

Resolution No. 18-08-01

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND PROMOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GROUNDWATER AQUIFER AND OPPOSITION TO DRILLING FOR, OR PRIVATE DISTRIBUTION OF, THE GROUNDWATER FROM THE MICHINDOH GLACIAL OUTWASH AQUIFER, TO LOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE DESIGNATED AQUIFER.

WHEREAS, the Michindoh Glacial Outwash Aquifer supplies agricultural, commercial, and industrial water resources, as well as drinking water, for residents in Northwest Ohio, Southern Michigan and Northeast Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Michindoh Glacial Outwash Aquifer supplies approximately 75 million gallons of water daily to nine counties located in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, there are no economically feasible alternative water sources should the aquifer become depleted; and,

WHEREAS, it has recently been brought to the attention of this public body that private enterprise seeks to gain by drilling and potential diversion and distribution of water resources from the Michindoh Glacial Outwash Aquifer to areas outside of the current aquifer service area; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed diversion and distributions is to areas which already have alternate sources of water; and,

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that the proposed plans for withdrawal, transportation, development and consumptive use of water resources do not incorporate maximum feasible conservation practices, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the alternative available; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed withdrawal and consumptive use does not reasonably promote the protection of the public health, safety and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed withdrawal will have a significant detrimental effect on the quantity, and potential quality, of water resources for those currently served by the Michindoh Glacial Outwash Aquifer; and,

WHEREAS, this public body hereby makes a formal request of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and/or the Ohio EPA that, should an application for a permit to allow diversion of water from the Michindoh Glacial Outwash Aquifer be requested, public hearings would be held before any such permit be approved;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Trustees of the Townships of Williams, County, Ohio by the majority of the trustees present during the 3rd Quarterly meeting held on August 16th, 2018 concur:

SECTION 1: That the Trustees of the Townships of Williams County, Ohio do hereby declare its strong opposition to permitting the diversion of water resources from the Michindoh Glacial Outwash Aquifer, which would have an adverse impact on the aquifer and endanger the consumptive use, and public health, welfare and safety of those who are currently served by, and rely on, the aquifer, not only in Williams County, Ohio, but our neighbors in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan.

SECTION 2: That the Trustees of the Townships of Williams County, Ohio do hereby encourage and promote cooperation with all public bodies served by the Michindoh Glacial Outwash Aquifer to join in a collaborative action to pass similar legislation and to protect our valuable water resources.

SECTION 3: That the Trustees of the Townships of Williams County, Ohio do formally hereby request that this Resolution be submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and/or the Ohio EPA and, should any permit be requested to divert water from the Michindoh Glacial Outwash Aquifer, that a public hearing be held and notice and opportunity to be heard be given to this public body and the residents of the Townships in Williams County, Ohio.

SECTION 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period provided by law for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the townships of Williams County, Ohio.

PASSED this 16th day of August, 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. L. Short', written over a horizontal line.

B. L. Short - President
Williams County Township Association