

Resolution on Proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation Rail Line Project Docket #35952

Lynnville Township Board of Trustees
Resolution 20160516

Whereas Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. proposes to build the Great Lakes Basin Railroad around the metropolitan Chicago area for the purpose of improving capacity, velocity, reliability, revenue, safety and the environment for expediting rail shipments around the Chicago rail hub;

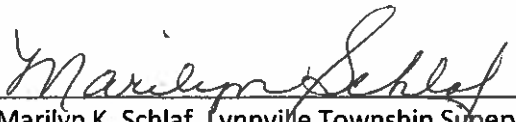
Whereas part of the new railroad is proposed to be built along the Mulford Road corridor through Lynnville Township, and

Whereas the proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad if constructed would take an irreplaceable natural resource, rich fertile crop soil out of production, disrupt irrigation and drainage, close township roads, increase response time for emergency vehicles, endanger wildlife and reduce the quality of life due to increased noise and pollution. Whereas the proposed construction may impact the flood plan of the Kilbuck Creak ,Spring basins and increase the flooding of our community; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Lynnville Township Board of Trustees:

1. Urges that CREATE, the Chicago Region Environmental Transportation and Efficiency Program, a partnership between the U.S. Department of Transportation, the State of Illinois, the City of Chicago, Metra, Amtrak and the nation's freight railroads be used to improve rail line efficiency and be used to find ways to relieve rail freight traffic in the Chicago metropolitan area. The township also urges that already existing rail resources be used for the purpose of improving rail line efficiency.
2. Urges the Surface Transportation Board to deny Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. the authority to construct the Great Lakes Basin Railroad through Lynnville Township, Ogle County, Illinois;
3. Urges the Surface Transportation Board to protect the physical, economic and social environments of Lynnville Township, Ogle County, Illinois

Approved Monday, May 16, 2016

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