

TOWN OF EAGLE  
RICHLAND COUNTY, WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 2

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED 765kV HIGH-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE THROUGH THE DRIFTLESS AREA

WHEREAS, the 765kV high-voltage transmission line (the transmission line) proposal includes alternative corridors, and all these routes pass through the Driftless Area which includes Crawford, Vernon, Richland, and Sauk Counties; and

WHEREAS, the alternative corridors do not utilize existing rights-of ways but instead select unspoiled lands which will be irreparably damaged by the construction, operation and maintenance of the transmission line; and

WHEREAS, the transmission line is not in the public interest, but instead will benefit the private interests of entities who will own the line or users of vast amounts of electricity that want the public to subsidize the true cost of operating their businesses; and

WHEREAS, the costs (to include the permanent reduction of property values, increased healthcare expenses, negative environmental impacts such as sight, noise and water pollution, and the loss of plant and animal habitat) that will result from the construction, operation and maintenance of the transmission line, will be paid or endured by persons who receive none of the benefits;

WHEREAS, tourism represents one of the fastest-growing economic sectors and vital business opportunities in the Greater Richland Area, supporting local merchants, hospitality providers, and community vitality; and

WHEREAS, the proposed construction of the transmission line directly undermines this expanding economic engine and threatens future regional development; and

WHEREAS, the project planning and review process has suffered from a distinct lack of transparency and an inappropriately accelerated timeline, denying local stakeholders and citizens adequate opportunity for meaningful review and public participation; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a required 250-foot clear-cut maintenance corridor across the local hills and valleys creates highly probable soil erosion issues, irreparable land degradation, and long-term environmental instability; and

WHEREAS, the extreme humidity characteristic of the local climate will significantly exacerbate corona discharge sound emissions, generating continuous visual and auditory pollution that is unpleasant and disturbing to residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, world health authorities, including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI), classify extremely low frequency electromagnetic fields (EMF) as possibly carcinogenic, and such fields present documented risks of interference with standard electronic and agricultural equipment; and

WHEREAS, this initiative functions purely as a pass-thru project designed to transport electricity for the use and benefit of private entities, offering zero returned value, tax equity, or energy benefit to the local community while inflicting irreversible damage upon the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Eagle formally and unequivocally opposes the placement, construction, or routing as proposed of the transmission line within the Driftless Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Eagle urges all state regulators, elected officials, public utility commissions, and planning bodies to reject the proposed route applications through this region, consider alternative routes and design modifications including co-location within existing corridors or underground, and prioritize the protection of the area's natural heritage, local economy, and citizen well-being.

Approved and adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Eagle, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2026, on a vote of 3-0



Brian C. McGraw, Town Chair

Attest:



Bobbi Ann Goplin, Town Clerk