

RESOLUTION No. 473 - 17



**URGING LEGISLATION TO ALLOW INPUT FROM ADJACENT GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES ON THE REGULATION OF SULFIDE MINING OPERATIONS ALONG BOUNDARY WATERS BETWEEN MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, Aquila Resources' Back Forty Project, is proposing to construct an open pit Metallic Sulfide Mine to be located in the State of Michigan near the Menominee River; and

WHEREAS, in Michigan, the permitting, operation and reclamation of sulfide mines is regulated primarily by the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") under Part 632 of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act ("NREPA"), MCL §324.63201 to 324.63223, and its implementing rules, R 425.602. Applicants must submit an environmental assessment, mining plan and reclamation plan to DEQ for review and approval before being granted a permit to mine; and

WHEREAS, the Menominee River is a boundary water between Michigan and Wisconsin which flows adjacent to Marinette County, Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Marinette County Board of Supervisors urges Wisconsin state legislators to enact legislation which would allow the adjacent Wisconsin state government, Wisconsin county governments and local Wisconsin municipalities and towns to have input on the regulation, permitting, operation and reclamation of sulfide mining operations which pertain to sulfide mining operations on Michigan/Wisconsin boundary waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, legislators representing Marinette County, US Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson, and Congressman Mike Gallagher, Department of Natural Resources Secretary Cathy Stepp and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Approved this 29th day of August 2017 by a majority vote of a quorum of the Marinette County Board of Supervisors.

Handwritten signature of Mark Anderson in black ink.

Mark Anderson, Chair

Handwritten signature of Kathy Brandt in black ink.

Kathy Brandt, County Clerk

Recommended: Executive Committee – August 2, 2017