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 23rd day of February, 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 Martin .

RESOLUTION NO. 15-03

Electrical Power Resolution

Whereas, MISO (Midcontinent) and FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) does not recognize the electrical connection between the Upper Peninsula and the Lower Peninsula;

Whereas, the transmission capacity between the Upper Peninsula and Lower Peninsula is woefully inadequate for generations in the Upper Peninsula;

Whereas, the Eastern Upper Peninsula is presently a net user of electrical power;

Whereas, there is a projected 15% shortfall of electrical power in the Northern Lower Peninsula by 2016;

Whereas, there is a concern about the electrical reliability by MISO and FERC in the Upper Peninsula and will be in the Lower Peninsula in the future;

Whereas, the Eastern Upper Peninsula could be a net provider of electrical power with possible projects of a 320 MW natural gas plant in Mackinac County, 35 MW would co-generation plant in Luce County, at least 20 MW of wind power in Chippewa county along with other possible projects in the Eastern Upper Peninsula;

Whereas, these first three projects are already in the planning stage and would produce huge economic development boosts to the Eastern Upper Peninsula;

Whereas, our energy supplier, Cloverland Electric Cooperative, supports transmission upgrades in the Eastern Upper Peninsula to the Lower Peninsula;

Whereas, the governor plans a special address on electrical power in March;

Whereas, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission (EUPRC&D) wants to be part of the electrical power solution for the Eastern Upper Peninsula and the State of Michigan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission recommends that all our legislative representatives at the federal and state level, along with the Governor's office support a major upgrade of the transmission capability through the Eastern Upper Peninsula, down through the Straits to Gaylord, and strongly urge MISO and FERC to recognize the connection between the Upper Peninsula and Lower Peninsula.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Shackleton, McLean, Martin, Egan and Johnson

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners

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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.

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Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk