

STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT

VS.

NUMBER 57/38

3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF LINCOLN

STATE OF LOUISIANA

THE MAX LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, ET AL

PETITION

The petition of the STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, legal successor to the Department of Highways, created and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, with its domicile in the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, with respect, represents that:

1.

THE MAX LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, JENNIFER FRANKLIN GRAFTON, and SCOTT MICHAEL GRAFTON are the defendants herein.

2.

The Department of Transportation and Development, proposes to construct in the Parish of Lincoln, a certain project designated as State Project No. H.010239, Tremont WB Rest Area Improvements, State Route US I-20, which project is more fully described by a Certificate of Authorization to Expropriate, approved by the Secretary, Department of Transportation and Development on June 2, 2014, which declares that it is necessary and useful to take immediately the hereinafter described property for highway purposes, a certified copy of said Certificate of Authorization to Expropriate being marked "Exhibit P-1," attached hereto and made a part hereof.

3.

The construction of said project will be greatly conducive to the public interest, convenience and safety, and will be an important improvement in the State Highway System.

Petitioner has surveyed the right of way and laid out the centerline thereof for said project as the same will exist after said project is completed, and the width of the right of way has been fixed

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by the Chief Engineer of the Department of Transportation and Development, as shown by his certificate marked "Exhibit P-2," annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

5.

Included within the right of way required for said project is certain property believed to be owned by the defendant, THE MAX LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, required in full ownership, and described as follows, to-wit:

One (1) certain tract or parcel of land, together with all of the improvements situated wholly or partially thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, and in Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 1 West, North of the Red River Land District, identified as Parcel No. 1-2, on a white print of a plat of survey, consisting of Sheet No. 1, made by John S. Teegarden, Registered Land Surveyor, dated April 28, 2014, revised, annexed to the above numbered and entitled suit, said tract or parcel being outlined in red and being more particularly described in accordance with said plat of survey, as follows:

REQUIRED IN FULL OWNERSHIP

<u>PARCEL NO. 1-2:</u>

From a point on the centerline of State Project No. H.010239, at Highway Survey Station 149+93.36, proceed N46°59'27"W a distance of 654.96 feet to the point of beginning; thence proceed 6°59'27"W a distance of 61.32 feet to a point and corner; thence proceed N57°34'42"W a distance of 339.26 feet to a point and corner; thence proceed N52°7'34"E a distance of 268.41 feet to a point and corner; thence proceed S82°52'26"E a distance of 415.73 feet to a point and corner; thence proceed S44°30'42"E a distance of 359.22 feet to a point and corner; thence proceed S20°37'52"E a distance of 341.25 feet to a point and corner; thence proceed N82°53'43"W a distance of 268.7 feet to a point and corner; thence proceed N6°58'12"E a distance of 154.36 feet to a point and corner; thence proceed N82°52'46"W a distance of 420.57 feet to the point of beginning; All of which comprises Parcel 1-2 as shown on SHEET 1 of the Right of Way Plans of State Project No. H.010239, and contains an area of approximately 286284.4 square feet or 6.572

5A.

The property referenced above is subject to a predial servitude in favor of JENNIFER FRANKLIN GRAFTON, and SCOTT MICHAEL GRAFTON.

This property is outlined in red on a plat of survey marked "Exhibit P-3," annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

7.

This property is a portion of a larger tract believed to be owned by the defendant.

8

There are no buildings situated wholly or partially upon the above described property, and the only improvements situated wholly or partially thereon consist of gravel and timber.

9

The location and design of the improvements proposed by said project are in accordance with the best modern practices adopted in the interest of the safety and convenience of the traveling public, as shown by the Certificate on Location and Design, which is marked "Exhibit P-4," annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

10.

In order to construct said project in a manner and mode conducive to the public interest, convenience and safety, it is necessary that petitioner acquire in full ownership the described property, together with all of the improvements situated wholly or partially thereon, subject to the mineral reservation set forth below, which property petitioner has attempted to acquire amicably but has been unable to do so.

11.

Therefore, it is necessary for petitioner to expropriate in full ownership the above described property, together with all of the improvements situated wholly or partially thereon, subject to the mineral reservation set forth below.

12.

The expropriation of the full ownership of the property described above shall be made subject to the reservation in favor of the owner of all oil or gas located under the property described above,

or the royalties therefrom, in accordance with law, and subject to any existing oil or gas reservation or to any existing oil or gas lease.

13.

The just compensation to which the defendants are entitled, being the compensation for the full ownership of the above described property, together with all of the improvements situated wholly or partially thereon, subject to the mineral reservation set forth herein, has been estimated to be the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight and No/100 Dollars (\$89,968.00), as shown by the written estimate of compensation marked "Exhibit P-5A" and "Exhibit P-5B," annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

14.

Petitioner is entitled to expropriate the full ownership of the above described property, together with all of the improvements situated wholly or partially thereon, subject to the mineral reservation set forth herein, in a manner authorized by Article 1, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana for the year 1974, and Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Sections 441 to 460, inclusive as amended and reenacted.

15.

Petitioner is entitled to trial by jury as authorized by Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, Section 451.2, as amended and reenacted.

16.

Petitioner desires to utilize the cash deposit authorized by Article 1734.1 of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure and desires that the amount of the deposit be fixed as required by law.

17.

Petitioner requests written notice at least thirty (30) days prior thereto of any trial, motion or other proceeding scheduled to come before this Honorable Court in this lawsuit in accordance with Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, Section 451, and also requests notice of any interlocutory or final order, decree or judgment rendered and signed in this lawsuit as provided by the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that an order issue herein directing petitioner to deposit in the registry of this court the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight and No/100 Dollars (\$89,968.00) for payment to the person or persons entitled thereto, and declaring that the full ownership of the above described property, together with all of the improvements situated wholly or partially thereon, and subject to the mineral reservation set forth herein, has been taken for highway purposes as of the time such deposit is made.

Petitioner further prays that said order direct the defendants to surrender to petitioner possession of said property.

Petitioner further prays that the Order of Expropriation in this matter be recorded in the conveyance records of this Parish.

Petitioner further prays that notice of this expropriation be issued and served upon THE MAX LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, JENNIFER FRANKLIN GRAFTON, and SCOTT MICHAEL GRAFTON, together with a certified copy of this petition, the order of expropriation of this court and the receipt of the Clerk of Court for the deposit made, according to law.

Petitioner further prays that this matter be tried by jury and that it be allowed to utilize the cash deposit authorized by LA C.C.P. Article 1734.1.

Petitioner further prays that it be served with written notice of any trial, motion or other proceeding scheduled before this Honorable Court in accordance with LA R.S. 48:451, and that it be served with notice of any interlocutory or final order, decree or judgment rendered and signed as provided by the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure.

Petitioner further prays that upon a final hearing herein there be judgment herein in favor of petitioner fixing the amount of just compensation at a sum not to exceed Eighty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight and No/100 Dollars (\$89,968.00).

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

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PH: (225) 242-4607 FAX: (225) 242-4690 Attorney for State, DOTD

PLEASE SERVE:

The Max Limited Partnership
Through agent for service of process
James W. Wade, M. D.
1205 Fairview Ave.
Monroe, LA 71201

Jennifer Franklin Grafton 348 Emory Road Choudrant, LA 71227

Scott Michael Grafton 348 Emory Road Choudrant, LA 71227

June 2, 2014

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION TO EXPROPRIATE

The Department of Transportation and Development contemplates and plans to construct certain projects for the improvement of various highways throughout the State of Louisiana.

The project presently planned by the Department of Transportation and Development is hereinafter set forth:

STATE PROJECT NO(S). H.010239
TREMONT WB REST AREA IMPROVEMENTS
STATE ROUTE US I-20
PARISH OF LINCOLN

Enhancement Project, State Project Number H.010239 provides for grading, base course, p.c.c. pavement, site demolition, building additions, drainage structures, water distribution system, sanitary sewer pumps, electrical, landscaping, and related work, on State Route US I-20 in Lincoln Parish, for the Tremont Westbound Rest Area Improvements project.

The construction of the above described project will be conducive to the public interest, convenience and safety and will enable the Department of Transportation and Development to properly fulfill the functions imposed upon it by law.

The proper construction of said described project is dependent upon the acquisition of the rights of way as fixed by the Chief Engineer, Office of Engineering, for the said project and such other rights as may be appurtenant thereto.

It is necessary and useful to take, by expropriation for highway purposes and in the manner provided by law, in servitude or in full ownership, the property and property rights not otherwise acquired, which are needed for the proper construction of said project.

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the provisions of L.R.S. 36:501 et seq., and L.R.S. 48:11 et seq., as Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, it is necessary and useful to take and, as required by L.R.S. 48:442(3)(a), I hereby approve and authorize the Department of Transportation and Development to take by expropriation for highway purposes and in the manner provided by law, in servitude or in full ownership, the property and property rights not otherwise acquired, and which are needed for the proper construction of Enchancement Project, State Project No(s). H.010239, Tremont Westbound Rest Area Improvments, State Route US I-20, Parish of Lincoln.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this _____ day of _____

SHERRI H. LEBAS, P.E. SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AND DEVELOPMENT

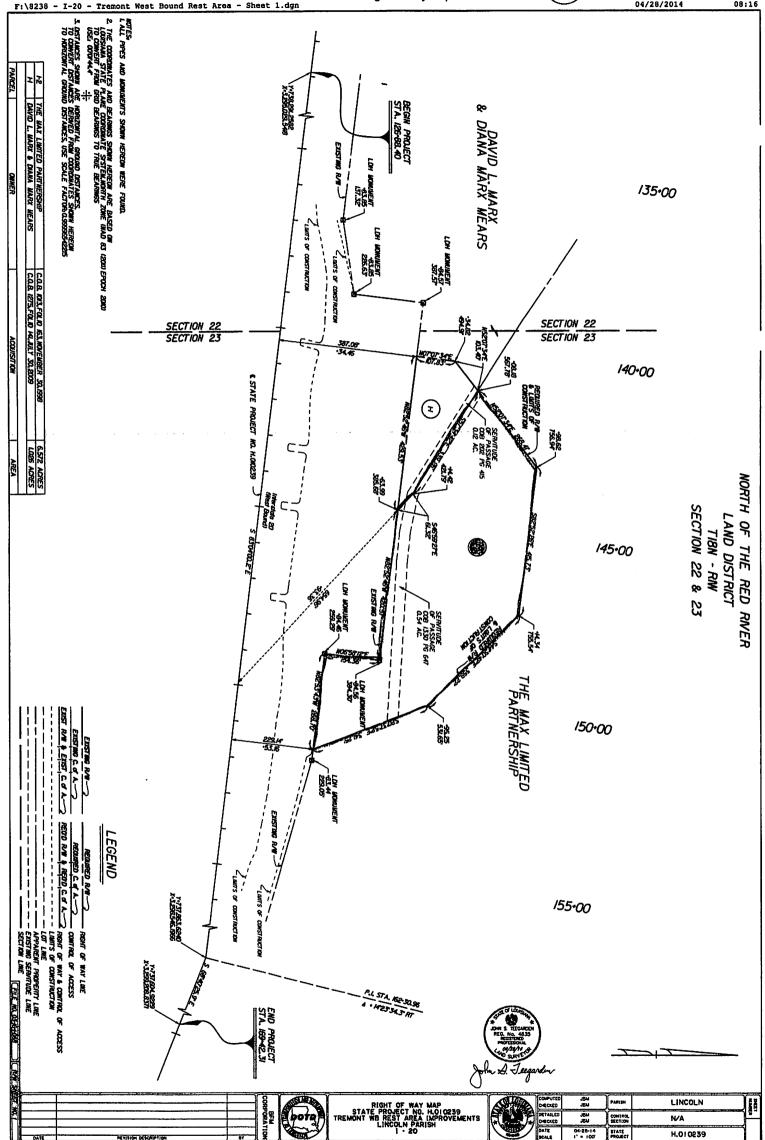
CERTIFICATE

OF THE

CHIEF ENGINEER

I hereby certify that I have fixed the right of way required to construct STATE PROJECT NO. H.010239, TREMONT WB REST AREA IMPROVEMENTS, ROUTE US i-20, LINCOLN PARISH, in a manner sufficient in my judgment to provide presently and in the future for the public interest, safety, and convenience.

JANICE P. WILLIAMS, P.E.



CERTIFICATE

ON

LOCATION AND DESIGN

We hereby certify that the location and design of the improvements proposed within STATE PROJECT NO. H.010239, TREMONT WB REST AREA IMPROVEMENTS, ROUTE US i-20, LINCOLN PARISH, are in accordance with the best modern practices adopted in the interest of the safety and convenience of the traveling public.

JANICE P. WILLIAMS, P.E.

CHIEF ENGINEER ADMINISTRATOR

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ROAD DESIGN ENGINEER ADMINISTRATOR

PAUL FOSSIER, P.E.

BRIDGE DESIGN ENGINEER ADMINISTRATOR

CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATE OF COMPENSATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I have made a careful investigation of the property identified as Parcel Number(s) 1-2, and its (their) remainder(s) which is the subject matter of this estimate, that I am familiar with land values in the vicinity, and that I estimate the compensation to be as follows:

VALUE OF LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS			TTS	\$44,507.00		
DAMAGES				\$45,461.00	<u> </u>	
ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TOTAL ESTIMATE OF COMPENSATION				\$0.00		
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Methodolog	y Used:					
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Monroe, LA						
Qualification	ıs:					
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	 Candidate for Designation Louisiana Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser Louisiana Certified General Real Estate Appraiser 					
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Parcel No. 1-2 S. P. No. H.010239

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VALUE OF LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS DAMAGES	\$53,427.00				
ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TOTAL ESTIMATE OF COMPENSATION	\$35,777.00 \$89,204.00				
Methodology Used:					
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Henry Gregg Wilbanks, Jr. 110 Main Street, Columbia, Louisiana 71418					
Qualifications:					
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STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT

VS.

NUMBER 57138

3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF LINCOLN

THE MAX LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, ET AL

STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDER OF EXPROPRIATION

The petition, exhibits and the premises considered:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, do deposit in the registry of this court, for the use and benefit of the person or persons entitled thereto, the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight and No/100 Dollars (\$89,968.00).

AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the full ownership of the property described below, together with all of the improvements situated wholly or partially thereon, subject to the reservation in favor of THE MAX LIMITED PARTNERSHIP of all oil or gas located under the property described below, or the royalties therefrom, in accordance with law, and subject to any existing oil or gas reservation or to any existing oil or gas lease, is expropriated and taken for highway purposes as of the time of such deposit, according to law, said property being described as follows, to-wit:

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AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this matter be tried by jury upon the plaintiff making a cash deposit in accordance with LA C.C.P. Article 1734.1. Upon the setting of this matter for trial, the court shall fix the amount due and the time of said deposit, which time shall be no later than thirty (30) days prior to trial.

AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this Order of Expropriation be recorded in the conveyance records of this Parish.

AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the defendants, THE MAX LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, JENNIFER FRANKLIN GRAFTON, and SCOTT MICHAEL GRAFTON, vacate the above described property and surrender possession thereof unto the plaintiff immediately upon the deposit of the estimated compensation into the registry of this court.

Ruston, Louisiana, this 1 day of 4, 2014.

S/R. WAYNE SMITH

JUDGE, THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Filed in Clerk's Office

s/Laura Barmore

This JUL 17 2014, 20

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Dy. Clerk, District Court

STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT

VS.

NUMBER 51138

 3^{RD} JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF LINCOLN

THE MAX LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, ET AL

STATE OF LOUISIANA

RECEIPT

LINDA COOK, CLERK OF COURT

TO

THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

In the cause entitled "STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, VS. THE MAX LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, ET AL "No. 57138 of the docket of said court, the State of Louisiana seeks the expropriation of the full ownership of the property described below, together with all of the improvements situated wholly or partially thereon, subject to the reservation in favor of the owner of all oil or gas located under the property described below, or the royalties therefrom, in accordance with law, and subject to any existing oil or gas reservation or to any existing oil or gas lease, for the project set forth in the petition, said property being described as follows, to-wit:

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In accordance with an order of the court signed herein, the Department of Transportation and Development, on behalf of the State of Louisiana and of itself, has this day paid into the registry of said court the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight and No/100 Dollars (\$89,968.00) in cash, lawful current money of the United States of America, by delivering said sum to the said Clerk of Court, who acknowledges receipt of said sum and declares that she has placed same in the registry of said court.

Signed at Ruston, Louisiana, this 17 day of 1214,

s/Laura Barmore

DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Filed in Clerk's Office

JUL 17 2014 20

s/Laura Barmore

Dy. C.D.C.

A True Copy of the Original on File
This JUL 17 2014, 20

Cama Darmore
Dy. Clerk, District Court