

TOWN OF WHEATLAND RESOLUTION 2026-02
RESOLUTION FORMALLY REQUESTING TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION REGARDING
PROPOSED 765 kV INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the Town of Wheatland Board has formally declared its opposition to the LRTP Project #26 765 kV transmission line via Resolution 2026-01; and

WHEREAS, Dairyland Power Cooperative has stated that route options will be "shaped by input from landowners and other stakeholders"; and

WHEREAS, informed municipal participation requires a complete understanding of the physical and environmental footprint of the proposed 765 kV "backbone" system, which serves markets outside of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the unique geography of Wheatland—including karst limestone, steep ridges, and fog-prone valleys—creates specific risks for corona discharge noise and groundwater contamination that must be addressed with technical data;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Wheatland Board (Vernon County) hereby demands that Dairyland Power Cooperative provide the following documentation to the Board by April 11th 2026.

1. Physical Footprint and Siting

Corridor Dimensions: Provide the maximum width of corridors and non-public construction access roads required for a 765 kV facility.

Tower Specifications: Provide images and maximum heights (in feet) for towers designed to carry 765 kV lines alone, or co-located with 161 kV or 69 kV lines.

Proximity Data: Document how the utility will manage safety for homes and outbuildings located as close as 90 feet from existing center lines.

2. Environmental and Biological Protections

DNR Heritage Compliance: Provide specific management plans to prevent damage to the Iowa Pleistocene Snail (S1) and Northern Monkshood (S2) habitats and the Algific Talus Slopes (G2) they rely on.

Groundwater & Karst Safety: Provide detailed construction practices for blasting and foundations in karst (limestone) terrain to prevent groundwater contamination or sinkhole collapses.

Corona Discharge Data: Provide Sound Pressure Level data for audible noise and documented mitigation for light pollution in damp, high-humidity river bottom locations.

Wildlife Impact: Provide documented strategies for reducing avian collisions along the Mississippi Flyway and the impact of low-frequency corona noise on wildlife reproductive cycles.

3. Economic and Regulatory Transparency

Cost Allocation: A breakdown of how the 40-year capital costs will impact local member-owners of the Vernon and Scenic Electric Cooperatives.

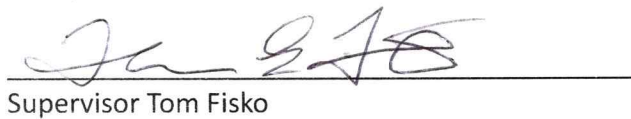
Local Benefit: A list of the specific "economic development benefits" this "pass-through" line will provide to the Town of Wheatland.

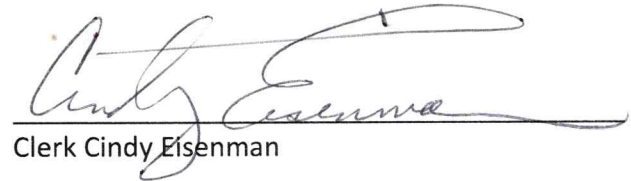
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Wheatland Board considers the provision of this data a prerequisite for any further discussion regarding route preferences or stakeholder input.

ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2026.


Chairman Jayne Ballwahn


Supervisor Janice Vanevenhoven


Supervisor Tom Fisko


Clerk Cindy Eisenman