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SHAWANO COUNTY CLERK – PAMELA SCHMIDT

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF WISCONSIN}
COUNTY OF SHAWANO}

I, Kara Skarlupka, Deputy County Clerk, in and for the County of Shawano, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following copy of Resolution No. 26-21 is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution No. 26-21 duly adopted by the Shawano County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on May 26th, 2021.

Resolution No. 26-21

Opposing proposed changes to Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program

Whereas, the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program, established under s. 29.889, Stats., and s. NR 12, Wis. Adm. Code, is fully funded by a surcharge on hunting licenses, is a voluntary Department of Natural Resources program to assist producers with agricultural losses caused by deer, bears, geese, and cougars, as well as elk and Sandhill cranes if hunting those animals is authorized; and

Whereas, through Shawano County Resolution No. 4-19, In support of participation through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program, it approved the Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Program Plan of Administration for Shawano County through December 31, 2023; and

Whereas, Shawano County has participated in the program for over 25 years and has administered the program through the Land Conservation Committee; and

Whereas, county LCDs are the local delivery mechanism for a wide range of Wisconsin's natural soil and water and other resource management programs; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin State Legislature is proposing making changes to the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program through Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49 by eliminating the administration of these programs from the County and changing the administration to the DNR instead; and

Whereas, by eliminating any local authority, when landowners have issues and appeals concerning harvest objectives or management of the program, they will no longer appear before the Land Conservation Committee, but would instead have to travel to Madison to appear before DNR officials who don't necessarily have local concerns in mind when

rendering a decision; and

Whereas, on May 13, 2021, the Land Conservation Committee reviewed and recommended this resolution to the Shawano County Board of Supervisors.

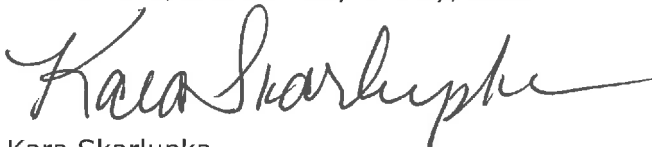
Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Shawano County Board of Supervisors, in session this 26th day of May, 2021, opposes the proposed changes to the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program through Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49 which eliminates any local County control or oversight of the program and instead gives all authority to State government officials.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to members of the State Legislature, Governor Evers, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the WI Land+Water Conservation Association, the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board and the other counties of the State of Wisconsin.

Submitted by: Rick Giese
Marvin Klosterman
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LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Given under my hand and official seal, at the Shawano County Courthouse, in the City of Shawano, this 26th day of May, 2021



Kara Skarlupka
Shawano County Deputy Clerk

