

LANGLADE COUNTY



VOTE
18 AYES
0 NAYS
3 ABSENT

RESOLUTION #11-2021

INTRODUCED BY: AG & EXTENSION & LAND CONSERVATION SOLID WASTE

INTENT: TO SUPPORT EFFORTS OF FOUR STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS TO INTRODUCE "CLEAN WATER" MEASURES LEGISLATIVELY THIS TERM

WHEREAS, four long-established and well-respected statewide groups (Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Clean Wisconsin, the Dairy Business Association, and The Nature Conservancy) have joined forces to implore legislative action outlined below and more specifically delineated in the attached press release and news article, and

WHEREAS, these four organizations have outlined four principles that will guide and inform their joint efforts to obtain comprehensive policy changes, including: increasing well testing and well replacement funding; updating the state CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feed Operations) program; and bolstering current conservation efforts, and

WHEREAS, conservatively it is estimated that 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 have the effect of reducing tourism and recreational pursuits, and

WHEREAS, excess nitrates are a known and well-documented direct threat to human health, and

WHEREAS, specific actions need to be instituted, like: managing unintended agricultural runoff; supporting farms that meet water quality standards; only permitting those agri-businesses that do meet water quality standards; helping farms 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

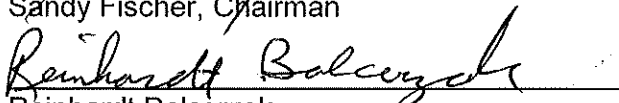
WHEREAS, growers like the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association in Central Wisconsin realize the magnitude of the problem, are conducting research, and encouraging farmer-led initiatives directed toward "best practices" independent of legislative action, and

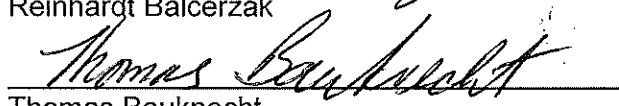
WHEREAS, recommendations of the Speakers Task Force on Water Quality have, as yet, not been implemented.

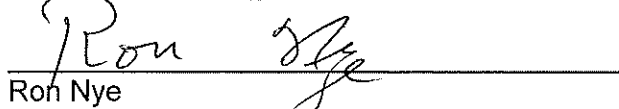
NOW, THEREFORE, THE LANGLADE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES that it is time for the state legislature to codify specific, needed, water-protection measures as outlined in the attached December 27, 2020, commentary by the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association, Clean Wisconsin, the Dairy Business Association, and The Nature Conservancy and to put timelines in place to accomplish these goals.

AG & EXTENSION & LAND CONSERVATION SOLID WASTE CO.:


Sandy Fischer, Chairman


Reinhardt Balcerzak


Thomas Bauknecht


Ron Nye

absent
Carol Feller Gottard

absent
Thomas Schmidt

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal note. The legislative efforts, if successful, would lead to long-term economic and quality of life benefits to the residents of the County.

Adopted by the County Board of Langlede
County this 26th day of April, 2021.

Judy Nagel
Judy Nagel, County Clerk

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