STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
Resolution No. 38 - 14

RESOLUTION TO OPT-IN FOR CATEGORY B—IMPLEMENTS OF
HUSBANDRY TO COMPLY WITH THE TABLE OF STATUTORY WEIGHT
LIMITS SET FORTH IN WIS. STATS., § 348.15(3)(G)

Adoption of this resolution pursuant to § 348.15(9)(f)2.a., of Wisconsin Statutes (as
provided by 2013 Wis. Act 377) means that Chippewa County imposes on all highways or
specified highways under its jurisdiction, the maximum single axle limits and maximum gross
vehicle weight limits as established in Wis. Stats., § 348.15(3)(g) for all Category B implements
of husbandry as defined in Wis. Stats., § 340.01(24)(a)1.b. Unless a municipality opts in by
adopting a resolution or ordinance, there is no weight limit per wheel, axle, or group of axles,
on Category B implements of husbandry as defined in Wis. Stats., § 340.01(24)(a)1.b. It should
be noted, however, that the maximum gross vehicle weight of 92,000 pounds applies to these
described vehicles. All implements of husbandry are required to comply with seasonal and
special postings and any postings on highway bridges or culverts pursuant to Wis. Stats., §
349.16. This resolution is brought pursuant to Wis. Stats., § 348.15(9)(f)2.a., to formally opt in
and impose the statutorily allowed weight limits on implements of husbandry.
WHEREAS, pursuant to 2013 Wis. Act 377, § 348.15(9)(f)1., of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that there is no weight limitation per wheel, axle, or group of axles for Category B implements of husbandry as defined in Wis. Stats., § 340.01(24)(a)1.b., but does apply gross vehicle weight limitations to these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stats., § 348.15(9)(f)1., authorizes the county to require compliance with axle weight limitations established under Wis. Stats., § 348.15(3)(g) for Category B implements of husbandry defined in Wis. Stats., § 340.01(24)(a)1.b., on all highways under its jurisdiction;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stats., § 348.15(9)(f), all implements of husbandry (including Category B implements of husbandry) defined in Wis. Stats., § 340.01(24)(a)1.b., may not exceed the weight limits imposed by Wis. Stats., § 348.15 (3)(g); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to exceed the length and/or weight limitations on highways under the jurisdiction of Chippewa County, an owner of a Category B implement of husbandry may apply for a no-fee permit pursuant to Wis. Stats., § 348.27 (19), from the Chippewa County Highway Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Wis. Stats., § 348.27 (19)(b) 4m.a., in the event an application for a no-fee permit is made for a Category B implement of husbandry as defined in Wis. Stats., § 340.01 (24)(a)1.b., the county is required to provide an approved alternate route, which may include highways that are not under this jurisdiction if prior approval has been given by the jurisdiction over the alternate routes not under Chippewa County’s jurisdiction for operation of Category B implements of husbandry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall remain in effect until rescinded by further action of the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors or terminated by state law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) to be posted on the DOT website.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Highway Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There is no fiscal impact by passage of this resolution.
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Glen Sikorski, District 2
SECONDER: Bill Stimeling, District 1
AYES: Michels, Shakal, Stimeling, Sikorski, Zwiefelhofer, McIlquham, Goettl, Albarado,
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History:
10/29/14 Highway Committee FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

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