

CITY OF BABBITT

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-20

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE POLYMET MINING PROJECT
FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, THE City of Babbitt is aware that the PolyMet mining project, which is not located in the Boundary Waters watershed, is proceeding through the joint State and Federal environmental review and permitting process; and

WHEREAS, the metals that PolyMet will mine are essential for daily life – copper, nickel, cobalt, platinum, palladium and gold – found in countless products including cell phones, computers, joint replacements, medical treatments and devices, wind turbines and catalytic converters; and

WHEREAS, the combination of strict Minnesota regulations and PolyMet’s commitment to mining in a way that protects the environment will serve as a global template for responsible, ethical and successful mining practices; and

WHEREAS, the proposed mining and processing operation will create 360 direct jobs and over 600 indirect jobs in St. Louis County alone; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Mining project will require 2 million hours of labor during its construction phase; and

WHEREAS, PolyMet Mining will diversity and expand the economy by contributing millions of dollars to local cities, school districts and the State through net proceed taxes, occupation taxes, and sales tax; and

WHEREAS, PolyMet Mining will enter into a land exchange with the U.S. Forest Service that will result in approximately 6,700 acres of new, formerly private lands, being opened to public recreation;

NOW, THERE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Babbitt strongly supports the PolyMet mining project.

It was moved by Councilor Switajewski , supported by Councilor Roseth, to adopt the foregoing Resolution No. 2015-20 on this 5th day of August, 2015.

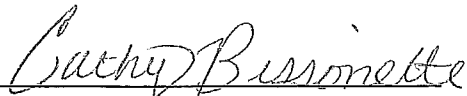
Ayes: Councilors Marinaro, Switajewski, Roseth, and Acting Mayor Lassi

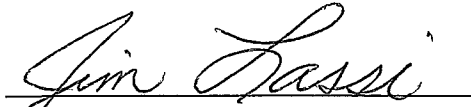
Nays: None

Absent: Mayor Zupancich

Motion declared carried.

Attest:


Cathy A. Bissonette, Clerk-Treasurer


Acting Mayor Lassi