

RESOLUTION 2017- 7

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY QUORUM COURT, LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS, USA. ENTITLED: COMMENTS TO THE EPA REGARDING PRESEDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER #13778 PERTAINING TO CORRECTING THE DEFINITION OF "NAVIGABLE WATERS"

WHEREAS, President Donald John Trump has issued on February 28, 2017, an "Executive Order on Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule"; and

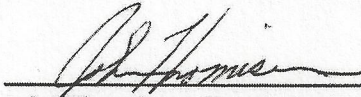
WHEREAS, Section 2 of that Executive Order call for the review of the 2015 "Clean Water Rule: Definition of Waters of the United States" (as ordered on June 29, 2015 by the Obama Administration), and that 2015 rule, because of its far-reaching federal intrusion into historic state and local properties, has been met with much alarm and therefore remains in challenging litigation to the present time; and

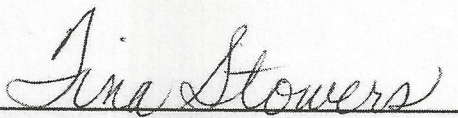
WHEREAS, President Trump's stated intent is to interpret the term "navigable waters" as defined in 33 U.S. C. 1362(7) (<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/33/1362>) in a manner consistent with the opinion of Justice Antonin Scalia in *Rapanos v. United States*, 547 U.S. 715 (2006); and

WHEREAS, EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers are accepting substantive comments from state and local governments until June 19, 2017, stating the local county government position on the definition of "navigable waters" (EPA request that comments be sent in written form to EPA staff at CWAwotus@epa.gov).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY QUORUM COURT THAT we support the Presidential Order pertaining to the making of the "Waters of the United States Rule" consistent with the interpretation of the term "navigable waters" in the opinion of Justice Antonin Scalia in *Rapanos v. United States*, 547 U.S. 715 (2006) (<http://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/547/715/opinion.html>) <https://222.law.cornell.edu/edu/uscode/text/33/1362> thereby rescinding any portion of the 2015 Obama administration rule that is in conflict with the Justice Scalia opinion.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED ON THIS 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 2017.


John Thomison, County Judge


Tina Stowers, County Clerk

FILED
Tina Stowers, County Clerk

JUN 13 2017

AM Document Filed PM
7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6