



**TOWN OF WEST POINT
RESOLUTION #2026-08-13A**

**A RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE THE NATURAL BEAUTY, RURAL
CHARACTER, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HERITAGE OF THE TOWN OF
WEST POINT, COLUMBIA COUNTY, WISCONSIN BY OPPOSING THE BECI
765 TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT ROUTE**

WHEREAS, the Town of West Point, Columbia County, Wisconsin, is defined by its exceptional natural beauty, pristine rural character, productive agricultural landscapes, and quiet quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Town is bounded by the scenic waters of the Wisconsin River and Lake Wisconsin, and holds within its borders priceless ecological treasures, including the towering bluffs of the Gibraltar Rock State Natural Area and the historic Ice Age National Scenic Trail; and

WHEREAS, generations of residents have actively preserved this unique rural landscape, balancing thriving family farms with the protection of native wildlife habitats, clean watersheds, and panoramic open spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Point's State of Wisconsin's mandated comprehensive plan guides a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development best promoting public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, the general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Comprehensive Plan protects the Town's rural and scenic character and its natural, cultural, and agricultural resources while planning for and directing necessary and reasonable growth; and

WHEREAS, following a February 2026 Executive Order, the Council on Environmental Quality rescinded rules implementing the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) including opportunity for public comment, eliminating requirements for a draft Environmental Study (EIS); and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14270 (Zero-Based Regulatory Budgeting to Unleash American Energy) signed on April 9, 2026 will sunset many regulations including all opportunity for public comment by September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, BECI has proposed a 765-kilovolt (kV) high-voltage transmission line project, with a proposed route that would slice directly through the heart of the Town of West Point; and

WHEREAS, WI State Statutes 1.12(6) requires using existing utility corridors first, then highways and railroads, and brand new corridors last, and

WHEREAS, Mid Continent Grid Solutions has not offered any report that this proposed route has been planned in accordance with state statutes, and

WHEREAS, the construction of massive industrial transmission towers would permanently scar the town's legendary viewsheds, visually degrading the pristine vistas enjoyed from Gibraltar Rock and destroying the rural aesthetic that defines our community; and

WHEREAS, this heavy industrial infrastructure directly conflicts with the Town's long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship, threatening to disrupt delicate ecosystems, fragment continuous woodlands, and compromise agricultural soils; and

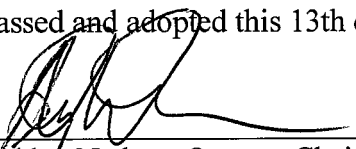
WHEREAS, preserving the natural heritage and rural charm of West Point is vital not only for the well-being and property values of its citizens, but also for the thousands of visitors who sustain the local economy by seeking outdoor recreation in our untouched spaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of West Point, Columbia County, Wisconsin, that the Town declares the preservation of its natural beauty and rural character to be a priority of the highest order, and therefore officially and unequivocally opposes any BECI 765 Transmission Line Project route through the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board calls upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) and BECI to respect the environmental integrity of West Point, honor the Town's Comprehensive Plan, and protect it's scenic landscapes by utilizing alternative routes outside the Town's boundaries.

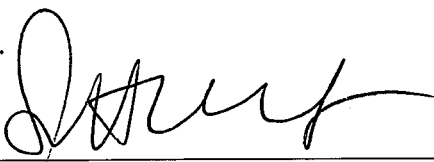
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to BECI project managers, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Ice Age Trail Alliance, Governor's office, and all member of the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly representing districts within the Town of West Point.

Passed and adopted this 13th day of August, 2026.

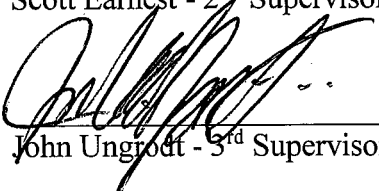


Ashley Nedeau-Owen – Chairman

Kevin Kessler - 1st Supervisor



Scott Earnest - 2nd Supervisor

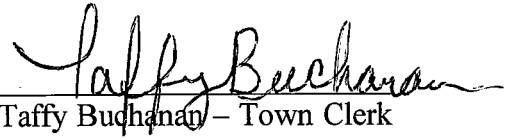


John Ungrodt - 3rd Supervisor



Brian Gasser - 4th Supervisor

Attest:



Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk