

TOWN OF TURTLE RESOLUTION 2026-12

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE TOWN OF TURTLE'S OPPOSITION TO POTENTIAL FUTURE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A 765 KV TRANSMISSION LINE THAT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE COMMUNITY.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Town of Turtle (the "Town") has received information that one or more utility companies, developers, transmission companies, or other entities may be considering a future energy infrastructure project in Southern Wisconsin which consists of the construction and installation of a 765 kV transmission line;

WHEREAS, no formal application has been filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin ("PSC"), and the scope, location, and impacts of any potential project for the installation of a 765 kV transmission line remain uncertain;

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the importance of reliable energy infrastructure while also recognizing its responsibility to protect the health, safety, welfare, property interests, agricultural resources, natural resources, and rural character of the community;

WHEREAS, the Town Board has substantial concerns regarding the potential effects that the installation of a 765 kV transmission line could have on local residents, landowners, businesses, farming operations, environmentally sensitive areas, roads, and other public resources; and

WHEREAS, the governing body believes that the potential burdens of the installation of a 765 kV line in the municipality may outweigh any demonstrated local benefits unless and until sufficient information is provided establishing otherwise.

RESOLUTIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby expresses its formal opposition to the siting or construction of a 765 kV transmission line within or affecting the Town, where such routing would create a new transmission corridor or otherwise impose substantial and avoidable impacts upon Town residents, private property, agricultural lands, residential neighborhoods, natural resources, development, or the Town's quality of life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body strongly encourages any utility, developer, or project proponent proposing to build a 765 kV transmission line to evaluate alternatives that avoid or minimize impacts to homes, neighborhoods, productive farmland, environmentally sensitive areas, and existing community resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town expects any utility, developer, or project proponent proposing to build a 765 kV transmission line to engage in meaningful consultation with local officials, affected property owners, and residents before the submission of any formal application for state approval.

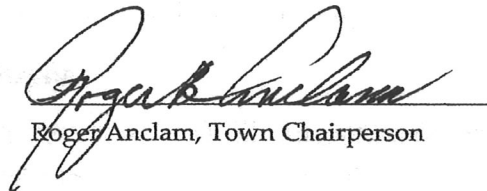
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should a project ultimately be proposed to construct and install a 765 kV transmission line, the Town intends to actively participate in all applicable regulatory proceedings and advocate for the protection of local interests, including the consideration of alternatives, routing modifications, mitigation measures, and other conditions designed to reduce adverse impacts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board recognizes that the PSC is the entity authorized by Wisconsin law to review and act upon certain utility siting applications, such as an application for the construction and installation of a 765 kV transmission line but respectfully requests that the PSC give substantial weight to the concerns, recommendations, and interests of affected local governments and residents.

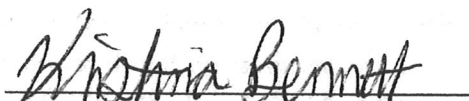
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk may provide a copy of this Resolution to any known project proponent, affected governmental entities, and any state agency involved in the review of a proposal to construct and install a 765 kV transmission line.

Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Turtle, Rock County, Wisconsin, this 9th day of September, 2026.

APPROVED:


Roger Anclam, Town Chairperson

ATTEST:


Kristina Bennett, Town Clerk