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Conservation Division, Wichita, KS

**MayBEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Application of Richardson and Son, Inc. for an exception to the 10-year time limitation of K.A.R. § 82-3-111 for its Waldschmidt #1 well located in the NE SW SE NW Sec 20-34S-6E in Cowley County, Kansas	)	Docket No. 25-CONS-3379-CEXC
	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
	)	License No. 32917

**APPLICATION**

Richardson and Son, Inc. ("Richardson") in support of its Application in the captioned matter and states as follows:

1. Applicant is a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Kansas. Applicant's address is 17295 151<sup>st</sup> Rd, Winfield, KS 67156.

2. Applicant has been issued by the Kansas Corporation Commission Operator's License 32917 and is hereby in good standing.

3. Applicant is the owner and operator of the Waldschmidt #1 well, API 15-035-21126-00-00 which is located in the NE SW SE NW Sec 20-34S-6E.

4. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111, the well was shut in, or Applicant obtained temporary abandonment status, for the Subject Well on May 1, 2015. The Subject Well has maintained such status from May 1, 2015, to the present date.

5. On March 13, 2025, the Kansas Corporation Commission notified Applicant temporary abandonment status for the Subject Well would be denied from and after May 1, 2025 because the Subject Well had been temporarily abandoned for more than ten (10) years.

6. Val Energy (License #5822), in partnership with Richardson and Son, Inc. drilled and completed the Bowling #1-19 OWWO (API 15-035-24666-00-01) in December 2024 in the SW NE NE NE Sec 19-34S-6E in Cowley County, KS. The well was placed in service on a

continual basis in March 2025. The Bowling #1-19 is the first well to be drilled on the existing leased acreage in over 40 years.

7. The Waldschmidt #1 has been approved for Temporary Abandonment Status for each of the past nine years. Each of the past ten years fluid shots were obtained with an echo meter. All of the fluid shots have consistently maintained at between 730-800 ft.

8. K.A.R. 82-3-111 requires for a staff witnessed mechanical integrity test of the casing between the surface and a point within fifty (50) feet above the uppermost perforation or open hole in the well. The cost to obtain such a test is estimated to be between \$6,000-\$8,000 by the time we draw tubing from another well, transport tubing to the Waldschmidt #1 and set a packer above the top of the formation, draw the tubing and replace it into the original well.

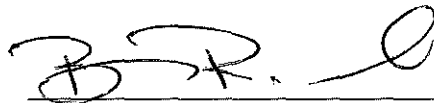
9. There are no offsetting operators or unleased mineral owners located within one half mile of the Subject Well.

10. Based on the foregoing, Applicant requests the Commission grant a (1) one year exception to the requirements to obtain a respective mechanical integrity test. Applicant requests the time to evaluate the production viability of the Bowling #1. At which time, if the Bowling #1 proves to be commercially viable the Waldschmidt #1 would be a quality candidate for an additional saltwater disposal on the lease. Applicant understands that the exception would be valid for only (1) one year and applicant would need to plug or return the well to service within the respective year.

WHEREFORE, Richardson and Son, Inc. prays that this matter be granted administratively without a hearing, or in the alternative be set for hearing, and upon hearing that the Commission grant Applicant's request, for an exception to the K.A.R. 82-3-111 ten (10) year limitation, to allow the Subject Well to remain temporarily abandoned for (1) one year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richardson and Son, Inc.  
Bryan Richarson  
17295 151<sup>st</sup> Rd  
Winfield, KS 67156  
Bus: 620-229-8685  
Cell: 620-218-3147



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Bryan Richarson

**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS            )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF COWLEY        )

Bryan Richardson of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath states:

That he is the authority on behalf of Richardson and Son, Inc. to file this application, that he has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his information and belief.



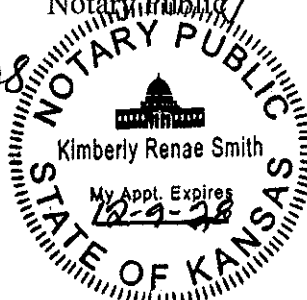
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Bryan Richardson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.



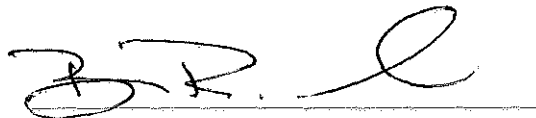
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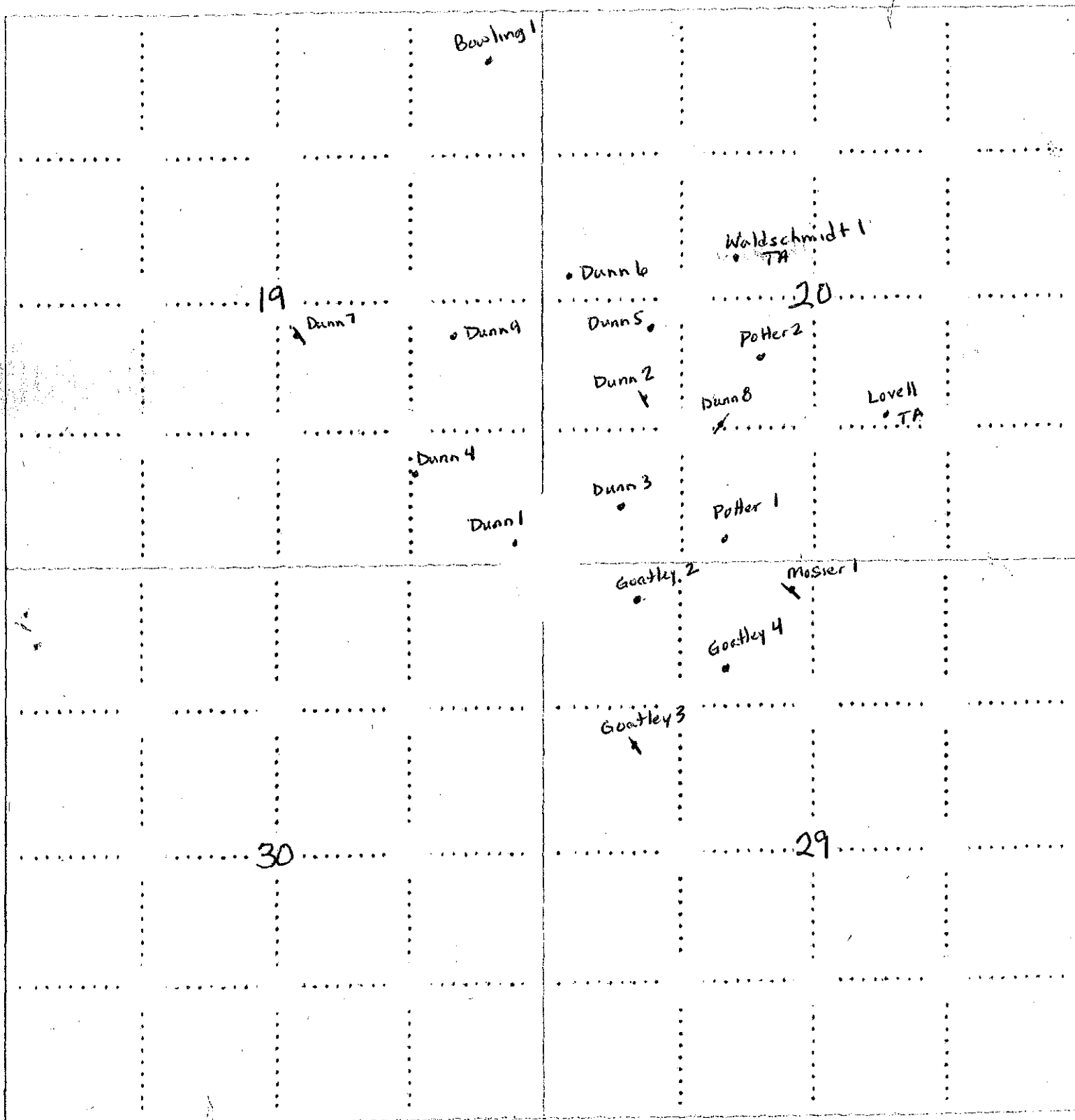


### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025, that there are no operators who have oil and gas leases covering lands within one half mile radius of the Subject well. There are also no persons who own any mineral interest of record in and under any lands located within one half mile of the Subject Well (provided that such mineral interest is not covered by any oil and gas lease).

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Bryan Richardson

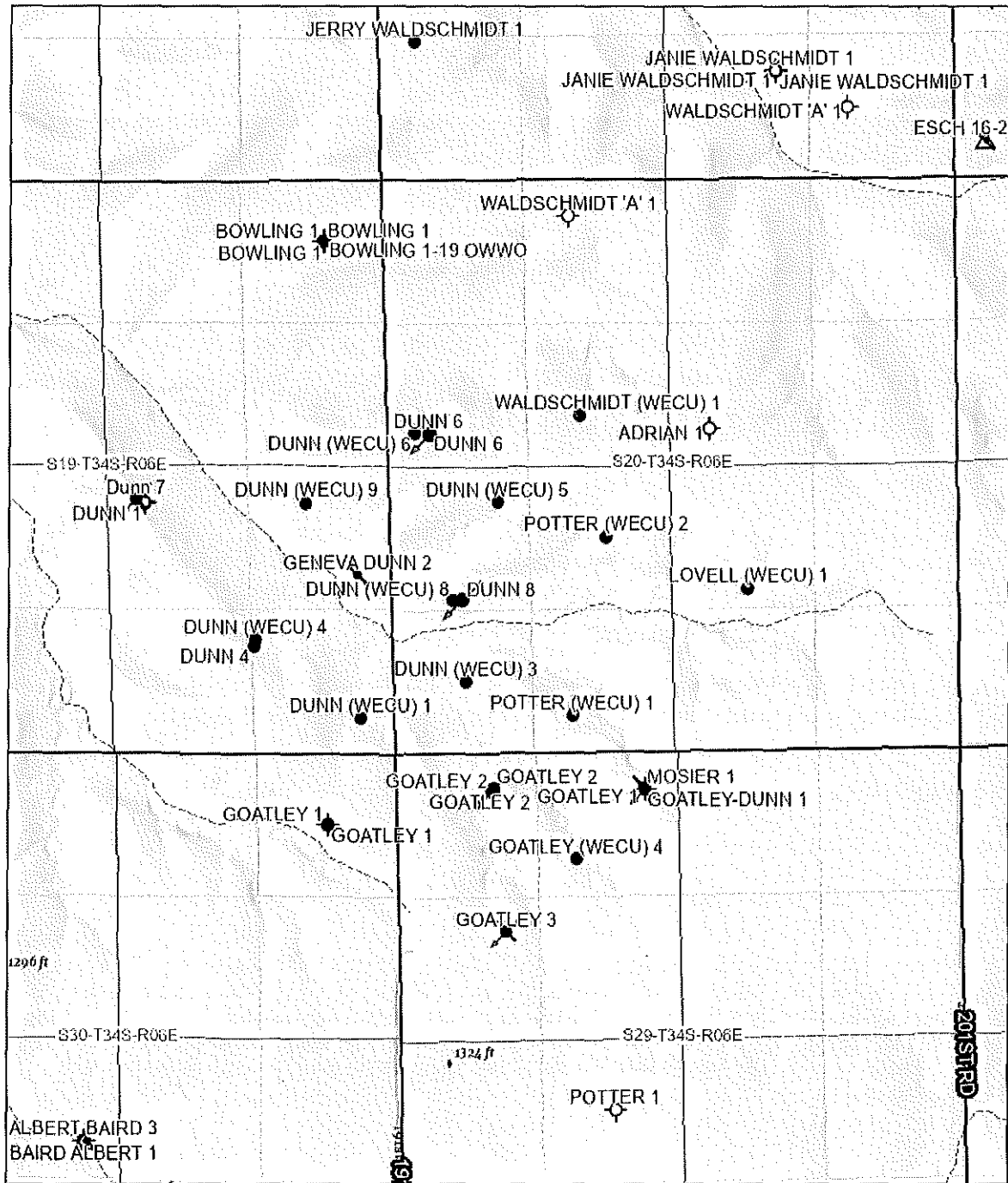


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Scale 4" = 1 mile

Richardson and Son, INC  
WECK Lease

# ArcGIS Web Map



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Oil and Gas Wells

○ Dry and Abandoned

● Enhanced Oil Recovery

● Enhanced Oil Recovery, Flugged-Abandoned

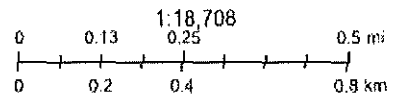
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▲ Salt Water Disposal

▲ Salt Water Disposal, Flugged-Abandoned

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