



# ROB STAFSHOLT

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DATE: February 3, 2020  
RE: **Testimony on 2019 Senate Bill 736**  
TO: Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs  
FROM: Representative Rob Stafsholt

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Good morning and thank you for taking the time to hear this important bill relating to permits for the overweight transport of the residue material resulting from treatment of municipal sewage.

Earlier this year, the State Patrol advised the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility that the heavy haul permit for hauling non-metallic or metallic scrap for the purposes of recycling or processing that it had been using was not valid because the DOT had no explicit statutory authority to issue an overweight permit for hauling recycling byproducts. As a result, the Facility has been required to reduce the size of its loads in one direction only to no more than 6,000 gallons. More trips are now required and transportation costs for the Facility and the communities using the Facility are expected to increase by more than \$215,000/year. In addition, new trailers will have to be purchased at a cost of \$300,000. All costs will be passed along to the end user which is the general public in these 19 communities.

A statutory change would provide the DOT with explicit authority to issue an overweight permit up to 100,000 pounds so that wastewater, biosolids, and byproducts can continue to be hauled to and from the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility as it had been without incident for the last 20 years. The overweight permit will save an additional \$215,000/year in transportation costs. Keeping the costs of the Facility down so that community use is affordable provides important benefits for the entire region. The communities who use the Facility support the request for a statutory change and their governing bodies have passed resolutions supporting the change.

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. We encourage you all to join me in supporting this piece of legislation.

## **West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility**

677 Bio Avenue · Ellsworth, Wisconsin 54011 Phone 715-273-6461

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs

From: West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Commission

Date: February 4, 2020

Re: Request Support for SB 736

The West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Commission and the 21 communities who use the regional facility operated by the Commission ask you to support SB 736.

The West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Commission is a regional commission comprised of communities from west central Wisconsin. The Commission was formed to operate a regional facility that processes wastewater sludge and turns it into a Class A fertilizer that can be applied to lawns, gardens, and farm fields. This regional facility has been operating for over 20 years. It currently receives wastewater sludge from 21 communities located in Polk, Pierce, Pepin, Dunn, Buffalo, Trempealeau, and St. Croix Counties.

The wastewater sludge from community treatment plants is transported to the Facility by truck. At the Facility, the sludge is dewatered, and mixed with lime and other materials to create the fertilizer. The liquid byproduct that remains from this process is returned to the community treatment plants by truck.

The Facility contracts with a trucking company to transport the wastewater sludge to the Facility, and to transport the liquid byproduct from the Facility back to the community. The trucks that have been used have a capacity of 8,000 gallons, and at full capacity have a gross weight of 97,000 pounds on average.

When the Facility began operating, the Facility's trucking contractor obtained a multi-trip permit from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to truck this waste over highways at a maximum load of up to 100,000 pounds. Trucking in accordance with this permit has occurred continuously since that time (for over 20 years) without incident. With this permit, there were approximately 12-15 roundtrips to the Facility each day.

In 2019, the DOT advised the Facility that the permit it had been relying upon was not valid for the return trips from the Facility because the DOT had no explicit statutory authority to issue an overweight permit for the byproducts from the wastewater sludge treatment process. As a result, the Facility has been required to reduce the size of its return loads to no more than 6,000 gallons. More trips are now required and, in 2019, transportation costs for the Facility and the communities using the Facility increased by more than \$225,000/year. In addition, new trailers may have to be purchased in the future at a cost of \$300,000.

The West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Commission asks you to support SB 736, which provides statutory authority for the DOT to issue an overweight permit of up to 100,000 pounds for hauling the byproducts created after biosolids are processed at the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility back to the community treatment plants. The overweight permit will allow the Facility and the communities to avoid spending \$300,000 on new trailers and an additional \$225,000/year in transportation costs. Keeping the costs of the Facility down so that community use is affordable provides important benefits for the entire region. The communities who use the Facility support the request for a statutory change.

VILLAGE OF BALDWIN  
RESOLUTION #2019-01

**RESOLUTION APPROVING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZE  
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ISSUE A PERMIT  
THAT ALLOWS THE WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN BIOSOLIDS FACILITY TO  
HAUL BIOSOLIDS IN EXCESS OF STATUTORY LIMITS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Baldwin has joined more than a dozen other Wisconsin municipalities, pursuant to § 66.0603 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to construct, operate and maintain a regional facility, known as the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility ("Facility"), that processes biosolids generated by publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Facility has operated since 1995, providing great financial and environmental benefit to the Village of Baldwin and the other Facility members; and

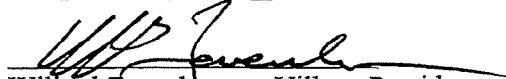
**WHEREAS**, it is critical to the success of the Facility that members be able to transport biosolids in excess of statutory size and weight limits to and from the Facility, as has been permitted since the inception of the Facility;

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Facility that legislative action is necessary to ensure that the Department of Transportation has express authority to permit such hauling of biosolids in excess of statutory limits;


**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED**, that the Village of Baldwin supports legislative action to modify section 348.27 of the Wisconsin Statutes to expressly allow the Department of Transportation to issue permits allowing trucks to transport biosolids on State highways in excess of statutory height and weight limits; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that representatives of the Village of Baldwin are hereby authorized to provide the Facility with whatever assistance may be required to aid in its efforts to effectuate legislative action as described above.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019

  
Willard Zevenbergen, Village President

Attest:

  
Tracy Carlson, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Voting yes: 7  
Voting no: 0  
Absent: 0  
Abstain: 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01****FORM MEMBER RESOLUTION APPROVING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO EXPRESSLY  
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**WHEREAS, Village of Ellsworth** has joined more than a dozen other Wisconsin municipalities, pursuant to § 66.0603 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to construct, operate and maintain a regional facility, known as the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility ("Facility"), that processes biosolids generated by publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants; and

**WHEREAS,** the Facility has operated since 1995, providing great financial and environmental benefit to Village of Ellsworth and the other Facility members; and

**WHEREAS,** it is critical to the success of the Facility that members be able to transport biosolids in excess of statutory size and weight limits to and from the Facility, as has been permitted since the inception of the Facility;

**WHEREAS,** it has been determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Facility that legislative action is necessary to ensure that the Department of Transportation has express authority to permit such hauling of biosolids in excess of statutory limits;

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED,** that Village of Ellsworth supports legislative action to modify section 348.27 of the Wisconsin Statutes to expressly allow the Department of Transportation to issue permits allowing trucks to transport biosolids on State highways in excess of statutory height and weight limits; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that representatives of Village of Ellsworth are hereby authorized to provide the Facility with whatever assistance may be required to aid in its efforts to effectuate legislative action as described above.

Introduced by Village Pres. Gerald DeWolfe

Moved by Michael J. Steele

Seconded by Curt Wandmacher

Passed and approved by the Village Board on the 4th of March, 2019.

**FORM MEMBER RESOLUTION APPROVING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO EXPRESSLY  
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**WHEREAS**, Village of Hammond has joined more than a dozen other Wisconsin municipalities, pursuant to § 66.0603 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to construct, operate and maintain a regional facility, known as the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility ("Facility"), that processes biosolids generated by publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Facility has operated since 1995, providing great financial and environmental benefit to Village of Hammond and the other Facility members; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to the success of the Facility that members be able to transport biosolids in excess of statutory size and weight limits to and from the Facility, as has been permitted since the inception of the Facility;

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Facility that legislative action is necessary to ensure that the Department of Transportation has express authority to permit such hauling of biosolids in excess of statutory limits;

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED**, that Village of Hammond supports legislative action to modify section 348.27 of the Wisconsin Statutes to expressly allow the Department of Transportation to issue permits allowing trucks to transport biosolids on State highways in excess of statutory height and weight limits; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that representatives of Village of Hammond are hereby authorized to provide the Facility with whatever assistance may be required to aid in its efforts to effectuate legislative action as described above.

Introduced by President Bibeau

Moved by Trustee Mark Benton

Seconded by Trustee Lynn Pabst

Passed and approved by the Village Board on the 11 of February, 2019.



Kip Peters  
Hudson Public Utilities Director  
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**Resolution No. 1-2019 of Hudson Public Utilities, Hudson Wisconsin**

**WCWBF MEMBER RESOLUTION APPROVING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ISSUE A PERMIT THAT ALLOWS THE WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN BIOSOLIDS FACILITY TO HAUL BIOSOLIDS IN EXCESS OF STATUTORY LIMITS**

**WHEREAS**, Hudson Public Utilities has joined more than a dozen other Wisconsin municipalities, pursuant to § 66.0603 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to construct, operate and maintain a regional facility, known as the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility ("Facility"), that processes biosolids generated by publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Facility has operated since 1995, providing great financial and environmental benefit to Hudson Public Utilities and the other Facility members; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to the success of the Facility that members be able to transport biosolids in excess of statutory size and weight limits to and from the Facility, as has been permitted since the inception of the Facility;

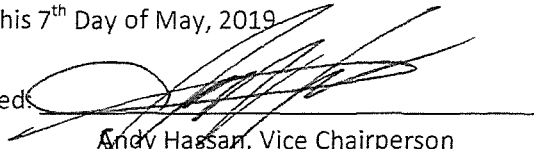
**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Facility that legislative action is necessary to ensure that the Department of Transportation has express authority to permit such hauling of biosolids in excess of statutory limits;

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED**, that Hudson Public Utilities supports legislative action to modify section 348.27 of the Wisconsin Statutes to expressly allow the Department of Transportation to issue permits allowing trucks to transport biosolids on State highways in excess of statutory height and weight limits; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that representatives of Hudson Public Utilities are hereby authorized to provide the Facility with whatever assistance may be required to aid in its efforts to effectuate legislative action as described above.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2019

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2019

Approved: 

Andy Hassan, Vice Chairperson

Attest: 

Kip Peters, Utility Director

**RESOLUTION #031904**  
**RESOLUTION APPROVING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZE THE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ISSUE A PERMIT THAT ALLOWS THE**  
**WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN BIOSOLIDS FACILITY TO HAUL BIOSOLIDS IN EXCESS**  
**OF STATUTORY LIMITS**

**WHEREAS**, The City of New Richmond has joined more than a dozen other Wisconsin municipalities, pursuant to § 66.0603 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to construct, operate and maintain a regional facility, known as the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility ("Facility"), that processes biosolids generated by publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Facility has operated since 1995, providing great financial and environmental benefit to The City of New Richmond and the other Facility members; and

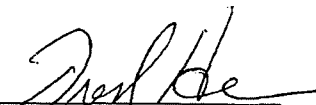
**WHEREAS**, it is critical to the success of the Facility that members be able to transport biosolids in excess of statutory size and weight limits to and from the Facility, as has been permitted since the inception of the Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Facility that legislative action is necessary to ensure that the Department of Transportation has express authority to permit such hauling of biosolids in excess of statutory limits;

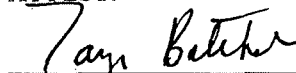
**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED**, that The City of New Richmond supports legislative action to modify section 348.27 of the Wisconsin Statutes to expressly allow the Department of Transportation to issue permits allowing trucks to transport biosolids on State highways in excess of statutory height and weight limits; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that representatives of The City of New Richmond are hereby authorized to provide the Facility with whatever assistance may be required to aid in its efforts to effectuate legislative action as described above.

Passed and approved by the Common Council of the City of New Richmond on the 11th of March, 2019.

  
Fred Horne, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Tanya Batchelor, City Clerk

**Resolution No. 19-03**

**FORM MEMBER RESOLUTION APPROVING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO EXPRESSLY  
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BIOSOLIDS IN EXCESS OF STATUTORY LIMITS**

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Osceola has joined more than a dozen other Wisconsin municipalities, pursuant to § 66.0603 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to construct, operate and maintain a regional facility, known as the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility ("Facility"), that processes biosolids generated by publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Facility has operated since 1995, providing great financial and environmental benefit to the Village and the other Facility members; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to the success of the Facility that members be able to transport biosolids in excess of statutory size and weight limits to and from the Facility, as has been permitted since the inception of the Facility;

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Facility that legislative action is necessary to ensure that the Department of Transportation has express authority to permit such hauling of biosolids in excess of statutory limits;

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED**, that the Village of Osceola supports legislative action to modify section 348.27 of the Wisconsin Statutes to expressly allow the Department of Transportation to issue permits allowing trucks to transport biosolids on State highways in excess of statutory height and weight limits; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that representatives of the Village of Osceola are hereby authorized to provide the Facility with whatever assistance may be required to aid in its efforts to effectuate legislative action as described above.

Adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019

Signed: *Gary A. Beckmann*  
Gary Beckmann, Village President

Attest: *Kari Zegarski*  
Kari Zegarski, Village Clerk



RESOLUTION #2019-02-08

FORM MEMBER RESOLUTION APPROVING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ISSUE A PERMIT THAT ALLOWS THE WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN BIOSOLIDS FACILITY TO HAUL BIOSOLIDS IN EXCESS OF STATUTORY LIMITS

**WHEREAS,** The Village of Plum City has joined more than a dozen other Wisconsin municipalities, pursuant to § 66.0603 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to construct, operate and maintain a regional facility, known as the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility ("Facility"), that processes biosolids generated by publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants; and

**WHEREAS,** the Facility has operated since 1995, providing great financial and environmental benefit to the Village of Plum City and the other Facility members; and

**WHEREAS,** it is critical to the success of the Facility that members be able to transport biosolids in excess of statutory size and weight limits to and from the Facility as has been permitted since the inception of the Facility;

**WHEREAS,** it has been determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Facility that legislative action is necessary to ensure that the Department of Transportation has express authority to permit such hauling of biosolids in excess of statutory limits;

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED,** that the Village of Plum City supports legislative action to modify section 348.27 of the Wisconsin Statutes to expressly allow the Department of Transportation to issue permits allowing trucks to transport biosolids on State highways in excess of statutory height and weight limits; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** that representatives of the Village of Plum City are hereby authorized to provide the Facility with whatever assistance may be required to aid in its efforts to effectuate legislative action as described above.

Introduced by

*Doug Waite*

Moved by

*Ken Kentz*

Seconded by

*Ron Fennell & Andrew*

Passed and approved by the Village Board on the *8<sup>th</sup>* of *February*, 2019.

## RESOLUTION 01-19

**FORM MEMBER RESOLUTION APPROVING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO EXPRESSLY  
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**WHEREAS**, City of Prescott has joined more than a dozen other Wisconsin municipalities, pursuant to § 66.0603 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to construct, operate and maintain a regional facility, known as the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility ("Facility"), that processes biosolids generated by publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Facility has operated since 1995, providing great financial and environmental benefit to the City of Prescott and the other Facility members; and

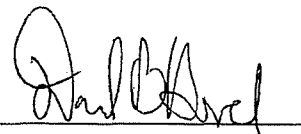
**WHEREAS**, it is critical to the success of the Facility that members be able to transport biosolids in excess of statutory size and weight limits to and from the Facility, as has been permitted since the inception of the Facility;

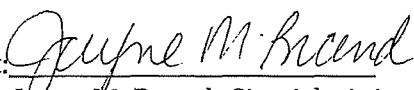
**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Facility that legislative action is necessary to ensure that the Department of Transportation has express authority to permit such hauling of biosolids in excess of statutory limits;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Prescott supports legislative action to modify section 348.27 of the Wisconsin Statutes to expressly allow the Department of Transportation to issue permits allowing trucks to transport biosolids on State highways in excess of statutory height and weight limits; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that representatives of City of Prescott are hereby authorized to provide the Facility with whatever assistance may be required to aid in its efforts to effectuate legislative action as described above.

Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Prescott, Wisconsin on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

  
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David B. Hovel, Mayor

Attest:   
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Jayne M. Brand, City Administrator



**RESOLUTION NO. 6373**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING OVERWEIGHT PERMIT FOR THE WEST CENTRAL BIOSOLIDS FACILITY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of River Falls Utilities has joined more than a dozen other Wisconsin municipalities, pursuant to section 66.0603 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to construct, operate, and maintain a regional facility, known as the West Central Biosolids Facility ("Facility"), that processes biosolids generated by publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility has operated since 1995, providing great financial and environmental benefit to the City of River Falls and other facility members; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to the success of the facility that members be able to transport biosolids in excess of statutory size and weight limits to and from the facility, as has been permitted since the inception of the facility;

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Board of Commissioners of the facility that legislative action is necessary to ensure the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has express authority to permit hauling of biosolids in excess of the statutory limits;

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED**, that the City of River Falls supports legislative action to modify section 348.27 of the Wisconsin Statutes to expressly allow the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to issue permits allowing trucks to transport biosolids on state highways in excess of statutory height and weight limits; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Common Council authorize representatives of the City of River Falls to provide the Facility with assistance that may be required to aid in its efforts to effectuate legislative action as described above.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Toland', written over a horizontal line.

Dan Toland, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy White', written over a horizontal line.

Amy White, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01**

**FORM MEMBER RESOLUTION APPROVING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO EXPRESSLY  
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**WHEREAS**, the Village of Somerset, St Croix County Wisconsin (Village), has joined more than a dozen other Wisconsin municipalities, pursuant to Stat. 66.0603 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to construct, operate and maintain a regional facility, known as the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility ("Facility"), that processes biosolids generated publicly-owned wastewater treatment plant; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility has operated since 1995, providing great financial and environmental benefit to the Village and the other Facility members; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to the success of the Facility that members be able to transport biosolids in excess of statutory size and weight limits to and from the Facility, as has been permitted since the inception of the Facility;

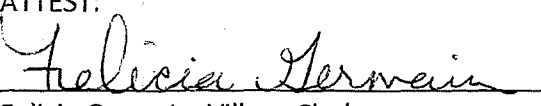
**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Facility that legislative action is necessary to ensure that the Department of Transportation has express authority to permit such hauling of biosolids in excess of statutory limits;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Somerset supports legislative action to modify section 348.27 of the Wisconsin Statutes to expressly allow the Department of Transportation to issue permits allowing trucks to transport biosolids on State highways in excess of statutory height and weight limits; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that representatives of the Village are hereby authorized to provide the Facility with whatever assistance may be required to aid in its efforts to effectuate legislative action as described above.

The above resolution has been authorized by the governing body of the Village of Somerset Resolution No. 2019-01, dated on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

  
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John Melvin, Village President

ATTEST:  
  
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Felicia Germain, Village Clerk

Moved by: Bart Palmer      Seconded by: James Chandler

Resolution 66-2019(b)

ATTACHMENT

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**WHEREAS**, [City/Village of Spring Valley] joined more than a dozen other Wisconsin municipalities, pursuant to § 66.0603 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to construct, operate and maintain a regional facility, known as the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility ("Facility"), that processes biosolids generated by publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Facility has operated since 1995, providing great financial and environmental benefit to [City/Village] and the other Facility members; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to the success of the Facility that members be able to transport biosolids in excess of statutory size and weight limits to and from the Facility, as has been permitted since the inception of the Facility;

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Board of Commissioners of the Facility that legislative action is necessary to ensure that the Department of Transportation has express authority to permit such hauling of biosolids in excess of statutory limits;

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED**, that [City/Village] supports legislative action to modify section 348.27 of the Wisconsin Statutes to expressly allow the Department of Transportation to issue permits allowing trucks to transport biosolids on State highways in excess of statutory height and weight limits; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that representatives of [City/Village] are hereby authorized to provide the Facility with whatever assistance may be required to aid in its efforts to effectuate legislative action as described above.

Introduced by Mary Ducklow

Moved by Dale Jacobson

Seconded by Matt Hueppel

Passed and approved by the Village Board on the 6 of June, 2019.

Ayes 5  
Nays 0

VILLAGE OF BALDWIN  
RESOLUTION #2019-01

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**WHEREAS**, the Village of Baldwin has joined more than a dozen other Wisconsin municipalities, pursuant to § 66.0603 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to construct, operate and maintain a regional facility, known as the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility ("Facility"), that processes biosolids generated by publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Facility has operated since 1995, providing great financial and environmental benefit to the Village of Baldwin and the other Facility members; and

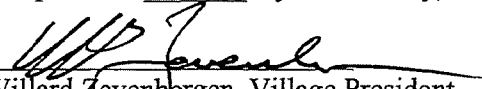
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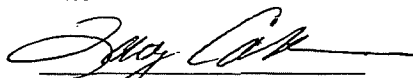
**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED**, that the Village of Baldwin supports legislative action to modify section 348.27 of the Wisconsin Statutes to expressly allow the Department of Transportation to issue permits allowing trucks to transport biosolids on State highways in excess of statutory height and weight limits; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that representatives of the Village of Baldwin are hereby authorized to provide the Facility with whatever assistance may be required to aid in its efforts to effectuate legislative action as described above.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019

  
Willard Zevenbergen, Village President

Attest:

  
Tracy Carlson, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Voting yes: 7  
Voting no: 0  
Absent: 0  
Abstain: 0



Kip Peters  
*Hudson Public Utilities Director*  
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Senate Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs  
Senator Jerry Petrowski, Chair  
Room 123 South  
State Capital  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI. 53707

RE: Support for SB 736

Dear Chairman Petrowski and Committee Members,

I am writing today in support of SB 736 and hope the City of Hudson can count on you for support of this critical bill.

SB 736 asks that statute 348.27(9r) be amended to create 348.27(9r)(b) relating to permits for the overweight transport of the residue material resulting from treatment of municipal sewage.

On May 7, 2019 the Hudson Utility Commission unanimously voted "yes" to Resolution No. 1-2019 which supports legislative action to modify section 348.27 of the Wisconsin Statutes to expressly allow the Department of Transportation to issue permits allowing trucks to transport biosolids on State highways in excess of statutory height and weight limits and authorized the Facility with whatever assistance may be required to aid in its efforts to effectuate legislative action.

With the City of Hudson being the largest population using the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility and the largest producer of material from the wastewater treatment facility process, we stand to be financially struck the hardest if rising trucking costs continue.

Hudson prides itself on keeping costs low and services high. When costs keep ticking up for reasons we cannot control it puts our customers in a "no win" situation.

Thanks for your time and I hope you will support SB 736.

Sincerely,

Kip Peters  
Utility Director



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Senate Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs

Senator Jerry Petrowski, Chair

Room 123 South

State Capitol

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Madison, WI 53707

January 31, 2020

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Dear Chairman Petrowski and Committee Members;

I am writing to ask for your support of SB 736, which would allow the hauling of municipal sewage residue in excess of the statutory weight and length limits by permit.

The West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility has been allowed to haul municipal sewage residue from their plants to be processed at the regional biosolids facility with an overweight permit issued by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the past 20 years. In 2019 we were told this permit was no longer applicable for our product, resulting in us having to haul smaller loads more frequently. The additional cost to the municipalities for the extra loads is causing a financial burden to the municipalities and their residents.

Your support of this bill would help the residents of the participating municipalities be able to continue to have an environmentally friendly solution to treat biosolids at a cost that is financially attainable.

Sincerely,

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