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COUNTY OF OGLE) SS.

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

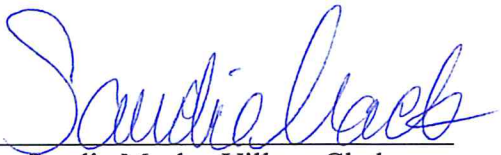
I, Sandie Maahs, certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Davis Junction, Ogle County, Illinois.

I hereby certify that the foregoing instrument is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 16-15 – A Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Great Lakes Basin Rail Line adopted at a duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Davis Junction, held at Davis Junction, Illinois, said Village of the 11th day of October, 2016.

DATED at Ogle County, Illinois, Davis Junction this 18th day of October, 2016.

(SEAL)




Sandie Maahs, Village Clerk

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VILLAGE OF DAVIS JUNCTION

RESOLUTION NO. 16-15

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED GREAT LAKES BASIN RAIL LINE

Passed by the Village Board, October 11, 2016

VILLAGE OF DAVIS JUNCTION
OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of Davis Junction, Ogle County, Illinois, THAT:

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED GREAT LAKES BASIN RAIL LINE

Section 1. BACKGROUND.

Great Lakes Basin Transportation Inc. ("**GLBT**") is seeking authority to construct and operate an approximately 278-mile rail line in Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin ("**GLB Rail Line**"). Acknowledging the "potential to result in significant environmental impacts," on March 18, 2016, the Surface Transportation Board ("**STB**") issued a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement ("**EIS**"), published a Draft Scope of Study, and announced public scoping meetings to determine the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the Final Scope of Study for the EIS. (STB Docket No. FD 35952). At that time, the proposed route for the GLB Rail Line travelled through Ogle County east of Interstate 39.

On April 20, 2016, the Lynnvile-Scott-White Rock Fire Protection District filed a resolution opposing the GLB Rail Line, noting the adverse affects on emergency response times, and increase in accidents, railroad crossings, dangerous cargo, and derailments. Ogle County District Board members filed comments, noting the adverse effects on quality farm land, property values, and emergency response. The STB extended the public comment period on the Draft Scope of Study to July 15, 2016, but indicated no further extensions of time would be granted.

On September 20, 2016, long after the public comment period closed, GLBT filed its "new preferred route," taking the proposed GLB Rail Line through the center of the Village of Davis Junction ("**Village**"). The new proposed route travels directly through "Panning Place," a platted residential subdivision, and the Village's primary residential growth area. The proposed route bisects the IL Route 72 Corridor, the Village's primary commercial growth area, as designated in the Village's comprehensive plan. The proposed route would be located approximately .25 miles from an existing railroad crossing on IL Route 72, compounding the safety and traffic challenges presented by the existing crossing. The proposed route also crosses environmentally sensitive areas, as designated in the Village's comprehensive plan, including tributaries to Killbuck Creek. With an estimated 100 trains per day, the GLB Rail Line presents would have serious negative impacts on public safety, environmentally sensitive areas, and agricultural, residential, and commercial land uses and property values.

Section 2. OPPOSITION.

The Corporate Authorities of the Village hereby determine that the proposed GLB Rail Line is contrary to the interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the Village, Ogle County, and the surrounding region. The Corporate Authorities further conclude that the GLB Rail Line presents unnecessary risks and negative impacts to the safety of Village residents and visitors, the preservation of local environmentally sensitive areas, and the security of local property values and the regional economy. The Corporate Authorities hereby express their strong opposition to the GLB Rail Line, and urge the STB to reopen public comment on the Draft Scope of Study, due to GLBT's disclosure of its new proposed route long after the final public comment deadline.

Section 3. AUTHORIZATION.

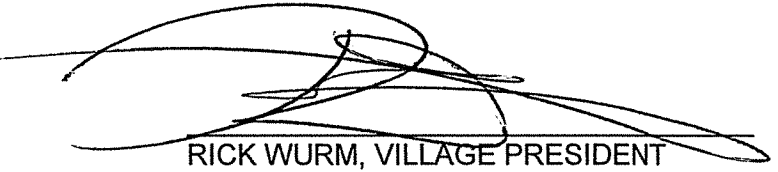
The Mayor and Village Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and seal this Resolution on behalf of the Village, and to submit copies of same to the individuals and entities on the service list attached and incorporated in to this Resolution as **Exhibit A**, which includes the STB; GLBT; the Ogle County Board; Lynnvile-Scott-White Rock Fire Protection District; the Ogle County Life; and such other government officials, local media, and members of the public the Mayor deems reasonably necessary to convey the Village's opposition to the GLB Rail Line.

ADOPTED

This 11 day of October, 2016

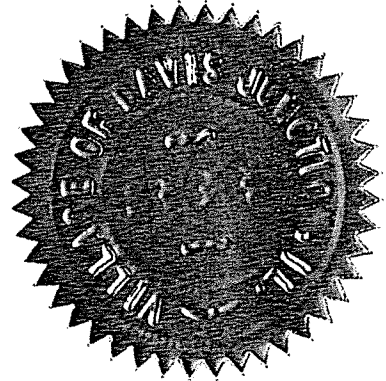
APPROVED By Mayor

This 11 day of October, 2016


RICK WURM, VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


SANDIE MAAHS, VILLAGE CLERK



Aldermen	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jenn Christensen Trustee	X			
Jason Grimes Trustee	X			
William Luchsinger Trustee	X			
William Motisi Trustee				X
Deana Simpson Trustee	X			
John Talbot Trustee	X			
Rick Wurm Village President				

EXHIBIT A

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