

MERIDEN TOWNSHIP

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June 20, 2016

Attached is the resolution that was passed and signed by Meriden Township Board of Trustees regarding our objection to an upcoming project that has been proposed to the Surface Transportation Board to construct and operate an approximately 278 mile rail line by Great Lake Basin Transportation.

Please note that the voters in Meriden Township are opposing this project and hope that you will do the same and let our voices be heard. Meriden Township Board would gladly have a conversation with you regarding the numerous reasons this project should not be approved.

Meriden Township
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EARLVILLE, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION #

WHEREAS, the Supervisor, Board of Trustees and the Road Commissioner of Meriden Township, LaSalle County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Great Lake Basin Transportation, Inc., plans to file a request with the Surface Transportation Board, to construct and operate an approximately 278 mile rail line; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rail line could consist of up to six (6) tracks; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Meriden is alarmed at the significant environmental impacts this proposed rail line, running the entire length of the LaSalle County, north to south, would have LaSalle County and the Township of Meriden; and

WHEREAS, the significant environment impacts and dangers would include transportation of hazardous materials, closure of local roads, de-valuing of property, drainage issues, and negative impacts on future land use. The proposed rail line would also create noise, vibration, and considerable safety concern at all of the crossings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the undersigned, that the Township Board of Meriden, foresees no positive economic impact from this new proposed rail line, and foresee significant permanent negative environmental impacts, and therefore is against Great Lakes Basin's proposed 278 mile rail line.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MERIDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

TRUSTEES:

David D. Morgan Larry Zimmerman
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SUPERVISOR

Sandra M. Koford

ROAD COMMISSIONER

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ATTESTED: Carol L. Dilbeck DATE: 6-20-2016



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