

LEASE OF SCHOOL LANDS

The Evangeline Parish School Board may execute a lease of any of its school land. Leases for the production and removal of minerals granted by or on behalf of the Board shall provide for a minimum of royalties of one-sixth on all oil and gas, sulphur, potash, and other minerals produced and saved and five percent (5%) on lignite and salt. All mineral leases shall be advertised, received, opened and accepted/rejected by the Board. The Board may reject any and all bids that may be submitted or may lease a lesser quantity of property than advertised and withdraw the rest.

Leases for the purposes of trapping, grazing, hunting, agriculture/farming or any other legitimate purposes other than for removal of oil, gas, or other minerals, may be executed on such terms and conditions as are in the best interest of the Board and in compliance with state law. Such leases shall be awarded only after formal advertisement for and receipt of bids as set forth by state law.

The Board shall require all appropriate leases, as determined by the Board's legal adviser, to include the purchase of appropriate liability insurance by the individual or organization leasing the property, which shall hold the Board free from any liability that may result directly or indirectly from the leased property's usage.

GEOPHYSICAL OR SEISMIC SURVEY PERMITS

The School Board may grant permission for geophysical or seismic surveys to be conducted on School Board property. For the privilege of conducting seismograph exploration over and across lands owned by the School Board, application must be submitted to the Board seeking permission to conduct surveys. If said application is approved by the Board, the applicant shall be permitted to conduct its seismographic operations in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in the permit agreement for a minimum fee as set by the Board. All applications shall contain pertinent information to adequately evaluate the proposed survey.

RIGHTS-OF-WAY

The Evangeline Parish School Board may grant rights-of-way on school lands upon formal written request. No application for a right-of-way shall be considered unless certificate of publication of due notice is on file in the office of the School Board, showing advertisement of the pending application has been made two times within ten (10) days in the official journal of the system wherein the school lands are situated. A fee may be charged for such privilege.

SIXTEENTH SECTION LANDS

Leasing of Sixteenth Section lands shall be handled as follows:

- (1) The Board, upon determining to lease any Sixteenth Section lands, shall publish an advertisement in the official journal of the district where the land is located setting forth a description of the land to be leased, the time when bids will be received, and a short summary of the terms, conditions, and purposes of the lease to be executed. The advertisement shall be published for a period of not less than fifteen (15) days and at least once a week during three (3) consecutive weeks. The Board may also send notices to those whom it may think would be interested in submitting bids for the leases.
- (2) Bids must be enclosed and sealed in the self-addressed return envelope furnished by the Evangeline Parish School Board for that purpose, or a facsimile thereof, and forwarded through the United States mail.
- (3) Bids shall be accompanied by a minimum deposit in an amount equal to 10% of the bid but not less than \$100.00 or such larger amounts as may be required by state law, and this deposit shall be in the form of cash or a certified check made payable to the Evangeline Parish School Board.
- (4) Acceptance or Rejection of Bids Handled Through the State Mineral Board

When through adoption of the appropriate resolution whereby the Board authorizes and directs the State Mineral Board to handle the leasing of Section 16 lands, the President of the Board and the Superintendent, or in their absence, their designee, shall have the authority to accept or reject all bids on Section 16 Lands handled through the State Mineral Board.

Lease Terms

Sixteenth section lands of the Board shall be leased annually at a rate set yearly by the Board. The lessee shall have the option to renew the lease annually. The lease agreement shall stipulate that the lessee shall be prohibited from sub-leasing the property to a third party.

All lease payments shall be due annually, based upon the anniversary date of the original lease.

Ref: Constitution of Louisiana, Art. VII, Sec. 4(c); Art IX, Sec. 4(b); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§17:87, 17:87.1, 17:87.2, 17:87.3, 17:87.8, 30:121, 30:127, 30:151, 41:1211, 41:1212, 41:1213, 41:1214, 41:1215, 41:1215.1, 41:1215.2, 41:1216, 41:1217, 41:1218, 41:1219, 41:1220, 41:1221, 41:1222, 41:1223, 41:1224; Board minutes, 4-20-78, 12-1-83, 3-6-85.