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Preliminary Title Evidence

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Opinion Ref. No. 20221322

Opinion Tract No. 2

Group No. 6 Auction Tracts 14 - 16 (Stephens County, Oklahoma)

For July 10, 2023 auction to be conducted by:

Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc.

On behalf of:

Melany Levenson, as Co-Trustee, *et al.*

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Re: 20221322 (Tract 2)

The S/2 NE/4 NE/4 and SE/4 NW/4 NE/4 and SE/4 NE/4 and NE/4 SW/4 NE/4 ad N/2 NE/4 SE/4 of Section 29, Township 2 South, Range 7 West, I.M., Stephens County, Oklahoma.

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to your request, I have examined Abstract of Title No. 133921 & 133291-A last certified to 07/26/22 at 07:59 PM by Stephens County Abstract Company. Pursuant to such examination, I am of the opinion that the condition of the title is as follows:

A) Surface Title:

The surface title is vested in:

6.25 acre or 1/16 interest - Linda Anne Barnes for life of Mary Anne Barnes, then an undivided 1/32 interest upon the death of Mary Anne Barnes, by virtue of a Final Decree filed in the Office of the Court Clerk of Stephens County District Case NO. PB-2019-151 on November 7, 2019;

6.25 acre or 1/16 interest - David Barnes for life of Mary Ann Barnes then an undivided 1/32 interest upon the death of Mary Anne Barnes, by virtue of a Final Decree filed in the Office of the Court Clerk of Stephens County District Case NO. PB-2019-151 on November 7, 2019;

1/16 interest – Dee Ann Walker upon the death of Mary Anne Barnes;

6.25 acre or 1/16 interest - Ronald Harshaw, by virtue of a Decree of Distribution filed August 4, 2017 in Book 5339 at Page 278;

2.083 acre or 1/48 interest - Joe Mack Howard, by virtue of a Final Decree filed in the Office of the Court Clerk of Stephens County District Case NO. PB-2010-6;

2.083 acre or 1/48 interest - Larry Don Howard, by virtue of a Final Decree filed in the Office of the Court Clerk of Stephens County District Case NO. PB-2010-6;

2.083 acre or 1/48 interest – Mary Louise Vanlandingham, by virtue of a Final Decree filed in the Office of the Court Clerk of Stephens County District Case NO. PB-2010-6;

2.084 acre or 1/48 interest - Virginia Watson, by virtue of a Final Decree filed December 7, 1999 in Book 2333 at Page 159 and a Deed filed December 18, 1984 in Book 1585 at Page 941;

2.084 acre or 1/48 interest – Johnny Watson, by virtue of a Final Decree filed December 7, 1999 in Book 2333 at Page 159 and a Deed filed December 18, 1984 in Book 1585 at Page 941;

2.084 acre or 1/48 interest - Jimmy Watson, by virtue of a Final Decree filed December 7, 1999 in Book 2333 at Page 159 and a Deed filed December 18, 1984 in Book 1585 at Page 941;

4.167 acre or 1/24 interest - Mary Lois Smith, by virtue of a Warranty Deed filed May 9, 1994 in Book 1919 at Page 247 and by virtue of a Final Decree filed December 7, 1999 in Book 2333 at Page 159 and a Deed filed December 18, 1984 in Book 1585 at Page 941;

4.167 acre or 1/24 interest - Cecelia D. Beck and J.W. Beck, Jr., as joint tenants, by virtue of a Final Decree filed December 7, 1999 in Book 2333 at Page 159 and a Deed filed December 18, 1984 in Book 1585 at Page 941;

12.5 acre or 1/8 interest – Melany Levenson, Lisa Craven and Shelley Rinella, Successor Trustee of the Anne R. Green Revocable Trust, by virtue of a Quit Claim Deed filed February 27, 2002 in Book 2643 at Page 1 and an Affidavit of Successor Co-Trustee recorded February 21, 2020 in Book 5781 at Page 267;

12.5 acre or 1/8 interest - Rosemary R. Fair, Trustee of the Rosemary R. Fair Revocable Trust, by virtue of a Quit Claim Deed filed May 4, 2002 in Book 2645 at Page 224;

12.5 acre or 1/8 interest - Dana G. Ralls as Trustee of the Ralls Trust dated May 26, 1987 by virtue of a Final Decree filed May 16, 1989 in Book 1747 at Page 554;

4.167 acre or a 1/24 interest - Julia Smith Watson, by virtue of a Deed filed December 18, 1984 in Book 1585 at Page 941;

2.083 acre or 1/48 interest - Robert F. Watson, by virtue of a Deed filed December 18, 1984 in Book 1585 at Page 941;

2.083 acre or 1/48 interest - J.B. Smith, Jr., by virtue of a Deed filed December 18, 1984 in Book 1585 at Page 941;

2.083 acre or 1/48 interest - Jack B. Smith and Mary Lois Smith Trustees of the Claudia Lee Smith La Mothe Trust, by virtue of a Deed filed December 18, 1984 in Book 1585 at Page 941;

2.083 acre or 1/48 interest - Jack B. Smith and Mary Lois Smith Trustees of the Lea Hallie Smith Trust, by virtue of a Deed filed December 18, 1984 in Book 1585 at Page 941;

2.083 acre or 1/48 interest - Jack B. Smith and Mary Lois Smith Trustees of the Charlene Cartwright Smith Trust, by virtue of a Deed filed December 18, 1984 in Book 1585 at Page 941;

2.083 acre or 1/48 interest – Jesse St. John Beck, by virtue of a Deed filed February 20, 2008 in Book 3659 at Page 152;

2.083 acre or 1/48 interest - Alice Shay Beck Zeck, by virtue of a Deed filed February 20, 2008 in Book 3659 at Page 152;

2.083 acre or 1/48 interest - Nathan Bristow Beck, by virtue of a Deed filed February 20, 2008 in Book 3659 at Page 152;

2.083 acre or 1/48 interest - Anna Cecelia Zeck nee Beck, by virtue of a Deed filed February 20, 2008 in Book 3659 at Page 152;

- B) Mineral Ownership:
The minerals have been omitted by request.
- C) Mortgages:
NONE
- D) Taxes and Other Encumbrances:
2021 and all prior years' taxes are paid or cancelled pursuant to 68 O.S. § 24233, as amended.
- E) Restrictive Covenants, Easements and Ordinances:
- 1) Statutory easement for roadway along Section line.
 - 2) Electric easement as shown on a Judgment on Declaration of Taking filed August 5, 1948 in Book 417 at Page 494.
 - 3) Decree Establishing Conservancy District filed June 17, 1963 in Book 858 at Page 220.
- F) Does this property have a legal right of access?: **YES**
- G) Advisory:
NONE
- H) Is the title marketable: Yes- upon fulfillment of the below requirements.
- I) Requirements:
- REQUIREMENT No.1:** Ronald Harshaw, Joe Mack Howard, Larry Don Howard, Mary Louise Vanlandingham, Mary Lois Smith, Cecelia D. Beck, J.W. Beck, Jr., Virginia Watson, Julia Smith Watson, Johnny Watson, Jimmy Watson, Robert F. Watson, J.B. Smith, Jr., Alice Shay Beck Zeck, Nathan Bristow Beck, Anna Cecelia Zeck nee Beck and Jesse St. John Beck, all single people, or joined by spouses if applicable, must execute any instrument conveying an interest in the subject property. Additionally, all formalities of execution must be properly completed.
- REQUIREMENT No.2:** Dana G. Ralls as Trustee of the Ralls Trust dated May 26, 1987, must execute any instrument conveying an interest in the subject property. Additionally, all formalities of execution must be properly completed.
- REQUIREMENT No.3:** Melany Levenson, Lisa Craven and Shelley Rinella, Successor Trustee of the Anne R. Green Revocable Trust, must execute any instrument conveying an interest in the subject property. Additionally, all formalities of execution must be properly completed.
- REQUIREMENT No.4:** Rosemary R. Fair, Trustee of the Rosemary R. Fair Revocable Trust, must execute any instrument conveying an interest in the subject property. Additionally, all formalities of execution must be properly completed.

REQUIREMENT No.5: Jack B. Smith and Mary Lois Smith Trustees of the Claudia Lee Smith La Mothe Trust, must execute any instrument conveying an interest in the subject property. Additionally, all formalities of execution must be properly completed.

REQUIREMENT No.6: Jack B. Smith and Mary Lois Smith Trustees of the Lea Hallie Smith Trust, must execute any instrument conveying an interest in the subject property. Additionally, all formalities of execution must be properly completed.

REQUIREMENT No.7: Jack B. Smith and Mary Lois Smith Trustees of the Charlene Cartwright Smith Trust, must execute any instrument conveying an interest in the subject property. Additionally, all formalities of execution must be properly completed.

REQUIREMENT No.8: Obtain and file of record a Release of a Federal Tax Lien against Lea Hallie Smith filed February 14, 2011 in Book 4106 at Page 229.

REQUIREMENT No.9: Obtain and file of record a Memorandum of Trust, for the Rosemary R. Fair Revocable Trust, reflecting who the current trustees are as well as the fact that said trustees have the power and authority to convey and/or mortgage the captioned property, as required by Section 15.2 of the Oklahoma Marketable Title Act.

REQUIREMENT No.10: Jack B. Smith and Mary Lois Smith received an undivided interest by the Deed in Book 1585 at Page 941 as joint tenants. It is clear that Jack B. Smith is deceased and his estate is being probated or was probated in Stephens County Oklahoma District Court Cast NO. PB 2014-134. However, no instrument terminating the joint tenancy was examined. Submit for examination the valid recorded instrument terminating the joint tenancy of Jack B. Smith.

REQUIREMENT No.11: Obtain and file of record a Memorandum of Trust, for the Claudia Lee Smith La Mothe Trust, reflecting who the current trustees are as well as the fact that said trustees have the power and authority to convey and/or mortgage the captioned property, as required by Section 15.2 of the Oklahoma Marketable Title Act.

REQUIREMENT No.12: Obtain and file of record a Memorandum of Trust, for the Charlene Cartwright Smith Trust, reflecting who the current trustees are as well as the fact that said trustees have the power and authority to convey and/or mortgage the captioned property, as required by Section 15.2 of the Oklahoma Marketable Title Act.

REQUIREMENT No.13: Obtain and file of record a Memorandum of Trust for the Lea Hallie Smith Trust, reflecting who the current trustees are as well as the fact that said trustees have the power and authority to convey and/or mortgage the captioned property, as required by Section 15.2 of the Oklahoma Marketable Title Act.

REQUIREMENT No.14: Obtain and file of record a Release of a Federal Tax Lien against David E. Barnes filed December 17, 2018 in Book 5589 at Page 60.

REQUIREMENT No.15: Obtain and file of record a Release of a Federal Tax Lien against David E. Barnes filed September 12, 2019 in Book 5713 at Page 13.

Miscellaneous:

This opinion does not cover rights of parties in possession, rights arising out of adverse possession, mechanics', materialmen's, or other liens not of record, unmatured special assessments, filings under the uniform Commercial code, or other matters not ordinarily abstracted.

Accordingly, I submit the following general requirements:

1. You should ascertain whether there may be persons in possession of the subject property who may be claiming any rights inconsistent with ownership set forth above.
2. You should ascertain whether any work has been performed on the subject premises within the last 120 days, which might be the subject of materialmen's or mechanics' liens, as yet unrecorded.
3. You should ascertain, calling for a survey if necessary, that there are no encroachments upon the subject property by adjoining structures, that no structures upon the subject property encroach upon adjoining properties and that the property in question has access to a public road for the use and benefit of the owners thereof.
4. You should ascertain, hiring a qualified expert if necessary, whether or not hazardous material has ever been used on the property or in connection with the construction or maintenance of any building or structure on the property. The existence of urea-formaldehyde foam insulation or other potentially hazardous waste material may have an effect on the value and use of the subject property.

Sincerely:

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