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Evaluation and restriction of High Capacity Wells in the State of Wisconsin

Whereas, a high capacity well in Wisconsin is a well that pumps 70 or more gallons of water per minute.

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin continues to issue high capacity well permits, and these high capacity wells have already shown to have an effect on our water supply in many places in our state.

Whereas, many of our high capacity wells are lowering or drying up our lakes and streams, such as the Little Plover River near Stevens Point.

Whereas, high capacity wells are lowering or drying up family wells, such as the problems with family wells in the Town of Beloit, Rock County.

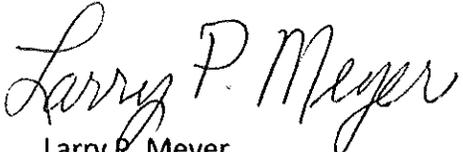
Whereas, a lot of these high capacity wells are not a necessity, example is high capacity wells used to grow sod on sod farms.

Whereas, we recognize that land where these high capacity wells are located in owned by individuals but the water belongs to all the people.

Whereas, water is one of our most precious resource and we must protect it for future generations.

Be It Resolved, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Rock County on April 13, 2015, request that NRB oppose the issuance of any more permits for high capacity wells until the WDNR completes an immediate scientific investigation on the effects of high capacity wells on our lakes, streams and ground water.

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