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Town of LaPrairie Resolution # 5-2017, Great Lakes Basin Transportation,
Surface Transportation Board

Docket No. FD35952

Whereas GLBT has submitted an alternate route through the Town of LaPrairie, and

Whereas no indication has ever been given that rail lines in Rock County are congested, and

Whereas the proposed GLBT rail corridor would sever neighborhoods, farms and communities in its path, and

Whereas the severing of agricultural parcels would result in the necessary creation of hundreds of at-grade farm crossings resulting in thousands of agricultural related cross traffic conflicts, and

Whereas the termination of roads to avoid at-grade road crossings would lengthen emergency response times, school bus rides, snow plowing routes, farm to field routes, and disrupt all other local traffic, as well as increase the burden of traffic on routes not severed, and

Whereas the proposed GLBT rail corridor would consume approximately 575 acres of productive farmland in Rock County, and an acreage potentially two to three times larger when considering land lost through aggregate acquisition for construction of the rail bed, and

Whereas Rock County businesses, Towns and families depend on that land for agricultural production, tax base, and personal income, and

Whereas the GLBT promoters have not legitimately demonstrated any direct benefit to rural Rock County residents as a result of the proposed project, furthermore,

Because no amount of engineering can prevent damages that will be done to residences, farms and businesses,

Because no amount of compensation can adequately mitigate the losses in property values to all land owners and affected taxing districts,

Because no design can maintain current roadway travel times in the area,

Because no engineering can eliminate the increased safety risks to area residents, farms and businesses,

Because no compensation will mitigate increased insurance costs to affected residents, farms and businesses, and

Because these issues cannot be eliminated on this route or any other revised route,

The LaPrairie Town Board, Rock County, Wisconsin, does hereby resolve to request the Surface Transportation Board to deny the Great Lakes Basin Transportation permit, Surface Transportation Board docket number FD 35952, recognizing it to be unnecessary, inconvenient, and disruptive to existing agricultural businesses, communities, and families in Rock County, Wisconsin. The LaPrairie Town Board recommends improvements and expenditures be made in existing Rock County rail corridors to meet future local and regional needs.

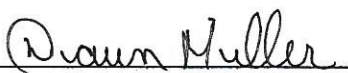
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Chair Arndt	☒	☐	☐	☐

By:



Allan Arndt, Chair Town of LaPrairie

Passed this 17th day of May, 2017 by the LaPrairie Town Board

ATTEST 

Dawn Miller, Town of LaPrairie Clerk

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