RESOLUTION #

Resolution to Authorize Continued County Participation in the Wildlife Damage Abatement Program and the Wildlife Damage Claim Program

Resolution offered by the Land Resources and Environment Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Sauk County, Wisconsin:

**BACKGROUND:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is authorized to protect American agriculture and other resources from damage associated with wildlife. The primary authority for Animal Plant Health Inspection Service – Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS) is the Act of March 2, 1931 (46 Stat. 1468; 7 U.S.C.426-426b) as amended, and the Act of December 22, 1987 (101 Stat. 1329-331, 7 U.S.C. 426c). The APHIS-WS program was designed to cooperate with states, local jurisdictions, individuals, public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions to conduct a program of wildlife services involving mammal and bird species that are reservoirs for zoonotic diseases or animal species that are injurious and/or a nuisance to, among other things; agriculture, horticulture, forestry, animal husbandry, wildlife, and human health and safety. In 1983, the Wisconsin State Legislature established the Wildlife Damage Abatement Claim Program (WDACP) through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to work in partnership with the USDA on wildlife damage efforts in Wisconsin. Wisconsin Statute 29.889 (4)(a) identifies that in order to be eligible for wildlife damage abatement assistance, the land for which assistance is sought is required to be located in a county which is participating in the administration of the wildlife damage abatement program. Sauk County has participated in the APHIS-WS program since 1984 and is required to sign a five-year Cooperative Service Agreement effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2028.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, hereby authorizes the Administrator to sign a Cooperative Agreement (attached) with the WDNR and the USDA to administer the APHIS-WS program from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028, in partnership with the WDNR and USDA; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Sauk County Board of Supervisors designates the Land Resources and Environment Committee as the oversight committee per the requirements of Section III of the Cooperative Service Agreement.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Resources and Environment Committee, this 19th day of December, 2023.

Consent Agenda Item: [ ] YES [ ] NO

Fiscal Impact: [ ] None [ X ] Budgeted Expenditure [ ] Not Budgeted

Vote Required: Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Offered and passage moved by:

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Marty Krueger, Chair

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Peter Kinsman, Vice Chair

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Brandon Lohr

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Dennis Polivka

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Robert Spencer

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Valerie McAuliffe

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Lynn Eberl

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Randy Puttkamer

Fiscal Note: Funds for this program are reimbursed by the WDNR on an annual basis. The proposed 2024 LRE budget contains $20,017. Minimal staff time is used in the administration of this program.

MIS Note: No impact.