

RESOLUTION 22-09

A Resolution calling for a new water source.

Sponsored by Justice Matt Brown

- WHEREAS: Conway Corporation serves water to all of Conway and parts of Faulkner County; and
- WHEREAS: Conway County Regional Water Distribution District serves water to all of Conway County; and
- WHEREAS: Both water systems serve their customers from Brewer Lake; and
- WHEREAS: The need for water is expected to exceed the capacity of Brewer Lake by the year 2037; and
- WHEREAS: It is necessary to have water available from different sources in anticipation of adverse consequences; and
- WHEREAS: The permitting, engineering and construction of a new water source will take multiple years; and
- WHEREAS: Conway Corporation approved this Resolution on August 16, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Quorum Court of Faulkner County, Arkansas, that:

- Section 1: It is imperative for the health and welfare of the citizens of Faulkner and Conway counties that a new water source be developed at this time.
- Section 2: Public health and safety is directly related to an adequate and reliable water source for human consumption; sanitation needs; and fire protection.
- Section 3: Both water providers serve low income and underprivileged parts of their communities which will be directly and negatively impacted by the loss of an adequate, reliable and affordable water source.
- Section 4: An adequate, reliable and economical water source is essential to economic development and thus essential to a community and the sustainability of its workforce.
- Section 5: A new drinking water source for the public will also provide habitat for multiple aquatic and terrestrial species. Migrating endangered bat species, like the Indiana Bat, will have an additional, reliable water source while moving through Arkansas. New wetlands created from the impoundment of water will also benefit many migratory waterfowl and shore-wading bird species. Multiple fish species would also provide a new source of recreation and food for the residents of Arkansas and tourists.

- Section 6: Brewer Lake and the surrounding buffer is used for fishing, boating, hunting, nature watching and many other recreational uses by people from all over the State and beyond. The proposed new water source will be another such greatly utilized recreational resource for the people of Arkansas.
- Section 7: Regulations that have been enacted to protect the environment for the populace have led to drastic unintentional cost and time increases and all too often, final denial of water source development projects and thus the endangerment of the very people the regulation was meant to serve.
- Section 8: It is critical that public entities, including the water providers, the cities they serve, Faulkner and Conway Counties, the State of Arkansas and the Federal Government come together to fund and promote the timely fulfillment of this required life sustaining project to construct a new water source in Conway County to supplement Brewer Lake.
- Section 9: This proposed water source was contemplated in the February 2001, US Army Corps of Engineers, *Water Supply Study City of Conway, Arkansas Section 22, Water Resource Development Act of 1974*, Report of Findings as Site 1 and located on the East Fork of Point Remove Creek.

Approved by the Quorum Court on September 20, 2022

Attest: _____
Margaret Darter
Faulkner County Clerk
Faulkner County, Arkansas

Affirm: _____
James Baker
Faulkner County Judge
Faulkner County, Arkansas

Dated: September 20, 2022

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