

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
EARLVILLE, ILLINOIS**

RESOLUTION NO. 06-08-2016

**REGARDING PROPOSED 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 railroad project includes possible route corridors that would cut across prime farmland near the City of Earlville and through LaSalle County 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, it is in the best interests of the City of Earlville and its citizens to have access to a road and highway system that is safe, convenient and accessible and,

WHEREAS, the project will likely have a significant impact on the current system of state, county, township and other roads in the City and throughout LaSalle County and,

WHEREAS, the project would likely impact response time for first responders and,

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

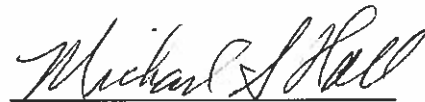
WHEREAS, clear, detailed information explaining the perceived needs for the railroad project, route selection process and criteria, and economic benefits to the City and LaSalle County with supporting objective studies and cost benefit analysis for each have not been provided to potentially impacted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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. The City of Earlville opposes the proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad Project.
2. The Earlville City 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 Earlville City Council hereby approves the resolution,

ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2016.



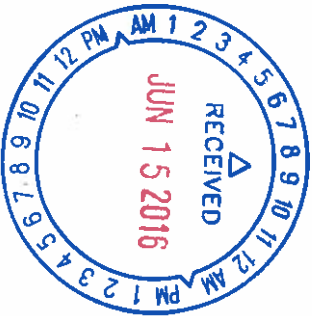
Michael S. Hall, Mayor
City of Earlville

ATTEST:

Jane M. Bauer City Clerk
by Martha E. Dankerbring, Deputy Clerk

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