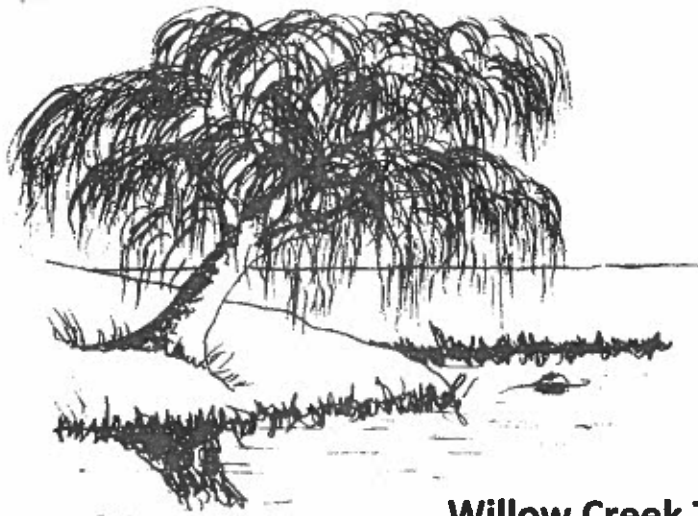




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RESOLUTION

REGARDING THE GREAT LAKES BASIN RAILROAD PROJECT

Federal Docket No. FD 35952

WHEREAS, The Surface Transportation Board is considering a proposed railroad project submitted by Great Lakes Basin Railroad and,

WHEREAS, the proposed rail road project includes potential route corridors that would cut across prime farmland in Willow Creek Township and,

WHEREAS, farmland preservation is the focal point on the Willow Creek Township Comprehensive Plan which includes strategies and goals to protect nonrenewable farmland and natural resources and,

WHEREAS, the proposed railroad project would require condemnation of property for easements, including prime, nonrenewable farmland and,

WHEREAS, the project poses significant environmental concerns which could result from accidents involving the transportation of hazardous materials and,

WHEREAS, the Willow Creek Township Comprehensive Plan seeks a road and highway system that is safe, convenient and accessible and,

WHEREAS, the project will have a significant impact on the current system of state, county and township roads situated in Willow Creek Township and,

WHEREAS, the project will negatively impact response time for first responders and,

WHEREAS, the proposed railroad line could result in loss of property value, lost income of prime farmland, increased crop production time and costs, and unknown impact on the general economy and,

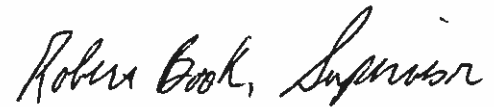
WHEREAS, clear, detailed information explaining the perceived needs for the railroad project, route selection process and criteria, and economic benefits to Willow Creek Township with supporting objective studies and cost benefit analysis for each have not been provided to potentially impacted parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. The Willow Creek Township Board opposes the proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad Project.
2. The Willow Creek Township Clerk is authorized to transmit this resolution to the Surface Transportation Board, Office of Environmental Analysis, 395 E St. SW, Washington D.C. 20423-0001 ATTN: Dave Navecky (Docket No. FD 35952)

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Willow Creek Township hereby approved the resolution,

ADOPTED this 31st day of May 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Book, Supervisor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Book, Supervisor
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