



Resolution

No. 2022-58

Supporting a Change in State Regulations and Legislation to Require Meaningful Local Input in the Siting of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)

WHEREAS, Bayfield County recognizes and values the role of agriculture to Wisconsin and Bayfield County and our rural communities; *and*,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County supports our agricultural history, culture and way of life; *and*,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County supports Sustainable Agriculture; *and*,

WHEREAS, CAFO's because of their size can change the character and culture of our rural communities; *and*,

WHEREAS, CAFO's can diminish adjacent property values because of strong odors, noise and traffic; *and*,

WHEREAS, CAFO's may contaminate community water resources even when following Best Management Practices; *and*,

WHEREAS, the unique geographic and water resources throughout Wisconsin make it necessary to assess the environmental impacts of CAFO's on a county-by-county basis; *and*,

WHEREAS, the decision on siting CAFO's is predominately made by the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection [Livestock Siting Law ATCP 51] with very little local input; *and*,

WHEREAS, State Law preempts local governments from regulating CAFO's in a more stringent, and safer manner and with a standard more protective of the local community; *and*,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County supports the long held value of meaningful local control which supports local resident's and the community's ability to participate and provide input into local land uses, including the siting and permitting of CAFO's;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31st day of May 2022, supports the efforts and ability of local residents and local governing bodies to participate in and provide meaningful authoritative input into the siting, permitting and development of CAFO's; *and*,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County supports and urges the state to make the necessary changes to the laws and regulations to allow the maximum amount of input by local communities who are most impacted by the siting and development of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation thus providing rural residential consistency and environmental certainty.

