

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 September 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, Don Cooper, Ted Postula and Don McLean

ABSENT: George Kinsella

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Postula.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-19

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF RATE INCREASES
CAUSED BY PROPOSED SUBSIDIES TO OPERATE PRESQUE ISLE POWER PLANT**

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Michigan legislature amended the Customer Choice and Electric Reliability Act that allows customer choice for electric service. This amendment allowed the Tilden and Empire mines to seek an electric provider other than Wisconsin Electric; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Electric lost 80 percent of their electric load and in the Upper Peninsula and announced they were going to close the plant; and

WHEREAS, the Midcontinent Independent System operator (MISO) oversees the electrical transmission system in Michigan and the Midwest for the purpose of ensuring system reliability for all electric customers such as Cloverland Electric Co-op. MISO determined that if the plant closes, system reliability would be in jeopardy; and electric customers across the Upper Peninsula and eastern Wisconsin will have to pay a substantial subsidy each month to keep the plant open.

WHEREAS, a July 29th order issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) agreed with the state of Wisconsin Public Service Commission's complaint that the formula used to determine who pays for the \$52 million operational costs for the Presque Isle Power Plant in Marquette is "unjust and unreasonable" which resulted in Upper Peninsula rate payers getting a larger rate increase than was first proposed.

WHEREAS, representatives of various affected parties are reviewing the order, as electric rates across the Upper Peninsula are going to increase to keep Marquette's Presque Isle Power Plant open.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That the rate increases will have a negative impact, on all Upper Peninsula families and businesses. The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners believes that the plan of increasing costs for Chippewa County and Upper Peninsula citizens and businesses, will cause hardship on families and hurt the economy. The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners asks all Upper Peninsula Counties, businesses and families to join us and ask the Michigan legislature, Governor Rick Snyder, Michigan US Representatives and Senators to find a way to eliminate or minimize the burdensome cost of the proposed subsidy.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

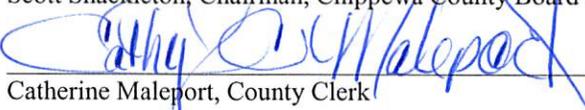
AYES: Scott Shackleton, Don Cooper, Ted Postula and Don McLean

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



Catherine 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 Maleport, County Clerk

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