## RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CARDINAL-HICKORY CREEK TRANSMISSION LINE

- WHEREAS, the American Transmission Company, ITC Transmission, and Dairyland Power Cooperative have proposed the construction of a new 120-mile 345 kV high-voltage transmission line from Dubuque County, Iowa, to Middleton, Wisconsin, called the Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed corridors for the Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line and towers will be too close to a large number of residences and farms in the Town of Cross Plains, substantially affecting their property values and quality of life.
- WHEREAS, the proposed corridors for the transmission line would run through or near many natural, recreational/tourism and cultural resources, including the Dodgeville and Wyoming Oak Woodlands/Savanna Conservation Opportunity Area, Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Governor Dodge State Park, Military Ridge State Trail, Military Ridge Prairie Heritage Area, Pecatonica State Trail, the Ice Age National Scenic Trail and the proposed Driftless Area Trail; and
- WHEREAS, many tourists to the area visit in large part due to the beautiful natural setting of the Driftless Area and extensive opportunities for outdoor recreation; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line would have significant negative aesthetic impacts on the surrounding region and would negatively impact businesses, tourism, property values, and property tax revenue; and
- WHEREAS, there is a citizen preference for electrical demands of central and southwest Wisconsin to be met by local resources, such as energy efficiency, wind power, solar power, demand response, battery storage, and emerging technologies;
- **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Cross Plains Board of Supervisors is OPPOSED to the construction and operation of the proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Cross Plains Board of Supervisors calls upon the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, Wisconsin Governor, and the Wisconsin Legislature to oppose the construction and operation of the proposed Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line and not grant any permits, certificates or other approvals needed for the proposed transmission line.

Introduced and passed this th day of July 2018.

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