

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, held at the Chippewa County Courthouse, 319 Court St., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on the 8th day of February, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, Richard Timmer, Ted Postula, Don Cooper, James Moore, Don McLean and Jesse Knoll

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner McLean seconded by Commissioner Timmer.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-04**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PREVENTION OF ASIAN CARP  
FROM ENTERING THE GREAT LAKES**

**WHEREAS**, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners supports Michigan House Resolution No. 186; and encourages the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take immediate actions to prevent the Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes and to develop long-term strategies to address the problem; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan has been a leader in the fight to keep invasive species out of the Great Lakes; Michigan was the first state to require ocean-going ships to kill invasive species in ballast water before it is discharged in state waters. It successfully defended in federal court a state's right to protect its waters, opening the door to state ballast water regulations throughout the Great Lakes region; and,

**WHEREAS**, Asian carp are on the verge of invading the Great Lakes; Asian carp have been detected within eight miles of Lake Michigan and are already past the electrical barrier in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal designed to stop them ; and,

**WHEREAS**, if allowed to enter the Great Lakes, Asian carp could become dominant species in the lakes further disrupting the ecological balance and threatening fishing and boating on the lakes. Asian carp are voracious feeders that would push out native fish and wildlife; and,

**WHEREAS**, immediate and decisive action is required to protect the \$7 billion Great Lake commercial and recreational fishery and the \$9 billion Great Lakes recreational boating industry, the Asian carp threat is imminent, and the time for half-hearted efforts and investigations has passed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners urge the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take immediate actions to prevent the Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes and to develop long-term strategies to address this problem;

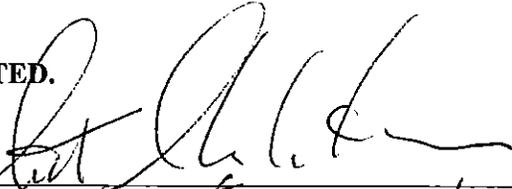
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to U.S. Representative Bart Stupak, U.S. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, U.P. State Senator Jason Allen, U.P. Representative Gary McDowell and Michigan Association of Counties.

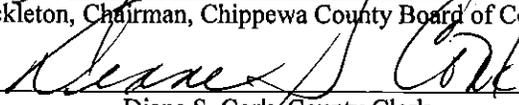
**A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS**

AYES: Shackleton, Timmer, Postula, Cooper, Moore, McLean and Knoll

NAYS: None

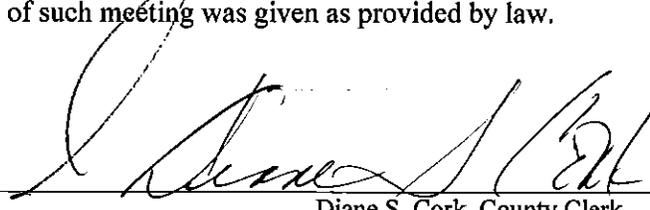
**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

  
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Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners

  
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Diane S. Cork, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN        )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA    )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

  
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Diane S. Cork, County Clerk