



DOOR COUNTY

Resolution No. 2017-49

**IN OPPOSITION TO THE AQUILA RESOURCES, INC.
PROPOSED BACK FORTY MINE PROJECT**

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
AUSTAD			/
BACON			/
D. ENGLEBERT			/
R. ENGLEBERT			/
ENIGL			/
FISHER			/
GUNNLAUGSSON			/
HALSTEAD			/
KOCH			/
KOHOUT			/
LTIENAU			/
LUNDAHL			/
MOELLER			/
NEINAS			/
ROBILLARD			/
SCHULTZ			/
SITTE			/
SOHNS			/
VIRLEE			/
VLIES WOTACHEK			/
WAIT			/

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted

1st Kohout Defeated

2nd Sohns

Yes: _____ No: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: _____, Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to County of Door or its annual budget associated with the adoption of this resolution.
MEJ

Certification:

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 25th day of July, 2017 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

Jill M. Lau
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County Clerk, Door County

1 **WHEREAS**, Aquila Resources, Inc. Back Forty Project, a proposed open
2 pit metallic sulfide mine, would be located on the banks of the Menominee
3 River, which empties into Lake Michigan and is one of the largest watersheds
4 in Northern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula and;

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6 **WHEREAS**, the Menominee River provides a unique habitat for species of
7 special concern such as lake sturgeon and freshwater mussels, which would
8 be negatively impacted by discharges into the water and;

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10 **WHEREAS**, the potential impacts of the mine include long term leaching of
11 acid-producing wastes into the groundwater and the river and;

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13 **WHEREAS**, the hazardous wastes generated by the mine would potentially
14 degrade water quality and present risks to human health and the environment
15 in Wisconsin as well as Michigan and;

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17 **WHEREAS**, potential economic losses including reduction in property
18 values and loss of tourism revenue are not factored into the permitting review
19 process and;

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21 **WHEREAS**, the approval of this mine will result in the irreversible loss of
22 significant cultural resources of the Menominee Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin,
23 including Native American gravesites and other areas of historical significance.

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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Door County Board of
26 Supervisors opposes Aquila Resources, Inc. Back Forty Mine Project and
27 urges the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to deny any further
28 permitting for the project.

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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to
31 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
32 to the Department of Natural Resources Secretary Cathy Stepp, to legislators
33 representing Door County constituents, to the Wisconsin Counties Association
34 and all Wisconsin Counties, to the Governor of Michigan Rick Snyder, to the
35 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and to the Michigan
36 Department of Natural Resources.

SUBMITTED BY: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Susan Kohout David Enigl
Susan Kohout, Chairman David Enigl

Helen Bacon Steve Sohn
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Roy Englebert
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