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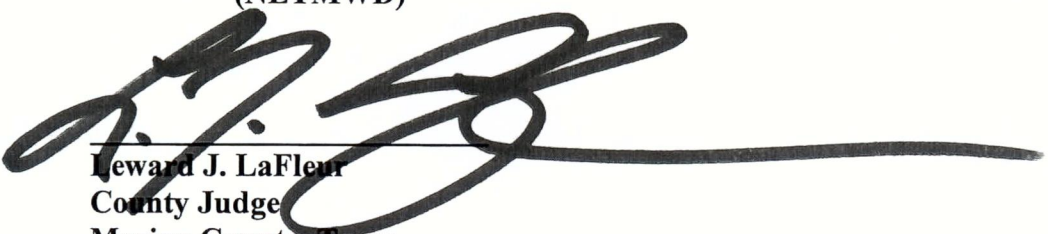
Commissioner Jacob Pattison
Commissioner Gered R. Lee

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Marion County Commissioners Court will be held on the 14th February, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Historical Courtroom, 102 W. Austin 3rd Floor, Jefferson, TX and that the following subjects will be discussed:

Prayer

Pledges of the American and Texas Flag

1. Discuss and take any necessary action on the sale or lease of water from Lake O' the Pines to any water district outside the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District (NETMWD)


Leward J. LaFleur
County Judge
Marion County, Texas

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MINUTES OF MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

FEBRUARY 14, 2025

The Commissioners' Court of Marion County met in Special Session at 9:00 a.m. on February 14, 2025. All members present with County Judge Leward LaFleur presiding.

J.R. (JOHN ROSS) ASHLEY, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT # 1
JACOB PATTISON, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT #2
PAUL D. WEBB, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT # 3
GERED R. LEE, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT#4

ITEM NO. 1

ORDER TO APPROVE THAT THIS COURT SIGNS THIS RESOLUTION WITH THE ADDITION OF THE INFORMATION THAT WAS GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER ASHLEY.

Motion by LaFleur, seconded by Lee. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit "A" attached

ORDER TO ADJOURN

Motion by Ashley, seconded by Lee. All members present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0.
Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

There being no further business brought to the attention of the Commissioners' Court, it is ordered that the Commissioners' Court of Marion County, Texas, adjourn and stand adjourned until the next Regular Session, unless and until called together in Special Session before that time

I attest to the accuracy of
the foregoing minutes.



COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY JUDGE

NOTE: ALL REPORTS, LETTERS OR OTHER ATTACHMENTS MENTIONED IN THE ABOVE MINUTES ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

Exhibit "A"

MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTPublic Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME:

Sharilyn PARR

ADDRESS:

560 TERRY DR

TELEPHONE:

512 914 1122

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:

Retired

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE:

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

No

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

WATER

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Signature:

Printed Name:

Sharilyn PARR

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MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**Public Participation Form**

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: GREG CARTER

ADDRESS: 212 ITHACA DR. LONGVIEW

TELEPHONE: 903-746-4585

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: SWEPco

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: Same

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

SWEPco

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

AINES WATER SALE

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Signature: Greg Carter

Printed Name: GREG CARTER

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MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**Public Participation Form**

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Mike Weber MD

ADDRESS: 210 Byrne St

TELEPHONE: 903 930 9990

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: SJF

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: _____

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

NO

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

CD item -

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

For the CD item

Signature: [Signature]

Printed Name: _____

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MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTPublic Participation Form*If appropriate*

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME:

David Simpson

ADDRESS:

200 Hwy 155 W, Avinger TX 75630

TELEPHONE:

903 562 1234

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:

Timberland Steward

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE:

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

no

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Opposed to selling water rights

Signature:

Printed Name:

David R. Simpson

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MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**Public Participation Form**

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Christopher Lepri

ADDRESS: 839 King st Jefferson Tx

TELEPHONE: 346 297-8955

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: N/A

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: N/A

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

N

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

No

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? Sale of "The Rights of Water"

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Very against such a agenda

Signature: Christopher Lepri

Printed Name: Christopher L Lepri

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MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**Public Participation Form**

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: BERNARD WHITEHEAD
ADDRESS: 190 CHERRY WOOD RD 75657 JTX
TELEPHONE: 903 452 2489
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: N/A
EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: _____

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

THE LAKE

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Signature: _____

Printed Name: BERNARD WHITEHEAD

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MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**Public Participation Form**

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Deanne Ghormley

ADDRESS: 682 P.R. 7219 Jefferson

TELEPHONE: 817-437-3887

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Self employed

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: _____

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

NO

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

Water Sale

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

against

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Deanne Ghormley
Deanne Ghormley

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MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**Public Participation Form**

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Trish Jones

ADDRESS: 115 S. Mossy Brake

TELEPHONE: 214 543 0651

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Retired

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: _____

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

Caddo Biocontrol Alliance

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

PO Box 79 Karnack 75661

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

Water Sale

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

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MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**Public Participation Form**

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Barb Glock

ADDRESS: 199 Michelle St, Jeff 75657

TELEPHONE: 214 837 0475

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: N/A

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: N/A

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

No

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? WATER SALE

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)? Against

Signature: [Signature]

Printed Name: Barbara J Glock

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Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: STELLA BARROW

ADDRESS: 1759 MCR 3636 JEFFERSON

TELEPHONE: 903.736.3063

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: RETIRED

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: _____

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

YES, GREATER CADDOLAKE ASSOC.

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

P.O. Box 266 KARNACK

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? WATER SALE

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

AGAINST THE SALE

Signature: S Barrow

Printed Name: STELLA BARROW

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MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTPublic Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: TERRY JOERGER

ADDRESS: 514 Pecan Way

TELEPHONE: 903. 471. 9079

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: N/A

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: 903. 471. 9079

Do you represent any particular group or organization? No / LEFFERSON

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address? DALLAS NEEDS?

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

LOSING OUR WATER

Signature: [Signature]
Printed Name: TERRY JOERGER

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MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Public Participation Form

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: JERRY THOMAS

ADDRESS: 2019 FM 726, KIPPURON

TELEPHONE: ~~903-746-7068~~ 903-746-7068

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: RETIRED

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: NA

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

NO

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Signature:

Printed Name:

Jerry P Thomas
JERRY THOMAS

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MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**Public Participation Form**

Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Stacey Satterfield

ADDRESS: 605 Keasler Hughes Springs

TELEPHONE: 903/918-3775

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: HTS

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: 903/918-3775

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

water

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Signature: Stacey Satterfield

Printed Name: Stacey Satterfield

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MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**Public Participation Form****Instructions:** Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.NAME: Hugh LewisADDRESS: 113 N PolkTELEPHONE: 903-240-9049PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Jefferson Impoleade,EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: 903 665-2462

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

Newspaper

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

above

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

water resolution

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

against passing resolution @ this time.Signature: V. Hugh LewisPrinted Name: V. Hugh Lewis

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Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Kevin Sheehan
ADDRESS: 260 OSCAR LAGON HARTMAN
TELEPHONE: 903-235-8436
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Retired
EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: _____

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

no

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

n/a

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

Water Sale

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Against

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Kevin P. Sheehan

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Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: AL ED Fatangelo

ADDRESS: Jefferson

TELEPHONE: 9039304760

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: _____

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Scott Miller

ADDRESS: 509 Tangers RD

TELEPHONE: 509 3-950-0053

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Self

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: _____

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

No

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

No

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

Water Rights

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Neutral

Signature: _____
Printed Name: Scott Miller

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Instructions: Fill out all appropriate blanks. Please print or write legibly.

NAME: Don Thompson

ADDRESS: 802 Lewis St Toftas

TELEPHONE: 972-658-0572

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Insurance Agent

EMPLOYMENT TELEPHONE: 972-658-0572

Do you represent any particular group or organization?

NO

If you do represent a group or organization, please state the name, address and telephone number of such group or organization.

Which agenda item (or items) do you wish to address?

In general, are you for or against such agenda item (or items)?

Signature: Don Thompson

Printed Name: Don Thompson

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF THE
COUNTY OF MARION, TEXAS OPPOSING THE SALE OF
WATER RIGHTS BY THE NORTHEAST TEXAS MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT (NETMWD) FROM LAKE O' THE PINES.**

WHEREAS, Lake O' the Pines is contained primarily within Marion County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson is the county seat and primary economic driver for Marion County; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson is a member city of the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District (NETMWD) which was established by the people of Jefferson and six other cities who elected to pay for the District's formation and ongoing operations; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson is the part of NETMWD that is in the closest proximity to Caddo Lake and whose longterm economic viability is most closely dependent on the longterm, environmental and recreational viability of Caddo Lake and Lake O' The Pines; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Lake is the only natural lake in Texas, the largest cypress forest in the world, and an internationally recognized wetland ecosystem that represents some of the greatest ecological diversity of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, before the construction of Lake O' the Pines and other lakes, all "excess" water that is currently captured and diverted had flowed through Caddo Lake as part of the natural ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, Lake O' The Pines' "excess" water and flows are a crucial source of the remaining water feeding Caddo Lake and without which Caddo Lake's longterm viability will be severely threatened; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Lake's water sources and flows are not otherwise protected by statute, agreement, or treaty; and

WHEREAS, the sale of water rights and control to far away interests, such as North Texas Municipal Water District or the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, removes Jefferson and Marion County's control over their own futures; and

WHEREAS, overallocation of "excess" water may lead to the depletion of local water resources, increased costs for residents in the future, and reduced longterm economic prospects for Marion County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the county has a vested interest in ensuring that local water resources are protected for future generations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MARION COUNTY, TEXAS:

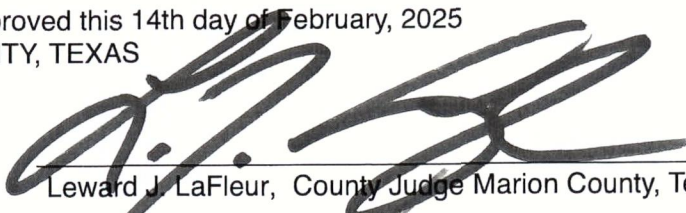
That the Marion County Commissioners Court formally opposes any sale or transfer of water rights or overallocation of water from Lake O' the Pines by NETMWD because it would negatively impact longterm local water availability and economic sustainability of Northeast Texas.

That the Commissioners Court strongly urges NETMWD to reject any agreements that would permanently sell water rights to interests outside northeast Texas or enter into agreements that, whether through outright sale or long-term commitments, would have the same practical effect of diminishing local control of water resources and harming the communities that rely on them.

That the Commissioners Court encourages the City Council of Jefferson as they represent Marion County's only city and an important part of NETMWD to take a firm stance against sales of water rights or additional allocation of water that would be detrimental to local interests.

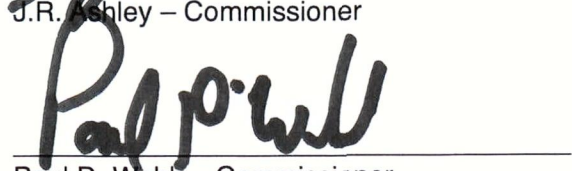
That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), all member cities of NETMWD, and the Commissioners Courts of Camp, Morris, Cass, and Upshur, which contain those member cities.

Passed and approved this 14th day of February, 2025
MARION COUNTY, TEXAS

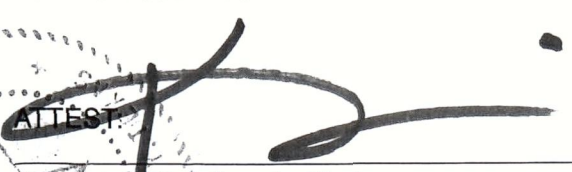

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