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BAYFIELD COUNTY

Resolution

No. 2026-107

Resolution of Concern Regarding Water Resources, Public Safety, Responsibility, Accountability and Construction Activities Associated with the Enbridge Line 5 Reroute Project

WHEREAS, Bayfield County recognizes the sovereignty of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; *and*

WHEREAS, Lake Superior and the rivers, streams, wetlands, and groundwater resources of northern Wisconsin are vital to the health, economy, cultural heritage, and quality of life of Bayfield County residents; *and*

WHEREAS, the Enbridge Pipeline traverses Bayfield County with over 38 miles of line; *and*

WHEREAS, the protection of clean and abundant water resources is a matter of great importance to present and future generations; *and*

WHEREAS, recent incidents associated with the Line 5 pipeline and Line 5 reroute project, including an aquifer breach and pipeline spills, wetland and waterway violations, have raised concerns among residents, tribal governments, local officials, and environmental stakeholders regarding public safety and environmental protection; *and*

WHEREAS, Bayfield County recognizes the importance of infrastructure safety, environmental stewardship, and construction practices that minimize the risk of environmental impacts, accidents, spills, and other unintended consequences; *and*

WHEREAS, maintaining public confidence requires transparency, accountability, responsibility, and continued cooperation among regulatory agencies, affected communities, tribal governments, and project operators;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 10th day of November 2026, calls on the Governor, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice to take all actions within their authority to hold Enbridge accountable for the violations alleged in the Department's October 13, 2026 Notice of Violation and any further violations of state law or permit conditions; *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Attorney General, Bayfield County's state legislators, the Bad River Band and Red Cliff Band Tribal Councils, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Ashland, Douglas, and Iron County Boards.

By Action of the:

Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Jan Lee, *Chair*

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF BAYFIELD)

I, Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2026-107 Volume 30, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 10th day of November 2026.

Lynn M. Divine, *Bayfield County Clerk*