

Resolution No. _____

Resolution supporting the request of the Driftless Area Initiative to the United States Geological Service for a groundwater vulnerability study.

WHEREAS, Crawford County is located in what is known as the Driftless Region of the upper Midwest and rests on a unique topography that was created as streams and rivers cut through fractured carbonate bedrock and,

WHEREAS, the fractured, soluble bedrock that underlies our county has many karst feature, including sinkholes, disappearing streams, and other conduits that allow contaminated surface run-off to quickly reach aquifers and streams and,

WHEREAS, presently we know far too little about which areas in our county are susceptible to the mis-application of animal manure, municipal sewage solids, construction debris, and other groundwater contaminates, and,

WHEREAS, the Driftless Area Initiative is a multi-state partnership developing a unified voice for natural resource issues in the Driftless Area and, has petitioned the United States Geological Service (USGS) for a detailed geological study of the four-state driftless area and,

WHEREAS, Crawford County citizens would benefit greatly from the acquisition of rigorous geologic data to support resource management planning, and the wise use of our precious soil and water,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Crawford County Board of Supervisors that it vigorously supports the Driftless Area Initiative in its quest to achieve funding for a groundwater vulnerability study of the Driftless Region that includes Crawford County.

Land Conservation Planning and Zoning Committee

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