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**January 3, 2012
Organizational Meeting**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IOWA PACIFIC APPLICATION
TO SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR RE-ACTIVATION
OF TAHAWUS-NORTH CREEK RAIL LINE**

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The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Canon, who moved its adoption.

Upon the passage of a motion to consider from the floor, and it appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, Iowa Pacific has applied to the Surface Transportation Board (STP) for a permit to re-activate the Tahawus-North Creek Rail Line; and

WHEREAS, NL Industries considered the option of the rail and tie removal in the early 1990's to salvage the scrap value and provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of Newcomb and Minerva promoted a transfer of conditional ownership to the Essex County Industrial Development Agency to provide for property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, the primary reasoning for the actions of the Towns of Newcomb and Minerva was the recognition of the many assets located at the Tahawus site and the possible need for rail traffic to fully realize the potential job creation by the use of those assets; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Towns of Newcomb and Minerva, the County of Essex and the surrounding Adirondack communities to utilize the assets located at Tahawus; and

WHEREAS, the North Country Regional Council Plan, which was recently completed, identified rail importance as a major component of the regions economic health and called for the retention of all existing rail lines.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors fully supports Iowa Pacific's application to the Surface Transportation Board and further authorizes its commitment of resources for a successful application to re-activate the Tahawus-North Creek Rail Line.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ESSEX)ss:

I, DEBORAH L. PALMER, Clerk of the Essex County Board of Supervisors, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original resolution filed in this office on the 3rd day of January, 2012, and that it is a correct and true copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 3rd day of January, 2012.



Deborah L. Palmer
Clerk of the Essex County Board of Supervisors

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

FD 35559

**SARATOGA AND NORTH CREEK RAILWAY, LLC
—OPERATION EXEMPTION—
TAHAWUS LINE**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I mailed a copy of the support resolution of the Essex County (NY) Board of Supervisors submitted on behalf of Saratoga And North Creek Railway, LLC, in the above-captioned proceeding by first class United States Mail and/or electronic transmission to all parties on the Board's service list on January 11, 2012:



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