



RESOLUTION# 21-5-2

Introduced by CEED and Judicial & Legislative Committees
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Motion: Adopted: [X]
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No: 1 Yes: 17 Absent: 1
Number of votes required: [X] Majority [] Two-thirds
Reviewed by: PAK, Corp Counsel
Reviewed by: EN, Finance Dir.

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To oppose changes in the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims program through Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49, which eliminates any local County control of the program and instead gives all authority to the State government officials.

FISCAL NOTE: None

Table with 5 columns: NO, YES, A. Rows 1-19 listing supervisors and their votes.

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims program, 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, Wood County has participated in the program since its inception in 1983 and has administered the program through the Conservation, Education, and Economic Development (CEED) Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature is proposing making changes to the Wildlife Damage and Claims program through Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49 by eliminating the administration of these programs from the Land Conservation Committee and changing the administration to these programs 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 (CEED) 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.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wood County Board of Supervisors oppose the changes to the Wildlife Damage and Claims program through Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49 which eliminates any local County control of the program and instead gives all authority to the State government officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Evers, the members of the State Legislature, the Wisconsin Counties Association and the other counties of the State of Wisconsin.

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Signatures of Kenneth Curry, Robert Ashbeck, Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine, Bill Leichtnam, Carmen Good.

Signatures of Bill Clendenning, Ed Wagner, Joseph Zurfluh.

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 18th day of May 2021. County Clerk signature.

County Board Chairman signature.