

Request for Legislative Action

Res. #20839

Sponsor: Tony Miller

Date: December 13, 2021

Completed by County Counselor's Office

Action Requested:	Resolution	Res.Ord No.:	20839
Sponsor(s):	Tony Miller	Legislature Meeting Date:	12/13/2021

Introduction

Action Items: ['Authorize']

Project/Title:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute an Agreement with, and Missouri Quit Claim Deed in favor of, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, in accordance with the United States Swamp Lands Act of 1850, related to the Jackass Bend Unit, and known also as Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Acquisition Tract Number 110,R. at no cost to the County.

Request Summary

The Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge was established in 1994 for the development, advancement, management, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Refuge spans from Kansas City to St. Louis along the Missouri River floodplain, encompassing 17 separate units of protected lands and offering a variety of educational and recreational opportunities to the public.

The Jackass Bend Unit of the Big Muddy NFWR is located approximately 45 minutes northeast of Kansas City. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service acquisition would provide high quality public use opportunities within the Kansas City major metropolitan area. It would allow enhanced public access to the Jackass Bend Unit, including exceptional fishing, hunting, and wildlife observation opportunities. After acquisition, the Refuge Manager plans to implement a public youth waterfowl hunting program to increase environmental education and recreational access.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is requesting that Jackson County relinquish their rights to the abandoned riverbed to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in order to consolidate title, complete acquisition of the area, and allow Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge to provide exceptional public access opportunities.

Contact Information

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Budget Information

Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:	\$ 0
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Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:			\$ 0
Total amount authorized after this legislative action:			\$
Is it transferring fund?			No
Single Source Funding:			
Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:
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Prior Legislation	
Prior Ordinances	
Ordinance:	Ordinance date:
Prior Resolution	
Resolution:	Resolution date:

Purchasing	
Does this RLA include the purchase or lease of supplies, materials, equipment or services?	No
Chapter 10 Justification:	
Core 4 Tax Clearance Completed:	
Certificate of Foreign Corporation Received:	
Have all required attachments been included in this RLA?	

Compliance	
Certificate of Compliance	
Not Applicable	
Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Business Program	
Goals Not Applicable for following reason: Contract is with another government agency	
MBE:	.00%
WBE:	.00%
VBE:	.00%
Prevailing Wage	
Not Applicable	

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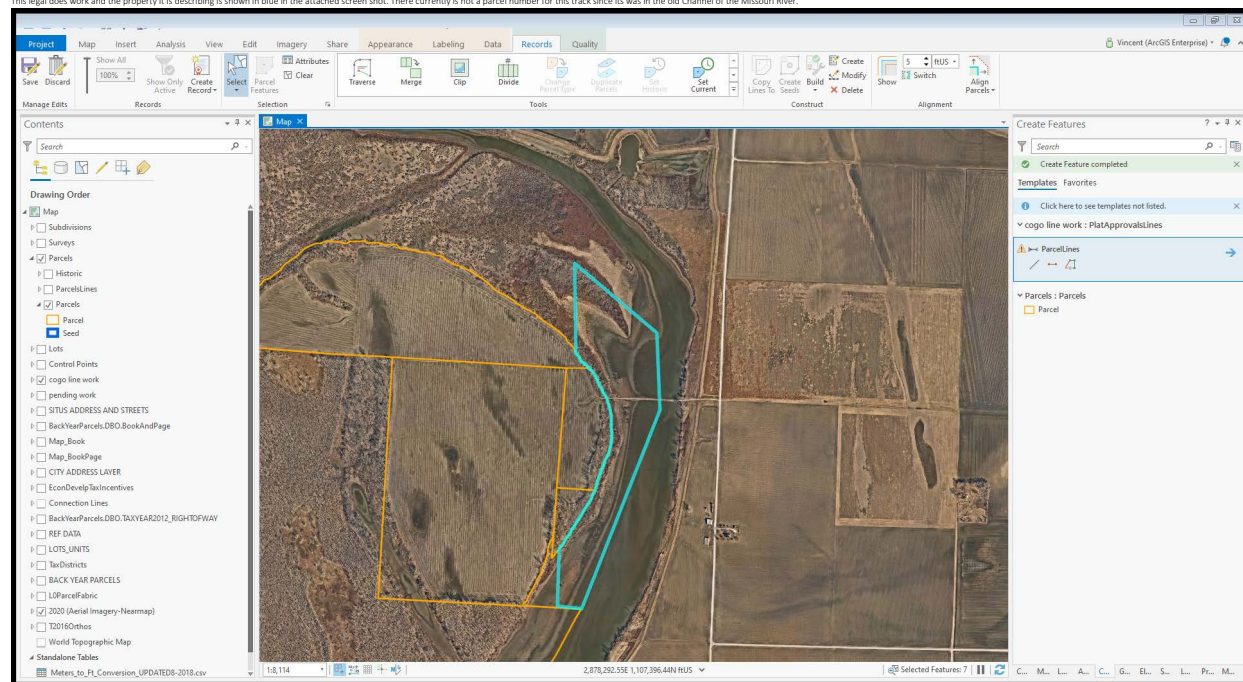
History

Elizabeth Freeland at 12/3/2021 10:47:01 AM - [Submitted |]
Department Director: Jay D. Haden at 12/6/2021 12:39:00 PM - [Approved |]
Finance (Purchasing): Barbara J. Casamento at 12/6/2021 1:18:54 PM - [Not applicable |]
Compliance: Katie M. Bartle at 12/6/2021 1:43:13 PM - [Approved | eRLA 337]
Finance (Budget): Mark Lang at 12/6/2021 2:40:50 PM - [Not applicable |]
Executive: Troy Schulte at 12/7/2021 4:01:32 PM - [Approved |]
Legal: Elizabeth Freeland at 12/9/2021 9:25:40 AM - [Approved |]

From: Vincent E. Brice
To: Clifton M. Davis
Cc: William G. Snyder
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL DRAFT Jackson Bend QCD
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 2:15:51 PM
Attachments: [mapcut97.png](#)

Clifton,

This legal does work and the property it is describing is shown in blue in the attached screen shot. There currently is not a parcel number for this track since it was in the old Channel of the Missouri River.



From: Clifton M. Davis <CDavis@jacksongov.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 11:54 AM
To: Vincent E. Brice <VBrice@jacksongov.org>
Cc: William G. Snyder <WSnyder@jacksongov.org>
Subject: FW: EXTERNAL DRAFT Jackson Bend QCD

Good afternoon Vince,

I received a call from US Fish and Wildlife asking for an update. I explained the DLT sale. Is there a timeline estimation I can forward?

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From: Clifton M. Davis
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:35 PM
To: Vincent E. Brice <VBrice@jacksongov.org>
Subject: FW: EXTERNAL DRAFT Jackson Bend QCD

Good afternoon Vince,

We finally received the QCD from the US Fish and Wildlife. This is the issue arising out of the Artman trust concerning some swamp/wetlands owned by the county. I know the next step is we need to ensure the legal description is actually the swamp/wetland portion we intend to convey and not something more. Is this something you can assist with? Also, would it be possible to get a map of the area? Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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From: McCluskey, Allison M <Allison_McCluskey@fws.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:05 PM
To: Clifton M. Davis <CDavis@jacksongov.org>

Subject: EXTERNAL Quit Claim Deed for review execution

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Hi Clifton,

Hope you are well! Attached you'll find the QCD from Jackson County to the USA (managed by FWS) drafted up for your review and eventual execution.

Please feel free to markup this document using track changes and email back to me, if you have any edits to the attached QCD draft. For instance, I wasn't certain where the County signing authority derives from – whether it be via the County Commissioners or otherwise. It's easy enough to add more signature blocks for multiple commissioners, if needed.

Feel free to call with questions!

Thanks,

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