

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION FEDERATION
ANNUAL MEETING

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Resolution #2

Owatonna, Minnesota

Need for Common Sense/Regulation on Land Irrigation Methods

WHEREAS, land irrigation for farm fields, sports fields, lawns, and gardens has increased tremendously over the past ten years, and

WHEREAS, while irrigation is necessary and extremely helpful to the production of bigger and better crops, and

WHEREAS, irrigation is a direct draw down from our rivers, lakes, streams, and wells, and

WHEREAS, our groundwater supplies continue to be under extreme pressure to deliver drinking water and recreational waters, as well as, irrigation for fields, lawns, and gardens, and

WHEREAS, evaporation studies from the state of Minnesota, the University of Minnesota and across the country, mention day versus night irrigation and evaporation ties, and

WHEREAS, the overall consciences of researchers is that irrigation during day time hours results in more evaporation during night time irrigation;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that The Minnesota Conservation Federation meeting at its annual meeting in Owatonna, Minnesota on September 8, encourage state, federal, and local leaders to work together to encourage farmers, landowners, units of government, and homeowners to irrigate their fields, lawns, and gardens during night time hours in order to minimize the evaporation of valuable ground and surface water.

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