

## RESOLUTION 2023-40

### RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO BEAVER TRAPPING IN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Worth County administers the legally established drainage districts in Worth County, Iowa and

WHEREAS, many of the drainage districts in Worth County consist in part of open drainage ditches, and

WHEREAS, beavers are continually causing damage to the drainage ditches and drainage districts by virtue of impairing the flow of water, construction of dams causing flooding and also causing bank erosion; all of which results in considerable additional maintenance expense for the drainage district,

WHEREAS, it is desirable to reduce the population of beavers in drainage districts to reduce the cost of maintenance for said drainage districts.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Supervisors in maintaining drainage ditches in Worth County drainage districts agree to pay \$100 for each beaver which is trapped in a drainage ditch of a drainage district in Worth County during the existence of this resolution.
2. Said payment will be paid by the particular drainage district in which the beaver was trapped as a part of the costs of maintenance of the facilities of said district.
3. This policy shall become effective upon the date of the adoption of this resolution and shall remain in effect until the Board of Supervisors of Worth County shall adopt a resolution to rescind this resolution. In the event of the rescission of this resolution the payment will still be made for any beavers which are trapped during the existence of this resolution so long as appropriate claim is filed as hereinafter provided within sixty (60) days after the rescission of this resolution.
4. In the event the Board of Supervisors of Worth County do rescind this resolution, they shall publish notice of said rescission within thirty (30) days after the rescission of said resolution.
5. Claim forms shall be provided by the County Auditor's office and the claim for any beavers trapped under this resolution must be filed in writing on the claim form furnished by the County Auditor. Said claim form shall indicate the drainage district and the section number and township where the particular beaver was trapped. The date of the trapping shall be on said form as well as other information which may be required by the Board of Supervisors or the County Auditor when said form is furnished.
6. The person doing the trapping must comply with all laws and regulations of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in performing said trapping operation.
7. The person doing the trapping shall also obtain the appropriate permission from either the landlord or the tenant of the premises on which the trapping is to take place and the claim form referred to above shall contain a space for the signature of either the landlord or tenant to grant such permission.
8. It shall also be necessary for either the landlord or tenant to certify on said claim form that said beaver was trapped on the described premises and on the date indicated by the claimant. Such claim form may provide other information required by the Auditor and Board of Supervisors and said claim form may be modified from time to time accordingly.
9. That payment will not be made on each claim as filed by payments will be made at such intervals as may be determined by the Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor.


10. That this resolution is not intended to eradicate beavers, but only to reduce their population in drainage districts because of the considerable expense incurred in maintenance resulting from the activities of the beavers in the drainage districts.
11. That this resolution shall also apply to all joint drainage districts between Worth County and surrounding counties when adopted by the joint board of each said joint drainage districts.

Adopted this 11 day of December, 2023.

WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

  
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ENOS LOBERG, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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JACKI A. BACKHAUS  
WORTH COUNTY AUDITOR