

The Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, met in regular session this 10th day of April 2017 with the following members present. Daryll Gray, President Barry Woodruff, Member

Tony Applegate, Member, was absent.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting and dispense with the oral reading.  
Second: Mr. Gray.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Woodruff, yea Mr. Applegate, absent Mr. Gray, yea

#### **IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION – SUPPORT TO OHIO'S 88 COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting and dispense with the oral reading.  
Second: Mr. Gray.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Woodruff, yea Mr. Applegate, absent Mr. Gray, yea

#### **RESOLUTION TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXPRESSING NEED FOR FUNDING SUPPORT TO OHIO'S 88 COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

**WHEREAS**, the **BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** recognize the economic challenges facing Brown County and the State of Ohio;

**WHEREAS**, the **BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** seek to increase economic growth and job development in Brown County and the State of Ohio;

**WHEREAS**, the **BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** recognize that conservation programs are a critical component to the sustainability of economic development, food development, water quality and the environment, and the quality of life;

**WHEREAS**, the **BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** values the technical assistance, services and programs the Brown County SWCD provide to Brown County and the State of Ohio;

**WHEREAS**, the **BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** recognizes that strong funding is necessary to enhance urban, suburban, and rural environmental quality provide for productive soils and clean waters; forestry and wildlife management; improve public health; build sustainable economies and attractive communities; protect fertile farmland and important open spaces; create and maintain adequate recreational opportunities and accompanying infrastructure;

**WHEREAS**, the **BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** believe the Brown County SWCD is a cost effective and efficient intergovernmental partnership which leverages local, state and federal funding for the purpose of keeping our county viable and protecting a way of life;

**WHEREAS**, the **BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** financially supports the Brown County SWCD;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the **BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** supports and urges SWCD state match funding to secured to the 1:1 level by the Ohio General Assembly so that Ohio's 88 county SWCDs can continue providing critical conservation programs and practices needed to keep Ohio's soils productive and water clean, aiding our economy, and enhancing our environment for the quality of life for all Ohioans; now

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the **BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** forward this resolution and any other supporting documents to the Ohio General Assembly.

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**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION – KOPE FORMATION PERSERVE PROJECT, UNION TWP.**

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to adopt the following resolution. In attendance: Andy Dickerson, Cardinal Land Conservancy, and Daniel Boone, Cardinal Land Conservancy. Second: Mr. Gray.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Woodruff, yea Mr. Applegate, absent Mr. Gray, yea

**Board of Commissioners  
Brown County, Ohio  
Resolution No. 04102017-2**

**A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the  
2017 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund, NRAC 15 Application Round #11  
for the Kope Formation Preserve Project (53 acres) in Union Township, Brown County, Ohio**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, County of Brown, State of Ohio, held on the 10th day of April 2017, at 10:00 a.m. (EST) with the following members present:

Mr. Gray Mr. Woodruff

The following resolution was moved for adoption by Mr. Woodruff and seconded by Mr. Gray.

WHEREAS: The Board of Commissioners has received a request from Vernon Uchtman, landowner, for support of an application on their behalf to the State of Ohio for the purchase of 53 acres +/- of land by the Cardinal Land Conservancy, Inc. **Attachment A** to this Resolution is incorporated by reference and lists their respective properties.

WHEREAS: The Commissioners have reviewed this request and have determined that the nomination of the property for the 2017 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund program is compatible with the long-range goals regarding greenspace preservation for the county and respective township; and,

WHEREAS: The Commissioners find the request for the preservation of the property as open space and natural habitat, per the requirements of the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund program, and acknowledges that the landowner commits to donate at least 25% of the property value as match for the project costs; and

WHEREAS: Cardinal Land Conservancy, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) land preservation organization is an eligible sponsor for applications for the 2017 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund for properties in Brown County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS: Cardinal Land Conservancy (formerly as Southern Ohio Farmland Preservation Association, Inc.), has worked since 2001 to preserve land in Brown County, Ohio, for farmland, natural areas and open space.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BROWN COUNTY, OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Board supports the application on behalf of the landowner to the 2017 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund, NRAC 15, Round 11, for the property listed in **Attachment A**.

Section 2: That the Board certifies that the purchase of the nominated property is compatible with the long-range land use goals of the County.

Section 3: That the Board acknowledges that sponsor Cardinal Land Conservancy, Inc. has agreed to hold, monitor, and supervise the property to be purchased with Clean Ohio Conservation Funds and will do so in conjunction with the rights of the Ohio Public Works Commission, according to the terms of the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund program.

Section 4: That the Board acknowledges that each landowner, per the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund requirements, is committing to donate at least 25% local match of the appraised property value and the Board appreciates this commitment on the part of the landowners who voluntarily participate in this program.

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**IN THE MATTER TO ADJOURN**

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to adjourn this meeting with no further business before the Board this 10th day of April 2017. Second: Mr. Gray.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Woodruff, yea Mr. Applegate, absent Mr. Gray, yea

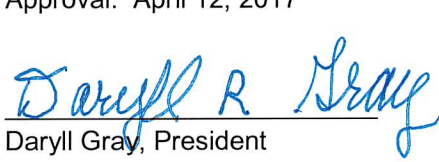
4/6/2017

Commissioner, Daryll Gray, attended the 2017 Policy Development Meeting, BC Farm Bureau.  
Commissioner, Barry Woodruff, attended the SHCTC Advisory Meeting, SHCTC Dinning Commons.

4/10/2017

Commissioners, Daryll Gray and Barry Woodruff, met with Sheriff Ellis to discuss department needs and various department matters.

Approval: April 12, 2017

  
Daryll Gray, President

  
Tony Applegate, Member

  
Barry Woodruff, Member

  
Sarah Beath, Clerk

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