

MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION  
#2022-14

SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY CONSUMERS ENERGY DAMS

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner  M. Bradstrom  and supported by Commissioner  R. Steinke  :

**WHEREAS**, on August 9, 2022, Consumers Energy announced it will “gather opinions from the public about the about the 13 dams they own and operate on five Michigan rivers to help guide their decisions about the future of those electric generating facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, two of the dams, Hardy in Newaygo County and Rogers in Mecosta County have a significant impact on the economic well being of our county; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the public and local leaders have expressed great concern regarding the potential removal of these two hydro facilities/dams; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners believes that Hardy and Rogers Ponds are an integral part of the character of our region and should be preserved for the economic, recreational, and esthetic impact they bring, and

**WHEREAS**, to quantify the potential economic impact of the decommissioning of the 13 listed dams it is necessary that reliable and objective data is obtained relative to the operating costs and true economic impact of each of the dams to their local communities, now


**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners requests the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission (WMRPC) take the necessary steps to request funding and assistance from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to conduct a full economic impact study of each dam within the WMRPC service area, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the assistance of Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) is requested in this endeavor, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk is requested to provide a copy of this resolution to the Boards of Commissioners of Alcona, Allegan, Ionia, Iosco, Manistee, Newaygo, Oscoda, and Wexford Counties, State Representative Michelle Hoitenga, and Senator Rick Outman.

AYES: Commissioners:  M. Bradstrom, R. Steinke, J. Strong, L. Howard, T. O'Neil, W. Nystrom, W. Routley

NAYS: Commissioners:  None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.     
Marcee M. Purcell  
Mecosta County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN     )  
  ) ss.

COUNTY OF MECOSTA )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Mecosta, Michigan (the County) do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on the 3rd day of Nov., 2022, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my official signature on this 3rd day of Nov, 2022, A.D.



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Marcee M. Purcell  
Mecosta County Clerk