

Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board

Resolution in SUPPORT of the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project

Whereas, petroleum derivatives will be a major source for energy and a raw material for numerous essential products for the foreseeable future;

Whereas, the transition to an economy less dependent on carbon based fuels and products is in our national interest and best achieved through a deliberative process that does not depend on a public policy of artificially constricting our access to traditional energy resources during the transition process;

Whereas, the local, state, and national economy are dependent on a reliable and safe means of transporting petroleum products from their source to refiners and manufacturers;

Whereas, modern pipelines and their support facilities are the safest means by which to transport petroleum products from well-head to end users;

Whereas, the Enbridge Line 3 replacement will enhance the operating safety and reduce environmental risks associated with transporting energy raw materials through our region by replacing a 47 year-old pipeline with a pipeline that achieves modern levels of manufacturing, assembly, and operating performance,

Whereas, the proposed replacement pipeline constructed along the Preferred Alignment is in the best interests of all our citizens and the natural resource landscapes that enrich our lives;

Whereas, on November 1, 2017, Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman found the Enbridge Line 3 Environmental Impact Statement adequate with regard to the environmental analysis generally, and the Preferred Route specifically,

Whereas, the No. 3 Line replacement will provide a more stable, accessible, and flexible source of energy resources for our national economy;

Whereas, the financial investments in replacement, legacy line abandonment, and maintenance represents significant employment, business development, and tax revenues for our struggling rural economies and local governments;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: that the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board extends its support for the proposed Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project, their Preferred Route and the accompanying plan for deactivating the existing Line 3.

Be it further resolved: that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approve the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project as proposed.

For the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board,

Commissioner Rich Sve, Chair.

November 15, 2017