

Preliminary investigation determined that Wiese had been attempting to launch a small motor boat onto the river approximately 300 yards up river from the dam. During the unloading process Wiese was removing the boat from the trailer when the boat got caught in the current which took the boat and Wiese down river. Wiese tried to keep control of the boat and was swept in the current, along with the boat, over the dam.

Agencies assisting on scene include the Buena Vista County Sheriff's Office, Sioux Rapids Police, Fire, and Ambulance, Buena Vista Regional Medical Center Ambulance, the Iowa DNR. and Iowa State Patrol.