

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

CHIEF BLACKBIRD CENTER

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Resolution No. 10-30-19-226

Removal of Lakehead Pipeline Company (now Enbridge Line 5) Pipeline within the Reservation and Waabishkaa-ziibi (White River), Potato River (Gaawannodog-ziibiinis), Tyler Forks (Gaa-aangwasagokaag-ziibiinis), and Mashkii-ziibi (Bad River) Watershed

WHEREAS, the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa is a signatory or successor to the Treaty of 1842, 7 Stat. 591, and the Treaty of 1854, 10 Stat. 1109; and

WHEREAS, our life is rooted in a connection to the natural world, the source of our health and wellness for past, present, and future generations, making our relationship with the natural world sacred; and

WHEREAS, the Waabishkaa-ziibi (White River), Gaawannodog-ziibiinis (Potato River), Gaa-aangwasagokaag-ziibiinis (Tyler Forks), Denomie Creek and Denomie Tributaries that join the Mashkii-ziibi (Bad River) and Anishinaabeg-gichigami (Lake Superior), Mashkii-ziibi (Bad River) and Anishinaabeg-gichigami (Lake Superior) are places that are meant for the continuation of our way of life, and the natural waters found in these places continues to give life to plants and animals and natural groundwater and springs, and from these we are blessed with food and medicine, and clean drinking water; and

WHEREAS, these places are traditional cultural places, archaeological and historical sites, and include minerals, plants and animals whose health and well-being are necessary for our religious, medicinal, cultural, subsistence health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, 66 years ago, Lakehead Pipeline Company acquired rights of way for a crude oil pipeline across lands within the Reservation, known as Line 5; and

WHEREAS, Lakehead Pipeline Company seeks to change the natural waters and land found in these places for construction and operation of additional crude oil pipeline and natural gas liquid pipelines within the Reservation and Mashkii-ziibi (Bad River) Watershed; and

WHEREAS, changes to the natural waters and lands found in these places will break our relationship with the natural world, threatening the life these places give to plants and animals and natural groundwater and springs, the food and medicine we are blessed with, and the clean drinking water we are blessed with.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that

1. The governing body of the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa resolves that it shall not renew its interests in the rights of way across lands within the Reservation;

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2. Tribal staff are directed to send notice to Lakehead Pipeline Company and federal agencies and take all action permitted under the law for Line 5 removal within the waters of the Reservation and Mashkii-ziibi (Bad River) Watershed, waters that in the natural world are all the same, intimately connected, flowing into Anishinaabeg-gichigami (Lake Superior).

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 7 members, of whom 7, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held on the 30th day of Oct, 2019, that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.



Jay McFee, Tribal Secretary