

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**A RESOLUTION** authorizing the County Executive to execute a 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20839**, December 13, 2021

**INTRODUCED BY** Tony Miller, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) was established in 1994 for the development, advancement, management, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Refuge spans from Kansas City to St. Louis along the Missouri River floodplain, encompassing seventeen separate units of protected lands and offering a variety of educational and recreational opportunities to the public; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of a 1950's era federal flood contract project, Jackson County currently owns the Jackass Bend Unit of the Refuge, consisting of thirty-five acres, located approximately 45 minutes northeast of Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has requested that the County donate the Jackass Bend Unit to the federal government; and,

WHEREAS, such a donation would provide enhanced public access to the Jackass Bend Unit, including fishing, hunting, wildlife observation opportunities, and the implementation of a public youth waterfowl hunting program; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks + Rec has advised that the Department has no present or future use planned for this property, which is a part of the former river channel, topographically rough terrain and difficult to access; and,

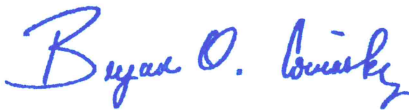
WHEREAS the attached Quit Claim deed provides a suitable mechanism by which to effect the donation; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, MO, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to execute the attached Quit Claim Deed in favor of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Chief Deputy County Counselor

  
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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 20839 of December 13, 2021, was duly passed on December 13, 2021 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

12/13/2021  
Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature