

RESOLUTION 186

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF POLSON, MONTANA,
OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF KNOWLES
DAM IN SANDERS COUNTY, MONTANA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POLSON, MONTANA:

That, WHEREAS, the Federal Government proposes to construct what is generally termed a multipurpose dam on the Flathead River, near Paradise, Sanders County, Montana;

That, WHEREAS, the proposed Knowles Dam will:

1. Flood out valuable acreages of irrigated land, range land, and portions of a transcontinental railroad and its branch line to the City of Polson, Montana, and thereby adversely affect the tax base of Lake County and its political subdivisions.
2. Flood out two proposed dam sites which would be built by a paying public utility, and which, if built, in turn would increase the tax base of Lake County, Montana, and its political subdivisions.
3. Have a very low benefit cost ratio.
4. Create a water storage service largely for the benefit of other states.
5. Require the pre-empting of the remaining unappropriated water rights in the drainage area above the dam.
6. Be drawn down at any time to generate electricity, which draw down if made during the summer months, would expose large areas of mud flats not conducive to recreation.
7. Seriously disrupt the transportation facilities into and out of Polson.
8. Deprive the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe of valuable tribal lands and the benefits of the power sites owned by such tribe, and the potential income from such power sites.
9. Severely damage the National Bison Range at Dixon, Montana.
10. Foster the alarmingly increasing tendency of the Federal Government to foist its economically unsound encroachments upon the private lives, and private business of its citizens.

THEREFORE, for the foregoing many other reasons said proposed Knowles Dam would be detrimental to the best interests of the citizens of the City of Polson, Montana, as well as all other citizens of Lake County, Montana, and the State of Montana.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POLSON, MONTANA:

That the construction of said Knowles Dam be and the same is hereby opposed and condemned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be mailed to the senator and representatives in Congress for Montana, and to the chairmen of both senate and house committees on public works at Washington, D.C.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of July, 1962.

ATTEST:

CITY OF POLSON

Lyle C. Nelson
CITY CLERK
by Madeline Nelson, deputy

by s/D.G. Ellenwood, Sr.
Mayor