



City of Biwabik

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Nancy Aronson Norr
Director, Regional Development
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Ms. Norr,

The Biwabik City Council unanimously passed the enclosed resolution at last night's Council meeting.

Thank You,


Jeff Jacobson
City Administrator

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2013-08

City of Biwabik, Minnesota

Resolution SUPPORTING THE EMERGING STRATEGIC METALS MINING INDUSTRY IN NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA AND JOBS FOR MINNESOTANS

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Biwabik, that

WHEREAS, The emerging strategic metals mining industry in Northeast Minnesota promises thousands of new direct and indirect jobs for our region for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Minnesota strategic metals reserves are estimated to give us one of the largest, and only current domestic sources of nickel, along with some of the most significant sources of copper, cobalt, platinum and palladium in the world; and

WHEREAS, New and emerging technologies look to augment the positive economic development and job creation directly related to strategic metals mining with spin-off industries which can employ significant numbers of people right here on the Iron Range; and

WHEREAS, We know that strategic metals mining will have a positive impact on local tax revenues and education funding in Minnesota as well as on the development of countless products such as wireless devices, catalytic converters, hybrid cars and other emerging "green economy" needs; and

WHEREAS, Modern mining companies operating in Northeast Minnesota utilize advanced technology to protect our environment, and all companies will be required to meet Minnesota's rigorous environmental standards and guidelines to assure that our air and water quality standards are protected; and

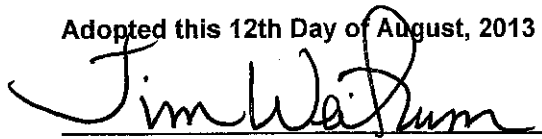
WHEREAS, our national security interests are served by meeting our strategic metals needs domestically rather than relying on almost exclusively on imports; and

WHEREAS, Jobs for Minnesotans, a coalition of business, government and labor actively supporting responsible mining in the state and a 501C-4 corporation, has been created to strengthen support for strategic metal mining projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Biwabik through its Mayor and City Council strongly support the emerging strategic metals industry across Northeast Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Biwabik endorses their membership into *Jobs for Minnesotans* effective this date.

Adopted this 12th Day of August, 2013


Jim Weikum, Mayor

Attest:


Jeff Jacobson, City Administrator

Moved by Councilor _____, supported by Councilor _____ that the above resolution be adopted:

Ayes:

Nays: