

FARM LEASE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

THIS FARM LEASE (the "Lease") is made and entered into by and between Williamson County, Texas, being a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as "Lessor", and Clifton Kotrla, hereinafter referred to as "Lessee."

In consideration of the rent and the covenants herein contained on the part of Lessee to be kept and performed, the Lessor does hereby lease, demise and let unto the Lessee, and the Lessee hires and rents the SURFACE ONLY, excluding the minerals, of approximately Two Hundred Twenty Seven (227) acres, more or less, situated in Williamson County, Texas, as described in Exhibit "A" (the "Premises"), subject to the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE 1: LEASE TERM

Lease Term or Term: February 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
Commencement Date: February 1, 2015
Termination Date: September 30, 2016

Lease Periods: There will be two separate Lease Periods during the Lease Term and they are as follows:

First Lease Period of Term: February 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015
Second Lease Period of Term: October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

Extensions: This Farm Lease will not be extended. Any future lease of the Premises for farming purposes following the Termination Date will be at the discretion of Williamson County and offered in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

ARTICLE 2: RENT; PAYMENT OF RENT

A. Lessee agrees to pay to Lessor the following rental amounts for the Premises during the Lease Periods set forth below:

1. The sum of Twenty thousand four hundred thirty (\$ 20,430 .00) for the Lease Period of February 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015; and
2. The sum of Twenty thousand four hundred thirty (\$ 20,430 .00) for the Lease Period of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016.

B. The payment of the rental amounts during each Lease Period of the Term shall be paid in two (2) separate and equal installments, with the first installment being due on or before May 31st and the second installment being due on or before September 30th.

C. All rental payments must be made payable to Williamson County and be hand delivered or mailed to Williamson County Parks & Recreation Department, ATTN: Parks Director, 219 Perry Mayfield, Leander, TX 78641.

ARTICLE 3: TAXES

Lessee agrees to pay any taxes levied against the crops and personal property and fixtures of Lessee in and about the Premises, provided, however, that if any such taxes of Lessee are levied against Lessor or Lessor's property and Lessor pays those taxes, Lessee, on demand, shall reimburse Lessor for all taxes actually paid on Lessee's behalf.

ARTICLE 4: SUBORDINATION

This Lease and all rights of Lessee under it are and shall be subject to and subordinate to the rights of any mortgage holder now or hereafter having a security interest in the Premises or any other encumbrances Lessor desires to place on the property.

ARTICLE 5: USE OF PREMISES

Lessee shall use the Premises solely for the purpose of planting, raising and harvesting crops, together with all other purposes and activities usually and customarily associated with a farming operation in Williamson County, Texas. Lessee hereby acknowledges and understands that Lessor may lease property adjoining the Premises for the purpose of cattle grazing and pecan harvesting and that Lessee shall only have farming rights to the Premises and shall not have any rights to farm such adjoining acreage.

ARTICLE 6: UTILITIES

Lessee shall pay or cause to be paid all charges for any water, electricity and any other utilities used on the Premises throughout the Term of this Lease, including any costs of installation and connection fees.

ARTICLE 7: LESSEE'S COVENANTS

Lessee further covenants and agrees as follows:

A. To pay and provide the rent for this Lease, as it is set out herein; to use the Premises in a careful and proper manner for the use specifically described herein; to commit or permit no waste or damages to the Premises; to conduct or permit no business or act that is a nuisance or may be in violation of any federal, state, or local law or ordinance; only use the Premises in such a prudent manner so as to preserve and protect the Premises and soil; to surrender the Premises on expiration or termination of this Lease in at least as good of a condition as the Premises was in on the date prior to Lessee's occupation of the Premises; cultivate the Premises in a timely, thorough, and farmer-like manner, employing the best methods of farming customarily practiced on like crops in the area and keep, repair and maintain all existing fencing, if any, during the Term of this Lease .

B. Lessee agrees to not use the Premises for any purpose other than for planting, raising and harvesting crops or to alter the Premises, including clearing new roads, moving or erecting any fences, or locating on the Premises any type of permanent or temporary improvement without Lessor's prior written consent. Lessee further agrees to not hunt or fish the Premises or allow anyone else to do so.

C. Lessee assumes the risk of loss on all property and all improvements, including any crops, which are situated on the Premises. Lessee agrees to maintain at all times during this Lease, the insurance described herein below.

D. Upon termination of this Lease, Lessee agrees that all improvements situated on the Premises, whether such improvements were situated on the Premises prior to this Lease or placed on the Premises during this Lease, shall become the property of Lessor, or, at the option of the Lessor, Lessee, at Lessee's sole expense, shall remove all improvements and debris and restore the surface of the Premises to its original condition provided that Lessee placed such improvements on the Premises during the Term of this Lease .

E. To permit Lessor to enter, inspect, and make such repairs to the Premises as Lessor may reasonably desire or show the Premises to prospective purchasers and tenants, at all reasonable times.

F. Lessee agrees that it is solely responsible for making all alterations, additions, or improvements necessary to the Premises to cause the Premises and its intended use to be in compliance with any laws, rules, ordinances, development codes or regulations of any applicable governmental authority, entity, or body, including, without limitation, the Federal Government, the local municipality, the County of Williamson, and the State of Texas and the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Texas Agriculture Commissioner. The allocation of responsibility to Lessee for compliance with said laws, rules, ordinances, development codes or regulations is a material inducement for the parties to enter into this Lease. The costs incurred in causing the Premises and its intended use to be in compliance with said laws, rules, ordinances, development codes or regulations shall be solely borne by Lessee.

G. Keep all gates on the Premises closed and locked, ingress to and egress from the Premises being at those places designated by Lessor and provide Lessor with all keys and/or combinations to each gate locking mechanism used by Lessee on the Premises.

ARTICLE 8: LESSOR'S COVENANTS

Lessor covenants and agrees to warrant and defend Lessee in the enjoyment and peaceful use and operation of the Premises during the Term of this Lease, subject to the termination rights set forth herein.

ARTICLE 9: INDEMNIFICATION & INSURANCE

A. INDEMNIFICATION OF LESSOR: LESSOR SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, OR INJURY OF ANY KIND OR CHARACTER TO ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY ARISING FROM ANY USE OF THE PREMISES OR ANY NEARBY PREMISES USED BY LESSEE OR ANY PART THEREOF; OR CAUSED BY ANY DEFECT IN ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE OR OTHER IMPROVEMENT THEREON; OR IN ANY EQUIPMENT OR OTHER FACILITY THEREIN; OR CAUSED BY OR ARISING FROM ANY ACT OR OMISSION OF LESSEE, OR OF ANY OF LESSEE'S AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, LICENSEES, OR INVITEES, OR BY OR FROM ANY ACCIDENT ON THE PREMISES OR ANY SURROUNDING PREMISES OR ANY FIRE OR OTHER CASUALTY THEREON, OR OCCASIONED BY THE FAILURE OF LESSEE TO MAINTAIN THE PREMISES IN SAFE CONDITION, OR ARISING FROM ANY OTHER CAUSE WHATSOEVER; AND LESSEE HEREBY WAIVES ON ITS BEHALF ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AGAINST LESSOR FOR ANY SUCH LOSS, DAMAGE, OR INJURY OF LESSEE OR OF LESSEE'S AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, LICENSEES, OR INVITEES, AND HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD LESSOR ENTIRELY FREE AND HARMLESS FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY SUCH LOSS, DAMAGE, OR INJURY OF OTHER PERSONS, AND FROM ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES ARISING THEREFROM. THE TERMS OF THIS INDEMNITY PROVISION SHALL SURVIVE ANY TERMINATION OF THIS LEASE.

B. Insurance: In order to insure the fulfillment of the above referenced indemnity provision, Lessee hereby agrees to maintain, at all times during the Term of this Lease , at Lessee's sole cost, a comprehensive public liability insurance policy protecting Lessor against all claims or demands that may arise or be claimed on account of Lessee's use of the Premises, in an amount of at least \$1,000,000.00, per occurrence of accident and/or injury, for injuries to persons and damages to real and/or personal property. Said insurance shall be written by a company or companies acceptable to Lessor, authorized to engage in the business of general liability insurance in the state of Texas, and name Lessor as an additional insured. Furthermore, said insurance shall be primary as to any other existing, valid, and collectible insurance. Lessee shall deliver to Lessor annual certificates demonstrating that said insurance is paid up and copies of the insurance policies issued by the insurance companies.

Lessee further agrees to maintain at all times during the Term of this Lease , at Lessee's cost, broad coverage fire and casualty insurance on its property and to provide Lessor with a copy of the policy and a certificate issued by the insurance company demonstrating that insurance is paid up.

Lessee shall, within ten (10) calendar days from the execution of this Lease, obtain a certified statement by each insurance carrier containing a clause providing that the insurance carrier will give Lessor 30 days' written notice before any cancellation shall be effective. The insurance policies shall be provided by Lessee and shall be for a period of at least one year.

ARTICLE 10: BREACHES BY LESSEE

In addition to the remedies specifically set forth herein and those available at law or in equity, if Lessee fails to perform or breaches any term, condition or covenant set forth in this Lease, and this failure or breach continues for ten (10) calendar days after a written notice specifying the required performance has been given to Lessee, Lessee shall be in breach and Lessor may:

A. enforce specific performance causing Lessee to strictly comply with and perform such term, condition or covenant; or

B. may, but not be obligated to do so, enter the Premises and perform Lessee's obligations for the account of and at the expense of Lessee. Bills for all amounts paid by Lessor and all losses, costs, and expenses incurred by Lessor in connection with such performance by Lessor pursuant to this clause, including without limitation, all amounts paid and costs and expenses incurred by Lessor for any property, material, labor or services provided, furnished, or rendered or caused to be provided, furnished or rendered by Lessor to Lessee may be sent by Lessor to Lessee monthly or immediately, at Lessor's option, and shall be due

and payable by Lessee to Lessor as additional rent within five (5) calendar days after same is sent to Lessee by Lessor; or

C. terminate this Lease, without liability, by written notice to Lessee, in which event, the Lease hereby created shall terminate on the tenth (10th) day after such notice is given and Lessee shall within such ten (10) day period vacate the Premises and surrender them to Lessor in the state required under this Lease, with Lessor having the right to reenter and repossess the Premises discharged of this Lease and to expel all occupants and to remove all property therefrom.

Upon the occurrence of any breach, Lessor may enter and take possession of the Premises by self-help, by picking or changing locks if necessary, and may lock out Lessee or any other person who may be occupying the Premises, until the breach is cured, without being liable for damages.

ARTICLE 11: BREACHES BY LESSOR

Breaches by Lessor are failing, within thirty (30) calendar days after receiving written notice from Lessee, to comply with any term, condition or covenant set forth in this Lease. In the event that Lessor fails to cure its breach within the said thirty (30) calendar days, Lessee may, as Lessee's sole remedy, terminate this Lease.

ARTICLE 12: VOLUNTARY TERMINATION

Lessor or Lessee may terminate this Lease, without cause and for convenience, upon giving three hundred sixty five (365) day's written notice to the other party. Upon the termination of this Lease by Lessee for convenience and without cause, Lessee will surrender the Premises peaceably to the Lessor and pay Lessor all remaining rental amounts that may be due hereunder for the Lease period in which Lessee terminates in. In the event that Lessor exercises its right to terminate this Lease for convenience and without cause, Lessor shall be obligated to reimburse Lessee, on a pro-rata basis, the proportion of rents, if any, that have been prepaid for any unused portion of the Lease Period in which Lessor terminates in.

ARTICLE 13: INSOLVENCY, BANKRUPTCY, ETC., OF LESSEE

If Lessee is declared insolvent or adjudicated a bankrupt; if Lessee makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or if a receiver is appointed for Lessee, Lessor, without prejudice to its rights hereunder and at its option, may terminate this Lease and retake possession of the premises immediately and without notice to Lessee or any assignee, transferee, trustee, or any other person or persons, using force if necessary.

ARTICLE 14: LESSOR TO HAVE LIEN

Lessor will have a lien against all goods, equipment and other personal property of Lessee brought, stored, or kept on the Premises during the Term of this Lease , in the aggregate amount of all rent, consideration, damages, and other sums that may at any time be owed by Lessee to Lessor under this Lease. In the event of any breach by Lessee, Lessor may foreclose the lien in the same manner that a mortgage would be foreclosed.

ARTICLE 15: RIGHT TO SELL

It is understood and agreed that Lessor shall have the right to sell or assign its right, title and interest in the Premises, in whole or in part, at any time during the Term of this Lease. If during the Term of this Lease , the Premises are sold by Lessor to a third party, this Lease shall terminate three hundred sixty five (365) days from the date in which Lessor gives Lessee notice that the Premises has been sold and Lessee shall vacate the Premises.

ARTICLE 16: ELECTION BY LESSOR NOT EXCLUSIVE

The exercise by Lessor of any right or remedy to collect rent or enforce its rights under this Lease will not be a waiver or preclude the exercise of any other right or remedy afforded Lessor by this Lease or by statute or law. The failure of Lessor in one or more instances to insist on strict performance or observations of one or more of the covenants or conditions of this Lease or to exercise any remedy, privilege, or option conferred by this Lease on or reserved to Lessor shall not operate or be construed as a relinquishment or future waiver of the covenant or condition or the right to enforce it or to exercise that remedy, privilege, or option; that right shall continue in full force and effect. The receipt by Lessor of rent or any other payment or part of payment required to be made by Lessee shall not act to waive any other additional consideration, rent or payment then due. Even with the knowledge of the breach of any covenant or condition of this Lease, receipt will not operate as or be deemed to be a waiver of this breach, and no waiver by Lessor of any of the provisions of this Lease, or any of Lessor's rights, remedies, privileges, or options under this Lease, will be deemed to have been made unless made by Lessor in writing.

ARTICLE 17: LIMITATIONS OF WARRANTIES

LESSEE ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT, OTHER THAN AS MAY BE SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH HEREIN, LESSOR HAS NOT MADE, DOES NOT MAKE AND SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, PROMISES, COVENANTS, AGREEMENTS OR GUARANTIES OF ANY KIND OR CHARACTER WHATSOEVER, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, ORAL OR

WRITTEN, PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE, OF, AS TO, CONCERNING OR WITH RESPECT TO (A) THE NATURE, QUALITY OR CONDITION OF THE PREMISES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE WATER, SOIL AND GEOLOGY, (B) THE INCOME TO BE DERIVED FROM THE PREMISES, (C) THE SUITABILITY OF THE PREMISES FOR ANY AND ALL ACTIVITIES AND USES WHICH LESSEE MAY CONDUCT THEREON, (D) THE COMPLIANCE OF OR BY THE PREMISES OR ITS OPERATION WITH ANY LAWS, RULES, ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS OF ANY APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY OR BODY, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND THE TEXAS ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT AND ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, (E) THE HABITABILITY, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF THE PREMISES, OR (F) ANY OTHER MATTER WITH RESPECT TO THE PREMISES, AND SPECIFICALLY THAT LESSOR HAS NOT MADE, DOES NOT MAKE AND SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING SOLID WASTE, AS DEFINED BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGULATIONS AT 40 C.F.R., PART 261, OR THE DISPOSAL OR EXISTENCE, IN OR ON THE PREMISES, OF ANY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, AS DEFINED BY THE COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPLICABLE STATE LAWS, AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER. LESSEE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT HAVING BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT THE PREMISES, LESSEE IS RELYING SOLELY ON ITS OWN INVESTIGATION OF THE PREMISES AND NOT ON ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED OR TO BE PROVIDED BY LESSOR. LESSEE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED OR TO BE PROVIDED WITH RESPECT TO THE PREMISES WAS OBTAINED FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES AND THAT LESSOR HAS NOT MADE ANY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OR VERIFICATION OF SUCH INFORMATION. LESSEE FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE USE AND OPERATION OF THE PREMISES AS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN IS MADE ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" CONDITION AND BASIS "WITH ALL FAULTS". LESSEE ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH WERE A MATERIAL FACTOR IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNT OF THE RENT OF THE PREMISES. THE TERMS OF THIS PARAGRAPH WILL SURVIVE ANY TERMINATION OF THIS LEASE.

ARTICLE 18: CONDEMNATION

If during the Term of this Lease, all of the premises are taken for any public or quasi-public use under any governmental law, ordinance, or regulation, or by right or eminent domain, or are sold to the condemning authority under threat of condemnation, this Lease will terminate, effective as of the date the condemning authority takes the premises. If only a part of the premises shall be so taken or sold, but the remainder of the premises is not capable of being used for the purposes set forth herein, Lessor may terminate this Lease, without liability, at any time within forty-five (45) calendar days following such taking or sale. Any and all payments made for or arising from any such taking or for damages to the premises resulting therefrom shall belong and be payable entirely to Lessor.

ARTICLE 19: SOIL TEST

During the last month of the First Lease Period of the Lease Term, the Williamson County Parks Department may, at its discretion, obtain a Soil Test. The results of a Soil Test will be discussed with Lessee and Lessee must employ necessary agronomic and conservation techniques to improve the Premises. In the event Lessee fails to employ necessary agronomic and conservation techniques to improve the Premises, such failure will constitute a breach hereunder and Lessor may exercise its rights under Article 10. Furthermore, any failure of Lessee to employ necessary agronomic and conservation techniques to improve the Premises will, to the extent allowed by law, be considered by Lessor in relation to any future lease offerings of the Premises should Lessee submit a bid, proposal or offer to lease the Premises.

ARTICLE 20: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. **Gender, Number and Headings.** Words of any gender used in this Lease shall be held and construed to include any other gender, and words in the singular number shall be held to include the plural, unless the context otherwise requires. The headings and section numbers are for convenience only and shall not be considered in interpreting or construing this Lease. The captions and paragraphs or letters appearing in this Lease are inserted only as a matter of convenience and in no way define, limit, construe, or describe the scope or intent of the sections or articles of this Lease or affect this Lease in any way.
- B. **Place of Performance.** This Lease shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performed in Williamson County, Texas, and exclusive jurisdiction and venue shall lie in Williamson County, Texas.
- C. **Terms Inclusive.** As used herein, the terms "Lessor" and "Lessee" include the plural whenever the context requires or admits.
- D. **Severability.** If any provision of this Lease shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof, but rather this entire Lease will be construed as if not containing the particular invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, and the rights and obligation of the parties shall be construed and enforced in accordance therewith. The parties acknowledge that if any provision of this Lease is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it is the desire and intention of each that such provision be reformed and construed in such a manner that it will, to the maximum extent practicable, give effect to the intent of this Lease and be deemed to be validated and enforceable.

E. **Governmental Immunity.** Nothing in this Lease shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to Lessor nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. Lessor does not waive, modify, or alter to any extent whatsoever the availability of the defense of governmental immunity under the laws of the State of Texas and of the United States.

F. **No Assignment or Lease by Lessee.** Lessee may not sell or assign any interest granted herein or lease the Premises or any portion of the same or any portion of any improvement erected on said premises at any time without the prior written authorization and approval of Lessor.

G. **No Indemnification by Lessor.** Lessee acknowledges and agrees that Lessor, as a Texas Lessor and a political subdivision of the State of Texas, under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, cannot enter into an agreement whereby it agrees to indemnify or hold harmless any other party, including but not limited to Lessee; therefore, all references of any kind, if any, to Lessor indemnifying, holding or saving harmless any other party, including but not limited to Lessee, for any reason whatsoever are hereby deemed void and deleted.

H. **NOTICES.** Any notice to be given hereunder shall be in writing and may be affected by personal delivery or in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the proper party, at the following address:

LESSOR: Williamson County Judge (or successor)
301 S.E. Inner Loop, Ste. 109
Georgetown, Texas 78626

With copy to: Williamson County Parks & Recreation Department
ATTN: Parks Director
219 Perry Mayfield
Leander, TX 78641

LESSEE: At the address listed on the signature page below.

I. **Compliance with All Statutes and Regulations.** Lessee, at its expense, shall ensure compliance with any and all State, Federal, City and Lessor (and any other such regulatory body as may exercise jurisdiction over Lessee and/or the Premises) laws, ordinances, regulations, or rules regarding the erection or installment of any improvements and all permitted activities upon the Premises.

J. **Entire Agreement.** This Lease and its addenda, if any, sets forth all the promises, agreements, conditions, and understandings between Lessor and Lessee

relative to the Premises and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties with respect to the to the Premises. There are no other promises, agreements, conditions, or understandings, either oral or written, between them. No subsequent alteration, amendment, change, or addition to this Lease will be binding on Lessor or Lessee unless in writing and signed by them and made a part of this Lease by direct reference.

EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Lessor:

Williamson County, Texas

By: _____
Dan A. Gattis,
Williamson County Judge

Lessee:

By: Clifton Kotrla

Printed Name: Clifton Kotrla

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