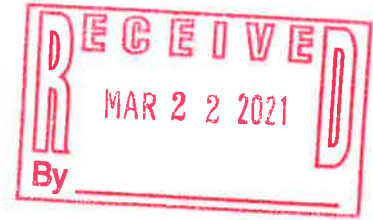


Juneau County Board of Supervisors

Courthouse, 220 East State Street
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RESOLUTION No. 21 – 18

DATE: March 16, 2021

INTRODUCED BY: Land & Water Resources Conservation Committee

SYNOPSIS: Supporting Efforts of Four State-wide Organizations to Introduce Clean Water Legislation this Term

WHEREAS, four long-established and well-respected statewide groups (WI Land+Water Conservation Association, Clean Wisconsin, the Dairy Business Association, and The Nature Conservancy) have joined forces to implore legislative action outlined below; and

WHEREAS, conservatively, 10% of rural wells and some municipal wells in Wisconsin are polluted with nitrates; and

WHEREAS, excess nitrates in groundwater and phosphorus in surface water have led to algae blooms on inland lakes and streams which may have the effect to reduce tourism and recreational pursuits; and

WHEREAS, excess nitrates produce threats to human health that are well-documented; and

WHEREAS, specific actions need to be instituted such as managing unintended agricultural runoff, supporting farms that meet water quality standards, only permitting those agri-businesses that do, helping farmers to grow foods with fewer negative environmental impacts, encouraging innovative farming practices, and recognizing that on sensitive soils farming practices will have to change more dramatically in order to protect our water resources; and

WHEREAS, remediation of polluted waterways and groundwater will take years to accomplish; and

WHEREAS, growers like the WPVGA in Central Wisconsin realize the magnitude of the problem, are conducting research, and are encouraging farmer-led initiatives directed toward "best practices" independent of legislative action; and

WHEREAS, recommendations of the Speakers Task Force on Water Quality have, as yet, not been implemented;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does declare that it is time for the state legislature to codify specific, needed, water-protection measures outlined by the statement from the four organizations listed above, and to put timelines into effect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to all other Wisconsin counties, to state lawmakers in the Senate & Assembly, to Gov. Evers, to the Wisconsin Counties Association, and to the Wisconsin Towns Association.

INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON MARCH 16, 2021.

LAND & WATER RESOURCES CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

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Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of
Juneau County on March 16, 2021.

Terri L. Treptow
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