

Resolution No. 39-21

RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO ADEQUATELY FUND STATE AGENCIES REGARDING CAFO REGULATIONS TO PROTECT GROUNDWATER AND AIR QUALITY

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
Olson	✓		
Route		✓	
Warndahl			
Nelson (Chairperson)	✓		
LaBlanc	✓		
Ruck	✓		
Prichard	✓		
Kelly	✓		
O'Connell	✓		
Middleton	✓		
Luke (2 nd Vice Chair)	✓		
Duncanson	✓		
Arcand	✓		
Bonneprise (Vice Chair)	✓		
Demulling	✓		

BOARD ACTION

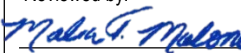
Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted Defeated


1st Nelson 2nd Luke

Yes: 13 No: 1 Exc:

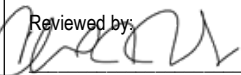
Reviewed by:

 Corp. Counsel

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 Administrator

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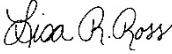
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FISCAL & LEGAL IMPACT:

No fiscal or legal impact as this is a lobbying resolution.

Certification:

I, Lisa Ross, Clerk of Polk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 17th day of August, 2021 by the Polk County Board of Supervisors



Lisa Ross
County Clerk, Polk County

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TO THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) have the potential to negatively impact groundwater and air quality if they do not comply with strict business practices; and

WHEREAS, some swine CAFOs, both within Wisconsin and outside of this State, have created significant fear in the community about the potential negative impact of new and expanding CAFOs; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Supervisors is dedicated to protecting our groundwater and air quality from all types of potential contaminants, including, but not limited to, CAFOs; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Supreme Court in *Clean Wisconsin Inc. v. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources* recently (July 8, 2021) decided that the WDNR has broad regulatory authority to establish targeted and specific enhanced conditions when issuing and/or renewing Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits, such as animal unit maximums and off-site groundwater monitoring; and

WHEREAS, local governmental units, particularly counties, are statutorily limited in their ability to regulate CAFOs; and

WHEREAS, Polk County has previously enacted conditional use permit zoning regulations to provide some level of local control of the locations and requirements of future or expanded swine CAFOs; however the public continues to express concerns that the CUP process is not sufficient, despite the limitations on the County's underlying authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the State of Wisconsin to adequately fund the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection so they can vigorously monitor and regulate all of the existing and future CAFOs to the fullest extent of its authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors urges the State Legislature and the Governor to fully fund the various regulatory agencies (WDNR; WDTACP, etc.) so that they have the resources they need to adequately monitor and regulate CAFOs.

SUBMITTED BY



Committee Environmental Services

Recommended

Not Recommended

Neutral