

## **Resolution No. 002-2026**

### **Resolution Opposing the Construction of a Proposed 765 Kilovolt (kV) Electric Transmission Line Within the Town of Buena Vista**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is charged with protecting the public health, safety, welfare, natural resources, agricultural economy, and quality of life of Town residents; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposed 765 kilovolt electric transmission line has been identified as a potential project affecting lands within or adjacent to the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's Comprehensive Plan promotes the preservation of productive farmland, environmentally sensitive areas, scenic landscapes, private property rights, and the rural character of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, transmission facilities of this magnitude require substantial permanent easements, large steel support structures, extensive clearing, and long-term maintenance that may permanently alter agricultural operations, rural landscapes, wildlife habitat, and natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Town residents have expressed concerns regarding:

- Impacts on family farms and agricultural productivity;
- Loss of private property rights and potential condemnation;
- Reductions in property values;
- Effects on wetlands, trout streams, forests, wildlife habitat, and the Driftless Area landscape;
- Visual impacts and industrialization of rural communities;
- Construction impacts to local roads and infrastructure;
- Noise, corona discharge, and other operational impacts associated with extra-high-voltage transmission facilities;
- Cumulative impacts from existing and proposed utility corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board finds that the proposed transmission corridor is inconsistent with the Town's adopted land use objectives and long-term planning goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin law provides opportunities for local governments to submit comments and participate in proceedings before the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin regarding transmission line siting.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

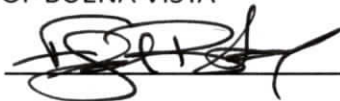
1. The Town Board formally opposes the construction of any proposed 765 kilovolt transmission line within the Town of Buena Vista.

2. The Town Board finds that the project is incompatible with the Town's Comprehensive Plan, agricultural preservation goals, environmental stewardship objectives, and protection of private property rights.
3. The Town Board requests that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin deny any application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) that would authorize construction of such a transmission facility within the Town unless it is demonstrated through competent evidence that:
  - no reasonable alternatives exist;
  - the project is clearly necessary for Wisconsin electric reliability;
  - environmental and agricultural impacts have been minimized; and
  - affected property owners have been fully protected.
4. The Town Board requests that all feasible alternatives, including upgrades to existing corridors, distributed generation, demand-side management, energy storage, and other transmission alternatives be fully evaluated before approval of any new 765 kV corridor.
5. The Town Clerk shall transmit copies of this Resolution to:
  - the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin;
  - the Governor of Wisconsin;
  - the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources;
  - the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection;
  - the Town's State Senator and State Representative;
  - the County Board;
  - affected utilities and transmission applicants.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026, by the Town Board of the Town of Buena Vista, Wisconsin.

TOWN OF BUENA VISTA

By:



Floyd Bartow Jr, Town Chair



Gordon Brockway, Town Supervisor



Zachary Thome, Town Supervisor

Attest:



Melissa Allen, Town Clerk