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***** RESOLUTION NO. 20-024*****

BY COMMISSIONER: Thell

ADOPTED: March 10, 2020

WHEREAS, Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) are a political subdivision of the state of Minnesota organized under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103C, governed by a 5 member elected board of supervisors, elected at the November General Election; and,

WHEREAS, The Carlton SWCD has a 59 year history of providing assistance to Carlton County land occupiers for the purpose of natural resource protection and enhancement as directed by MN Statute 103C and furthermore by the Carlton SWCD's mission; and

WHEREAS, The SWCD board has no authority to generate local funding to cover SWCD operations and therefore is limited in its ability to provide stability of program delivery and employment for the professional staff employed to carry out SWCD operations; and

WHEREAS, The Carlton SWCD values any opportunity to educate Carlton County landowners in the value the SWCD brings to all residents through the protection and enhancement of Carlton County's natural resources including clean water, healthy soils and productive working forests; and

WHEREAS, Carlton County values the Carlton SWCD for its role in local natural resource management with private landowners; and

WHEREAS, Legislation is being considered to give SWCDs Levy Authority.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carlton County Board supports SF 3211 and HF 3214 developing a pilot for Carlton and Pine SWCDs to conduct a levy to support the local share of SWCD operational funding needed to carry out the SWCD's duties identified in MN Statute 103C; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this support is limited to the 3 year duration of the pilot and a net tax capacity levy cap of .600% which would result in an approximate \$200,000 levy in Carlton County for the 2020 tax year.

Upon motion by Thell, seconded by Brenner, and carried, the above resolution was adopted.

Yea votes: Peterson, Thell, Brenner, Proulx and Bodie

Nay votes: None

Absent: None

I, Kathy Kortuem, Acting Auditor/Treasurer of the County of Carlton, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 10th day of March, 2020 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE in Carlton, Minnesota, this 24th day of March, 2020.



Kathy Kortuem
Carlton County Acting Auditor/Treasurer