restore the Conservation Values of the Property, pursuant to the Land Management Plan for the property, the Landowner is not financially obligated to undertake management activities to preserve, maintain, enhance and restore the Conservation Values of the Property.

- a. The Prairie Enthusiasts may involve volunteers in management activities and may delegate all or part of the management to an entity that it determines has the appropriate expertise and resources to do needed management.
- b. Notwithstanding restrictions on motorized vehicles found elsewhere in this agreement, motorized vehicles may be used for management activities described above as long as they do not damage the Conservation Values of the Property. It is understood that field roads, lanes, trails or other normally traveled routes will be utilized for motorized vehicles whenever possible.