

**APPLICATION TO PURCHASE AN INTEREST
IN THE SURFACE OR MINERAL ESTATE
ON LAND DESCRIBED IN VACANCY PROCEEDING(S)
GLO SCHOOL FILE NO.**

SF-16608

SF-16609

SF-16611

WISE COUNTY

Your Name: Wise County Judge J.D. Clark

Your Mailing Address: P.O. Box 899 Decatur Texas 76234

Your Telephone Number: (940) 627-5743

Date of Application: July 17, 2015

Please deliver or mail this application to the attention of Susan Sugarek, Mail Code 157, Texas General Land Office, 1700 N. Congress Ave. (physical address), P.O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873

On October 1, 2013, the Commissioner of the General Land Office issued orders in the referenced vacancy proceedings (the "Orders") declaring vacancies in Wise County, described as follows:

SF-16608-18.29 acres

Bounded on the north by the Thomas S. Cogdell Survey, Abstract No. 189, GLO file Fannin-3-3242; on the east by the Texas and Pacific Railway Co. Survey, Abstract No. 843, GLO file Fannin-S-10574; on the south by the J. M. Standefer Survey, Abstract No. 772, GLO file Fannin-3-2896; and on the west and north by the Thomas Dean Survey, Abstract No. 238, GLO file Fannin-1-717.

SF-16609-9.29 acres

Bounded on the north by the Texas and Pacific Railway Co. Survey, Abstract No. 843, GLO file Fannin-S-10574; on the south by the G. A. Burdett Survey, Abstract No. 28, GLO file Fannin-1-3751/2; and on the west by the

McKinney & Williams Survey, Abstract No. 610, GLO file Fannin-S-1235.

SF-16611-11.86 acres

Bounded on the north by the J. W. Holmes Survey, Abstract No. 1165, GLO file Fannin-S-15732; on the east by the Antonio Vasquez Survey, Abstract No. 858, GLO file Fannin-1-572; and on the south by the Texas and Pacific Railway Co. Survey, Abstract No. 843, GLO file Fannin-S-10574; and on the west by the Thomas S. Cogdell Survey, Abstract No. 189, GLO file Fannin-3-3242.

On June 4, 2015, the Commissioner of the General Land Office issued orders in this vacancy proceeding declaring that each of the following necessary parties is a good-faith claimant with respect to the portion of the vacant land described as follows:

1. Good-Faith Claimant A Neil Family Limited Partnership has a preferential right to purchase the surface estate of the vacant land in all of the applications as set out in the Orders.
2. Good-Faith Claimant A Neil Family Limited Partnership II has a preferential right to purchase certain interests in the mineral estates of the vacant lands in all of the applications as set out in the Orders.
3. Good-Faith Claimant Aileen Neil has a preferential right to purchase certain interests in the mineral estates of the vacant lands in all of the applications as set out in the Orders.
4. Good-Faith Claimant Margaret Neil Riemitis has a preferential right to purchase certain interests in the mineral estates of the vacant lands in all of the applications as set out in the Orders.
5. Good-Faith Claimant William H. Neil, Jr. has a preferential right to purchase certain interests in the mineral estates of the vacant lands in all of the applications as set out in the Orders.
6. Good-Faith Claimant James Roy Neil has a preferential right to purchase certain interests in the mineral estates of the vacant lands in all of the applications as set out in the Orders.
7. Good-Faith Claimant Mary Neil Watson has a preferential right to purchase certain interests in the mineral estates of the vacant lands in all of the applications as set out in the Orders.

8. Good-Faith Claimant Devon Energy Production Company has a preferential right to purchase the leasehold estate in the mineral estate of the vacant land in all of the applications as set out in the Orders.

9. Good-Faith Claimant Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC has a preferential right to purchase an easement across a portion of the vacant land in SF 16608 as set out in the Order.

10. Good-Faith Claimant Wise County has a preferential right to purchase a road easement across a portion of the vacant lands in all of the applications as set out in the Orders.

On this day, the 16th of July, 2015, by this application **Wise County** applies to exercise its preferential right to purchase all interests in the vacant lands described above as that preferential right is described in the Land Commissioner's Declaration of Good Faith Claimant Status issued on June 4, 2015, save and except for any interests in any of the SF application files that I have crossed out or otherwise indicated herein that I do not wish to apply to purchase.

I ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

1. I MUST FILE THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM WITH THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE BY JULY 24, 2015, OR MY PREFERENTIAL RIGHT TO PURCHASE WILL EXPIRE. ANY REQUESTS FOR A TIME EXTENSION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE NOT LATER THAN TEN DAYS BEFORE THE DATE LISTED ABOVE.
2. I MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COST OF APPRAISAL OF THE VACANT LAND, WHICH THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE WILL PERFORM TO ADVISE THE SCHOOL LAND BOARD ON THE TERMS OF SALE OR LEASE.
3. THE TERMS OF ANY SALE OR LEASE OF VACANT LAND ARE SET BY THE SCHOOL LAND BOARD. IF THE SCHOOL LAND BOARD DETERMINES TO SELL OR LEASE THIS VACANCY, IT WILL SET THE TERMS OF THE SALE AND MY FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE TERMS WILL EXTINGUISH MY PREFERENTIAL RIGHT TO PURCHASE OR LEASE.
4. UPON NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE BY THE SCHOOL LAND BOARD, I WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY 100% OF THE PURCHASE PRICE PLUS A STATUTORY SALES FEE OF 1.5% OF THE PURCHASE PRICE, PURSUANT TO TNRC SECTION 32.110.

DATE: 7/17/15

By: J.D. Clark
Wise County Judge



Signature
(Authorized representative)

GENERAL LAND OFFICE

RE: APPLICATION OF A NEIL
FAMILY, LTD TO PURCHASE
VACANT LAND IN WISE
COUNTY, TEXAS

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GLO FILE NO. SF-16608

DECLARATION AND ORDER
CONCERNING GOOD-FAITH CLAIMANT STATUS OF
WISE COUNTY, TEXAS TO
ACQUIRE AN EASEMENT ACROSS A PORTION OF
APPROXIMATELY 18.29 ACRES OF VACANT LAND
IN WISE COUNTY, TEXAS,
FINAL VACANCY ORDER DATED OCTOBER 1, 2013

After review of the timely-filed application by Wise County, Texas ("Applicant") asserting good-faith claimant status, supporting documentation, and recommendations of the staff of the General Land Office relating to the vacancy found in an order dated October 1, 2013, in GLO File No. SF-16608, applied for by A Neil Family, Ltd. ("Neil"), pertaining to 18.29 acres of land in Wise County, Texas ("Vacancy"), the undersigned, George P. Bush, Commissioner of the General Land Office, makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law and enters this declaration and order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Neil filed an application to purchase the surface of and minerals under land alleged to be vacant in Wise County, Texas, identified as GLO File No. SF-16608.
2. Applicant and others were identified as necessary parties to this vacancy proceeding
3. The Commissioner of the General Land Office, by order dated October 1, 2013, found that the Vacancy exists, containing approximately 18.29 acres as described in the survey prepared by Wm. D. Edwards, LSLS. Mr. Edwards's field notes and report are filed in the GLO archive file SF-16608.
4. Wise County currently maintains, and has maintained for as far back as Wise County records indicate, County Road 4360 (formerly known as Old Mule Ranch Road), and such County Road 4360 is within the network of county roads adopted by the Wise County Commissioner's Court on June 19, 2006, pursuant to Tex. Transportation Code, Ch. 258 (the "Road").
5. Applicant timely filed a good-faith claimant affidavit together with adequate supporting documentation claiming the right to maintain and operate the Road as a County Road as it would exist across the Vacancy. Applicant's affidavit and supporting documents provided evidence that Applicant has established (i) past or

present use and occupation of the surface estate of the Vacancy; and (ii) proof of color of title or other muniment of title to the Road easement on the Vacancy.

6. No party other than Applicant has filed a good-faith claim to an interest in the Road.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

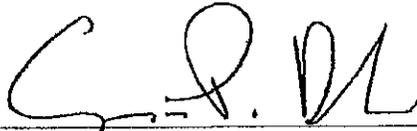
1. In accordance with Section 51.193 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, the Commissioner of the General Land Office is vested with the authority to declare whether a necessary party is a good-faith claimant.
2. Pursuant to Section 51.194(a) of the Texas Natural Resources Code, a good-faith claimant who has been notified by the Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office that a vacancy exists has a preferential right to purchase or lease the interest claimed in the land before the land was declared vacant. Pursuant to Section 51.194(b) of the Texas Natural Resources Code, a good-faith claimant may purchase or lease the vacancy by submitting a written application for that purpose to the School Land Board ("Board").
3. The good-faith claimant affidavit and supporting documents filed by Applicant establish that Applicant is a good-faith claimant, as defined in Section 51.172(2)(A) of the Texas Natural Resources Code, to the Road as it would cross the Vacancy. Applicant has provided proof that, as of the application commencement date, September 10, 2012, it has occupied or used the Vacancy for the purpose of operating and maintaining a county road.
4. The grant of an easement estate for the Road on the Vacancy will take place, if at all, under terms and conditions to be established by the Board.

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DECLARATION AND ORDER

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND ORDERED that the preceding Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are adopted as controlling in this matter and that the party herein named as Applicant is a good-faith claimant with the preferential right to purchase an easement across the Vacancy as described herein. This Declaration and Order is effective on the date on which it is signed.

Signed by order and authority of the Commissioner of the General Land Office,
on June 4, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G.P. Bush', written over a horizontal line.

GEORGE P. BUSH
COMMISSIONER, GENERAL LAND OFFICE

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**RE: APPLICATION OF A NEIL
FAMILY, LTD TO PURCHASE
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GLO FILE NO. SF-16609

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FINAL VACANCY ORDER DATED OCTOBER 1, 2013**

After review of the timely-filed application by Wise County, Texas ("Applicant") asserting good-faith claimant status, supporting documentation, and recommendations of the staff of the General Land Office relating to the vacancy found in an order dated October 1, 2013, in GLO File No. SF-16609, applied for by A Neil Family, Ltd. ("Neil"), pertaining to 9.29 acres of land in Wise County, Texas ("Vacancy"), the undersigned, George P. Bush, Commissioner of the General Land Office, makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law and enters this declaration and order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Neil filed an application to purchase the surface of and minerals under land alleged to be vacant in Wise County, Texas, identified as GLO File No. SF-16609.
2. Applicant and others were identified as necessary parties to this vacancy proceeding
3. The Commissioner of the General Land Office, by order dated October 1, 2013, found that the Vacancy exists, containing approximately 9.29 acres as described in the survey prepared by Wm. D. Edwards, LSLs. Mr. Edwards's field notes and report are filed in the GLO archive file SF-16609.
4. Wise County currently maintains, and has maintained for as far back as Wise County records indicate, County Road 4360 (formerly known as Old Mule Ranch Road), and such County Road 4360 is within the network of county roads adopted by the Wise County Commissioner's Court on June 19, 2006, pursuant to Tex. Transportation Code, Ch. 258 (the "Road").
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GLO FILE NO. SF-16611

**DECLARATION AND ORDER
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After review of the timely-filed application by Wise County, Texas ("Applicant") asserting good-faith claimant status, supporting documentation, and recommendations of the staff of the General Land Office relating to the vacancy found in an order dated October 1, 2013, in GLO File No. SF-16611, applied for by A Neil Family, Ltd. ("Neil"), pertaining to 11.86 acres of land in Wise County, Texas ("Vacancy"), the undersigned, George P. Bush, Commissioner of the General Land Office, makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law and enters this declaration and order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Neil filed an application to purchase the surface of and minerals under land alleged to be vacant in Wise County, Texas, identified as GLO File No. SF-16611.
2. Applicant and others were identified as necessary parties to this vacancy proceeding
3. The Commissioner of the General Land Office, by order dated October 1, 2013, found that the Vacancy exists, containing approximately 11.86 acres as described in the survey prepared by Wm. D. Edwards, LSLS. Mr. Edwards's field notes and report are filed in the GLO archive file SF-16611.
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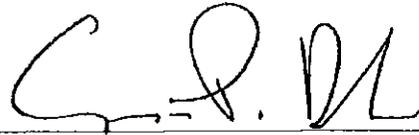
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