

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-R-16

Resolution of DeKalb County Commissioners
in Opposition to Exporting Michindoh Aquifer Water to
Areas Outside the Aquifer

WHEREAS, DeKalb County, Indiana, is one of many counties in all of northern Indiana, northwest Ohio, and southern Michigan, that rely exclusively on the Michindoh Aquifer for their water supply; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County is completely dependent on this water source, with no other financially viable backup; and

WHEREAS, residents, farmers, commercial businesses, and industries within the Aquifer, including all of DeKalb County, depend on the clean, consistent, water supply from the Michindoh Aquifer; and

WHEREAS, a current potential threat to the integrity of the Michindoh Aquifer is posed by the proposed drilling into the Aquifer by Artesian of Pioneer of Pioneer, Ohio, to drill and export water to areas outside the Michindoh Aquifer for financial gain at the expense of those within the Aquifer reliant on it as their sole financially viable water source; and

WHEREAS, the areas to which Artesian of Pioneer seeks to export water have their own source of water but seek to import water from the Aquifer as a more financially viable option to properly maintaining their water infrastructure; and

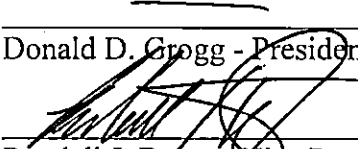
WHEREAS, those within the Aquifer have serious concerns about the short and long-term affect of this venture and how it will impact the water supply within the Michindoh Aquifer; and

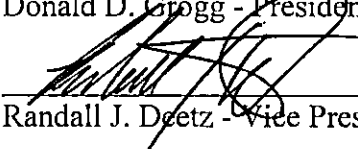
WHEREAS, those within the Aquifer have legitimate concerns regarding water levels dropping, contamination, the level of outsourced volumes, and the potentially devastating impact on all within the Aquifer.

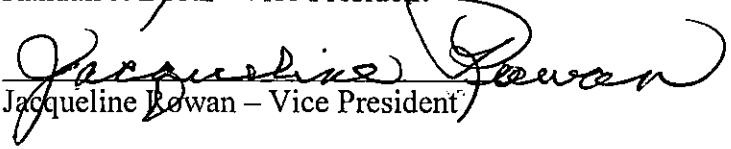
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of County of DeKalb, Indiana, that DeKalb County, Indiana, neither supports nor endorses the proposed drilling into the Michindoh Aquifer by Artesian of Pioneer or any other entity for the purpose of exporting water from the area currently served by the Michindoh Aquifer.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of DeKalb County, Indiana, on this 17th day of September, 2018.

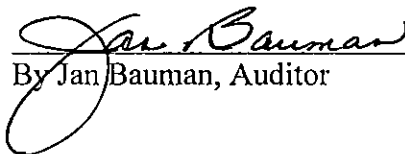
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By Jan Bauman, Auditor

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