

Resolution

STATE

Wadena County Farm Bureau

Supporting changes to the Irrigation Well permitting process

Whereas Wadena County Farm Bureau recognizes agriculture is a vital part of our economy, and

Whereas landowners and residents 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

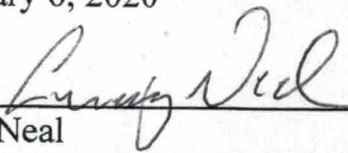
Whereas, the permit process allows for opposition or support to be raised through the circulation of a petition, and,

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, the Wadena County Farm Bureau Board of Directors believes that this type of petition provides an opportunity for people who are not impacted by the irrigation well to take advantage of the process expressing either opposition or support,

Therefore be it resolved, the Wadena County Farm Bureau Board of Directors supports and recommends that the Minnesota Water Quality Board and the Department of Natural Resources amend the parameters used for acceptable opposition or support to a permit for irrigation limit signers of a petition to landowners and residents of the County in which the permit is being requested.

This was passed at a regular Board of Directors meeting and is a matter of record
February 6, 2020



Craig Neal

Wadena County Farm Bureau Board of Directors President