

Resolution of the Board of Meridian Community Unit School District 223

Resolution adopted June 27, 2017

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED GREAT LAKES BASIN RAILWAY ROUTE THROUGH MERIDIAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 223, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS (hereon referred to as 'the district')

WHEREAS, the Surface Transportation Board is proposing a potential route for the Great Lakes Basin Railroad through the district; and

WHEREAS, the proposed potential route for the Great Lakes Basin Railroad would cut across prime agricultural and recreational lands in the district and may decrease property values thereby decreasing tax revenues which fund the district, and

WHEREAS, the proposed railroad route passing through the district would cause a permanent disruption and destruction of agricultural and recreational land use and may decrease property values thereby decreasing tax revenues which fund the district, and

WHEREAS, the proposed railroad route for the Great Lakes Basin Railroad would intersect the district roadways and delay and obstruct transportation of district students and delay and obstruct regular and emergency traffic, resulting in danger to the citizens of the district and increased costs to the district, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the district opposes the proposed potential route for the Great Lakes Basin Railroad through the district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption (June 27, 2017).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the district is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver copies of this Resolution to any appropriate governmental entities, including, but not limited to the Surface Transportation Board.