BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2014-14

Resolution In Support of Wisconsin Wolf Population of 350 or Less

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, the WI DNR established a wolf population goal of 350 animals in 1999, and reaffirmed this population goal in 2007, based on prey availability and human population density, and nothing has happened to increase prey availability or decrease human density in the intervening years; and

WHEREAS, the WI DNR plans to review and revise the previous wolf management plan, adopted in 1999 and revised in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and WI Farm Bureau have officially approved a Wisconsin wolf goal of 350 or less; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings (2011) overwhelmingly supported a Wisconsin wolf population of 350 or less; and

WHEREAS, twenty (20) County Boards in northern and west central Wisconsin have passed resolutions that recommend a wolf population goal of 350 (5 Boards) or 350 or less (15 Boards);

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents involving wolves, including 81 incidents to animals and 6 threats to human safety in 2013, occurring in 21 counties; and

WHEREAS, the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of the deer population where wolves are plentiful, reduced hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and pleasure horse activities, and are a danger to pets and people; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was approved by the Property Committee on March 31, 2014, on a vote of 7 - 0, with Henck, Heinecke, Heller, Leff, McRoberts, Romsos and Schradle voting in favor and no members voting against.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Barron County Board of Supervisors advised that Wisconsin approve a wolf population goal of 350 or less in the next revision of the Wisconsin Wolf Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Barron County Board of Supervisors requests that the Wisconsin DNR and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the next Wisconsin Wolf Plan to bring the wolf population to goal levels; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Barron County Board of Supervisors request that the Wisconsin DNR not relocate wolves that have caused problems in Wisconsin or other areas into any County in Wisconsin; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that publication of this resolution may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

OFFERED THIS 15th day of April, 2014.

Number of readings required: One (X) Two ( )
Vote required for passage: Majority (X)
2/3 Entire Board (20) ( )
Source of funding: Budgeted ( ) General Fund ( )
Grant ( ) Contingency ( )
Other (X) Details: N/A

Fiscal impact:
- Current year total amount: $ 0
- Future years total amount: $ 0
- Effect on tax levy - current year - $ 0
- Effect on tax levy - future years - $ 0

Fiscal impact reviewed by:

Jodi Bush, Lead Fiscal Coordinator

Approved as to form by:

Jeffery French, County Administrator

John Munch, Corporation Counsel

Terry Henck, Chair Property Committee

(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)

Board Action: Adopted (X) Failed ( ) Tabled ( )

Motion: (Horstman/McRoberts) to approve Items 10 and 13-17. Carried.

This resolution was included with other resolutions all voted together on a voice vote (no roll call) unanimous. Per Barron Co Clerk.
State Of Wisconsin
Barron County

I, DeeAnn Cook, County Clerk, in and for the State and County aforesaid, and custodian of the records thereof, do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed copy of

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with the original record thereof, now on file and of record in my office and required by law to be in my official custody; and that said copy is a true and correct transcription thereof as the same so remains of record in this office.

OFFICIAL SEAL

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the Government Center in the City of Barron, County of Barron, State of Wisconsin.

This 30th day of April, 2014

DeeAnn Cook, Barron County Clerk