



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: September 26, 2017

Title of Item: Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA | Action Requested: | <input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA | <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* |
| <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i> | | |

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| Submitted by: Jessica Seibert | Department: Administration |
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| Presenter (Name and Title): Jessica Seibert, County Administrator | Estimated Time Needed: 5 minutes |
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Summary of Issue:

A request has been made for a resolution showing Board support for Enbridge's Line 3 Replacement Project. Please see the attached draft resolution.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:
Adopt or deny the attached resolution.

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED September 26, 2017

By Commissioner: xx

20170926-0xx

In support of the Line 3 Replacement Project and Enbridge's Proposed Route

WHEREAS, Enbridge has been operating safely and successfully in our state for more than 65 years, with hundreds of employees and contractors that live, work and raise their families here in Minnesota;

WHEREAS, significant improvements to the nation's energy infrastructure are desperately needed in order to increase national security and energy independence and to ensure safe energy transportation;

WHEREAS, Enbridge places safety and environmental protection at the forefront of all its daily operations and major projects, and constantly improves procedures, technologies and training to reduce the potential for spills as well as improve results from remediation;

WHEREAS, Enbridge is currently investing more than \$2 billion in the Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota;

WHEREAS, the Line 3 Replacement Project will bring an additional tax revenue to the county, which will ease the burden for property owners;

WHEREAS, as a pump station community, the existing Enbridge infrastructure in our area provides good jobs, a strong tax base, and a good corporate neighbor;

WHEREAS, Line 3 Replacement will create approximately 1,500 family-sustaining jobs in Minnesota; about 50 percent hired from local union halls;

WHEREAS, any delay in the Line 3 Replacement Project, or any significant reroute, will prevent Aitkin County from benefiting from the significant positive economic impact that will result from this project;

WHEREAS, construction delays will limit the availability of employment for skilled craft workers;

WHEREAS, Enbridge has worked with all state and local authorities to determine the proposed route of the Line 3 Replacement across the state of Minnesota, respecting all impacts to people and the environment while fulfilling all applicable regulatory requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Aitkin County extends its support for Enbridge's proposed Line 3 Replacement Project, their Preferred Route and their plan for deactivating the existing Line 3 and urges the Public Utilities Commission to adhere to an efficient permitting process for the Line 3 Replacement and to approve Enbridge's proposed route;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Enbridge be recognized for its longstanding performance and continual efforts to protect the environment, wildlife and habitats, as well as the people who live in the communities in which it operates.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no direct cost to Aitkin County resulting from the adoption of this resolution.

Commissioner xx moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

**STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}**

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 26th day of September 2017, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 26th day of September 2017

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator