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3 **RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN**
4 **WINNEBAGO COUNTY AND WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**
5 **(WDNR) AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL PLANT**
6 **HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS), WILDLIFE SERVICES (WS)**
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9 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

10 **WHEREAS**, the black bear, Canada goose white-tailed deer, wild turkey and Sandhill crane populations in
11 portions of Winnebago County are at levels that may cause damage to agricultural and forest crops; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the commercial agriculture producers costs of production of agricultural and forest crops have
13 increased substantially over time; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Wis. Stats. 29.889 and Wis. Adm. Code NR12 provides a State funded Wildlife Damage
15 Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP) to reimburse participating producers for crop losses caused by certain
16 wildlife; and

17 **WHEREAS**, administrative participation is required of Winnebago County to make its land eligible for the
18 WDACP; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County will be reimbursed by WDNR for all associated costs incurred in the
20 administration and implementation of the WDACP; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County may through formal agreement, cooperate with APHIS WS and WDNR to
22 make the WDACP available to eligible producers.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the Land and
24 Water Conservation Department / Land Conservation Committee are hereby authorized to enter into a five-year
25 Cooperative Service Agreement with WDNR and USDA, APHIS WS for the Administration and Implementation of the
26 WDACP.

27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Revenue and Expenses associated with this program continue to be
28 included within the appropriate accounts in the Land and Water Conservation Department Annual Budget
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30 *Fiscal Note: The cooperative service agreement would result in \$12,000 revenue and \$11,000 expense in 2024,*
31 *which is included in the 2024 Land & Water Conservation Department budget.*
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33 Respectfully submitted by:

34 **LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

35 Committee Vote: **5-0**

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37 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Members Present**
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39 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2023.
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42 Jonathan D. Doemel
43 Winnebago County Executive
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