

RESOLUTION #33-02
RESOLUTION BY DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: Remote Control Locomotives Regulations Legislation

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Supervisors has concerns regarding public safety if remote control locomotives are used on railroads and yards in Douglas County, and

WHEREAS, railroad equipment, including the use of remote control locomotives, is known to present significant danger to persons and property from collision, derailment, and possible release of hazardous materials, and

WHEREAS, this is not the time to diminish the initiatives for Homeland Security programs by removing trained, certified railroad personnel for operation of locomotives in Douglas County, the State of Wisconsin, and throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, much of the rail yards infrastructure was designed over a hundred years ago and may not safely accommodate modern technology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors requests, that in the interest of the safety of the citizens of Douglas County, that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the State Office of the Commissioner of Railroads conduct a comprehensive and thorough review of the safety of remote control locomotives, and develop comprehensive regulations for the use of remote control locomotives, to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Douglas County will not be jeopardized by the use of such devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors opposes use of remote control locomotives in Douglas County until such time as a comprehensive safety study is completed by the FRA, and emergency plans and regulations are put in place to safeguard public safety and economic impact to Douglas County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Federal Railroad Administration, Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Railroads, Senators Feingold and Kohl, Congressman Obey, Governor Doyle, Senator

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16. Shepard		
17. Willie		
18. Allen		
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25. Coletta		
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27. Cosgrove		
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Jauch, and Representative Boyle, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2003.

(Fiscal Note: None)

ACTION: Motion by James O'Brien, second Cosgrove, to adopt. Motion by Martin, second Willie, to amend and have it sponsored by the entire County Board. Motion carried. Motion by Allen, second Quam, to amend resolution and send it to Wisconsin Counties Association, Wisconsin Commissioner of Railroads, Senator Jauch, Representative Boyle, and the federal agency for railroad transportation. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution, as amended, carried.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

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COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

I hereby certify that this resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Douglas County Board of Supervisors on

3-20-03

Susan T. Sandvick
 Susan T. Sandvick, County Clerk