

IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NO. 15-0725

**A RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE ABILITY OF COUNTIES
TO TRANSFER PL 566 DAMS TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, many counties in Wisconsin own and maintain numerous PL 566 dams on private property; and

WHEREAS, these dams are 50+ years-old; and

WHEREAS, the WDNR and NRCS no longer provide inspection support for these dams, placing a financial burden on counties; and

WHEREAS, these dams represent a cost for maintenance to these counties in mowing, brush removal, inspections, valve and equipment replacement; and

WHEREAS, many private landowners would rather do their own maintenance rather than have the dam removed; and

WHEREAS, the dams themselves have no recreational value to the general public as they are on private property; and

WHEREAS, the inability for the counties to reassign these dams to private ownership due to a 100+ year-old statute that assumed a value of the dams for power generation and milling; and

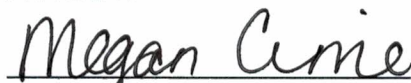
WHEREAS, these dams do not benefit the counties who own them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors strongly supports the ability for counties to transfer these PL 566 dams to the landowners who hold title to the real estate under those dams.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of July 2025.


John M. Meyers
Iowa County Board Chair

ATTEST:


Megan Currie, County Clerk