

WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A Resolution Supporting Changes to the State of Minnesota Irrigation Well Permit Process

WHEREAS, the County of Wadena recognizes agriculture to be a primary land use within the County; and,

WHEREAS, landowners within the County of Wadena are required to obtain a permit for irrigation wells through the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, with the Minnesota Water Quality Board setting the parameters and requirements; and,

WHEREAS, the permit process allows for opposition to be raised through the circulation of a petition; and,

WHEREAS, under current parameters any person who is a resident of the State of Minnesota is considered a valid signer of said petition; and,

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Wadena County Board of Commissioners that this type of petition provides an opportunity for people who are not impacted by the irrigation well to take advantage of the process for opposition to hold applications for permits in limbo or to be denied without cause;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wadena County Board of Commissioners supports and recommends that the Minnesota Quality Board and the Department of Natural Resources amend the parameters used for acceptable opposition to a permit for irrigation to limit the valid signers of a petition to residents of the County in which the permit is being requested.

CERTIFICATION

I, Ryan Odden, County Coordinator and Clerk to the Wadena County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Wadena County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on the 21st day of January, 2020.

Witness my hand and seal.

Ryan Odden, County Coordinator
Wadena County, Minnesota