

**TOWN OF MECAN MARQUETTE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION # 02-2015 APPROVING THE PRINCETON FIRE DISTRICT FIRE  
PROTECTION AGREEMENT AS AMENDED**

**WHEREAS:** The City of Princeton, the Towns of Princeton, St. Marie, Mecan, all of which are situated in Green Lake and Marquette Counties in Wisconsin collectively, "The Municipalities", have for a period of years in the past and desire into the foreseeable future to provide for a cooperative venture through which to provide fire protection services on behalf of the citizens and property owners of the Municipalities; and

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to Section 66.0301, Wis. Stats., Municipalities may contract with other municipalities for furnishing of services and the joint exercise of any power authorized under law; and

**WHEREAS:** This governing body finds it is in the best interest of the Municipality to contract with other Municipalities to furnish fire protection services to its citizens and property owners by entering into the attached Princeton Area Fire District Fire Protection Agreement as amended (The Agreement) to create the Princeton Area Fire District.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** By the Town Board of Mecan, Marquette County, Wisconsin and Town Of Mecan Clerk, that the Agreement is attached hereto and made part hereof and hereby approved by this resolution.

**IT IS HERE BY FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Town Board of Mecan, Chairperson and clerk of this Municipality are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of this Municipality.

**Adopted and approved this, 9<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2015.**

**This Resolution was adopted with 3, members voting Yes and 0, members voting No.**

The undersigned, being the Town of Mecan Chairperson, Supervisors and Clerk, Do hereby affirm that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted by the governing body at an open lawful public meeting at which a quorum of the members of the governing body was present and in person.

The above resolution title was on the agenda of the meeting and a public notice thereof was given not less than twenty four (24) hours prior to the commencement of said meeting by (i) posting notice of the meeting in 3 places; (ii) providing notice to those news media which have filed a written request for notice of meetings; and (iii) providing notice to the official

newspaper of Marquette County, "The Marquette County Tribune", or if none exists, a news medium likely to give notice in the area.

SIGNED TOWN CHAIRPERSON Michael L. Reddy

SUPERVISOR # 1 [Signature]

SUPERVISOR # 2 Nancy J. Reuter

ATTEST: TOWN CLERK Carolene Gemoll

# PRINCETON AREA FIRE DISTRICT FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

## Article 1—Authorization

This agreement is hereby entered into pursuant to the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes 60.55, 60.555, 61.34, 66.0609, and 66.0301. The municipalities named in Article 2 hereby enter into this Agreement for the purpose of forming an intergovernmental cooperation commission under Wis. Statutes 66.0301

## Article 2 — Name and area covered

The following are hereby designated as the areas to be protected by the Princeton Area Fire District and to come within the scope of this agreement:

- City of Princeton: Entire area located within the corporate limits of the City.
- Town of Princeton: Entire area located within the corporate limits of the Town.
- Town of Mecan: Entire area located within the corporate limits of the Town.
- Town of St. Marie: Entire area located within the corporate limits of the Town.

## Article 3 — Purpose and intent

This agreement is entered into for purposes of providing fire protection within the areas comprising the Princeton Area Fire District ("the District") and within such other areas as may be contracted for by the governing body, known as the Princeton Area Fire District. It is intended that the Princeton Area Fire District be independent in its operation and function from the signatory municipalities under this Agreement. As provided by Article 5 of this agreement, the Princeton Area Fire District shall administer all affairs of the Princeton Area Fire District.

## Article 4 – Commission

### A. Membership.

The affairs of the Princeton Area Fire District shall be administered by a Commission consisting of twelve (12) regular members. Members shall represent the signatory municipalities to this agreement. Each municipality may decide how to select its representative(s); however, all members must be elected or appointed officials. The number of representatives of each municipality shall be as follows:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Regular member</u>
City of Princeton	3
Town of Princeton	3
Town of St. Marie	3
Town of Mecan	3

### B. Vacancies.

Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by a new representative of the respective signatory municipality pursuant to their established selection process.

### C. Organization.

Annually at a meeting to be held after the spring election, the Commission shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be as follows:

- A. The percentage of the annual budget and any other duly authorized expenditure to be paid by each municipality shall be equal to that municipality's percentage of the annual total equalized valuation within the District. This shall be calculated using the total equalized value within the District as published by the WI Department of Revenue. Total equalized value for 2014 is as follows: Town of Princeton 61.01%, City of Princeton 9.77%, Town of Mecan 22.19%, Town of St. Marie 6.93%. This equalized value calculation will be adjusted annually.
- B. Annually, the Treasurer shall submit to the clerks a complete financial statement covering operations and fiscal status of the District.
- C. The signatories to this Agreement agree a fee schedule for Fire Protection Services will be established by the Princeton Area Fire District, requiring each municipality to pay for fire calls. As amended by the Commission from time to time. They further agree that any funds received by virtue of such claims shall be remitted directly to the Treasurer of the Fire District for such use as the Commission deems appropriate. It is also understood that the District's policy shall be to aggressively seek reimbursement for all actual costs incurred in the performance of official duties in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes. This shall include reimbursement from the appropriate county and the State Department of Transportation for fire calls made by the Princeton Area Fire District on county trunk and state highways as authorized by WI Statutes 60.557. Any reimbursement obtained by the signatories shall be remitted to the District upon receipt. District invoices the municipality and they have 45 days to reimburse. Municipalities may choose to seek reimbursement from the property owner and may choose to place unpaid invoices on their property taxes. See attached current fee schedule.

**Article 7 — Powers of the Commission**

- A. The Commission shall have the exclusive power to transact business and affairs of the Princeton Area Fire District, included herein, without limitation, is the power to purchase and dispose of any property of the District and to employ, suspend, or terminate District personnel, at the recommendation of the Fire Chief.
- B. The Commission shall maintain ultimate control and be responsible for operation of the Princeton Area Fire District, However, it is deemed essential to operations of the District that the Commission will rely heavily upon the judgment and advice of the Fire Chief in all matters pertaining to the technical requirements of a fire department.
- C. The Commission shall be required to provide to the signatory municipalities all fire inspections and related services required under federal and state law.
- D. The Commission shall have the authority to issue revenue obligations pursuant to Wis. Statutes 66.0621 and add the payment of principal of and interest on such obligations to the annual budget of the District as provided in Article 6A. Each municipality shall pay its share of the debt service on all revenue obligations in the same manner and in the same proportion as each municipality pays its share of the budget.
- E. The Commission shall have the authority to grant a mortgage on real property financed through the issuance of revenue bonds.
- F. Subject to the limitations provided herein, the Commission may from time to time borrow for purposes of (i) financing the acquisition of the Fire District by means of a loan; and (ii) capital expenditures, repairs, maintenance, services or other times deemed necessary by the Commission. In general, borrowing shall be incorporated in the Commission's budget and shall occur in accordance with generally accepted municipal borrowing practices. In addition to compliance with such practices, the Commission's authority to borrow shall be subject to the following limitations:

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In the event that any party hereto is held liable by a court of competent jurisdiction for damages or forfeitures as the result of liabilities arising out of claims against the District, the other parties signatory to this Agreement shall indemnify such party and be responsible for paying their share thereof, based upon the cost-sharing formula that is in effect at the time.

**Article 12 — Termination of Agreement**

This intergovernmental agreement may be terminated only upon unanimous vote of the signatory municipalities. In the event that one party withdraws from this agreement without the consent of the other parties, the withdrawing party shall remain responsible for its proportionate share of the District's costs, including capital expenditures and debt service on any indebtedness, including revenue bonds. The withdrawing party shall not be entitled to any compensation, nor may it recoup any of its previous contributions to capital or any other expenses.

**Article 13 — Compensation**

The Commission shall have the exclusive power to establish and pay out of the funds of the District, compensation to the Fire Chief, fire officers, and other department members. Any compensation given to members of the Commission shall be provided by and at the sole discretion of the individual municipalities.

**Article 14 — Amendments**

The Commission may periodically alter, amend, or revise provisions of this agreement, provided that the proposed change is approved by at least eight (8) Commission members, and provided further that all four (4) of the signatory municipalities vote affirmatively for and ratify the proposed change within ninety (90) days following approval by the Commission.

**Article 15 — Effective Date**

The effective date of this Agreement shall be January 1, 2015.

Date: 6-9-15

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City of Princeton, Mayor

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Town of Princeton, Clerk

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City of Princeton, City Administrator

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Town of Princeton, Chairperson

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Town of St. Marie, Clerk

*Caroline Gennel*  
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Town of Mecan, Clerk

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Town of St. Marie, Chairperson

*Michael L. Radloff*  
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Town of Mecan, Chairperson

**\*\*Monthly Town of Mekan Board Meeting\*\***  
**At Town Of Mekan Town Hall**  
**W1561 Evergreen Lane**  
**Montello, WI 53949**

**June 9th, 2015**

**7:00 P.M.**

Open Meeting Law

Chairmen

Michael L. Raddatz

- A. Certification of Open meeting Law and *American Flag, Pledge of Allegiance*  
B. Citizen's please hold comments until asked for citizen input.  
1. Read minutes of the Last meeting. *Caroline Gemoll*  
2. Treasurer's report. *Irene Palmer*

***New Business***

1. Marquette County Tourism/Keri Solis
2. Jessica Ross Mekan Computer Demo
3. Road Tour
4. Don Krueger- Variance
5. Temporary Beer License/Operator License
6. 3 M Recycling Center Meeting
7. Log Cabin Resort Fire Works Permit
8. Building Permit Up Date
9. Auction - Bidding on cast Iron Stove
10. Paul Krings Fire Sign
11. Scott Breman Fire Bill
12. Princeton Fire Meeting and Resolution No. 02-2015 Approving the Princeton Area Fire District Fire Protection Agreement As Amended
13. Comments on New Business

***Old Business***

1. Building Permits
2. Road damage Eagle Lane
3. Correspondence Mike Raddatz, Caroline Gemoll
4. Vouchers
5. Citizens Comments on Old Business
6. Set Next Regular Meeting Date July 14, 2015 - 7:00 P. M.
7. Adjourn

*NOTE: Discussion and action may occur on any of the above agenda items.*

Anyone who requires special accommodations, due to a disability, please contact one of your Town of Mekan officials. Mike Raddatz 920-295-6882, Jeff Fimright, 608-697-1007, Nancy Reuter 920-295-3863, Caroline Gemoll, 920-295-6724, Irene Palmer, 608-297-7960

RESOLUTION 2015-03

A RESOLUTION FORWARDING THE TOWN OF MECAN PLANNED LAND  
USE MAP FOR INCLUSION IN THE UPDATED MARQUETTE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN/FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Marquette County in 2005 prepared a Comprehensive Plan, which included as one required component a Planned Land Use map representing a future vision for land use in the County, assembled through land use planning largely conducted at the town, village, and city level; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §66.1001, §91.10, and §91.14, Wis. Stats.; and direction from the State Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection; Marquette County is required to adopt an updated comprehensive plan and a farmland preservation plan by the end of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to integrate the updated farmland preservation plan into its updated Marquette County Comprehensive Plan as a single document; and

WHEREAS, a farmland preservation plan must, under Chapter 91, Wis. Stats., include a farmland preservation plan map identifying areas particularly suited for long-term preservation, called "farmland preservation areas;" and

WHEREAS, Marquette County has requested each town, city, and village review and update its Comprehensive Plan Planned Land Use map to reflect current community land use desires and, if desired, to include one or more "farmland preservation areas;" and

WHEREAS, the TOWN of MECAN has reviewed the attached Planned Land Use map and found that the Map depicts the current land use vision for the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the TOWN OF MECAN requests inclusion of the attached Planned Land Use map in Marquette County's Comprehensive Plan/Farmland Preservation Plan.

Adopted by the MECAN Board this 14 day of July, 2015

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

Attest: Carolyn Smoll  
\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk