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BAYFIELD COUNTY

Resolution

No. 2023-56

Fair Access to Meat Processing and Inspection for Wisconsin Small to Medium Meat Producers

WHEREAS, Local agriculture is a primary economic activity in Wisconsin; *and,*

WHEREAS, the lack of meat processors and inspectors is stifling agriculture economic activity in the region and state; *and,*

WHEREAS, there is a severe shortage of meat processors for small producers reducing marketing options for Wisconsin meat products; *and,*

WHEREAS, long delays and distances significantly adds to the cost of production and reduces already slim margins; *and,*

WHEREAS, many processors are retiring without younger skilled processors to replace them, creating additional shortages; *and,*

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Counties are committed to creating sustainable and resilient communities including local food supplies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 30th day of May, 2023 requests that the Wisconsin Counties Association work to support efforts that strengthen local meat processing for counties, including but not limited to more inspectors.

By Action of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chair*

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD)

I, Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2023-56, Volume 29, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 30th day of May 2023.

Lynn M. Divine, *Bayfield County Clerk*