

TRI-CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION
19290 Cline Avenue
Lowell, Indiana 46356

Resolution #2016-13

WHEREAS, The Tri-Creek School Corporation Board of School Trustees is the Executive Body of the Tri-Creek School Corporation; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2016, the Superintendent received from the Surface Transportation Board a "Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement;" and

WHEREAS, this notice is the only communication received from either the Surface Transportation Board or Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Great Lakes 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 proposed rail line is within one-quarter (1/4) mile of Lowell Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Lake County have until May 16, 2016, to provide the Surface Transportation Board comments on the scope of the environmental impact study; and

WHEREAS, the public meetings within Indiana for the scope of the environmental impact study are currently set for:

April 12, 2016
 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Veterans of Foreign Wars
 17401 Morse Street
 Lowell, Indiana

April 13, 2016

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

American Legion
 203 South Washington Street
 Wanatah, Indiana

April 14, 2016

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

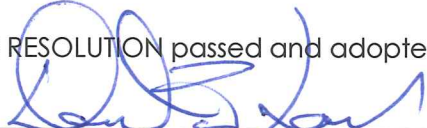
Civic Auditorium
 1001 Ridge Street
 La Porte, Indiana

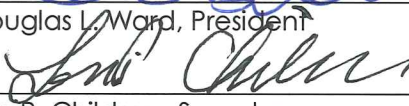
WHEREAS, the Tri-Creek School Corporation Board of School Trustees seeks to provide information about the significant health, safety, environmental, and educational impacts caused by the proposed rail line which will run the entire length of the county from west to east and its impact on Lake County and, specifically, Tri-Creek School Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the significant environmental impacts and dangers would include transportation of hazardous materials, devaluing of property, drainage issues, and negative impacts on future land use. The proposed rail line would also create noise, vibration, and considerable safety concerns at all of the crossings;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the undersigned that the Tri-Creek School Corporation Board of School Trustees foresee no positive impact from this new proposed rail line and foresee significant permanent negative health, safety, environmental, and educational impacts, and therefore are against Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.'s proposed 278-mile rail line.

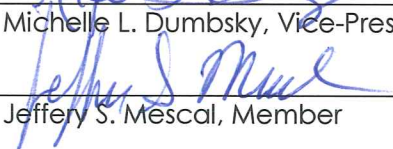
THIS RESOLUTION passed and adopted this 14th day of April, 2016.


 Douglas L. Ward, President


 Lon P. Childress, Secretary


 Diana L. Damm, Member


 Michelle L. Dumbsky, Vice-President


 Jeffery S. Mescal, Member