



**RESOLUTION # 68-12/09**

**TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**ITEM # 12/39**

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted: ✓  
For: 34  
Against: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abs/Excd: 1  
Vote Req: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Action: \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted: X  
For: 4  
Against: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abs/Excd: 3

**RE: OPPOSITION TO FEDERAL INITIATIVE TO REPLACE THE INLAND WATERWAY DIESEL FUEL TAX WITH A LOCKAGE FEE**

**WHEREAS**, the previous administrations and the current administration have proposed in their budgets to Congress to eliminate the inland waterway diesel fuel tax and replace it with a barge lockage fee as a means to fund the Inland Waterways Trust Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, this type of fee structure would not be equitable for river traffic that does not use the lock and dam system and places an unfair burden for lock users to fund the entire inland waterway infrastructure program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners has examined this issue and hereby requests that the Mayor of La Crosse and the La Crosse County Board Chair jointly send a letter to the President and its entire Congressional Delegation opposing the barge lockage fee proposal.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter jointly with the City of La Crosse Mayor to the President and the area's Congressional Representatives opposing the barge lockage fee proposal to fund the Inland Waterway Trust Fund.

**FISCAL NOTE:** No Cost to La Crosse County.

Date: 12-14-09

[Signature]

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Date: 12/14/09

[Signature]

**RECORDING CLERK**

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	<u>SO</u>	_____	_____
Fin. Director	<u>ST</u>	_____	_____
Corp. Counsel	<u>WAS</u>	_____	_____
Board Chair	<u>SD/mx</u>	_____	_____

Requested By: Donald Meyer  
Date Requested: November 2, 2009  
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 17<sup>TH</sup> Day of DECEMBER, 2009

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Linda A. Stone, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

[Signature]

Linda A. Stone, La Crosse County Clerk