## **RESOLUTION 2023-05**

## WILDLAND FIRE DIVISION DESIGNEE

WHEREAS, South Dakota State Law SDCL 41-20A-11 states, *Assistance in suppression of range fire within county-Reimbursement of expenses*. At the request of the board of county commissioners or a person designated by a board of county commissioners for such purpose, the state wildland fire coordinator may assist in the suppression of any range fire within the county. If any assistance provided by the coordinator includes the use of more than six (6) state employees and more than two (2) vehicles, the county to which the assistance is given shall reimburse the coordinator for the reasonable expenses incurred, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 41-20A-11, the South Dakota Wildland Fire Coordinator may assist in the suppression of rangeland fires within the county upon request of a Board of County Commissioners or its designee, and;

WHEREAS, at the time of a fire emergency there is insufficient time to convene the Board of Walworth County Commissioners to make such requests, and;

**WHEREAS,** the South Dakota Wildland Fire Coordinator has requested that a person(s) be officially designated by the Walworth County Commission to make such requests, and;

**WHEREAS,** Walworth County is responsible for the reasonable expenses incurred by the South Dakota Wildland Fire Coordinator for the assistance that Walworth County requests as set forth above.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,** by the Walworth County Board of County Commissioners in and for the County of Walworth, State of South Dakota, the Walworth County Board of County Commissioners Representatives, the Walworth County Sherriff and Chief Deputy, the Walworth County Emergency Manager and the Walworth County Rural Fire Chief is hereby designated and authorized to request, on behalf of Walworth County, fire suppression assistance from the State Wildland Fire Coordinator as deemed necessary within Walworth County.

The authority to request assistance as provided shall continue in full force and effect until terminated or modified by resolution of the County of Walworth Board of Commissioners.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

ATTEST: WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISIONERS Debbie Kahl, Auditor hairman