

## SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 SPECIAL SESSION KEY TAKEAWAYS REGARDING CSCD ASSESSMENTS

1. The \$972 estimated Equal Assessment, publicized in the Brown County Democrat newspaper, was based upon 90% of the Proposed 2021 CSCD Budget being considered as works of improvement. Resolution 2020-4 allows the District to separate the Conservancy District's levy between an Ad Valorem amount and a fixed amount. At the October 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, a resolution will be adopted by the Board to determine the actual amount of the Equal Assessment for 2021, not to exceed \$275 per Freehold (see definition of Freehold in #2).
2. After considering the comments from Freeholders at the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board will use the statutory definition of Freehold as:

*One (1) or more tracts of land owned solely by only one (1) freeholder constitute one (1) freehold. OR*

*One (1) or more tracts of land owned in joint title by at least two (2) identical freeholders constitute one (1) freehold. However, if one (1) of the freeholders owning the freehold in joint title is a different or additional person, each freehold in joint title among nonidentical persons constitutes a separate and additional freehold.*

Upon passage of this resolution defining Freehold, marrying lots will not be necessary. If you own multiple lots deeded to different persons (for example: One lot solely in your name and one lot in your name along with your spouse) those two lots/parcels will be considered two Freeholds and each subject to the Equal Assessment.

3. The Board agrees with the desire of the Freeholders to have a committee formed that would represent the diversity of the Freeholds in our District. This advisory committee will research and determine the appropriate methods to generate the revenue required to operate the District. This report will be presented to the Board for its approval.
4. It is the Board's desire to form a Cordry-Sweetwater Advocacy Committee. This committee will advocate for the District to Brown County Government. Our intent is to improve the relationship between the District and Brown County and to increase the benefits received from the County.