

Resolution No. 02-20

Resolution in Support of Polk County's Agreement to Pay Cost Share for the 2020-2022
Municipal Dam Grant Program-Atlas Dam

**TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRPERSON AND SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY
BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF POLK:**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1 WHEREAS, as the owner of the Atlas Feed Mill dam, Polk County is responsible for the safe
2 operation and maintenance of the dam.

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4 WHEREAS, the Atlas Feed Mill Dam is a large, significant hazard dam based on a Dam
5 Failure Analysis approved by the WIDNR in 1994.

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7 WHEREAS, an Emergency Action Plan and Inspection, Operation and Maintenance Plan
8 was approved by the WIDNR in 2014. The Atlas Feed Dam was last inspected in 2019.

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10 WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WIDNR) evaluated the
11 current inspection and dam failure analysis prepared by the Polk County engineer. The
12 WIDNR sent Polk County a letter of concurrence outlining necessary repairs and a
13 timeline for completion by 2022.

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15 WHEREAS, the repairs outlined in the letter of concurrence from the WIDNR are dated as
16 such: Concrete 01/01/2022, Staff Gage 06/01/2020, and Embankment 01/01/2012.

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18 WHEREAS, the WIDNR administers a grant to assist with costs associated with repair or
19 removal of dams. The Municipal Dam Grant runs on a two year cycle and if awarded will
20 cost share 50 percent (50%) of the project costs.

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22 WHEREAS, the grant application deadline is February 28, 2020. If the grant is not applied
23 for in 2020, the County will forfeit cost sharing opportunities provide by the grant.

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25 WHEREAS, Polk County owns the Atlas Feed Mill dam and requests financial assistance
26 under s.31.385 and s. 227.11 Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 335, Wis. Adm. Code, for the purpose
27 of dam repair.

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29 WHEREAS, the state share for such a project may not exceed 50 percent (50%) of the first
30 \$400,000.00 of total eligible project costs nor 25 percent (25%) of the next \$800,00.00 of
31 total eligible project costs;

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33 WHEREAS, the estimated project costs according to SEH Engineering are roughly
34 \$100,000.00 and the estimated cost to Polk County will be \$50,000.00.

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36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Polk County Board of Supervisors approves
37 the application to the WIDNR for Municipal Dam Grant and agrees to pay share of the

38 eligible costs which is equal to the total project cost minus the state share should this grant be
39 awarded in 2021 .

BY: _____
Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1

Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2

Dean Johansen, Chair,
Supervisor, District #3,

Chris Nelson, Supervisor, District #4

Tracy LaBlanc, Supervisor, District #5

Brian Masters, Supervisor, District #6

Michael Prichard, Supervisor, District #7

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Jay Luke, 1st Vice Chair,
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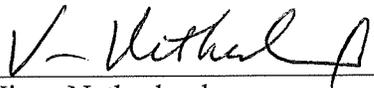
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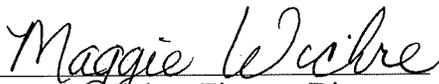
Joe Demulling, Supervisor, District #15

County Administrator's Note:
Recommended.



Vince Netherland
Polk County Administrator

Fiscal Impact Note:
Environmental Services Division is applying for this DNR grant. If awarded, there would be budgeted an estimated \$50,000 as a match to the grant for improvements on the Atlas Dam.



Maggie Wickre, Finance Director

Approved as to Form and Execution:



Malia Malone, Polk County Corporation Counsel

Legal Impact Note:

This Resolution is a condition precedent for the grant funding and indicates a policy intention on providing the matching funds in future budgets.

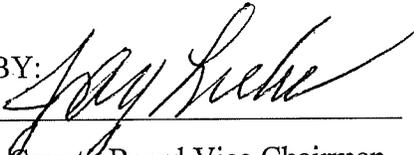
Excerpt of Minutes

40 At its regular business meeting on the 20th of February 2020, the Polk County
 41 Board of Supervisors acted upon Resolution No. 02-20: Resolution In Support
 42 of Polk County's Agreement to Pay Cost Share for the 2020-2022
 43 Municipal Dam Grant Program - Atlas Dam
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- Adopted by a majority of the members present by a vote of 11 in favor and 1 against.
- Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Adopted as amended. See Below.
- Defeated
- Other:

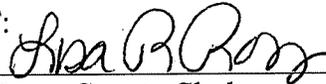
Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes:
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SIGNED BY:



Jay Luke, County Board Vice Chairman

ATTEST:



Lisa Ross, County Clerk

Executive Summary

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WIDNR) evaluated the current inspection and dam failure analysis prepared by Scott Geddes, formally Polk County engineer. The WIDNR sent Polk County a letter of concurrence outlining necessary repairs and a timeline for completion. This Resolution demonstrates agreement to pay the county cost share of 50 percent (50%) of the total project costs for the Atlas Feed Mill Dam repair. Applications for this grant are only accepted every two years. If successful in procuring the grant, funding from the State of Wisconsin will be available in 2021. The Municipal Dam grant would be used to fund engineering and construction costs incurred in the repair of the dam. Failure to fix the three deficient items may result in a

mandatory draw down similar to what happened to the Kennedy Dam. The Resolution would increase the likelihood that Polk County would be awarded the grant as it is part of the application materials.

