

**IDEAL TOWNSHIP
CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE PREFERRED ROUTE OF
ENBRIDGE ENERGY'S NEW REPLACEMENT AND EXPANDED LINE 3 PROJECT**

WHEREAS, an environmental impact statement was prepared for Enbridge Energy's proposed new Line 3 project for the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the responsible government unit which has requested public comment; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Law Judge will be presenting her report with recommendations for a Certificate of Need (CN), routing permit (RP) if the CN is affirmed, and future plans for the present Line 3; and

WHEREAS, pipeline oil spills along the proposed new corridor could have serious negative impacts to the natural environment (CN Criteria C) for Norway Lake, Whitefish Lake, and Roosevelt Lake along 35 miles of the Pine River Watershed some of which lies within Ideal Township; and

WHEREAS, the Ideal Township Comprehensive Plan represents the will of the residents of Ideal Township being duly drafted and approved by a citizen committee, and "Goal C" of the Comprehensive Plan states: *"to protect the surface and groundwater quality within Ideal Township"*, and a spill of crude oil affecting the Whitefish Chain of Lakes, some of which lie within Ideal Township, would have serious negative impacts to tourism, property values, quality of life, and the socioeconomic environment in Ideal Township, and

THEREFORE, Judge O'Reilly should recommend in her report and the PUC should determine that the proposed new/expanded Line 3 poses a serious risk and threat to the natural environment in the proposed corridor through the Pine River Watershed where our community is located; and this Resolution is in response to the request for public comment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ideal Township Board of Supervisors that:

The surface and groundwater that comprise our area lakes and natural environments provide unique sustainable socioeconomics; provide a natural benefit that residents value; and would face risk of serious negative impacts from Enbridge's preferred route. As such, we oppose routing pipelines through the Pine River Watershed area.

Adopted this 20th day of November, 2017.

BY IDEAL TOWNSHIP

 Chair

Attest:  Clerk

