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Wisconsin Dairy Alliance Inc. and Venture Dairy
Cooperative v. Wisconsin Department of Natural
Resources, Natural Resources Board, Clean
Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Farmers Union

DOCKETING STATEMENTCircuit Court Case No. 2023-CV-66

Case Number Issued by Court of Appeals

Appellant(s) (Cross-Applicant)

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Venture Dairy Cooperative

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CRITERIA FOR EXPEDITED APPEALS

- This Docketing Statement is used solely to determine whether an appeal should be placed on the expedited appeal calendar. The respondent is not required to respond to the Docketing Statement. Generally, an appeal is appropriate for the expedited appeal calendar if:
 1. no more than 3 issues are raised;
 2. the parties' briefs will not exceed 15 pages in length; and
 3. the briefs can be filed in a shorter time than normally allowed.
 These requirements can be modified somewhat in appropriate cases.
- Parties should assume that the appeal will proceed under regular appellate procedure unless the court notifies them that the appeal is being considered for placement on the expedited appeals calendar.

JURISDICTION

Has judgment or order appealed from been "entered" (filed with the clerk of circuit court)?

☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, date of entry 01/31/2024.
Is appeal timely? (See §808.04, *Wisconsin Statutes*)
☒ Yes ☐ No

Is judgment or order final (does it dispose of the entire matter in litigation as to one or more of the parties)?

☒ Yes ☐ No (If "no", explain jurisdiction basis for appeal on separate sheet.)
NATURE OF ACTION – Briefly describe the nature of action and the result in circuit court:

This declaratory judgment action challenges the validity of two administrative rules that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) promulgated. The two rules effectively require all concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) with 1,000 or more animal units to have a Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit.

The Plaintiffs brought this action seeking a declaration that both rules are unlawful. The Plaintiffs brought two separate grounds for invalidating each rule: each rule exceeds the DNR's statutory authority, and each rule violates the uniformity mandate in Wis. Stat. § 283.11(2).

The circuit court concluded that each rule had statutory authority and that neither rule violated the uniformity mandate. The circuit court thus denied the Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment and granted the Defendants' motion for summary judgment.

ISSUES – Specify the issues to be raised on appeal: *(Attach separate sheet if necessary.)*

(Failure to include any matter in the docketing statement does not constitute waiver of that issue on appeal. The court may impose sanctions if it appears available information was withheld. Court of Appeals Internal Operating Procedures, sec. VII(2)(b).)

Does Wis. Admin. Code § NR 243.11(3), which requires a large CAFO to have a WPDES permit, exceed the DNR's statutory authority?

Does Wis. Admin. Code § NR 243.11(3) conflict with the uniformity mandate in Wis. Stat. § 283.11(2)(a), which requires the DNR's rules concerning point source discharges to be consistent with federal law?

Does Wis. Admin. Code § NR 243.03(2), which requires a large CAFO to have a WPDES permit in order for any of its storm water discharges to be exempt from liability and permitting requirements, exceed the DNR's statutory authority?

Does Wis. Admin. Code § NR 243.03(2) conflict with the uniformity mandate in Wis. Stat. § 283.11(2)(b), which requires rules concerning storm water discharges to be no more stringent than federal law?

STANDARD OF REVIEW – Specify the proper standard of review for each issue to be raised, citing relevant authority:

The court of appeals reviews de novo whether a rule exceeds an agency's statutory authority or conflicts with a statute. *Debeck v. Wisconsin Dep't of Nat. Res.*, 172 Wis. 2d 382, 386, 493 N.W.2d 234 (Ct. App. 1992).

The court of appeals "review[s] a grant of summary judgment de novo." *Munger v. Seehafer*, 2016 WI App 89, ¶ 46, 372 Wis. 2d 749, 890 N.W.2d 22.

Do you wish to have this appeal placed on the expedited appeals calendar? *(See Criteria For Expedited Appeals.)*

☐ Yes ☒ No If "no", explain : This appeal will not meet the criteria for expedited appeals, including the requirement that the briefs not exceed 15 pages.

Will a decision in this appeal meet the criteria for publication in Rule 809.23(1)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Will you request oral argument?

☐ Yes ☒ No

List all parties in trial court action who will not participate in this appeal:

<u>Party</u>	<u>Attorney's Name and Telephone Number</u>	<u>Reason for not Participating</u>
N/A	N/A	N/A

Are you aware of any pending or completed appeal arising out of the same or a companion trial court case that involves the same facts and the same or related issue?

☐ Yes ☒ No Name of Case _____

Appeal Number _____

Electronically signed by Scott E. Rosenow

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03/08/2024

Date

Appellant Note:

You MUST file this form and attachments with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

You MUST attach a copy of the following trial court documents to this form:

1. Trial court's judgment or order and findings of fact.
2. Conclusions of law.
3. Memorandum decision or opinion upon which the judgment or order is based.

You MUST also serve all parties with a copy of this completed Docketing Statement and attached trial court documents.

The clerk of circuit court shall forward this form to the Court of Appeals.

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Electronically signed by Carey J. Reed
Circuit Court Judge

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT CALUMET COUNTY
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WISCONSIN DAIRY ALLIANCE,
INC. and VENTURE DAIRY
COOPERATIVE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 23-CV-0066

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES and
WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES
BOARD,

Defendants,

CLEAN WISCONSIN and
WISCONSIN FARMERS UNION,

Intervenor-Defendants.

ORDER

This matter came before the Court on January 30, 2024, for a hearing on cross motions for summary judgment. Plaintiffs appeared by attorney Scott E. Rosenow, Defendants appeared by assistant attorney general Gabe Johnson-

Karp, Intervenor-Defendant Wisconsin Farmers Union appeared by attorney Adam Voskuil, and Intervenor-Defendant Clean Wisconsin appeared by attorney Evan Feinauer.

Based on the pleadings, briefing, and arguments before the Court, and for the reasons stated on the record:

It is hereby ordered that Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment is DENIED and Defendants' motion for summary judgment is GRANTED.

This is a final order for purposes of appeal.