

VILLAGE OF CRESTON, STATE OF ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 070516B

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE GREAT LAKES BASIN RAILROAD

ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF CRESTON, ILLINOIS

DATED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY 2016

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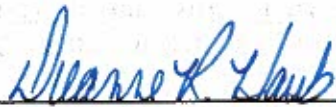
CERTIFICATE

I, Deanne Haub, certify that I am duly elected and acting Municipal Clerk of the Village of Creston, Ogle County, Illinois.

I further certify that on July 5, 2016, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved a Resolution by the name of A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE GREAT LAKES BASIN RAILROAD, which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of the Resolution, including the Resolution and a cover sheet thereof was prepared, and a copy of such Resolution was posted on the municipal building, commencing on July 6, 2016, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such Resolution were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at Creston, Illinois this 5th day of July 2016.



Deanne R. Haub, Village Clerk

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WHEREAS, the Village of Creston has received notification from the Federal Surface Transportation Board that Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. is seeking authority to construct and operate an approximately 278-mile rail line that would run through real property located in the western part of the Village of Creston dissecting some prime farmland; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing and considering Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.'s proposal, The Village Council finds that the construction and operation of such a rail line would present significant safety risk for its citizens related to potential chemical spills, freight train derailments and ground water contamination; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Creston is greatly concerned with the health and safety risk the proposed line would cause its citizens and emergency personnel as they would be forced to navigate around and through freight train traffic, furthermore, roads may be altered and/or closed, thereby negatively effecting emergency personnel response times; and,

WHEREAS, the construction of the proposed rail line will not only remove the prime farmland from production, but will also fragment numerous farms and fields leading to an increase in production costs of agricultural commodities to those impacted; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Creston is concerned with the impact and associated cost of the disruption in drainage across the western part of the Village of Creston; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Creston is greatly concerned with the significant negative impact on property values and therefore assessed valuations across the Village of Creston; and,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Village of Creston foresee no short or long-term positive economic impact from this new proposed rail line in the Village of Creston, and foresee significant permanent negative impacts to its citizens, prime farmland, property values, drainage, and emergency service providers and therefore are against Great Lakes Basin's proposed 278-mile rail line.

<u>5</u>	Ayes
<u>0</u>	Noes
<u>0</u>	Absent
<u>1</u>	Abstain

Approved:



Mayor of the Village of Creston

Attested:



Village Clerk of the Village of Creston

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