	<b>Type/Number</b>	<b>Resolution 20-7-21</b>			
	<b>Title</b>	<b>Supporting the Current Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program</b>			
	<b>Overview/Synopsis</b>	To support leaving the administration of Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program under County control			
	<b>Submitted By</b>	Land Conservation Committee			
	<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	No fiscal impact			
	<b>Review (Initial &amp; Date)</b>	Legal	<i>Shoe/06/2021</i>	Finance	<i>tfd 8/2/2021</i>

1 WHEREAS, the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program, fully funded by a surcharge  
 2 on hunting licenses, is a voluntary Department of Natural Resources program to assist producers  
 3 with agricultural losses caused by deer, bears, geese, and cougars as well as elk and sandhill  
 4 cranes if hunting those animals is authorized; and

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 6 WHEREAS, Clark County has participated in the program since 1991; and

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 8 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Legislature is proposing to make changes to the Wildlife  
 9 Damage and Claims program through Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49 by eliminating the  
 10 administration of these programs from the Land Conservation Committee and changing the  
 11 administration to the DNR instead; and

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 13 WHEREAS, by eliminating any local authority, when landowners have issues and appeals  
 14 concerning harvest objectives or management of the program, they no longer appear before the  
 15 Land Conservation Committee but would instead have to travel to Madison, Wisconsin to appear  
 16 before the DNR officials who don't necessarily have local concerns in mind when rendering a  
 17 decision.

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 19 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clark County Board of Supervisors hereby  
 20 supports the current Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program and opposes any changes  
 21 to the Wildlife Damage and Claims Program through Senate Bill 63 and Assembly Bill 49 which  
 22 eliminates any local County control of such program.

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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the County  
 25 Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the local legislators representing Clark County,  
 26 the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties  
 27 Association for consideration.

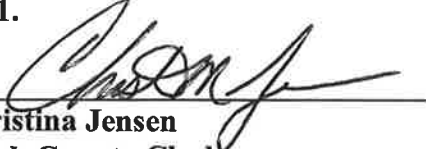
Committee/Board/Supervisor Action	
Committee/Board/Supervisor Name:	Land Conservation Committee
Result:	Approved 06/21/2021
Mover:	Bryce Luchterhand
Seconder:	Kenneth Gerhardt
Ayes:	Garbisch, Luchterhand, Koerner, Hoesly, Gerhardt
Nays:	None

Absent:	None
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Clark County Board of Supervisors Action	
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Vote Required:	Majority
Result:	Approved 07/22/2021
Type of Vote:	Roll Call: 27 yes, 0 no, 2 absent
Mover:	Luchterhand
Seconder:	Gerhardt
Ayes:	Flink, Leichtman, Schindler, Wilcox, Amacher, Waichulis, Zank, Kodl, Lange, Luchterhand, Jalling, Bower, Krempasky, Ashbeck, Hendrickson, Rueth, Olson, Williams, Krause Jr., Rollins, Smagacz, Boon, Trunkel, Gerhardt, Garbisch, Neville, Sebesta
Nays:	None
Absent:	Petke & Bakker

**I, Christina M. Jensen, Clerk for Clark County, hereby certify that Resolution 20-7-21 was adopted by the Clark County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on July 22, 2021.**



**Christina Jensen**  
**Clark County Clerk**  
**Neillsville, Wisconsin 54456**

**SEAL**