

December 18, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-XX

RESOLUTION BY THE RACINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING RACINE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT (2024-2028) WITH THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WILDLIFE SERVICES FOR THE WILDLIFE CROP DAMAGE PROGRAM

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, as set forth in Exhibit A, attached here and incorporated by reference, Racine County has the opportunity to enter into a new five-year cooperative service agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture to participate in a damage abatement and claims program for damage caused by black bears, cougars, white-tailed deer, elk, Canada geese, wild turkeys, and sandhill cranes in Racine County on agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS, the County shall not be required to provide any funds for said program or project and will administer funds from the State of Wisconsin or the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the program is contingent on funding from state and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the current five-year contract expires on December 31, 2023 and there is a need to authorize the execution of a new five-year agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources shall set the rules and requirements for any claims for damage to agricultural land;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the five-year cooperative service agreement (2024-2028) between Racine County, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the United States Department of Agriculture set forth in Exhibit A, is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the County shall administer the program and the management of the program is delegated to the Racine County Land & Water Conservation Committee, a subcommittee of the EDLPU Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that Racine County hereby authorizes continuation in the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that
5 such agreement shall incorporate any further terms as the Corporation Counsel, Finance
6 Director, and the Public Works and Development Services Director deem necessary and
7 appropriate; and
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9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that
10 any two of the County Clerk, County Executive, and/or County Board Chairman are
11 authorized to execute any contracts, agreements, amendments, or other documents
12 necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.
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14 Respectfully submitted,

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16 1st Reading _____

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LAND USE
PLANNING COMMITTEE

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18 2nd Reading _____

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20 BOARD ACTION

Robert Grove, Chairman

21 Adopted _____

22 For _____

23 Against _____

24 Absent _____

Jason Eckman, Vice-Chairman

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26 VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 ME

Tom Kramer, Secretary

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28 Prepared by:
29 Corporation Counsel

Greg Horeth

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Tom Rutkowski

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Taylor Wishau

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Olga White
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41 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Racine**
42 **County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

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44 **Approved:** _____

45 **Vetoed:** _____

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Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive

