

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-3

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WHEREAS, Randolph County has many natural streams, creeks, springs and rivers that flow through the great State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 "Clean Water Rule: Definition of Waters of the United States" remains in challenging litigation; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2013-4 was passed on July 11, 2013 and attributed to keeping Randolph and other counties from being in the Blueway Designation by the U.S. Department of Interior; and

WHEREAS, the definition of "navigable waters" is being reviewed and EPA is accepting comments from state and local governments until June 19, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Randolph County Government believes that the following reflects the will of the people of Randolph County:

- There should be neither taking of private property nor denial of historical use thereof due to decree or order without proper due process.
- All actions to set aside normal use of private property should be only a voluntary one and no involuntary mandates, restricting the normal historical use, should exist or be created. We fully support voluntary programs whereby watersheds and the environment are protected.
- There should be no buffers created within a watershed except by voluntary programs. Livestock watering in watersheds is a normal agricultural process as is tilling the soil. Water for irrigation is a normal agricultural practice and restrictions of such use within a watershed should not be restricted outside existing rules and regulations without due legislative process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Randolph County Quorum Court respectfully requests that the review of the definition of "navigable waters" be consistent with protecting the rights of landowners.

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

ATTEST: Rhonda Blevins  
Rhonda Blevins, Randolph County Clerk

David Jansen  
David Jansen, Randolph County Judge

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FILED IN MY OFFICE  
This 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017  
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County & Probate Clerk

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