

At a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, Chippewa County, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, held at the Chippewa County Building, 325 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 on May 16, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Savoie, Damon Lieurance and Jim Traynor

ABSENT: Jim Martin

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Lieurance;

RESOLUTION 2024-11

IN SUPPORT OF LINE 5 TUNNEL

WHEREAS, this resolution pertains specifically to the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners support of the Line 5 Tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac and not Line 5 overall; its integrity, safety, or viability, and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioner continues to support increased utilization of renewable and alternative energy resources and supports efforts to reduce reliance of fossil fuels, and

WHEREAS, issues have been raised by several concerned parties regarding the possibility and impact of a breach of Line 5 into the Straits of Mackinac, and

WHEREAS, Enbridge had proposed to invest \$500 million to make the existing pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac safer by placing a tunnel with one-foot-thick concrete walls 100 feet underground, and

WHEREAS, consequences to energy supply, local producers, regional airports and refineries, jobs, local economies and the pocketbook of Michiganders, specifically low-income families, and senior citizens, across the entire state are too great for Line 5 to be shut down before the tunnel replacement can be completed, and

WHEREAS, Enbridge has demonstrated a willingness to work with the State on the Tunnel to both protect the Great Lakes and ensure the continued safe delivery of energy, and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners extends support for Enbridge's proposed tunnel replacement project, provided Enbridge posts a performance bond for the clean-up expenses in the event of a failure prior to the tunnel being completed in the amount of 2 billion dollars, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa Board of Commissioners urges the State of Michigan to work with Enbridge to complete the tunnel project as quickly as possible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners expresses its support for increasing the safety of our current energy infrastructure as our society simultaneously seeks energy efficiencies and energy alternatives that will continue to reduce risk to our environment.

