

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION FEDERATION
ANNUAL MEETING

September 8, 2013

Resolution #1

Owatonna, Minnesota

Federal Farm Bill/Conservation Compliance

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has been unable to pass a new five-year Federal Farm Bill on schedule, and

WHEREAS, farm programs will expire on September 30, 2013 if Congress does not pass a new Farm Bill, and

WHEREAS, much of the debate has been over non-farm sections of the bill, and

WHEREAS, much debate that has taken place on the farm sections of the bill have centered on the crop insurance section of the bill, and

WHEREAS, federal crop insurance payments could reach \$90 billion over the next 10 years, and

WHEREAS, taxpayers typically provide 62% of the crop insurance premium for farmers as a subsidy, and

WHEREAS, Congress, as stewards of taxpayers dollars, has an obligation to taxpayers to get a return on taxpayers investment, such as protecting natural resources, in the federal crop insurance program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Conservation Federation at its annual meeting in Owatonna, Minnesota on September 8, 2013 encourages the United State Congress to pass a Federal Farm Bill yet this year that connects conservation compliance to crop insurance premium subsidies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Minnesota Conservation Federation strongly believes that wildlife will benefit greatly from the linking of these two provisions through better protection of existing wildlife habitat and protection of the health of our water resources.

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