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**Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404

**REGULATED ENTY NAME** WRPERM 13404

**RN NUMBER:** RN109830679

**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

**FROM**

**NAME:** Janice C Bezanson

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**COMMENTS:** Texas Conservation Alliance (TCA) requests a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls to construct a reservoir on the Little Wichita River called Lake Ringgold, divert and use up to 65,000 acre-feet of water per year, and use the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River (Lake Arrowhead) to transport

water. Attached is TCA's formal request for a contested case hearing, request for a public comment hearing, and comments on the proposed permit.



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March 6, 2020

Office of the Chief Clerk  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
MC 105, TCEQ  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

**Re: Water Rights Permit #WRPERM 13404**

Texas Conservation Alliance (TCA), a nearly-fifty-year-old conservation organization focused on protecting wildlife habitat and water resources, requests a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, applied for by the City of Wichita Falls, to construct a reservoir on the Little Wichita River to be called Lake Ringgold, divert and use up to 65,000 acre-feet of water per year, and use the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River (Lake Arrowhead) to transport water.

TCA has members who will be directly affected by construction of the reservoir. Emry Birdwell and Deborah Clark of the Birdwell and Clark Ranch, 578 N. Bryant Edwards Road, Henrietta, TX 76365, are life members of Texas Conservation Alliance. If built, the proposed Lake Ringgold will inundate an estimated 1,200 to 2,000 acres of the Birdwell and Clark Ranch. An arm of the lake will cut their ranch into two sections, significantly impacting their ability to conduct the time-managed grazing on which their ranch income is based.

Contact information for Texas Conservation Alliance's representative follows:

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Texas Conservation Alliance's reasons for contesting the permit for Lake Ringgold include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The City of Wichita Falls does not need Lake Ringgold to meet the projected demand for water for its residents and customers anytime between now and 2070. The firm yield of Wichita Falls' current water supply lakes, plus its established indirect reuse program, meet the City's projected

demands for 2070 with a significant safety margin. Wichita Falls lost population in the last decade and its water use is projected in the Initially Prepared Plan of the 2021 Region B Water Plan (Region B IPP) to increase by just over 3% in the next fifty years.

2. As justification for building Lake Ringgold, the permit applicant (the City of Wichita Falls) does not use the usual procedure for determining the city's available water supply. The standard procedure for assessing water supply employs the concept of firm yield, which is the amount of water which could be withdrawn from a water supply reservoir during a repeat of the historical worst drought of record (for this region the drought of 2011-2015). Firm yield assumes a repeat of the hydrological conditions during the drought of record. Firm yield is the usual definition of water supply and the only one that corresponds to historical reality.

If the City of Wichita Falls counted its water supply as the firm yield of Lakes Kickapoo and Arrowhead, plus the City's share of the firm yield of Lake Kemp, along with the supply from WF's established reuse program, the City's water supply would easily meet its current and projected water needs without additional water supplies. In its application for a permit to build Lake Ringgold, however, Wichita Falls uses a different method of counting its available water.

The applicant refers to "climate uncertainty" and its water supply methodology assumes that future climatic conditions will be significantly drier than the historical norms. In anticipation of this change in climate conditions, the applicant has explored multiple definitions of water supply – conditional reliability assessment, one-year safe yield, two-year safe yield, and 20% reserve capacity. Each of these methodologies adjusts Wichita Falls' historical water supply downward, reflecting the assumed drier future. Of these, the City has selected the 20% reserve capacity method for its permit application - the method that results in the lowest assessment of available future water supply and the one that makes the case for additional water seem the most urgent.

Whether use of the 20% reserve capacity is a reasonable method for assessing water supply, and whether it justifies the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars, is precisely what is at issue. It is the position of Texas Conservation Alliance that the circumstances assumed under this method do *not* justify construction of Lake Ringgold.

3. Wichita Falls' permit application also refers to "demand uncertainty".

The future is always uncertain, but "uncertainty" doesn't justify a specific conclusion. Climate change models predict that some areas will be drier, but others will be wetter. The demand might wind up going down.

The Region B IPP projects that Wichita Falls' demand for water, including what it sells to other cities and other entities, will go from a 2020 figure of 31,329 acre-feet per year (AFY) to a 2070 demand of 32,306 AFY (an increase of 3.118%). Wichita Falls is proposing to spend hundreds of millions of dollars of its water customers' money on the possibility that demand might go up beyond what Wichita Falls current firm yield would supply. It is the position of Texas Conservation Alliance that this expenditure, projected in the IPP to be \$443 million, is not warranted. Even the lower price tag projected three years ago in the City's application, \$322 million, is not warranted.



4. The section of the Lake Ringgold application dealing with alternatives references the City's *Long-Range Water Supply Plan*, and states that "both short-term and long-term strategies were identified and evaluated". However, the full list of strategies and how they were evaluated is not explicitly stated in the application. The application simply concludes, "Based on the strategy evaluations, the long-term strategy that provides the greatest potential for reliable water supply at a reasonable cost to the City is Lake Ringgold." (Section 3.3).

Texas Conservation Alliance has reviewed the alternatives in the *Long-Range Water Supply Plan* and it is our finding that the list of alternatives in the study omits some of the most promising alternatives and the evaluation criteria are not applied appropriately. TCA will be presenting our analysis of alternatives and their evaluation in the contested case hearing.

5. According to the Region B IPP, the cost of constructing Lake Ringgold and its attendant pump stations and pipelines has risen substantially, from the \$322,520,000 submitted to TCEQ in the permit application to \$442,867,000. By the time interest is paid on the loan and the operating costs are added, the total cost will be more than a billion dollars. For a service area of roughly 150,00 people, such a crippling debt is detrimental to the public welfare. Since Wichita Falls' reuse program could in principle meet virtually all of its non-consumptive uses, construction of Lake Ringgold becomes primarily for such consumptive uses as lawn and landscape watering. Such a high price tag for a less-than-essential use is unjustifiable.
6. The environmental impacts of constructing Lake Ringgold would be enormous.
  - a. More than 1,000 acres of the land to be inundated is native tallgrass prairie that has never been plowed, one of the most endangered ecosystems in the country. Scientists estimate that only about 1% of the country's original tallgrass prairie remains.
  - b. The area to be impacted by Lake Ringgold is primarily grassland with wooded river and stream bottomlands. Most of the trees in this area are in the river and creek bottoms that will be inundated. Since the Little Wichita River is the dominant watershed in Clay County, Lake Ringgold will destroy a substantial percentage of the trees in the county.
  - c. More than half the inflows to Lake Ringgold will be lost to evaporation. These evaporative losses will reduce stream flows downstream in the Little Wichita and Red Rivers. Because the Little Wichita River is one of the few streams in the area with fresh water, it will degrade water quality in the Red River and Lake Texoma.
  - d. Loss of 24,000 acres of wildlife habitat, including native tallgrass prairie and a significant percentage of the wooded bottomlands in the county, will be a significant impact on the resident wildlife, migratory birds, and aquatic organisms that live on or use these lands. The habitat is a potential migration stop-over for the severely-endangered whooping crane and known habitat for two state-listed species, the Texas horned lizard and Texas kangaroo rat. It is important habitat for quail, dove, turkey, deer, ducks, and other wildlife which attract hunters and generate economic activity for the county and its residents. According to Quail Coalition, the native prairie that would be inundated is the optimal landscape for quail, which have been declining in recent decades. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has

identified 112 Species of Greatest Conservation Need in the Cross Timbers ecoregion. Loss of habitat is the primary contributing factor to most of these species being at risk for becoming endangered.


7. The economic impacts on rural Clay County will be significant and should be part of the public welfare calculation. Clay County has already lost land from its tax rolls for Lake Arrowhead, Wichita Falls' primary water supply reservoir. If Lake Ringgold is built, the county will lose the tax revenues from 24,000 acres at the lake site and an estimated additional 17,000 acres for mitigation of the project. County officials estimate substantial increases in cost for road maintenance and law enforcement.

Part of the justification for Lake Ringgold offered by the City of Wichita Falls is to support economic development in the city. Countering that hypothetical gain is the lost economic activity of taking more than 40,000 acres out of production in Clay County.

Texas Conservation Alliance also requests that TCEQ hold a public comment hearing in the City of Wichita Falls, so that area citizens may learn about the project and comment on it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this permit application. Texas Conservation Alliance reiterates its request for a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, by the City of Wichita Falls.

Sincerely,

  
Janice Bezanson  
Executive Director

**Elisa Guerra**

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**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

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**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

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**COMMENTS:** request that a public comment hearing be held on the permit in the City of Wichita Falls.

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City Administrator - <b>Kelley Bloodworth</b>	City Secretary- <b>Cathy Mills</b>	

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On behalf of the City of Henrietta, I am requesting a contested case hearing of WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

The City of Henrietta appropriates water from the Little Wichita River as authorized under Texas Water Rights Commission Permits No. 276, No. 913, and No. 1678. The City of Henrietta's permitted point of diversion and our intake structure will be affected by building Lake Ringgold. Both the diversion point and intake structure are shown to be within the Conservation Pool of the proposed Lake Ringgold project.

The City of Henrietta also has two wastewater plants (Permits No. WQ0010454001 & WQ0010454002) that could possibly be affected by the project. The City of Henrietta is concerned we will be forced to go from secondary to tertiary treatment, at one or possibly both plants, with the construction of Lake Ringgold.

In the event modifications are found necessary to the City of Henrietta's diversion and intake structure or wastewater plants, we do not feel the cost of such modifications shall be borne at the expense of the City of Henrietta.

Sincerely,



Kelley Bloodworth  
 City Administrator



City of Henrietta  
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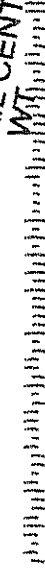
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**COMMENTS:** 3-3-2020 Office of the Chief Clerk MC 105, TCEQ P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087 My name is Timothy Burch and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold. I have a hunting lease with Umhaill Valley, LLC in the footprint of the lake and I request a contested case

hearing. The land is on and north of the little Wichita River in the JJ Perkins Subdivision number 2, cabinet 1, slide 66, Clay County plat records. I also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in the City of Wichita Falls. I can be contacted at Timothy Burch 901 N Graham St Henrietta, TX 76365. Thanks, Timothy Burch



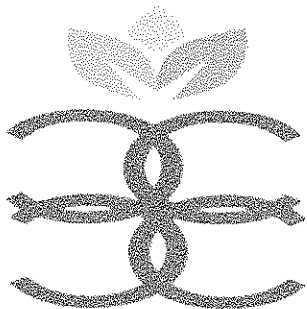
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The Henrietta Clay County Chamber of Commerce requests a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

The footprint of the proposed Lake Ringgold adversely affects Clay County chamber members who derive their livelihood from ranching and hunting operations on the land. Turkey Fest is the largest fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce and the lake will eliminate the current turkey hunting opportunities and several host ranches for this event. Affected ranches include F Bar Ranch (Diaz Murray), Horwood Springs Ranch (Lyle Horwood), Boddy Ranch (Macon Boddy), Henrietta Farms (Justin O'Malley), BD Cattle Company (Brent & Heidi Durham) and Birdwell-Clark Ranch (Deborah Clark & Emry Birdwell). The Lake Ringgold proposal eliminates prime ranch land in Clay County. Many of the ranches have historical significance and Birdwell-Clark has achieved worldwide notoriety for their regenerative soil and grazing practices. The Wellborn 2R Ranch (Chris and Joan Wellborn) is an affected ranch that is historic as well as innovative in their direct to consumer beef sales.

The growth of Wichita Falls is stagnant, and we do not feel our hunting trade, wildlife habitat, history, and agricultural industries should be sacrificed for the good of a perceived yet unproven need. We feel the costs to the county and community including loss of property tax dollars far outweigh any benefits derived from this lake.

Please give us the opportunity to be heard before allowing this project to continue. Our membership and Board also respectfully request a public comment hearing on the proposed project to be held in the City of Wichita Falls.

Respectfully,

Lynda Cannedy  
2020 HCCC Board President

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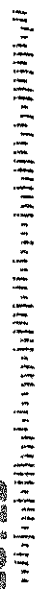
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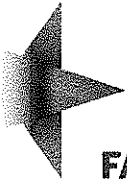
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We, as board members of The Clay County Farm Bureau, request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

The footprint of the proposed Lake Ringgold includes the property of multiple Farm Bureau members. One of those members is Farm Bureau Board member Randi Maddox. This ranch has been in the Maddox family since 1927. The building of Lake Ringgold will destroy their family legacy and negatively impact their ranching livelihood and hunting leases. The northeast side of the proposed reservoir will inundate multiple parcels of the Maddox ranch.

In fact, the building of Lake Ringgold will adversely impact about forty ranch owners and property owners who will lose revenue opportunities from ranching and hunting enterprises. More than 40,000 acres required for the building of this project will be taken off the Clay county tax rolls, negatively impacting our county budget and schools. The increased cost in the Clay County budget for law enforcement, road maintenance, waste management, and other unknown expenses related to the building of this reservoir have not been considered or included in the published \$443 million cost estimate for the proposed Lake Ringgold.

We also respectfully request a public comment hearing on the proposed project to be held in the City of Wichita Falls.

Sincerely,

Clay County Board of Directors

- ✓ Bob Howard
- ✓ L.C. Harrison
- ✓ Donna Wimer
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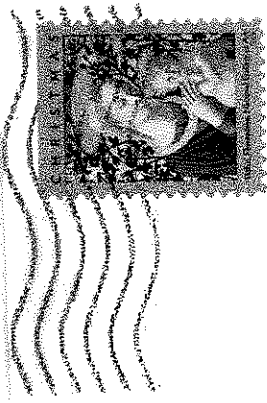
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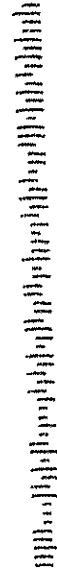


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**COMMENTS:** March 9, 2020 Ms. Bridget C. Bohac Office of the Chief Clerk MC 105, TCEQ P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087 RE: Request for Contested Case Hearing in the Matter of the Application by City of Wichita Falls Water Use Permit No. 13404 Dear Ms. Bohac: The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) hereby requests a contested case hearing on

the City of Wichita Falls Water Use Permit No. 13404. Additionally, NWF requests that TCEQ hold a public meeting in the City of Wichita Falls so that citizens can be adequately informed about the proposed project and can provide comments. Please see the request for contested case hearing and public meeting, in the file attached. Sincerely, Michael Choate, Director of Texas Water Programs Danielle Goshen, Water Policy and Outreach Specialist

March 9, 2020

Ms. Bridget C. Bohac  
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**RE: Request for Contested Case Hearing in the Matter of the Application by City of Wichita Falls Water Use Permit No. 13404**

Dear Ms. Bohac:

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) hereby requests a contested case hearing on the City of Wichita Falls Water Use Permit No. 13404. Additionally, NWF requests that TCEQ hold a public meeting in the City of Wichita Falls so that citizens can be adequately informed about the proposed project and can provide comments. This request is submitted on behalf of NWF's South Central Regional Center and NWF Member Deborah Clark, proprietor of the Birdwell Clark Ranch in Henrietta, Texas. The contact information for NWF in this matter is as follows:

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This is a **REQUEST FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** on the application by the City of Wichita Falls No. 13404 because the proposed actions have significant potential to cause adverse impacts to the interests of the NWF and its members in a manner not common to the general public.

NWF is a national, nonprofit organization that dedicates itself to protecting natural resources and the right of the people to use and enjoy them. Further, NWF is a member of the Texas Living Waters Project (TLWP), a collaboration of conservation groups working to ensure healthy waterways for wildlife, the economy, and the future. Through its South Central Regional Center

in Austin and its participation in the TLWP, NWF works to ensure adequate protection of stream and river flows to support fish and wildlife resources in Texas. NWF has over 18,000 members in Texas. Many of these NWF members use and enjoy Texas' water, fish, and wildlife resources both recreationally and for their businesses.

The application by the City of Wichita Falls for Permit No. 13404 has the potential to adversely affect the Little Wichita River, Red River Basin, the fish and wildlife resources the river supports, and a large swath of ecologically fragile native prairie - one of the nation's most endangered ecosystems. The proposed actions would permanently inundate wooded river and creek bottoms and the rare native tallgrass prairie. Further, the requested diversion of 65,000 acre-feet of water per year from the proposed reservoir would also reduce flows in the Little Wichita River in the Red River Basin and Lake Texoma. It is NWF's mission to protect these important natural resources within the State of Texas.

These river and creek bottoms and prairie lands that would be inundated by Lake Ringgold are habitat for fish, quail, ducks, deer, songbirds and other wildlife that will be negatively impacted by the proposed actions. The City of Wichita Falls conducted a study prepared by Freese and Nichols, Inc. that identified one federally listed species, the interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum athalassos*), and two state listed species, the Texas kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys elator*) and the Texas horned lizard (*Phrynosoma cornutum*), that each have habitat located in Clay County. Reports have indicated that the state-listed species have habitat within the footprint of the proposed reservoir site. Further, reduced flows may adversely impact numerous aquatic and aquatic dependent species. Preserving rare prairie lands, ensuring adequate stream flows, and protecting sensitive threatened and endangered species are critical components of NWF's mission in the state.

NWF members will also be adversely impacted by the proposed actions. One NWF member that will be directly impacted by the proposed actions is Deborah Clark. Deborah Clark is a ranch owner, who runs the Birdwell and Clark Ranch with her husband Emry Birdwell, located at 578 N. Bryant Edwards Road, Henrietta, TX 76365. The Birdwell and Clark Ranch spans 14,000 acres and was honored for outstanding environmental stewardship by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association in 2018.<sup>1</sup> Their intensive grazing management techniques have increased plant diversity and the resulting health of their land has led to the success of their ranch. If built, Lake Ringgold will inundate a substantial portion of the Birdwell and Clark Ranch, estimated between 1,200 and 2,000 acres. Further, an arm of the lake will cut their ranch into two sections. If the proposed actions move forward, the ability for Ms. Clark and Mr. Birdwell to conduct intensive grazing on their ranch will be significantly impacted. This will lead directly to loss of productivity of their ranch, causing Ms. Clark to suffer significant economic damage.

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<sup>1</sup> Environmental Stewardship Award, *Texas Ranch Honored for Outstanding Environmental Stewardship* (Aug. 2, 2018), <https://www.environmentalstewardship.org/winner-gallery/inductees/birdwell-clark-ranch>.



In addition to these adverse impacts, we believe a request for a Contested Case Hearing should be approved for the following reasons:

1. **The City of Wichita Falls does not need Lake Ringgold to meet the projected demand for water for its residents and customers anytime between now and 2070.** The firm yield of Wichita Falls' current water supply lakes, plus its established indirect reuse program, meet the City's projected demands for 2070 with a significant safety margin. Wichita Falls lost population in the last decade and its water use is projected in the Initially Prepared Plan of the 2021 Region B Water Plan to increase by just over 3% in the next fifty years. This shows that additional water supply is not a priority for the City of Wichita Falls and potential end users of the project.

2. **As justification for building Lake Ringgold, the permit applicant (the City of Wichita Falls) does not use standard procedure for determining the city's available water supply.** The standard procedure for assessing water supply employs the concept of firm yield, which is the amount of water which could be withdrawn from a water supply reservoir during a repeat of the historical worst drought of record (for this region the drought of 2011-2015). Firm yield is the usual definition of water supply and the only one that corresponds to historical reality.

If the City of Wichita Falls counted its water supply as the firm yield of Lakes Kickapoo and Arrowhead, plus the City's share of the firm yield of Lake Kemp, along with the supply from Wichita Falls' established reuse program, the City's water supply would easily meet its current and projected water needs without constructing Lake Ringgold. In its application for a permit to build Lake Ringgold, however, Wichita Falls uses a different method of counting its available water.

The City refers to "climate uncertainty" and its water supply methodology assumes that future climatic conditions will be significantly drier than the historical norms. In anticipation of this change in climate conditions, the City explored multiple definitions of water supply – conditional reliability assessment, one-year safe yield, two-year safe yield, and 20% reserve capacity. Each of these methodologies adjusts Wichita Falls' historical water supply downward, reflecting an assumed drier future. Of these, the City has selected the most stringent calculation, the 20% reserve capacity method, for its permit application. This method that results in the lowest assessment of available future water supply, which makes the case for additional water seem the most urgent.

Whether use of the 20% reserve capacity is a reasonable method for assessing water supply, and whether it justifies the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars, is precisely what is at issue. It is the position of NWF that the circumstances assumed under this method do not justify construction of Lake Ringgold.

3. **Wichita Falls' permit application relies on "demand uncertainty" as justification for Lake Ringgold at the cost of taxpayer resources.** The future is always uncertain, and we believe it is important to consider future climatic changes when planning for water supply. However, this uncertainty must be weighed against various costs associated with the project.

The Initially Prepared Plan of the Region B Water Plan (IPP) projects that Wichita Falls' demand for water, including what it sells to other cities and other entities, will go from a 2020 figure of 31,329 acre-feet per year (AFY) to a 2070 demand of 32,306 (an increase of 3.118%). Wichita Falls is proposing to spend hundreds of millions of dollars of its water customers' money on the possibility that demand might go up beyond what Wichita Falls' current firm yield would supply. It is the position of NWF that this expenditure (projected in the IPP to be \$443 million) is not warranted. Even the lower price tag projected three years ago in the City's application, \$322.520 million, is not warranted.

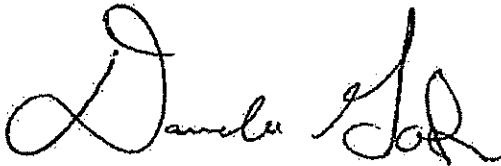
As described above, NWF's organizational interest in protecting Texas' natural resources would be adversely affected if this application is granted. The economic interests of individual members of our organization would also be adversely impacted if this application were to be approved. Further, we contend that the City of Wichita Falls' justifications for Lake Ringgold, which relies heavily on "demand uncertainty" and the "20% reserve capacity," are not sufficient to overcome the economic and ecological costs associated with the project. Accordingly, NWF requests a contested case hearing on the application and a public meeting to be held in the City of Wichita Falls.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Michael Choate,  
Director of Texas Water Programs



Danielle Goshen,  
Water Policy and Outreach Specialist

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**Marisa Weber**

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**RN NUMBER:** RN109830679

**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

**FROM**

**NAME:** Deborah Clark

**E-MAIL:** [deborah@birdwellandclarkranch.com](mailto:deborah@birdwellandclarkranch.com)

**COMPANY:** Birdwell and Clark Ranch

**ADDRESS:** PO BOX 90  
HENRIETTA TX 76365-0090

**PHONE:** 9403285542

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** I am posting this second request for a contested case hearing for WRPERM 13404. I am an affected party ranching in the footprint of proposed Lake Ringgold at 578 N Bryant Edwards Rd. In the permit application filed on February 6, 2020, the City of Wichita Falls describes a change in plans to reroute a pipeline from proposed Lake Ringgold back to existing Lake Arrowhead (the original plan and map showed a pipeline going from proposed Lake Ringgold due west to Wichita Falls). To my knowledge a map of this reroute has not been made public. We do not know who the

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affected parties are. Thereby, these unknown affected parties do not have the information to file a request for a contested case hearing. This is yet another example of how those impacted by the proposed plans have been left out of the discussion. Please consider this request on behalf of those landowners who are not aware that they qualify as an affected party in requesting a contested case hearing. Regards, Deborah Clark

**Marisa Weber**

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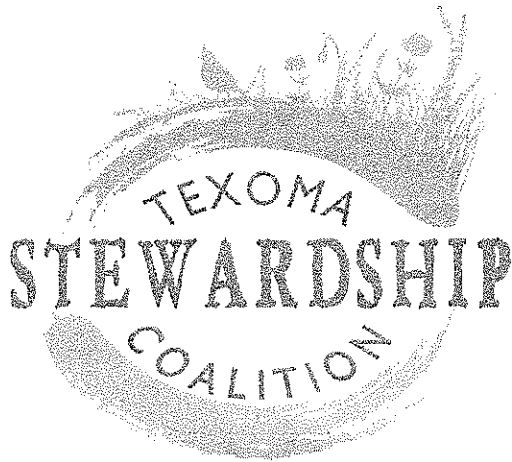
**COMPANY:** Texoma Stewardship Coalition

**ADDRESS:** PO BOX 90  
HENRIETTA TX 76365-0090

**PHONE:** 9403285542

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** Request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404 per attached letter.



March 5, 2020

Office of the Chief Clerk  
MC 105, TCEQ  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: Application for A Water Use Permit No. WRPERM 13404  
Applicant: City of Wichita Falls, Texas  
Request for a Contested Case Hearing

Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is Deborah Clark and I represent members of the Texoma Stewardship Coalition. We are a group of affected property owners whose land is in the footprint of proposed Lake Ringgold. Among our members are Lyle Horwood, Shane Cody, Brent Durham, Gil Staley, Phil Staley, Joe A. Staley, Chris Wellborn and Justin O'Malley. I am a member of Texoma Stewardship Coalition and a partner owner of the Birdwell and Clark Ranch, 578 N. Bryant Edwards Road, Henrietta, Texas. An estimated 1,200 to 2,000 acres of the Birdwell and Clark will be inundated.

On behalf of Texoma Stewardship Coalition I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

This request for a contested case hearing is based on the following:

- Family legacies will be destroyed by the building of the dam and the flooding of 16,000 acres
- Ranching and farming operations will be negatively impacted in the flooding of productive lands and result in a loss of revenue potential for our landowners
- There have been no environmental impact studies completed on these properties to determine the impact of flooding tall native grass prairie and riparian woodlands

- The loss of habitat and reduction in wildlife populations including bobwhite quail, rio grande turkeys, whitetail deer, bobcats, Texas horned lizards, and mountain lions would be a devastating loss to this ecoregion
- There will be huge economic losses to the County as a result of 40,000 acres removed from property tax revenue compounded with added costs for road maintenance and law enforcement
- Loss of property tax will have a detrimental impact on funds and revenue available for our school age children and the Henrietta Independent School District
- Questions regarding access to the reservoir's edge and rights to shoreline development have not been addressed
- Safety concerns have not been addressed due to the location of the proposed dam at the confluence of the Little Wichita River and Red River
- The City of Wichita Falls has implemented a hugely successful water reuse program; this coupled with existing lakes and reservoirs in the same water shed and projections of flat population growth indicate that the reservoir is not needed
- Building of a shallow reservoir in the same water shed as Lake Arrowhead and Lake Kemp is subject to the same conditions of evaporation and drought; it is not innovative or cost-efficient
- The increasing cost of the reservoir now estimated at \$443 million and ballooning to over \$1 billion with interest begs the question who and how will the project be paid for

In addition to the request for a contested case hearing, I also request that a public hearing be held in the City of Wichita Falls.

My contact information is:

Deborah Clark

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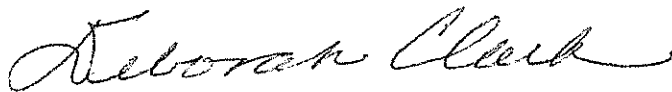
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Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Clark

**Marisa Weber**

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**RN NUMBER:** RN109830679

**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

**FROM**

**NAME:** MS Deborah Clark

**E-MAIL:** [deborah@birdwellandclarkranch.com](mailto:deborah@birdwellandclarkranch.com)

**COMPANY:** Birdwell and Clark Ranch

**ADDRESS:** PO BOX 90  
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**PHONE:** 9403285542

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** Request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404 as described in attached file.



March 5, 2020

Office of the Chief Clerk  
MC 105, TCEQ  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: Application for A Water Use Permit No. WRPERM 13404  
Applicant: City of Wichita Falls, Texas  
Request for a Contested Case Hearing

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are Deborah Clark and Emry Birdwell, partners in the Birdwell and Clark Ranch. We request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

The physical address for the ranch is 578 N. Bryant Edwards Road, Henrietta, Texas. Our ranch is located on the south side of the proposed Lake Ringgold and includes both sides of the East Fork of the Little Wichita River and portions of the southern bank of the Little Wichita River. Approximately fourteen (14) tracts of our ranch would be negatively impacted with the flooding of the reservoir.

This request for a contested case hearing is based on the following:

- Between 1200 – 2000 acres of our ranch would be inundated by the Conservation Pool; a significant amount of acreage would be subject to the 100 Year Flood Elevation; it is difficult to determine the acreage from available maps.
- Flooded portions on the east side of the East Fork of the Little Wichita would inundate the only road into the center of the ranch at three different locations. Travel from Highway 82 to the working pens and barn in the center of the ranch would not be possible. A five minute commute would turn into a 20 minute commute to the working pens. A new road would have to be built.
- Inundation of the East Fork would divide the ranch into two or more pieces. We would not be able to seamlessly graze the ranch as one property as currently practiced. This limitation would require an entirely different management structure, limit production capacity, and negatively impact revenue.
- A secondary source of income from hunting leases would be greatly diminished due to the loss of habitat and the reduction in wildlife populations.
- There have been no environmental impact studies completed on the ranch to determine the impact of flooding native tallgrass prairie and riparian woodlands.
- Most of the original tallgrass prairie in the country has been eliminated; Lake Ringgold would inundated at least 1,000 more acres.

- The loss of habitat and reduction in wildlife populations, including bobwhite quail, Rio Grande turkeys, whitetail deer, bobcats, Texas horned lizards, and mountain lions, would be a devastating loss to this ecoregion.
- There will be huge economic losses to the County as a result of 40,000 acres being removed from property tax revenue, compounded with added costs for road maintenance and law enforcement.
- Loss of property tax will have a detrimental impact on funds and revenue available for our school age children and the Henrietta Independent School District.
- The City of Henrietta will have to relocate the city's intake water and discharge systems impacting current water use; who pays for the cost of these relocations is not known.
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In addition to the request for a contested case hearing, we also request that a public hearing be held in the City of Wichita Falls.

Our contact information is:

Deborah Clark and Emry Birdwell

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Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Clark

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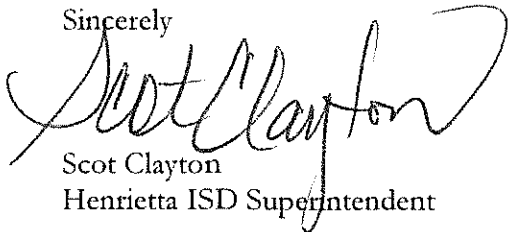
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Sincerely

  
Scot Clayton  
Henrietta ISD Superintendent



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Henrietta ISD Board of Trustees



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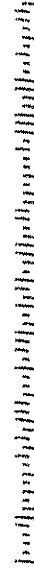


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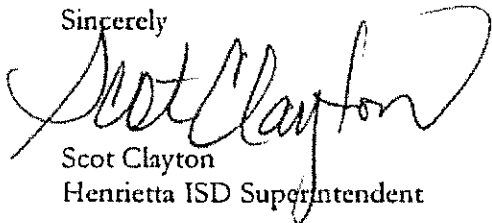
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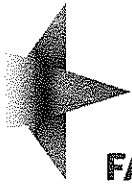
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We, as board members of The Clay County Farm Bureau, request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

The footprint of the proposed Lake Ringgold includes the property of multiple Farm Bureau members. One of those members is Farm Bureau Board member Randi Maddox. This ranch has been in the Maddox family since 1927. The building of Lake Ringgold will destroy their family legacy and negatively impact their ranching livelihood and hunting leases. The northeast side of the proposed reservoir will inundate multiple parcels of the Maddox ranch.

In fact, the building of Lake Ringgold will adversely impact about forty ranch owners and property owners who will lose revenue opportunities from ranching and hunting enterprises. More than 40,000 acres required for the building of this project will be taken off the Clay county tax rolls, negatively impacting our county budget and schools. The increased cost in the Clay County budget for law enforcement, road maintenance, waste management, and other unknown expenses related to the building of this reservoir have not been considered or included in the published \$443 million cost estimate for the proposed Lake Ringgold.

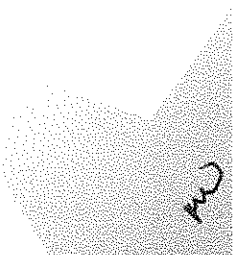
We also respectfully request a public comment hearing on the proposed project to be held in the City of Wichita Falls.

Contact information is:

Scott Cleveland – Board Vice-President  
Clay County Farm Bureau  
PO Box 97  
Henrietta, Texas 76365  
940-235-2365  
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Sincerely,

Scott Cleveland  
Vice-President – Clay County Farm Bureau Board of Directors





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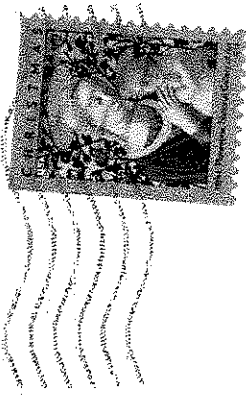
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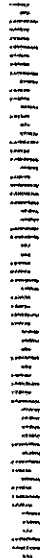
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**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

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Shane and Casey Cody request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

We own property that would be inundated by the proposed Lake Ringgold. The proposed lake would come within feet of the back door of our residence. Ingress and egress from our residence to the county road may be infringed. The property noted is in the Chilson and Burnham Subdivision in the M. Carabajal Survey blocks 8-12 Clay County Texas.

We also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in Wichita Falls. There are a number of issues that need to be addressed:

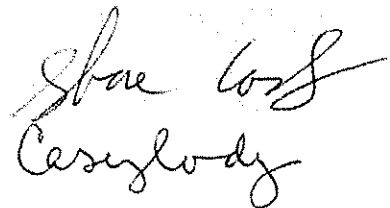
Economic Impact- County revenue will drop due to the diminished tax base while expenses will rise due to increased roads, road maintenance along with law enforcement costs. Fewer hunters and sportsmen will negatively impact local business. Our schools and business owners will suffer while taxpayers are left to shoulder the added burdens.

Archaeological/Environmental Impact- Certain areas to be inundated are known Native American campgrounds used when they would come to the area to trade. Wildlife habitat would be destroyed that the endangered whooping crane and Texas horned lizard currently use. What would be done about the historical cemetery to be inundated would also need to be addressed.

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Sincerely,

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Shane & Casey Cody

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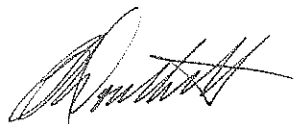
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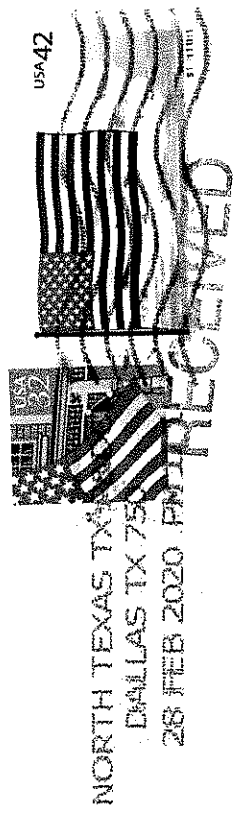
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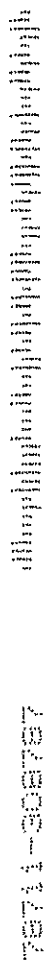
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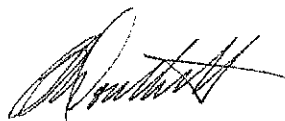
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August 24, 2020

Office of the Chief Clerk  
MC 105, TCEQ  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Re: Application for A Water Use Permit No. WRPERM 13404  
Applicant: Wichita Falls, Texas

Dear Ladies/Gentlemen:

This letter is for the record for the hearing scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2020. I represent Clay County, Texas. We oppose the construction of the proposed "Lake Ringgold."

The City Council and/or the staff at the City of Wichita Falls ("City") are perpetrating a scam on the City's citizens and ratepayers.

The proposed Lake Ringgold first surfaced more than 60 years ago. To build it, the City of Wichita Falls had to vote a bond issue. The Wichita Falls voters did not like that long term debt and the bond election failed. A bond election would fail again if there was going to *be* a bond election for the proposed Lake Ringgold. But the water ratepayers of Wichita Falls and its customer cities won't get to vote on whether to build the lake. They will just be saddled with the \$443 million or more of debt – all for a reservoir they don't actually need. The City's end around a vote may be legal, but being legal does not make it right.

A Feasibility Study for the Proposed Lake Ringgold done for Wichita Falls by Freese and Nichols in October, 2013, says the total capital cost for the Lake Ringgold reservoir and dam is estimated to be approximately \$229 million. Now, not quite seven years later, the City's estimated cost is \$443 million. [See the December 2019 Region B 2021 Initially Prepared Plan]. The projected cost has nearly doubled in that short time.

Russell Schreiber, Wichita Falls Director of Public Works, says the average water bill would only increase by \$8 a month. [See report, Shatanya Clarke for Channel 3 News, February 28, 2020.] What Mr. Schreiber failed to mention is that if Lake Ringgold *isn't* built, the average water bill would go *down* when current obligations are paid off. The cost of proposed Lake Ringgold is that \$8 (if that is accurate) per month *plus* the amount the water bill does not go down.

Wichita Falls predicts the project will be completed in 2040 – 20 years down the road. What will be the cost then? If the increase mirrors the increase in the last seven years, it could reach \$1.3 billion. What will that huge debt do to water bills?

According to Schreiber, Wichita Falls expects to bypass a bond election, which means the citizens

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and the ratepayers will not get a chance to decide whether to take on this huge debt. [See Claire Cowlick, Wichita Falls Times Record News, reporting on February 18, 2020]. In the same report Russell Schreiber says one possibility for financing the Ringgold project is certificates of obligation that would be funded by water-user rates. Possible funding could come from a loan through the Texas Water Development Board's State Water Implementation Fund or a federal loan. Either loan would have to be paid off by the people of Wichita Falls and its customer cities. State or federal loans or certificates of obligation do not require a vote of the citizens as a bond issue does. The attitude seems to be "build it, but don't let those who have to pay for it have a say." Schreiber also says the City's experts who now predict the cost of the lake at \$443 million are just wrong. He says it can be built for \$300 million. [See Trish Choate, Wichita Falls Times Record News, reporting on August 24, 2020] Why does he know better than his hired experts?

There is an abundance of information that augers against the building of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

Wichita Falls current water supply, even during the worst drought of record, is significantly more than the amount of water the City and its customer cities are projected to need anytime in the next fifty years. The City's water demand for right now is 31,329 acre-feet per year ("AFY"). The projected demand for water in 2070 goes up by less than 3% to 32,306 AFY. In contrast, the current supply is more than 40,000 AFY. Lakes Arrowhead and Kickapoo provide 31,770 AFY. The City's wonderful reuse project adds 9,000 AFY of water that is absolutely reliable – what many water plans refer to as "drought proof." There is additional water available from Lake Kemp. Only a portion of that available water is being used, so the actual water supply totals well over 40,000 AFY to meet the demand of just over 30,000 AFY. Perhaps this clear lack of need for this additional water will impact the City's ability to acquire the land by eminent domain.

The of City of Wichita Falls' has done an outstanding job of developing adequate water for our region, especially the recycling of waste water. The total supply including the recycling project means that the proposed Lake Ringgold is not needed at least in the next 50 years.

It is important to articulate the detriments of the proposed Lake Ringgold. Lake Ringgold has many negative aspects that significantly impact the people of the region; for example:

- The \$443 million price tag would be about \$3,000 for every man, woman, and child in Wichita Falls and its customer cities. And that's just the beginning. Once the interest on the loan and the operating costs are added, the price tag reaches nearly \$700 million.
- 16,000 acres of productive grassland will be permanently flooded and 8,000 more flooded part time. This is ranch land, wildlife land, land where the people of Clay County live. The proposed reservoir will handicap hunting of turkey, deer, and other wildlife.
- The effect on wildlife species and cultural resources will be significant. Approximately two-thirds of the reservoir's site is identified as high potential for cultural resources; mostly the Native American Indians.

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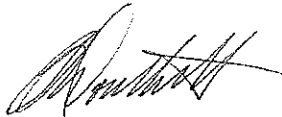
- Over 1,000 acres of this land is tallgrass prairie that's never been plowed – land that's just like it was when Native Americans chased buffalo here. Tallgrass prairie is one of the most endangered wildlife habitats in the country – destroying over 1,000 acres of it is a huge environmental impact.
- More than 40 families will be forced to sell land. Most people think Wichita Falls has already bought the land, but the City owns only 6,662 acres of the 41,000 acres that will be impacted – the rest is private land.
- The economy of Clay County will be hugely impacted as this land is taken off the tax rolls and the costs of law enforcement and road repair go up.
- The people of Wichita Falls and its customer cities, the rate payers, will have high water rates for 40 years to pay for the proposed Lake Ringgold.

The primary consideration for the citizens of the City of Wichita Falls, and its water customers, is the cost of the proposed Lake Ringgold. They are the ones who must pay for it. Possible use of loans to cover this cost keeps the voters from having a say. Why would they do that? Because, if given a choice, the voters would never vote for this huge unnecessary expense to them and other rate payers.

The City should inform its citizens and ratepayers with complete and accurate information about this unnecessary expense that is about to be imposed on them by the City.

The permit the City requests should be denied. At the very least TCEQ should require the City to accurately inform the citizens/ratepayers and then receive input from them and carefully evaluate the propriety of this project.

Very truly yours,



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Down land that would be inundated by Lake Ringgold

167.31 Acres AB 132 Joseph Evans

Act./Geo Number 00132-00305-00201-000000

18.29 acres AB 170 Mark Haley

Act/Geo Number 00190-00259-00202-000000

119.18 acres AB 402 J.C. Stewart

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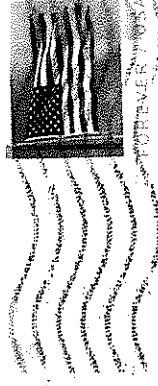
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I can be contacted at 940-541-2201

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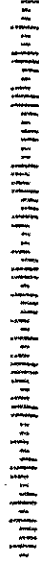
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hearing. The land is on and north of the little Wichita River in the JJ Perkins Subdivision number 2, cabinet 1, slide 66, Clay County plat records. I also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in the City of Wichita Falls. I believe this would hurt the migration of the whooping cranes that come and roost on the wichita river and would be devastating to wildlife in the area. I can be contacted at Joshua Ferguson 614 W Gilbert St Henrietta, TX 76365. Thanks, Joshua Ferguson

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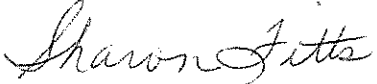
My name is Sharon Fitts, and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

I own land that would be inundated by Lake Ringgold. This land has been in my family for many years and will be greatly impacted by the building of Lake Ringgold. It is used for hay production, cattle feeding and hunting. While I understand that I may not be able to stop the Lake Ringgold project, I would at least like to be able to use the land up to the actual waterbank. Therefore, please do not allow the City of Wichita Falls to purchase the land surrounding the lake. It would not benefit my family or the residents in Clay County/Henrietta.

I also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in the City of Wichita Falls.

My contact information is below. I am happy to discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely,



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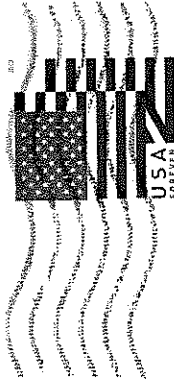
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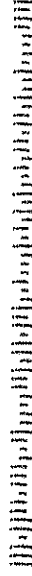


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March 5, 2020

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
PO Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

**APPLICANT: The City of Wichita Falls**  
**PERMIT: WRPERM 13404**

Dear Ms. Bohac:

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My concerns:

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I pay county and school taxes in the proposed lake site.

I also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in the city of Wichita Falls.

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Respectfully submitted,

T. David Greer, MD

**Marisa Weber**

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 3:50 PM  
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**Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404

**REGULATED ENTY NAME** WRPERM 13404

**RN NUMBER:** RN109830679

**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

**FROM**

**NAME:** DR. T. David Greer

**E-MAIL:** [greermd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greermd@sbcglobal.net)

**COMPANY:**

**ADDRESS:** PO BOX 360  
HENRIETTA TX 76365-0360

**PHONE:** 9407813538

**FAX:** 9405385555

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Dear Chief Clerk,

My name is Luke Halsell and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls, Texas for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

We own approximately 1 1/2 miles of river front on the Little Wichita River located in Southwest Clay County. The property is north of the dam of Lake Arrowhead connecting to land owned by the City of Wichita Fall and extending north and east across a tract of land covering 2680 acres owned and operated by Luke and Sherri Halsell. During wet years as we have had since the 2011 drought our land has been saturated from time to time because of water being backed up from the drainage of Little Wichita River to Red River. This causes a loss of grazing, and the inadequacy to care for our livestock, fortunately, it drains rather quickly, reducing the burden and loss.

We are deeply concerned about the construction of Lake Ringgold and possible plan to build a pipeline to be laid back to Lake Arrowhead from Lake Ringgold and the impact these will have on our operations.

- The flooding of our property
- Wildlife reduction
- Hunting reduction
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We are requesting maps of the proposed Lake Ringgold and if available the impact study of the total inundated areas and its upstream affected areas.

We are also requesting maps of projections of any pipelines laid and rules to follow to care for such pipelines.

Please inform us of any meeting on the proposed projects.

Sincerely,



Luke Halsell  
9426 FM 2606  
Henrietta, Texas 76365  
[rafter8ranch@yahoo.com](mailto:rafter8ranch@yahoo.com)  
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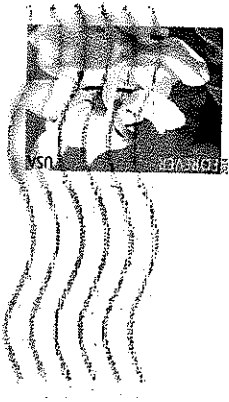
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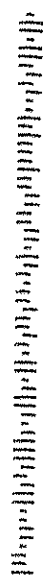
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Dear Chief Clerk,

My name is Sherri Halsell and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls, Texas for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

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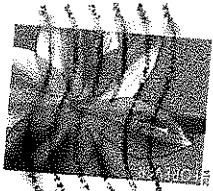


Sherri Halsell  
9426 FM 2606  
Henrietta, Texas 76365  
[sherrihalsell1@gmail.com](mailto:sherrihalsell1@gmail.com)  
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Shirri Halsell  
9426 Fm 2606  
Henrietta, TX 76365



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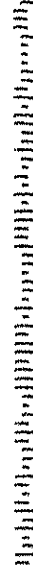
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**FARM BUREAU**  
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We, as board members of The Clay County Farm Bureau, request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

The footprint of the proposed Lake Ringgold includes the property of multiple Farm Bureau members. One of those members is Farm Bureau Board member Randi Maddox. This ranch has been in the Maddox family since 1927. The building of Lake Ringgold will destroy their family legacy and negatively impact their ranching livelihood and hunting leases. The northeast side of the proposed reservoir will inundate multiple parcels of the Maddox ranch.

In fact, the building of Lake Ringgold will adversely impact about forty ranch owners and property owners who will lose revenue opportunities from ranching and hunting enterprises. More than 40,000 acres required for the building of this project will be taken off the Clay county tax rolls, negatively impacting our county budget and schools. The increased cost in the Clay County budget for law enforcement, road maintenance, waste management, and other unknown expenses related to the building of this reservoir have not been considered or included in the published \$443 million cost estimate for the proposed Lake Ringgold.

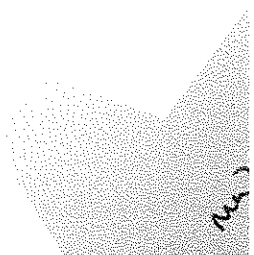
We also respectfully request a public comment hearing on the proposed project to be held in the City of Wichita Falls.

Contact information is:

Tommy Henderson – Board President  
Clay County Farm Bureau  
PO Box 97  
Henrietta, Texas 76365  
940-733-5063  
cthbyers@hotmail.com

Sincerely,

Tommy Henderson  
President – Clay County Farm Bureau Board of Directors





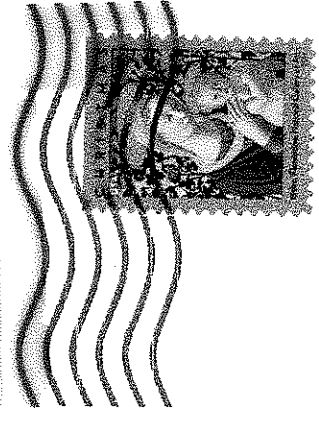
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**FROM**

**NAME:** Mark Hill

**E-MAIL:** [mbmhill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mbmhill@sbcglobal.net)

**COMPANY:**

**ADDRESS:** 2404 N LUCILLE ST  
HENRIETTA TX 76365-5619

**PHONE:** 9407339657

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** We request a contested case hearing. Our land and House is in the 100 year flood elevation and would cause possible damages to these properties. The location and distance of the lake is half of a mile. Would like to have more facts about the purposed lake and the effects that it would cause monetarily and effects of the land. Thank you



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By GCW H

March 4, 2020

My ~~name~~ CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE is Edna Mae Klein and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the Application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

This property has been in the Klein name for over one hundred (100) years and is used for grazing, hunting and recreational purposes. I own land that would be inundated by Lake Ringgold,

20.66 acres - AB 402

J. L. Stewart

Acct./Year # 00402 - 00307 - 01001 - 000000

5.64 acres - AB 190 Mark Haley

Acct./Year # 00190 - 00259 - 00201 - 000000

58.55 acres - AB 132

Joseph Evans

Acct./Year # 00132 - 00305 - 00202 - 000000

2.00 Acres - AB 133  
Joseph Evans  
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75.15 Acres - AB 117  
A, Dickerson  
acct. No # 00117-00361-00701-000000

I also request that a  
public comment meeting  
on the proposed project  
be held in the City of  
White Falls.

I can be contacted at:

Edna Mae Klein  
1178 Edna Drive  
Henrietta, Texas

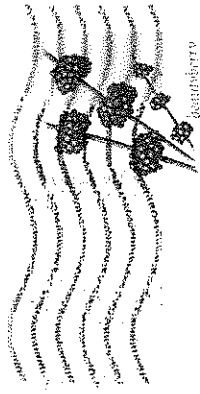
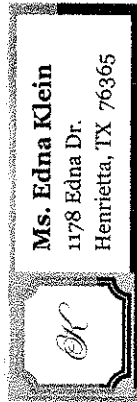
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Sincerely,

Edna Mae Klein



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We are Luther and Darlene Lyde and we request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

Luther was born and raised in Clay County and his wish was to someday have land of his own to work and pass on to his family for generations to come. He accomplished this and now Wichita Falls wants to take it away for a lake that we see no need for. Our home, barn, land and livelihood would be taken from us by this project

Our home and property is located:

18255 FM 2332

Henrietta, Texas 76365 (Stanfield)

Our property is downstream from both the Little Wichita and the Red River where there is abundant wild life and nature, plus old Indian campgrounds and archeology artifacts that would be destroyed. Our land is used for grazing, hunting, fishing, canoeing, and family togetherness all of which we do with full respect for the land and the wild life that we fill the lake would eliminate.

This lake would put a strain on our law enforcement people as there would be access areas to have to patrol and there is no way that our small volunteer fire department could control fires that were caused by lazy and careless lake goers.

If we had wanted lake front property, we would have purchased lake front property.

I also request that a public comment meeting on the project be held in the City of Wichita Falls

Our contact information is Luther and Darlene Lyde

Phone – 940-636-8623

Email – darlenelyde40@gmail.com

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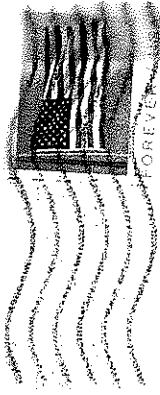
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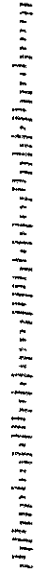
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My name is Mary Ellen Maddox, and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404 the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

I own land and a home and barn in the vicinity of Lake Ringgold that is approximately 2 miles from the proposed lake. My address is 18758 FM 2332, Henrietta TX 76365. (See attached GPS coordinates.) This property has been in my family for over 75 years. I came back here in 2004. My husband and I raise Registered Texas Longhorns. It is a quiet, peaceful community, a close knit community. The neighbors all look out for each other. I am so afraid this will change with crime, drugs, and traffic. There is abundant wildlife here. Deer come and sleep in my yard at night. Bald eagles nest here as do quail and plover. I also have horned toads, several species of woodpecker, and all kinds of song birds. We are great stewards of the land.

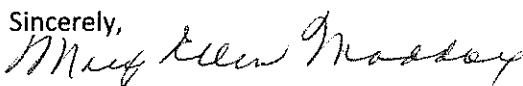
I have breast cancer, and I am undergoing radiation at this time. This has been such a stressful time for me, something I don't need at this time of trying to recover. It would be such a shame to see all this disappear for a lake that really isn't needed for Wichita Falls. Wichita Falls is losing population. Several retail stores have recently pulled out and more to come. Also several restaurants have closed.

I have lots of friends in Wichita Falls, and they know nothing about this lake coming in. They all want to know why there was not a vote or notification about it.

I also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in the City of Wichita Falls.

I can be contacted at:

Mary Ellen Maddox  
18758 FM 2332  
Henrietta, TX 76365  
Phone: (940) 538-4003  
Cell: (214) 704-6169  
Email: [Coco76365@yahoo.com](mailto:Coco76365@yahoo.com)

Sincerely,  
  
Mary Ellen Maddox  
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# TEXOMA LAND SURVEYING

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April 10, 1993

## FIELD NOTES

FIELD NOTES OF 25.00 ACRES OUT OF BLOCK 67, J.J. PERKINS SUBDIVISION No. 2, AS SHOWN IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 131, CLAY COUNTY PLAT RECORDS, AND BEING PART OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 408, PAGE 289, CLAY COUNTY DEED RECORDS, CLAY COUNTY, TEXAS AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING at a 1/2 inch iron rod set at a fence corner on the South line of Block 67, J.J. Perkins Subdivision No. 2 and the West line of F.M. Highway 2332 that is 43.45 feet N 89° 32' W from its Southeast corner;

THENCE N 89° 32' W 1798.32 feet along the South line of Block 67, the North line of Block 71, and the North line of a tract owned by C.F. Zachary Volume 240, Page 449 Deed Records to a 1/2 inch iron rod set 2.3 feet North of a fence line for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N 00° 28' E 458.37 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod set;

THENCE S 89° 46' E at 474.1 feet pass a cross tie fence corner post, and continuing with the fence, in all a distance of 1044.93 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod set 1.0 foot East of a cross tie fence corner post;

THENCE N 12° 33' E 189.78 feet along the West side of a field road to a 1/2 inch iron rod set;

THENCE N 85° 28' E 562.08 feet along the North side of the field road to a 1/2 inch iron rod set in a fence;

THENCE S 88° 59' 48" E 446.96 feet along the North side of the field road to a 1/2 inch iron rod set on the West line of F.M. Highway 2332 that is 29.0 feet Northeast of a fence corner;

THENCE S 23° 24' W 752.48 feet along the West line of Highway 2332 as recorded in Volume 203, Page 492 Deed Records to the Place of Beginning and containing 25.00 Acres of Land. The bearings in these Field Notes are NAD 83 Grid bearings as determined by Solar Observations.

See Attached Plat.

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*Ray Woodman*

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F.M. Highway 2332  
State of Texas Volume 203, Page 492  
S 23° 24' W 752.48

43.45

Mary Ellen Maddox

25.00 Acres

J.J. Perkins Subdivision No. 2

Block 67

Block 71

Zachary Volume 240, Page 449

The herein described property does not lie within the 100 Year Flood as delineated on the Flood Boundary and Floodway Map, Clay County, Texas Panel Number 0125C as published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Federal Insurance Administration.

Zone X

NAD 83 Grid Bearings from Solar Observations

S 88° 59' 48" E 446.96

N 85° 28' E 562.08

N 12° 33' E 189.78

S 89° 46' E 1044.93

N 00° 28' E 458.37

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SIR = Set Iron Rod 1/2 inch.  
See Attached Field Notes

Scale: 1 inch = 200 Feet

I hereby certify that this plat accurately represents the results of an on the ground survey made under my direction and supervision of the property located on F.M. Highway 2332, and described as follows: 25.00 Acres out of Block 67, J.J. Perkins Subdivision No. 2 (See Attached Field Notes), Clay County, Texas, according to the plat of record in Vol. 1, Page 131, Clay County Plat Records. I further certify that there are no visible encroachments, conflicts or protrusions except as shown. All corners are as shown.  
This the 9th day of April, 1993.



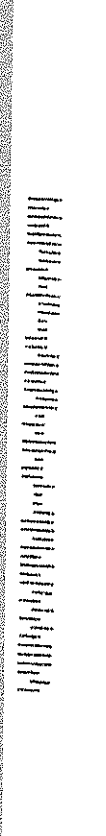


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By GCW

To the Chief Clerk,

I am writing concerning the building of Lake Kinggold in Clay County Texas.

Please take into consideration all of the farm and ranching land that will be removed by the building of this lake. We get our income from some of this property. The property on the lake map is Rande M. Maddy.

There are so many trees that will be destroyed building this lake. And just think how beneficial trees are to our environment. There are also numerous plants, insects, wildlife that will be displaced by this lake.

Also, the dam will be almost in my back yard. It concerns me that the dam will never hold because of the soil. For instance, please check into the lawsuit between Freese + Nichols and Franklin County. The County sued Freese and Nichols because of their work on the



dam. If the dam breaks, my house  
would be flooded by Lake Ringgold.

Wichita Falls has already taken land  
from Clay County to build Lake Arrowhead.  
Now they are coming to North Clay County  
to take more land. My question is why  
they can't dam up Big Wichita. There  
are numerous houses & land that flood  
in that area. It is right in their back  
yard and would be so much closer for  
them to get to their city. Also, please  
take into consideration that Wichita Falls  
is losing population and really doesn't  
need the water. They have admitted they  
would sell the water to other cities.

There will be so much property taken  
off the tax rolls and that will hurt our  
city and our schools.

Please consider my thoughts on this  
lake.

Thank you,  
Mary Ellen Mackay



Mary Ellen Maddox  
18758 FM 2332  
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My name is Randi M. Maddox and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404 the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

I own land that would be inundated by Lake Ringgold.

My land is located on Jim Maddox Road (see attached GPS coordinates). The lake Ringgold project would destroy excellent hunting, managed by Texas Parks and Wildlife MLDP program. The project would inundate historical "Rock Crossing," across the Little Wichita River, which dates back to 1852. This land has provided income and enjoyment for generations of my family. It should provide the same for my grandchildren.

The property is home to threatened species: The Horned Toad, Bald Eagle, "Silver Fox", and several species of "Red Headed Woodpecker" I have made every effort to protect the natural home of all wildlife

I also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in the City of Wichita Falls.

I can be contacted at:

Randi M. Maddox

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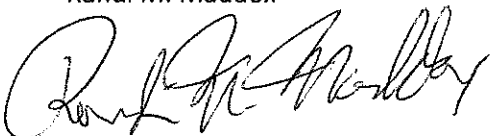
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Sincerely,



Randi M. Maddox



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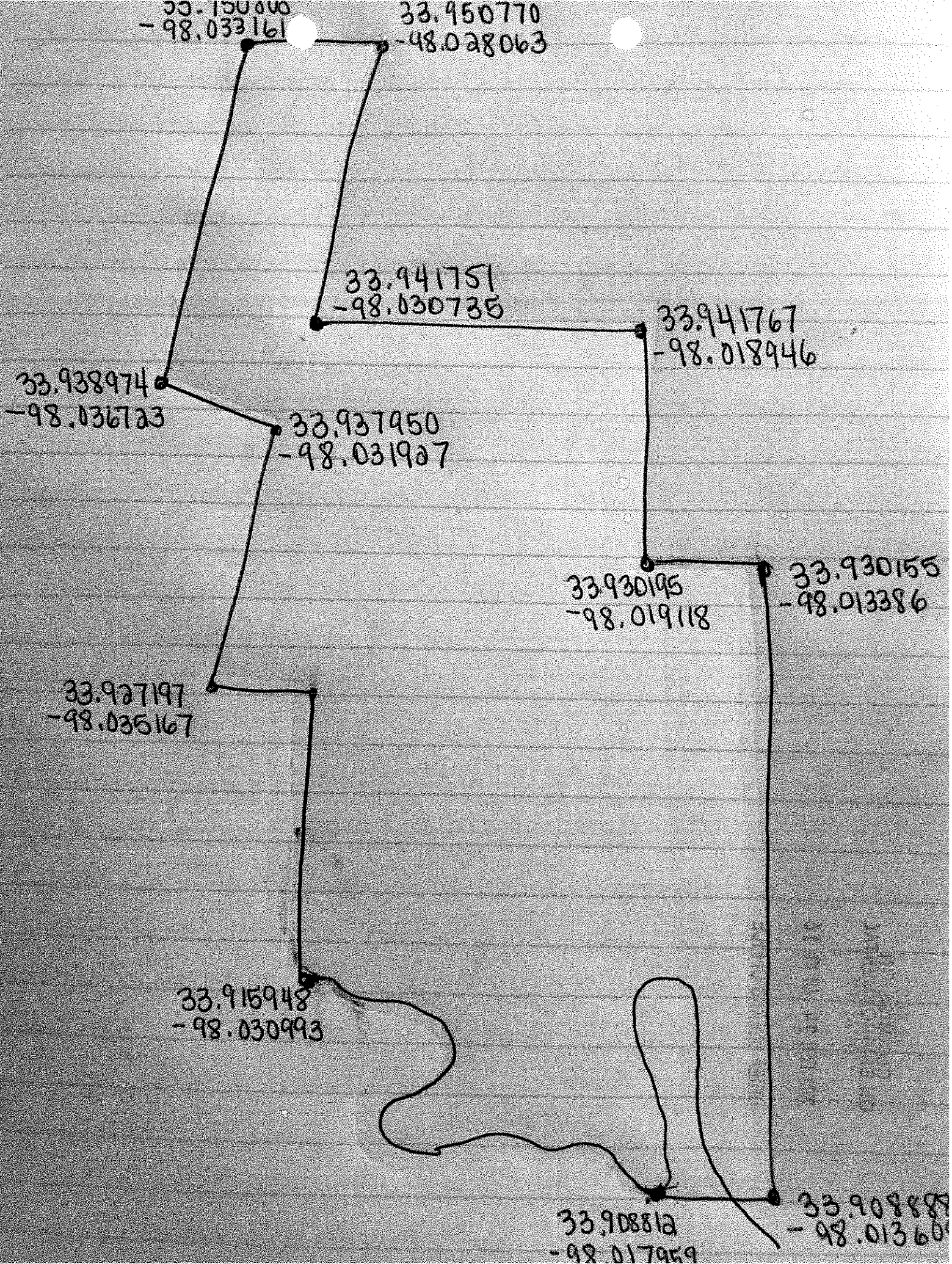
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FIRST TRACT: Situated in Clay County, Texas, and being 1367.45 acres more or less, being part of the following surveys, to-wit: T. M. Hughes Survey, Abst. 179; George Wagoner Survey, Abst. 707; Wiley Morse Survey, Abst. 306; William Smith Survey, Abst. 414; and E. C. Moulden Survey, Abst. 316; and being the Southeast portion of a certain 4000 acre tract conveyed by J. J. Perkins to J. W. Maddox and wife, Carrie Maddox, by deed dated March 12, 1927, recorded in Vol. 102, Page 76, Clay County Deed Records, which said 1367.45 acres is described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at the S. W. corner of Block 61 of the J. J. Perkins Subdivision No. 2 and at the S. E. corner of the Emily E. Womble 300 acre tract;

THENCE South 2033 varas to center of Little Wichita River and the S. E. corner of said 4000 acre tract;

THENCE up said River with its meanders to the S. E. corner of the Marjorie M. Steger, et al, 1080 acre tract;

THENCE North 2 deg. 19 min. East 1481 varas, a N. E. corner of said Marjorie M. Steger, et al, tract;

THENCE North 87 deg. 41 min. West 507.6 varas to fence;

THENCE North 13 deg. 14 min. East with said fence, 1449.7 varas to another N. E. corner of said Marjorie M. Steger, et al, 1080 acre tract;

THENCE North 76 deg. 20 min. West 540 varas;

THENCE North 13 deg. 14 min. East 1607.4 varas to center of public road and being the most Northern N. E. corner of said Marjorie M. Steger, et al, 1080 acre tract;

THENCE East with center of said public road 558 varas to the N. W. corner of the 240 acre James D. Maddox, et ux, tract;

THENCE South 13 deg. 14 min. West with fence, 1225 varas to the S. W. corner of said 240 acre tract;

THENCE East 1276 varas to S. E. corner of said 240 acre tract and the West line of Emily E. Womble, et al, 300 acre tract;

THENCE South 1508 varas, S. W. corner of said 300 acre tract;

THENCE East 627.66 varas to the place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT: Situated in Clay County, Texas, and being 21-3/4 acres of land lying South of the Little Wichita River, being a part of the William Smith Survey, Abst. 414, and the E. C. Moulden Survey, Abst. 316, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a large Post Oak tree marked X standing on the S. E. bank of the Little Wichita River near the East line of the said William Smith Survey;

THENCE North 79 deg. East 170 varas to the bank of Little Wichita River;

THENCE up said River with its meanders North 28 deg. West 260 varas;

THENCE North 12 deg. West 72 varas;

THENCE North 17 deg. West 486 varas;

THENCE South 68 deg. West 180 varas;

THENCE South 15 deg. East 252 varas;

THENCE South 26 deg. East 216 varas;

THENCE South 31 deg. East 260 varas;

THENCE South 8 deg. West 92 varas to the place of beginning; reference is made to a deed from J. E. Greer to L. G. and W. H. Stanfield, recorded in Vol. 46, Page 362, of the Deed Records of Clay County, Texas, for a more particular description.



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**Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404

**REGULATED ENTY NAME** WRPERM 13404

**RN NUMBER:** RN109830679

**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

**FROM**

**NAME:** ADELINE McDONNELL

**E-MAIL:** [addie.lea.mcd@gmail.com](mailto:addie.lea.mcd@gmail.com)

**COMPANY:**

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**FAX:**

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**ADELINE McDONNELL**

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ADDIE.LEA.MCD@GMAIL.COM  
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Bridget C. Bohac  
Chief Clerk  
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
PO Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

**APPLICANT: The City of Wichita Falls**  
**PERMIT: WRPERM 13404**

Dear Ms. Bohac:

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**NAME:** CAROLINE McDONNELL

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Caroline McDonnell

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PO Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

**APPLICANT: The City of Wichita Falls**  
**PERMIT: WRPERM 13404**

Dear Ms. Bohac:

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My concerns:

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Respectfully submitted,

Jan Greer McDonnell





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**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 4:01 PM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WWW-WRAS  
**Subject:** FW: Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404  
**Attachments:** TCEQ - Lake Ringgold - JGM 3.5.2020.docx

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**From:** jan@jgreerdesigns.com <jan@jgreerdesigns.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2020 1:32 PM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404

**REGULATED ENTY NAME** WRPERM 13404

**RN NUMBER:** RN109830679

**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

**FROM**

**NAME:** JAN GREER McDONNELL

**E-MAIL:** [jan@jgreerdesigns.com](mailto:jan@jgreerdesigns.com)

**COMPANY:**

**ADDRESS:** PO BOX 547  
HENRIETTA TX 76365-0547

**PHONE:** 2147047547

**FAX:**

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**JAN GREER McDONNELL**

P. O. BOX 547  
HENRIETTA, TEXAS 76365  
JAN@JGREERDESIGNS.COM  
(214) 704-7547

March 5, 2020

Bridget C. Bohac  
Chief Clerk  
Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105  
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**REGULATED ENTY NAME** WRPERM 13404

**RN NUMBER:** RN109830679

**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

**FROM**

**NAME:** JAN GREER McDONNELL

**E-MAIL:** [jan@jgreerdesigns.com](mailto:jan@jgreerdesigns.com)

**COMPANY:**

**ADDRESS:** PO BOX 547  
HENRIETTA TX 76365-0547

**PHONE:** 2147047547

**FAX:**

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February 26, 2020

Bridget C. Bohac  
Chief Clerk  
Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
PO Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

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**PERMIT: WRPERM 13404**

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**Marisa Weber**

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**Attachments:** TSCRA Request for Contested Case Hearing on WRPERM 13404.pdf

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**From:** pschumann@tscra.org <pschumann@tscra.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2020 7:37 AM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>  
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**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

**FROM**

**NAME:** MR Robert E. McKnight, JR

**E-MAIL:** [pschumann@tscra.org](mailto:pschumann@tscra.org)

**COMPANY:** Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

**ADDRESS:** 1005 CONGRESS AVE Ste. 1050  
AUSTIN TX 78701-2463

**PHONE:** 5124690171

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** Please see the attachment for comments by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association requesting a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404.

February 19, 2020

Office of the Chief Clerk  
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Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) requests a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

TSCRA is a 143-year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 17,500 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 55,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pastureland, primarily in Texas, Oklahoma and throughout the Southwest.

The proposed site of Lake Ringgold will primarily impact a part of Clay County that is mostly rural and heavily agrarian. According to the USDA Census of Agriculture, Clay County is home to more than 1,300 agricultural producers and more than 77,500 cattle.

The proposed project will have drastic impacts on our members and every agricultural producer living in the area. For generations, cattle producers and property owners have made their homes and living on land that is now slated for condemnation. Many of these properties will cease to exist, and much of the rangeland taken out of production.

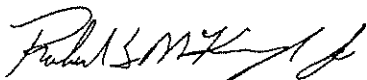
This loss of rangeland will not only have devastating effects for these farmers and ranchers, but also for the numerous businesses that supply their agricultural operations, and for the many consumers who rely on their outputs. The land proposed for Lake Ringgold is also home to numerous wildlife species. Property owners and ranchers frequently derive much-needed supplemental income and enjoyment from wildlife activities on their property.

With the creation of this lake, 16,000 acres, including the pastures used to feed cattle and nurture wildlife, will be gone forever to the detriment of all Texans.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask that TCEQ permit a contested case hearing so all sides of this issue may be evaluated. As Texas continues its meteoric growth, the challenges of balancing the water needs of urban areas with the livelihoods of rural agricultural producers will only grow.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of a hearing given the disproportionate ramifications this lake will have on the livelihood of our members in the area. If you have any questions regarding this letter or TSCRA's position, please contact Peyton Schumann at (512) 469-0171 or [pschumann@tscra.org](mailto:pschumann@tscra.org).

Sincerely,



Robert E. McKnight, Jr.  
President



February 16, 2020

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My name is Carol Staley Morrow, Executor for Staley Family Trust and Melva Jo Staley Estate and hereby request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

The Staley Family Trust (131.45 Ac. "Legals: AB181 THOM. M HUGHES and A-316 MAULDIN"; 317 Ac "AB306 Wiley Morse") and The Melva Jo Staley Estate (146.33 Ac. "Legals: AB 11 AMBROSE BASS"; 188 Ac "Legals: AB 202 J.M.W. HALL") own about 782.78 Ac. from The Red River west up The Little Wichita. The proposed dam will cross both properties and inundate prime wheat land and about 75 one hundred year old paper shell pecan trees. This land has been in the Staley Family for one hundred years.

The properties have been under lease for both farming, cattle grazing and hunting since 2001.

I also think there may be an environmental impact from an oil pipeline which runs under the proposed dam.

I also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in the City of Wichita Falls.

I can be contacted at Carol Staley Morrow, 311 9<sup>th</sup> St., Nocona, TX 76255, Phone 940-825-7025 or e-mail [tommorrow329@gmail.com](mailto:tommorrow329@gmail.com).

Sincerely,



Carol Staley Morrow  
Staley Family Trust  
Melva Jo Staley Estate

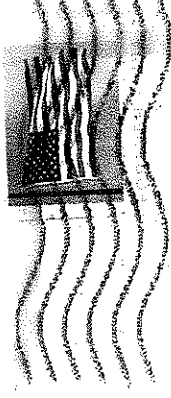
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Carol Staley Morrow  
311 9TH ST  
NOCONA, TX 76255

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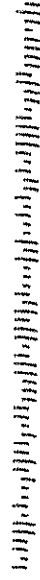
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My name is Jason Obermier and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

I own land that will be affected by flooding of farm and wildlife lands. I feel that this will affect My home as well as Farming operation and Wildlife on a Bankrupting scale.

I own land that would be inundated by Lake Ringgold. Properties owned by Jason and Jimmy Obermier are to be affected. 33.836481, -98.208306.0ft. 12665 state highway 148 north Henrietta, TX 76365

I own land and My Home as well as our repair shop and machinery shed as well as our grain storage facility in the vicinity of Lake Ringgold project. It is directly affected by flood waters that would take a portion of our land directly by the proposed lake. Same coordinates as above listed.

I own land downstream of the proposed Lake Ringgold, on the Little Wichita river... starting at the bridge north of Henrietta on highway 148 north. Muleshoe ag service 12663 state highway 148 north Henrietta TX 76365. 33.836481,-98.208306.0ft.

I have a water right in the Little Wichita River drainage. Do not have a permit. My Deed reads to center of river starting at center of hwy 148 north bridge extending to the neighboring property owned by Wichita falls.

I have Crop, grazing and hunting land in the vicinity of the proposed lake Ringgold project. We camp from time to time and have gatherings on this land

I use the Little Wichita River for fishing, boating, swimming and/or other recreational purposes and I intend to continue such use. Fishing from the river has been enjoyed by all of our family and in tend to teach my grandchildren here as well.

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Our Family has been in this county for 147 years and worked the land to make a living. land does not just pop up and has been increasingly hard to purchase or lease. Agriculture will not pay for new land either. Land has increased in value beyond means. I feel like flooding and selling land is not in the best interest for this county. Yet a private interest of the neighboring city of Wichita falls.

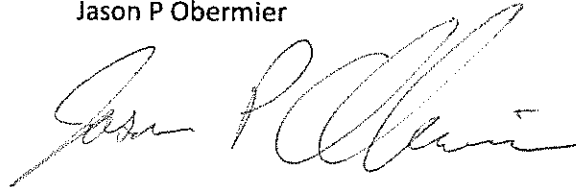
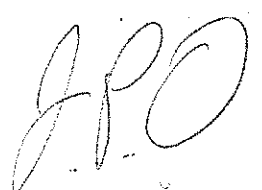
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I can be contacted at Jason Obermier, 12665 state highway 148 north Henrietta, Tx (940)733-8914 or Jobermier@hotmail.com

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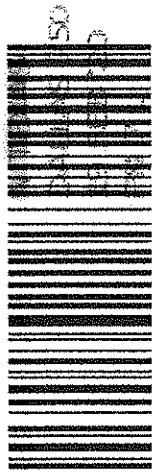
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J. Obermier  
12665 State Highway 148N  
Henrietta, TX 76365

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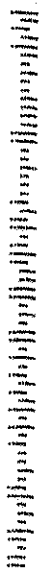
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**From:** jimmyobermier@yahoo.com <jimmyobermier@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 1, 2020 9:12 PM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404

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**RN NUMBER:** RN109830679

**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

**FROM**

**NAME:** MR Jimmy Dale Obermier

**E-MAIL:** [jimmyobermier@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmyobermier@yahoo.com)

**COMPANY:**

**ADDRESS:** 12107 STATE HIGHWAY 148 N  
HENRIETTA TX 76365-5560

**PHONE:** 9407338861

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** I request a contested case hearing. I own property that will be flooded by the proposed lake. It is within 500 feet of my home. My property is used for agriculture and will be useless if this lake is built. The average depth of this lake is going to be very shallow and evaporation loss is going to be tremendous. The lake is not going to be desirable for recreation, fishing, development of homes or tourism. The citizens of Clay county are going to have to pay for road

maintenance and law enforcement all while losing a significant portion of their tax base. In return the citizens of Clay county will get nothing. The proposed lake is a bad idea and a wast of money.

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**FROM**

**NAME:** MR William O'Malley

**E-MAIL:** [omalley.arms@att.net](mailto:omalley.arms@att.net)

**COMPANY:** Clay County Rural Development

**ADDRESS:** PO BOX 114  
HENRIETTA TX 76365-0114

**PHONE:** 8174719076

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** 3-5-2020 Office of the Chief Clerk MC 105, TCEQ P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087 My name is William O'Malley and I am Chairman of the board for Clay County Rural Development and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold. Clay County Rural Development owns

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land that would be possibly inundated by Lake Ringgold, and or subject to flooding by the project, and I request a contested case hearing. The lands are located less than a half mile south of the little Wichita River and dry fork river tributary in the Texas and New Orleans Railroad survey no 1 abstract 683 Clay County TX, as recorded in volume 234, page 176 of the Clay County deed record. The second set of lands owned are also be subject to regular flooding and are located within 5 miles of the proposed lake along the potential flood plane for east fork tributary to the little wichta river on the 287 business corridor in the Abstract 143 W. G. Eustis NW 1/4 No. 2 T and NO RR CO, CLAY COUNTY. I also would like to request a name change for the potential as the proposed lake is named after a town in a neighboring county, that town (Ringgold) is nearly 10 miles from the closest shoreline of the proposed lake. We question why the proposed lake (which would be located entirely in Clay County) and would have a dam located in community of Stanfield (Clay County) and whose backwaters will be in the city of limits of Henrietta, TX (county seat of Clay County) would be called lake Ringgold? The only answer I can determine is it is designed to insult and demean the people of Clay County. I would like to request the project be renamed one of the following: Lake Henrietta, Lake Clay County or Lake Stanfield. I also would like impact studies to be done on the lakes potential flooding on Henrietta's business corridor on TX Hwy 287. I am also concerned on the lack of study on the critical endangered species like the whooping crane as well the destruction of historic sites in Clay including but not limited to Native American camp and burial grounds and pioneer settlements and burial grounds along with historic stagecoach river crossings and their monuments. I also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in the City of Wichita Falls. I can be contacted at William O'Malley PO Box 114 Henrietta, TX 76365 Sincerely, William O'Malley

**Marisa Weber**

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**FROM**

**NAME:** MR William O'Malley

**E-MAIL:** [omalley.arms@att.net](mailto:omalley.arms@att.net)

**COMPANY:** Kildavnet Castle, LLC

**ADDRESS:** PO BOX 114  
HENRIETTA TX 76365-0114

**PHONE:** 8174719076

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** 3-3-2020 Office of the Chief Clerk MC 105, TCEQ P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087 My name is William O'Malley and I am an agent of Kildavnet Castle, LLC and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold. Kildavnet Castle, LLC owns land that would be inundated by Lake

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Ringgold and I request a contested case hearing. The land is on and south of the little Wichita River in the E W. SMITH SURVEY, A-414, THE C. M. CANNON SURVEY, A-90, THE E. C. MAULDIN SURVEY, A-316, THE W. WELLS SURVEY, A-710, THE T. M. HUGHES SURVEY, A-181 AND BLOCKS 4, 15, 22, 33 AND 32, MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL LAND, A-302, CLAY COUNTY, TEXAS. I also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in the City of Wichita Falls. I can be contacted at William O'Malley PO Box 114 Henrietta, TX 76365 Sincerely, William O'Malley

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**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

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**FROM**

**NAME:** MR William O'Malley

**E-MAIL:** [omalley.arms@att.net](mailto:omalley.arms@att.net)

**COMPANY:** Umhail Valley, LLC

**ADDRESS:** PO BOX 114  
HENRIETTA TX 76365-0114

**PHONE:** 8174719076

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** 3-3-2020 Office of the Chief Clerk MC 105, TCEQ P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087 My name is William O'Malley and I am President of Umhail Valley, LLC and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold. Umhail Valley, LLC owns land that would be inundated by Lake

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Ringgold and I request a contested case hearing. The land is on and north of the little Wichita River in the JJ Perkins Subdivision number 2, cabinet 1, slide 66, Clay County plat records. I also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in the City of Wichita Falls. I can be contacted at William O'Malley PO Box 114 Henrietta, TX 76365 Sincerely, William O'Malley

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**FROM**

**NAME:** Joe J Parker, JR

**E-MAIL:** [jmparker@northtextel.net](mailto:jmparker@northtextel.net)

**COMPANY:**

**ADDRESS:** PO BOX 245  
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**PHONE:** 9407335733

**FAX:** 9402855723

**COMMENTS:** see attached letter

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My name is Joe Parker and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

I own land approximately 20 miles north of the proposed project. I am in the ranching and farming business in Clay County.

I am concerned about my neighbors' loss of productive farm and ranch land.

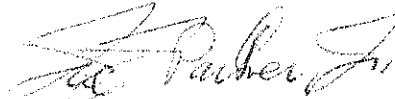
I also purchase water from Wichita Falls through the Dean Dale Water SUD and the City of Byers through the Benvanue Water Company. I am concerned about the increase in water rates.

I am also concerned about the increase in the maintenance and security expense of Clay County.

I also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in the City of Wichita Falls.

I can be contacted at name, address, phone, email, fax number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe J. Parker, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joe J. Parker, Jr.  
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Byers, TX 76357  
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Maddox Ranch

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<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>ZIP Code</b>
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way have a positive effect on me or my family of generations to come. I don't know why Wichita County doesn't build in their own county if water is needed. Which it is not. You are welcome to text or email me with questions. Please let us have our contested hearing and give the people the time to contest the Lake. They have quietly gotten the other permits passed through before anyone knew it was happening.

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The proposed Lake will have a definite effect on me, my family, and our farm and ranch operation. It will also have an effect on generations to come that we have worked so hard to preserve. The land, the wildlife and our ecosystem. If Wichita Falls is successful in building the lake it will be the county of Clay that will be paying for loss of tax roll acres, law enforcement, fire department, loss of grazing, extra highway and county road expenses. This land in our area is very sought after. Please let us have a contested hearing and give the people the time to contest the Lake. Wichita Falls has quietly gotten the other permits passed through before anyone knew it was happening.

*Pam Payne*

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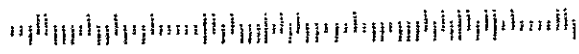
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**NAME:** Jake Roberson

**E-MAIL:** [Jroberson1121@gmail.com](mailto:Jroberson1121@gmail.com)

**COMPANY:**

**ADDRESS:** 903 E IKARD ST  
HENRIETTA TX 76365-3012

**PHONE:** 9407049137

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** 3-3-2020 Office of the Chief Clerk MC 105, TCEQ P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087 My name is Jake Roberson and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold. I have a hunting lease with Umhail Valley, LLC in the footprint of the lake and I request a contested case

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**FROM**

**NAME:** MR Ken Scott

**E-MAIL:** [scottcattle@comcell.net](mailto:scottcattle@comcell.net)

**COMPANY:**

**ADDRESS:** PO BOX 1592  
BOWIE TX 76230-1592

**PHONE:** 9408413111

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** My name is Ken Scott and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404 , the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right , use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River , and the construction of proposed Lake Ringgold. I am currently involved in a multi year cattle partnership on land this will effect , the owner takes pride in his conservation efforts to preserve and promote cattle and wildlife habitat. Also I am involved in another conservative well managed hunting and cattle operation on the Wichita River . I am a property owner and taxpayer to

Clay County as well as the state of Texas. This proposed Lake will have a negative impact on the taxpayers of Clay County with the loss of tax base and the continuing cost of road maintenance as well as a burden on the sheriffs office. If approved this will take thousands of very productive acres out of ranchers , farmers and hunters hands and create a shallow mudhole .

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**NAME:** MR JOHNNIE Shaw

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**COMPANY:**

**ADDRESS:** 1378 FM 1197  
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**PHONE:** 9405384975

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**COMMENTS:** 3-9-2020 Office of the Chief Clerk MC 105, TCEQ P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087 My name is Johnnie Shaw and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold. My house and land is on the little wichita river and would be inundated by the proposed project. It ain't right

that I lived here almost my whole life and worked hard for everything I have and the city of wichita falls wants to come here and steal poor folks homes and land. I love my house and land, it is a little slice of heaven and it is all I got. I want my kids and grandkids to stay here and love this place as I do. This land is my American dream and no rich folks in Wichita needs to be stealing it to keep their golf courses green. I also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in the City of Wichita Falls. I can be contacted at Johnnie Shaw 1378 FM 1197 Henrietta, TX 76365 Sincerely, Johnnie Shaw

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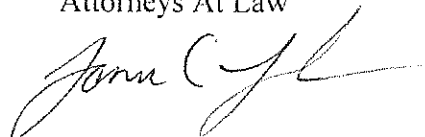
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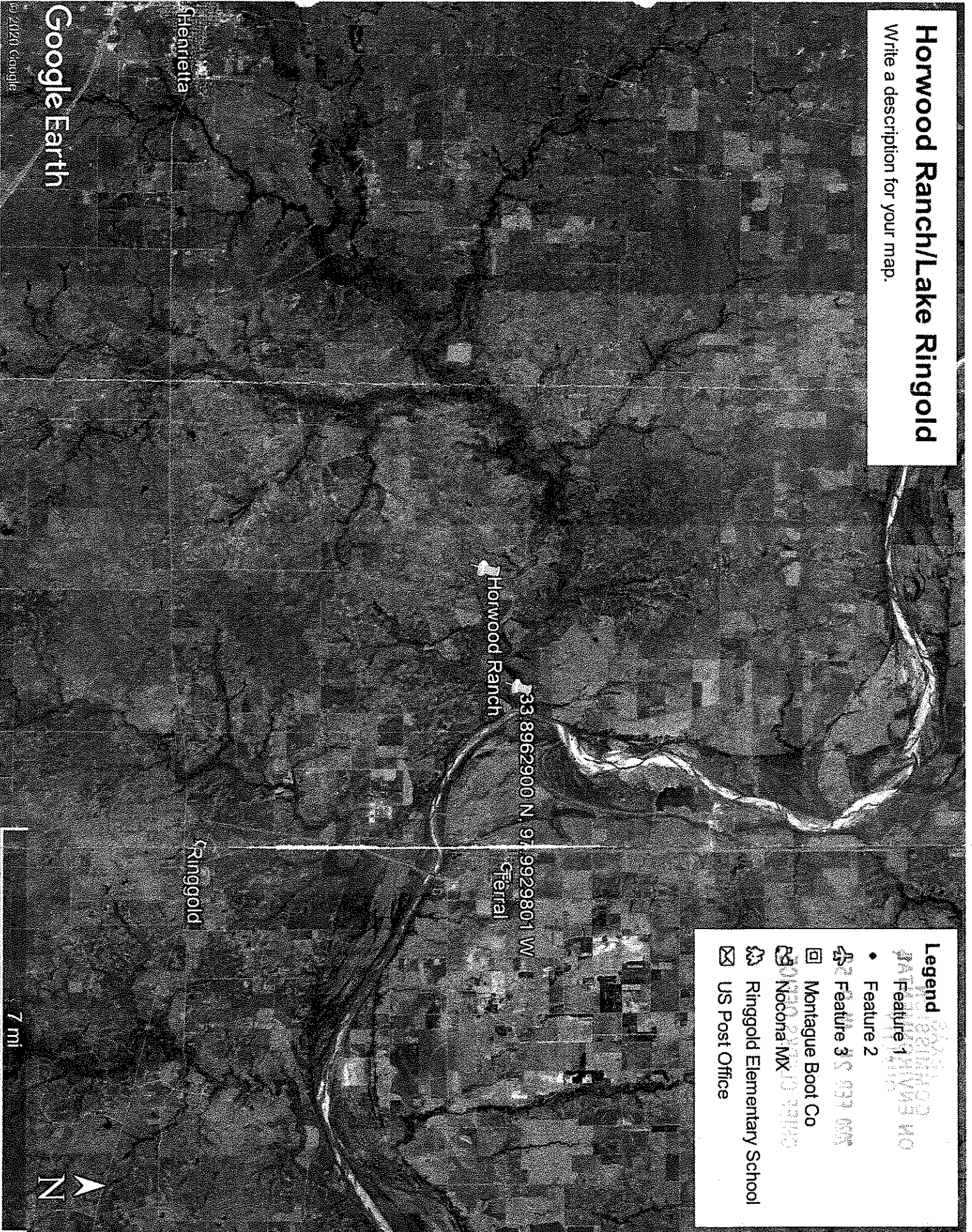
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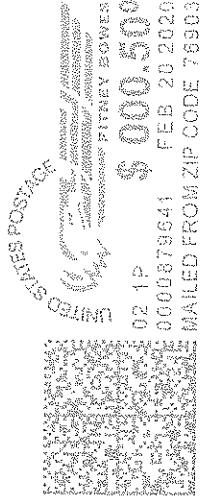
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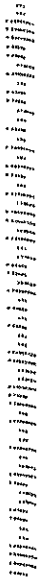
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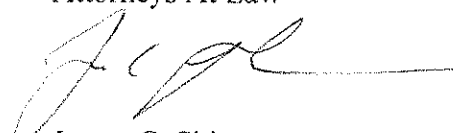
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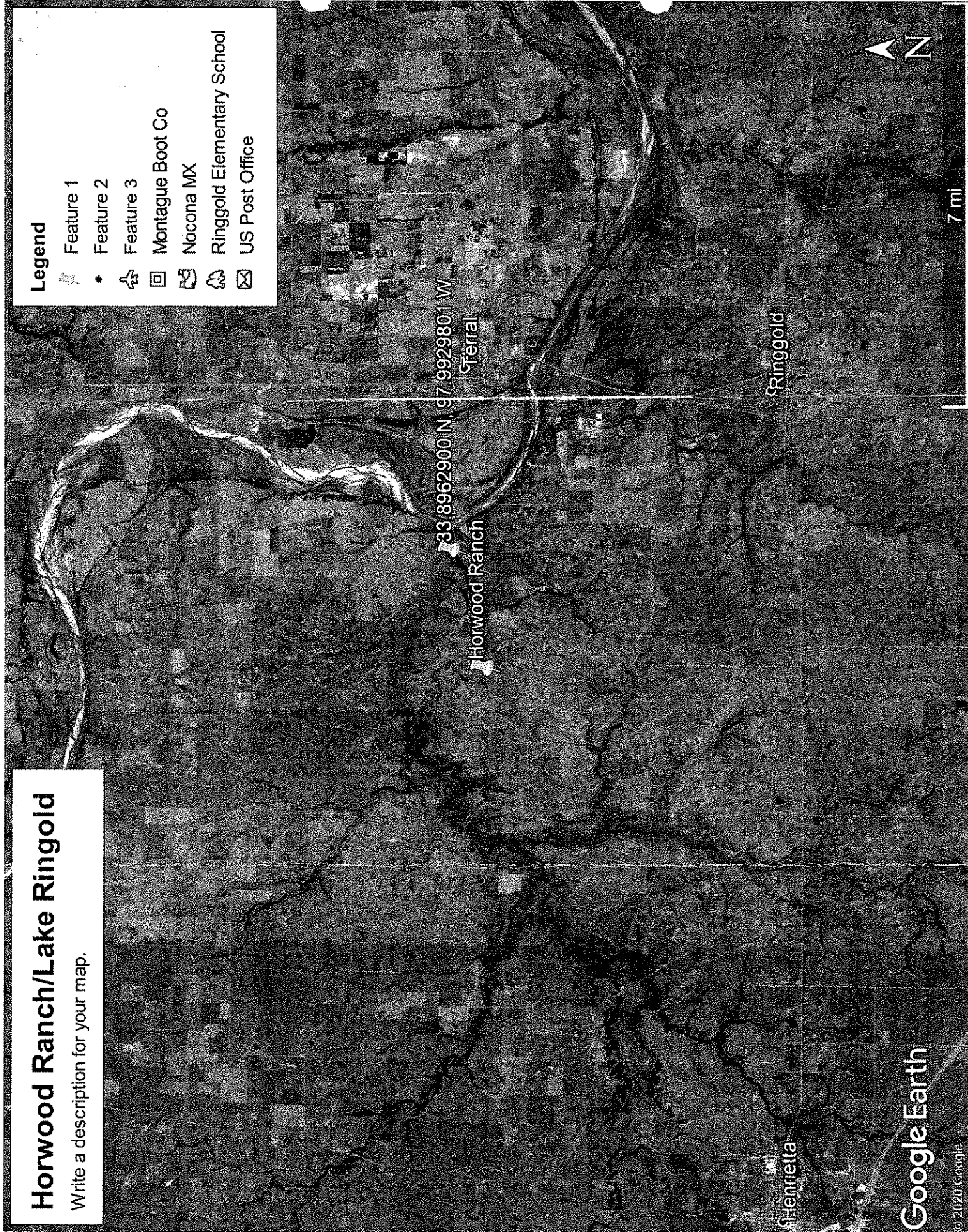


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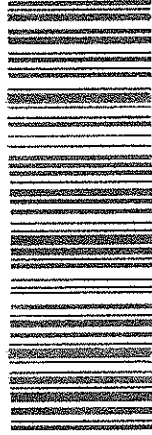
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**NAME:** Clint Staley

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**COMPANY:**

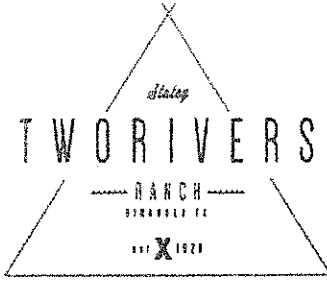
**ADDRESS:** 1509 NEW CASTLE RD  
SOUTHLAKE TX 76092-4227

**PHONE:** 8178323411

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** 3-3-2020 Office of the Chief Clerk MC 105, TCEQ P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087 My name is Clint Staley and I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold. I have a hunting lease with Kildavnet, Castle, LLC. The land is on and south of the little Wichita River in the E W. SMITH

SURVEY, A-414, THE C. M. CANNON SURVEY, A-90, THE E. C. MAULDIN SURVEY, A-316, THE W. WELLS SURVEY, A-710, THE T. M. HUGHES SURVEY, A-181 AND BLOCKS 4, 15, 22, 33 AND 32, MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL LAND, A-302, CLAY COUNTY, TEXAS. I am concerned about the disregard of the Indian campgrounds and burial grounds that will be lost if this Lake is built. I also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in the City of Wichita Falls. I can be contacted at Clint Staley 1509 New Castle Rd Southlake, TX 76092



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To Whom It May Concern:

Please let this letter serve as our official request for a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

Staley Two Rivers Ranch has been in our family for 100 years with significant exposure to the Little Wichita River. Today, it continues to be working ranch where we raise cattle and produce both wheat and hay. The legal description of Staley Two Rivers Ranch is as follows: Said tract containing 593 acres situated in Clay County and 416.74 acres situated in Montague County, Texas, and being parts of R. Crawford Survey, Abst. No. 148, Jonathan Barlow, Survey, Abst. No. 15, H&TCRRCo. Survey No 1, Abst. No. 253, J.M.W. Hall Survey, Abst. No. 202 and Thomas M. Hughes Survey, Abst. No. 181.

A substantial portion of our land would be inundated by Lake Ringgold as proposed. In addition, a residence, multiple barns and equipment are located less than one mile from the proposed Lake Ringgold dam.

Finally, four generations of the Staley family have enjoyed the recreational qualities of the Little Wichita River with boating and fishing with the intention of future generations enjoying these activities.

We also request that a public comment meeting on the proposed project be held in the City of Wichita Falls.

Our primary contact is Phil Staley. His contact information is below:

Phil Staley  
303 Park Road  
Nocona, TX 76255  
Phone: (940) 531-0490  
Email: philstaley0220@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Joe A. Staley

Phil Staley

Gil Staley

22429 FM 2332, Ringgold, Texas 76261

IP# 227076, 227077

Phil Staley  
303 Park Road  
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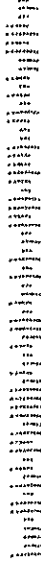
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**REGULATED ENTY NAME** WRPERM 13404

**RN NUMBER:** RN109830679

**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

**FROM**

**NAME:** Gil Staley

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**COMPANY:**

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RINGGOLD TX 76261-5304

**PHONE:** 8323810670

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** Thank you, Chairman and Commissioners. I am Gil Staley, here representing the Staley Family's Two Rivers Ranch in Clay County. As taxpayers in the County for 100 years, we adamantly feel that Lake Ringgold is not needed. Existing water sources and further conservation are more than adequate to meet the needs served by the City of Wichita Falls. The population of the City of WF is projected to remain flat into the future and beyond the next fifty years. I can personally attest growing up in the area that the population has not changed significantly in my 65 years. The cost

of the project is prohibitive. Now, estimated to cost approximately \$443 million and perhaps much higher, this project would be a huge burden on taxpayers. As I stated earlier, Staley Two Rivers Ranch has been in our family for 100 years with significant exposure to the Little Wichita River. A substantial portion of our land would be inundated by Lake Ringgold as proposed. In addition, a residence, multiple barns, and equipment are located less than one mile from the proposed Lake Ringgold dam. Finally, four generations of the Staley family have enjoyed the unique qualities of a living river with intentions of future generations to enjoy.



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**Marisa Weber**

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**FROM**

**NAME:** Daniel W Stansbury, JR

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**COMPANY:** Lively Ranch Ltd

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DALLAS TX 75205-2789

**PHONE:** 2149089334

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** I am President of Lively-Stansbury Management Corp. which is the general partner of Lively Ranch, Ltd. The proposed Lake Ringgold by the City of Wichita Falls under permit number WRPERM 13404 covers part of the land owned by Lively Ranch, Ltd. I would like to request a contested case hearing. The lake would take our local well water site, it would divide the property in an unacceptable manner, it would drastically alter access to the home and other

areas of the property, it would take the foreman's home and cattle operation facilities and I am sure there are a number of other negative impacts.

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**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

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**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

**FROM**

**NAME:** James Dell Stine, III

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PRINCETON TX 75407-4204

**PHONE:** 2145344122

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** Letter attached



March 2, 2020

Office of the Chief Clerk  
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My name is Jay Stine, and I am Executive Director of Quail Coalition. On behalf of Quail Coalition, I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold. I represent over 4,000 members across the State of Texas, including members who would be directly affected by the proposed Lake Ringgold, and we are deeply concerned about the impact on quail habitat in the proposed impact area.

There are several factors contributing to the decline of bobwhite quail populations, and one of the most troubling is the loss of habitat suitable for sustainable quail populations. As I understand it, the Lake Ringgold Project would remove roughly 16,000 acres of habitat suited for bobwhite quail, much of which is native prairie pasture that is the most optimal landscape for quail to thrive in. I am a native of Clay County, and I am worried about the impact of this project on quail and other wildlife in our area. I grew up hunting some of the land impacted with my father in the 1980s, and it provided some of the most productive quail hunting in my lifetime. It would be a shame to lose yet more pristine quail habitat for a project that may not even be a necessity.

I also request a public hearing to be held in Wichita Falls, which will allow both sides to share their concerns for analysis. With a project of this magnitude, it is critical to take the time to explore all factors, and their impacts at the epicenter of the land use change. I appreciate your consideration regarding this very important issue, and please feel free to reach me at 214.534.4122 or [jay.stine@quailcoalition.org](mailto:jay.stine@quailcoalition.org). My mailing address is 2410 CR 394, Princeton, TX 75407.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Stine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jay Stine  
Executive Director  
Quail Coalition

**Elisa Guerra**

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**RN NUMBER:** RN109830679

**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

**FROM**

**NAME:** Catherine Webking

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**COMPANY:** Scott Douglass & McConnico

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AUSTIN TX 78701-4654

**PHONE:** 5124956300

**FAX:** 5124956399

**COMMENTS:** Please see attached file submitted on behalf of the Murray Family.

## **Water Rights Application No. 13404**

### **TCEQ PUBLIC MEETING**

#### **COMMENTS AND CONTINUED REQUEST FOR HEARING FOR AUGUST 25, 2020 PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE MURRAY FAMILY**

These comments are submitted on behalf of the Laura and Diaz Murray family (“Murray Family”) within Clay County Texas. The Murray’s property would be bisected with inundation if under the current proposed plans for Lake Ringgold. The proposed plans for Lake Ringgold would forever alter significant portions of Clay County, including the Murray Family property which is a working cattle ranch. We simply ask that a hearing be held on this Application to explore the serious factual questions that remain with respect to this Application.

The City of Wichita did a good job investing in the indirect potable water project. The City also has available to it other measures that would address the projected needs for water for the City. The proposed Lake Ringgold far exceeds the projected needs in 2070. The projected additional water needs for Wichita Falls in 2040 are 5,134, but the Lake Ringgold supply is projected as 23,450.

The proposed project would heavily burden Clay County but is not projected to be necessary to satisfy the water needs of Clay County. In fact, the projected water need is largely dependent on a projected irrigation demand that far exceeds the current water used for irrigation in Wichita County.

The Region B plans show that more than 73% of the projected water needs relate to irrigation. It is not sound public policy to burden Clay County Residents and the ratepayers of the City of Wichita water system with the physical and financial costs of the proposed project.

In addition, review of the Application shows that the projected need is based, in part, on the OklaUnion AEP plant which is scheduled to be shutdown. Yet, AEP has announced, and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) has recognized AEP’s plans to remove this plant from service. We ask you to scrutinize each projected use in this plan before recommending support for Lake Ringgold.

To the extent this project is justified on the drought conditions in 2011-2015, this proposed lake comes from the same water source as the sources that dried up in prior years.

The 12 water supply alternatives identified and investigated in the *2015 Long-Range Water Supply Plan* were:

**Table ES-1: Selected Strategies for Further Evaluation**

Alternative	Composite Score (max 80)	Rank
Indirect Reuse	72	1
Water Conservation	67	2
Lake Ringgold Water	58	3
Groundwater HFSJ	50	4
Groundwater From Wilbarger County	49	5
Groundwater From Roberts County	47	6
Groundwater From Donley & Gray County	45	7
Wichita River Supply	45	8
Lake Kemp Water Right Amendment	43	9
Groundwater From Denton County	41	10
Lake Texoma Water	41	11
Lake Bridgeport Water	40	12

This table does not show consideration for the **CANAL CONVERSION TO PIPELINE ALTERNATIVE** which the Region B 2021 Initially Prepared Plan the following water availability and costs identified in the charts below. With Canal Conversion to Pipeline option over the Lake Ringgold option, the water shortfall is lessened during the 15 – 25 years it takes to build Lake Ringgold and water needs are met and surpassed with a cost savings of over half a billion dollars.

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Catherine J. Webking  
Direct Dial: 512.495.6337  
cwebking@scottdoug.com

March 5, 2020

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In Re: Notice of Opposition and Request for Hearing for WRPERM 13404

Laura Del Murray files this Notice of Opposition to the water rights permit for the City of Wichita Falls regarding the project identified as proposed Lake Ringgold. Laura Del Murray also requests that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality refer this application for permit to a contested case hearing.

Mrs. Murray owns property that would be directly affected by proposed Lake Ringgold. This property is traversed by the East Fork of the Little Wichita river. The proposed project would take land that is in use for an active cattle ranch. The proposal would split one pasture and would isolate another pasture from the remainder of the ranch. This would have a permanent negative impact on the ranch operations as well as the natural resources along the East Fork that ranch has worked to support and maintain throughout its stewardship of the land.

Accordingly, Mrs. Murray respectfully requests that you grant this request to conduct a contested case hearing regarding the water rights permit application

Respectfully submitted,

*Catherine J. Webking*  
Catherine J. Webking  
Attorney for Laura Del Murray

CJW:lbb

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Scott Douglass & McConnico LLP | Attorneys at Law

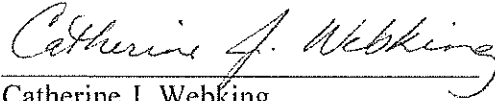
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The Murray Family appreciates the careful consideration of this Application by the experts at TCEQ and request that a contested case hearing be granted to more fully explore the factors underlying this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTORNEYS FOR THE MURRAY FAMILY**

ATTACHMENT A

The following charts are taken from the Region B Draft 2021 Plan:

**Table ES-13**  
**Recommended Water Management Strategies for WCWID No. 2**  
 - Values in Acre-Foot per Year-

Recommended Strategies	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Canal Conversion to Pipeline	830	2,292	3,656	7,988	10,026	12,850

**Cost of Recommended Water Management Strategies for WCWID No. 2**

Recommended Strategies	Capital Cost	Annual Cost					
		2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Canal Conversion to Pipeline	\$9,713,000	\$722,000	\$722,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000

**Table ES-12**  
**Recommended Water Management Strategies for Wichita Falls**  
 - Values in Acre-Foot per Year-

Recommended Strategies	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Lake Ringgold	-	-	23,450	23,450	23,450	23,450

**Cost of Recommended Water Management Strategies for Wichita Falls**

Recommended Strategies	Capital Cost	Annual Cost					
		2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Lake Ringgold	\$442,867,000	\$	\$	\$34,139,000	\$34,139,000	\$8,994,000	\$8,994,000

**Table ES-12  
Recommended Water Management Strategies for Wichita Falls**

	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Total Safe Supply Need	(2,513)	(4,175)	(5,134)	(6,137)	(7,344)	(10,864)
Water Conservation	169	340	512	686	871	844
<b>Total Need</b>	<b>(2,344)</b>	<b>(3,835)</b>	<b>(4,622)</b>	<b>(5,451)</b>	<b>(6,473)</b>	<b>(10,020)</b>
Canal Conversion Strategy	830	2,292	3,656	7,988	10,026	12,850
<b>Total (Need)/Surplus with Canal Conversion Strategy</b>	<b>(1,514)</b>	<b>(1,543)</b>	<b>(966)</b>	<b>2,537</b>	<b>3,553</b>	<b>2,830</b>
Lake Ringgold Strategy	-	-	23,450	23,450	23,450	23,450
<b>Total (Need)/Surplus with Lake Ringgold</b>	<b>(2,344)</b>	<b>(3,835)</b>	<b>18,828</b>	<b>17,999</b>	<b>16,977</b>	<b>13,430</b>

**Cost of Recommended Water Management Strategies**

Values in Acre-Feet per Year-

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Lake Ringgold	\$442,867,000	\$	\$	\$34,139,000	\$34,139,000	\$8,994,000	\$8,994,000
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>\$433,154,000</b>	<b>\$(722,000)</b>	<b>\$(722,000)</b>	<b>\$34,132,000</b>	<b>\$34,132,000</b>	<b>\$8,987,000</b>	<b>\$8,987,000</b>

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March 3, 2020

Office of the Chief Clerk  
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Re: Application for a Water Use Permit No. WRPERM 13404  
Applicant: City of Wichita Falls, Texas  
Request for a Contested Case Hearing

Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is William (Chris) Wellborn and I am the owner of Wellborn Ranch Ltd. I request a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404, the application by the City of Wichita Falls for a large water right, use of the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River, and the construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold.

The physical address for the ranch is 1595 Henry Scheer Road, Henrietta, Texas 76365. Our ranch is located on the south side of proposed Lake Ringgold. Four tracts of our ranch would be negatively impacted with the flooding of the reservoir.

This request for a contested case hearing is based on the following:

- The majority of our ranch will be inundated and covered by the Conservation Pool of the proposed reservoir; one entire tract of our ranch will be flooded
- The footprint of the reservoir along with acreage in the 100 Year Flood Elevation splits the remainder of our ranch into three separate sections.
- Access to these tracts would be severely limited
- Splitting the ranch into three tracts combined with the loss of acreage to the project severely limits our ability for effective grazing, management, productivity and revenue
- Recreational and hunting pursuits would be lost due to the flooding of prime wildlife habitat
- There have been no environmental impact studies done on our ranch
- There is no information or communication regarding the ability of landowners to develop acreage down to the reservoir's edge
- There is no information or communication regarding the ability of landowners to access the reservoir
- There will be negative impact to regional wildlife due to loss of habitat
- There will be negative impact to the economy of Clay County due to loss of property tax revenue and added costs associated with maintenance and law enforcement for a second reservoir located in our rural county
- There is definite question if the reservoir is truly needed



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- There is much concern about the ballooning cost of the project and who will pay for it

In addition to the request for a contested case hearing, I also request that a public hearing be held in the City of Wichita Falls.

My contact information is:

Chris Wellborn  
1410 Eagle Bend Drive, Southlake, Texas 76092  
Telephone: 817-937-5734, Email: [cwellborn1@gmail.com](mailto:cwellborn1@gmail.com)

Sincerely,



Chris Wellborn



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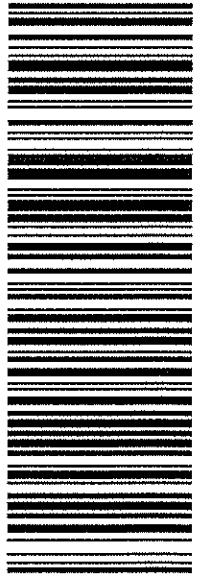

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**Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404

**REGULATED ENTY NAME** WRPERM 13404

**RN NUMBER:** RN109830679

**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

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**COMMENTS:** I would like to request a public comment hearing regarding the Ringgold Reservoir. While my property is not in the footprint, the construction would surely dramatically impact my ability to get to my land which is used for both agricultural and recreational purposes. In addition, the wildlife and the landscape of the area are treasures. Because this conversation has been going on for decades, it has been had by people who may no longer have an interest

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in the area in question. Indeed, the cost impacts on the citizens of Wichita Falls have not been properly examined in the current generation. Finally, I have seen no information whatsoever about the impact of the reservoir as far as road use, pollution, or crime which would necessitate greater costs in Clay County of a project which only serves Wichita. I am likewise troubled by Wichita using Clay County in this manner if the real goal is to sell water to Tarrant County over the decades. The resources of Clay County should be used for the benefit of Clay County. I would also like some party to address the proximity of this project to the Red River, and the safety and land issues down stream should there ever be a failure of the dam. The construction effects on the natural resource of the Red River have not been adequately disclosed. These are issues that need to be discussed publicly and openly with all currently impacted parties. Thank you for your time.

**Marisa Weber**

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**From:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC  
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**From:** dyeates@texas-wildlife.org <dyeates@texas-wildlife.org>  
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**COMMENTS:** Please see attached letter requesting a Contested Case Hearing for WRPERM 13404

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March 9, 2020

Office of the Chief Clerk  
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Austin, TX 78711-3087

Texas Wildlife Association (TWA) requests a contested case hearing on Water Use Permit WRPERM 13404, by the City of Wichita Falls, to construct and maintain a 275,000 acre-foot capacity reservoir, Lake Ringgold, on the Little Wichita River, divert up to 65,000 acre-feet of water per year from Lake Ringgold, and use the bed and banks of the Little Wichita River (Lake Arrowhead) to convey return flows and the 65,000 acre-feet of water for subsequent diversion and use.

TWA is an affected party because we have members who would be affected if the permit is granted. Emry Birdwell and Deborah Clark of the Birdwell and Clark Ranch, 578 N. Bryant Edwards Road, Henrietta, TX 76365, are members of TWA. If built, the proposed Lake Ringgold will inundate an estimated 1,200 to 2,000 acres of the Birdwell and Clark Ranch. An arm of the lake will cut their ranch into two sections, significantly impacting their ability to conduct the time-managed grazing, which maintains the health of native tallgrass prairie and on which their ranch income is based.

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Construction of the proposed Lake Ringgold will have a significant negative impact on TWA members, on the ranching economy of Clay County, on wildlife and wildlife habitat, and on hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities in the region.

For these and other reasons, TWA requests a contested case hearing on WRPERM 13404.

Sincerely,

R. David Yeates  
Chief Executive Officer