

RESOLUTION #2025 - 01

TOWN OF BIG BEND

MORATORIUM - CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, The Town of Big Bend recognizes and values the role of agriculture in Wisconsin and the Town of Big Bend in the rural communities; and

WHEREAS, Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO's) because of their size can change the character and culture of our rural communities; and

WHEREAS, CAFO's have the potential to negatively impact on resources, water quality, ground water quality and air quality; and

WHEREAS, some CAFO's in Wisconsin have created significant concern for the Town of Big Bend and surrounding adjacent Towns in Rusk County about the potential negative impact of new and expanding CAFO's; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Big Bend supports the long-held value of meaningful local control which supports local residents and the community's ability to participate and provide local input into local land uses, including siting and permitting of CAFO's; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Big Bend is dedicated through direction from the citizens of the Town to protect the Town's ground water resources, the lakes within the Town and adjacent to the Town from all types of potential contamination, including but not limited to CAFO's; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Big Bend is dedicated through direction from the citizens of the Town to protect the Town's other resources, ground water quality, water quality, air quality within the Town and adjacent to the Town from all types of potential contamination, including but not limited to CAFO's; and

WHEREAS, the Towns are statutorily limited in their ability to regulate CAFO's; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance Committee suggests a Moratorium on CAFO's within the Town of Big Bend to enable investigating, determining facts, and additional research into CAFO operations and the possible effect on the Towns resources; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance Committee presents this resolution and has determined that the moratorium be for one year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Bend Town Board hereby authorizes this one year moratorium to allow the Zoning Ordinance Committee to investigate and research CAFO's. Town Board requests Committee CAFO progress quarterly update reports. Moratorium resolution is effective on this date 02 05 2025.

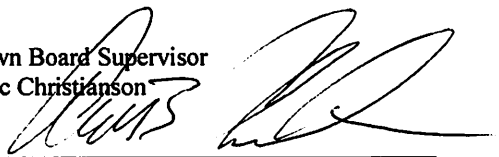
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