

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 9th day of November, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, Don McLean, Jim Martin, Conor Egan and Rudy Johnson

ABSENT: None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 15-27
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MICHIGAN SENATE BILL NO. 282
and
MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL NO. 4575

Whereas, the Michigan Legislature is considering Senate Bill No. 282 and House Bill 4575 to enact the “Michigan Electric Infrastructure Act”;

Whereas, said bills were created to regulate the siting and construction of certain electric transmission lines and address the need for electrical connectivity between the Upper and Lower Peninsula by sharing the same electrical grid;

Whereas, coal fired power plants supply over 50% of Michigan’s electricity generation and 25 units at Michigan power plants are planned to shut down by the year 2020;

Whereas, Presque Isle Power Plant, the sole electric generating plant in the Upper Peninsula owned by Wisconsin Energy, will shut down by 2020;

Whereas, residents and businesses in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, now relying on another state for electricity, desire an independent and unified energy future by and for Michigan;

Whereas, there is a need to replace energy from the retiring Presque Isle Power Plant at reliable, affordable rates offered through local generation and transmission supplies;

Whereas, economic opportunities and prosperity in the Upper Peninsula will be greatly enhanced with energy efficiency and independence;

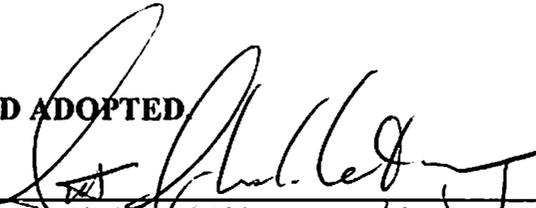
Be it resolved, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners urges the Michigan Legislature to pass Senate Bill No. 282 and House Bill No. 4575 to allow for construction of electric infrastructure to connect the upper and lower peninsulas to the same electric grid, enabling transmission from one to the other;

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

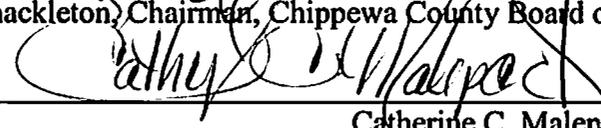
AYES: Scott Shackleton, Don McLean, Jim Martin, and Rudy Johnson

NAYS: Conor Egan

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED



Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



Catherine C. Maleport, 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.



Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk