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August 28, 2023

Madison County Board of Supervisors  
P.O. Box 404  
Canton, MS 39046

RE: Documents for September 6, 2023 Board Approval

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the following documents:

1. Amendment to 16<sup>th</sup> Section Commercial Lease to Two Dog Farms, LLC in 8N-1W.
2. Commercial Property Lease to JS Cooper, LLC in 8N-1W.
3. Commercial Property Lease to Bless This Food, LLC in 8N-1W.

It is requested that the Board of Supervisors approve the enclosed documents at the upcoming Board of Supervisors' meeting to be held September 6, 2023.

Please let me know if you need additional information. I can be reached at 601-499-0734 or [abrowning@madison-schools.com](mailto:abrowning@madison-schools.com).

Sincerely,

Ashley Browning  
16<sup>th</sup> Section Land Manager

Space Above Line For Official Use Only

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**Instrument prepared by and to be returned to:**

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1018 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 800  
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(601) 292-0740  
MB # 104553

**INDEXING INSTRUCTIONS:** SW 1/4 of Section 16, T8N, R1W, Madison County, Mississippi.

**MARGINAL NOTATIONS:** Book 3976 Page 618; Book 39952, Page 517

**AMENDMENT TO 16TH SECTION LEASE**

**LESSOR:**

Madison County Board of Education  
476 Highland Colony Parkway  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
Phone: (601) 499-0800

**LESSEE:**

Two Dog Farms, LLC  
Attn: Robert Van Killen  
P.O. Box 914  
Flora, MS 39071  
Phone: (662) 719-0285

**AMENDMENT TO 16TH SECTION LEASE**

THIS AMENDMENT TO 16TH SECTION LEASE (“Amendment”) is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ but is effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 (the “Effective Date”) by and between **MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**, a body politic and corporate of the State of Mississippi (the “Lessor”), and **TWO DOG FARMS, LLC**, a Mississippi limited liability company, (the current “Lessee”). Lessor and Lessee may be referred to hereinafter individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, that certain property (the “Property”), being more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto is leased to Lessee being a part of the property included in that certain Sixteenth Section lease dated January 4, 2021 and recorded in the office of the Madison County Chancery Clerk in Book 3976, Page 618 as assigned in Book 3992, Page 517 (the “Lease”); and

WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee seek to amend the Property subject to the Lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration flowing to the Parties by the terms hereof, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. The Lease is hereby amended by mutual agreement of the Parties to remove and release the lands described on Exhibit B attached hereto from the Property subject to the Lease.
2. The schedule set out in Paragraph 2 (title Annual Rent) his hereby amended as follows:

YEAR	ANNUAL RENTAL
1-10	\$ 5223.00
11-20	\$ As Adjusted Pursuant to Paragraph 3
21-30	\$ As Adjusted Pursuant to Paragraph 3
31-40	\$ As Adjusted Pursuant to Paragraph 3

3. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

4. This Amendment does not constitute a waiver of, or a consent to, any present or future violation of or default under, any provision of the Lease, or a waiver of the Lessor’s rights to insist upon future compliance with each term, covenant, condition and provision of the Lease.

5. Other than set out herein, the Lease shall be and remain in full force and effect.

*[Signatures begin on following page]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment to 16th Section Lease as of the Effective Date, although actually executed on the dates set forth in the acknowledgements below.

**LESSOR**

**Madison County, Mississippi Board  
of Education Trustees of the Madison  
County School District 16<sup>th</sup> Section  
School Lands Trust**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Samuel C. Kelly, President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charlotte A. Seals, Madison County  
Superintendent of Education

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF MADISON

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, within my jurisdiction, the within named **Samuel C. Kelly** and **Charlotte A. Seals**, who acknowledged to me that they are President and Superintendent, respectively, of the **Madison County Board of Education**, and that for and on behalf of the said Madison County Board of Education, and as its act and deed, they executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized so to do.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
[SEAL]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment to 16th Section Lease as of the Effective Date, although actually executed on the dates set forth in the acknowledgements below.

**LESSEE**

**Two Dog Farms, LLC**  
a Mississippi limited liability company

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: Robert Van Killen, Member

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF MADISON

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, within my jurisdiction, the within **named Robert Van Killen**, who acknowledged to me that he is the authorized Member of **Two Dog Farms, LLC**, a Mississippi limited liability company, and that for and on behalf of said **Two Dog Farms, LLC**, and as its act and deed, he executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized by said company so to do.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
[SEAL]

Reviewed and approved by the Madison County Board of Supervisors, this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gerald Steen, President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronny Lott, Clerk

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF MADISON

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, within my jurisdiction, the within named **Gerald Steen**, who acknowledged to me that he is President of the **Madison County Board of Supervisors**, and that for and on behalf of the said Madison County Board of Supervisors, and as its act and deed, he executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized so to do.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
[SEAL]

EXHIBIT "A"

Property Description

Parcel 1

17.27± acres, more or less, being situated in the SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 1 West, Madison County, Mississippi, west of Old Highway 49 in the Town of Flora, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an existing iron pin marking the Southwest corner of said Section 16 and run thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 03 seconds East along the West line of said Section 16 for a distance of 1,650.00 feet to an existing cotton picker spindle set in asphalt marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, run thence North 02 degrees 59 minutes 08 seconds East for a distance of 131.00 feet to a set iron pin on the apparent East right-of-way line of Odom Street (24' right-of-way); run thence along said East right-of-way line of Odom Street the following bearings and distances: North 00 degrees 23 minutes 39 seconds West for a distance of 318.00 feet to a set iron pin; North 04 degrees 40 minutes 31 seconds East for a distance of 45.73 feet to a set iron pin; North 14 degrees 59 minutes 01 seconds East for a distance of 45.14 feet to a set iron pin; leaving said East right-of-way line of Odom Street, run thence East for a distance of 32.00 feet to a set iron pin on the West right-of-way line of Old U.S. Highway 49; run thence South 14 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds East along said West right-of-way line of Old U.S. Highway 49 for a distance of 555.64 feet to an existing iron pin; leaving said West right-of-way line of Old U.S. Highway 49, run thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 57 seconds West for a distance of 190.47 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1.43 acres, more or less; and

Begin at a set iron pin marking the Southwest corner of said Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 1 West, and run thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 03 seconds West along the West line of said Section 16 for a distance of 1,650.00 feet to a set cotton picker spindle in the edge of Odom Street (asphalt road); leaving said West line of Section 16, run thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 57 seconds East for a distance of 190.47 feet to a set iron pin on the West right-of-way line of Old U.S. Highway 49; run thence South 15 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds East along said West right-of-way line of Old U.S. Highway 49 for a distance of 1,714.70 feet to an existing iron pin at a "T" post on the South line of said Section 16; leaving said West right-of-way line of Old U.S. Highway 49, run thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 57 seconds West along said South line of Section 16 for a distance of 646.07 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 15.84 acres, more or less.

### Parcel 2

34.14± acres, more or less, being situated in the SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 1 West, Madison County, Mississippi, east of Old Highway 49 in the Town of Flora, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a set iron pin marking the Southwest corner of said Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 1 West and run thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 57 seconds East along the South line of said Section 16 for a distance of 708.42 feet to a set iron pin on the East right-of-way line of Old U.S. Highway 49 marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; from said POINT OF BEGINNING and leaving said South line of Section 16, run thence North 15 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds West along said East right-of-way line of Old U.S. Highway 49 for a distance of 1,714.70 feet to a set iron pin; leaving said East right-of-way line of Old U.S. Highway 49, run thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 57 seconds East for a distance of 1,122.85 feet to a set iron pin on the West right-of-way line of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad; run thence South 00 degrees 47 minutes 50 seconds East along said West right-of-way line of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad for a distance of 1,650.14 feet to a set iron pin on the aforesaid South line of Section 16; leaving said West right-of-way line of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad, run thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 57 seconds West along said South line of Section 16

for a distance of 680.11 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 34.14 acres, more or less.



**EXHIBIT "B"**

Released Property

**Parcel 1**

A certain parcel of land being situated in the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, T8N-R1W in the Town of Flora, Madison County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an existing concrete monument marking the Southwest corner of the aforesaid Section 16, T8N-R1W and run thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 39 seconds East along the South line of said Section 16 for a distance of 346.73 feet to a set  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; from said POINT OF BEGINNING and leaving said South line of Section 16, run thence North 02 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds West for a distance of 275.57 feet to a set  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin in the centerline of an existing ditch; run thence North 70 degrees 31 minutes 02 seconds East along said centerline of an existing ditch for a distance of 73.40 feet to a point; run thence North 46 degrees 56 minutes 41 seconds East along said centerline of an existing ditch for a distance of 180.06 feet to a set  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin on the West right-of-way line of 1st Street (Old U.S. Highway 49); leaving said centerline of an existing ditch, run thence South 15 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds East along said West right-of-way line of 1st Street (Old U.S. Highway 49) for a distance of 448.60 feet to an existing  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin on the aforesaid South line of Section 16, T8N-R1W; leaving said West right-of-way line of 1st Street (Old U.S. Highway 49), run thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 39 seconds West along said South line of Section 16 for a distance of 309.17 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 2.15 acres, more or less.

The above described parcel of land is subject to a thirty foot (30') wide easement for ingress and egress being situated in the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, T8N-R1W in the Town of Flora, Madison County, Mississippi; said thirty foot (30') wide easement for ingress and egress being fifteen feet left and right of the centerline thereof, and said centerline being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an existing concrete monument marking the Southwest corner of the aforesaid Section 16, T8N-R1W and run thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 39 seconds East along the South line of said Section 16 for a distance of 655.91 feet to an existing  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin on the West right-of-way line of 1st Street (Old U.S. Highway 49); leaving said South line of Section 16, run thence North 15 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds West along said West right-of-way line of 1st Street (Old U.S. Highway 49) for a distance of 219.74 feet to a set  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described centerline of a thirty foot (30') wide easement for ingress and egress; from said POINT OF BEGINNING and leaving said West right-of-way line of 1st Street (Old U.S. Highway 49), run thence South 81 degrees 35 minutes 58 seconds West along said centerline of a thirty foot (30') wide easement for ingress and egress for a distance of 260.56 feet to a set  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin marking the Point of Terminus of the herein described centerline of a thirty foot (30') wide easement for ingress and egress, containing 7,817 square feet, more or less.

## Parcel 2

A certain parcel of land being situated in the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, T8N-R1W in the Town of Flora, Madison County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at an existing concrete monument marking the Southwest corner of the aforesaid Section 16, T8N-R1W and run thence North 00 degrees 03 minutes 22 seconds West along the West line of said Section 16 for a distance of 290.14 feet to a set  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin in the centerline of an existing ditch; run thence along said centerline of an existing ditch the following bearings and distances: South 85 degrees 48 minutes 34 seconds East for a distance of 45.22 feet to a point; South 83 degrees 24 minutes 07 seconds East for a distance of 132.85 feet to a point; South 86 degrees 45 minutes 35 seconds East for a distance of 93.54 feet to a point; North 70 degrees 31 minutes 02 seconds East for a distance of 66.58 feet to a set  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin; leaving said centerline of an existing ditch, run thence South 02 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds East for a distance of 275.57 feet to a set  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin on the South line of the aforesaid Section 16, T8N-R1W; run thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 39 seconds West along said South line of Section 16 for a distance of 346.73 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 2.15 acres, more or less.

### And Also

A thirty foot (30') wide easement for ingress and egress being situated in the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, T8N-R1W in the Town of Flora, Madison County, Mississippi; said thirty foot (30') wide easement for ingress and egress being fifteen feet left and right of the centerline thereof, and said centerline being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an existing concrete monument marking the Southwest corner of the aforesaid Section 16, T8N-R1W and run thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 39 seconds East along the South line of said Section 16 for a distance of 655.91 feet to an existing  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin on the West right-of-way line of 1st Street (Old U.S. Highway 49); leaving said South line of Section 16, run thence North 15 degrees 48 minutes 20 seconds West along said West right-of-way line of 1st Street (Old U.S. Highway 49) for a distance of 219.74 feet to a set  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described centerline of a thirty foot (30') wide easement for ingress and egress; from said POINT OF BEGINNING and leaving said West right-of-way line of 1st Street (Old U.S. Highway 49), run thence South 81 degrees 35 minutes 58 seconds West along said centerline of a thirty foot (30') wide easement for ingress and egress for a distance of 260.56 feet to a set  $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron pin marking the Point of Terminus of the herein described centerline of a thirty foot (30') wide easement for ingress and egress, containing 7,817 square feet, more or less.

**INDEXING:** 2.15 acres, more or less, with access easement, located in the SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 1 West, Madison County, Mississippi (part of parcel #051E-16C-001/00.00)

**LESSOR:**

Madison County, Mississippi Board  
of Education Trustees of The Madison  
County School District 16<sup>th</sup> Section  
School Lands Trust  
476 Highland Colony Parkway  
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**LESSEE:**

JS Cooper, LLC  
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Madison, MS 39110  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PREPARED BY:**

Madison County School District  
476 Highland Colony Parkway  
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**16TH SECTION PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUST LANDS**  
**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LEASE CONTRACT**

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF MADISON

THIS COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LEASE CONTRACT (hereinafter "Lease Contract"), made and entered into this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by and between the **MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES OF THE MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 16TH SECTION SCHOOL LANDS TRUST** (hereinafter "Lessor"), and **JS COOPER, LLC, A MISSISSIPPI LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY** (hereinafter "Lessee").

WITNESSETH:

That for the term and in consideration of the annual rentals hereinafter set forth, and the covenants, conditions, and obligations to be observed and performed by the Lessee, and by the authority and under the direction of the Madison County, Mississippi, Board of Education, Lessor does hereby lease, let and rent unto Lessee the following described land (hereinafter "Leased Premises"), to wit:

The legal description of the subject property and the access easement are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference. Plats are attached hereto as Exhibit "B" for informational purposes only.

1. **Term.** Subject to other provisions herein contained, the term of this Lease Contract shall be for forty (40) years, beginning on the 15th day of September, 2023, and terminating on the 14th day of September, 2063, (the "primary term"). For purposes of this Lease Contract, the Anniversary Date shall be on the anniversary of the beginning of the primary term. It is expressly agreed and understood by all the parties hereto that part of the consideration given for the execution and delivery of this instrument is the option hereby granted to Lessee to renew this lease for an additional or "secondary term" of twenty-five (25) years as provided in §29-3-69 Miss. Code Ann. (1972), beginning on the 15th day of September, 2063, and terminating on the 14th day of September, 2088, at an annual rental based upon the fair market value of the land, excluding buildings and improvements not then owned by Lessor, as determined by a qualified appraiser selected by the Lessor who performs his appraisal not more than twelve months prior to the expiration of the primary term. To exercise the right to renew this lease for an additional twenty-five (25) years, Lessee must file with Lessor written notice of Lessee's intent to renew said lease. The notice to renew must be filed on or before the expiration of the forty (40) year primary term. In the event of the failure of the Lessee to exercise his right to re-lease the Property at such time, any holder of a valid first deed of trust upon the leased premises shall have a prior right to re-lease the premises at an annual rental based on appraised value, said lease to be substantially in the same form as this lease.

2. **Annual Rent.** Lessee covenants and agrees to pay or cause to be paid to Lessor annually, on or before the Anniversary Date each year during the term hereof, annual rentals in advance. Payment of annual rentals shall be due on or before the Anniversary Date of this Lease Contract. The obligation of Lessee to pay rent under this Lease Contract is unconditional, and the rent shall not be subject to set off for any reason or cause. Lessor and Lessee agree that in the event of termination or cancellation, any rental payment made during the term of this Lease Contract is not refundable, and Lessee waives any right or claim it may have to refund of rent paid. Rents shall be paid according to the following schedule:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ANNUAL RENTAL</u>
1-10	\$ 3,450.00
11-20	\$ As Adjusted Pursuant to Paragraph 3
21-30	\$ As Adjusted Pursuant to Paragraph 3
31-40	\$ As Adjusted Pursuant to Paragraph 3

In the event Lessee is delinquent in the payment of rent, Lessee shall pay a late charge equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of rent past due for more than thirty (30) days and thereafter shall pay interest on any rent past due at an annual rate (the "Default Rate") equal to the maximum rate then allowed by law or, if there is no maximum rate, than a rate equal to five percent per annum above the discount rate, excluding any surcharge thereon, on ninety-day commercial paper in effect at the Federal Reserve Bank in the Federal Reserve District in which Lessor is located, calculated according to actuarial method. Failure of Lessee to pay the annual rentals listed above shall constitute a breach of this Lease Contract.

**3. Rent Adjustment Procedure.**

A. Prior to the tenth (10th), twentieth (20th) and thirtieth (30th) anniversary dates of the commencement of this Lease, Lessor shall have a reappraisal made of the subject property and a re-determination of a reasonable annual rental for the property. Lessor shall, six months before or six months after any such date, cause the Leased Premises to be reappraised and a redetermination made of the annual fair market rental amount. The reappraisal shall be made pursuant to the terms of § 29-3-65 Miss. Code Ann. (1972), or pursuant to the statute then in effect governing such leases and procedures for determining fair market rental value. Lessor shall use its best efforts to cause the Leased Premises to be reappraised and a redetermination made of the annual fair market rental amount within six months before expiration of the primary term. In the event Lessor shall fail to instigate reappraisal within the six months preceding any rent adjustment date, Lessor shall not be deemed to have waived this provision requiring rent adjustment, and in such event (at any time after a rent adjustment date) Lessor may proceed to have the Leased Premises reappraised and an adjusted rent determined for any such readjustment period. The adjusted rent shall be effective on the required adjustment date and Lessee shall pay any deficiency to Lessor within fifteen (15) days of the determination of the adjusted rent. The reappraisal shall establish the fair market value of the Leased Premises and establish a reasonable current percentage of income on real estate investments for the purposes of determining annual fair market rental. Such percentage shall be no less than the minimum acceptable percentage provided by statute then in effect. Unless altered by

the procedures described below, the amount of rent so determined as of each rental adjustment date shall be paid until the next rental adjustment date or for the balance of the lease as the case may be. The appraisal process described in this subparagraph may be referred to hereafter as the Statutory Procedure. The cost of the reappraisal shall be borne by Lessee, using an appraiser selected by Lessor.

The Lessor shall notify Lessee of the reappraisal in writing a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to said dates. The reappraisal shall establish the fair market value of the property and the fair return on value for rent. Buildings and other improvements on the property, which are not owned by Lessor shall be excluded from the reappraisal evaluation. The amount of the annual rental so determined as of the tenth (10th) anniversary date shall be paid annually for the next succeeding ten (10) years; the annual rental so determined as of the twentieth (20th) anniversary date shall be paid annually for the next succeeding ten (10) years; and the annual rental so determined as of the thirtieth (30th) anniversary date shall be paid annually for the balance of the Lease term.

i) Any adjustments of annual rental determined by the above-mentioned statutory appraisal procedure shall be binding upon the Lessor and Lessee.

ii) The annual rental on any adjustment date shall not be reduced below the amount established upon the initial date of this Lease except upon determination by the Statutory Procedure.

B. Should the Statutory Procedure described in subparagraph (A) above result in an increase over the amount previously due, Lessee, by notice in writing given to the Lessor within fifteen (15) days after receiving notice of the increase, shall have the right to elect an alternate method of determining the current fair market rental value of the Leased Premises (the "Alternate Procedure") as follows:

(i) Lessee may provide an appraisal by an appraiser having the qualifications hereafter described giving an opinion of current fair market annual rental value based on the fair market value of the land and a reasonable percentage of return on comparable land investments as of the rental adjustment date. The written report of Lessee's appraiser shall be delivered to Lessor within 45 days after the date on which Lessor gave notice of an increase in rent under the Statutory Procedure. **UPON FAILURE TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE APPRAISAL WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED, LESSEE SHALL FORFEIT THE RIGHT TO PURSUE THE ALTERNATE PROCEDURE, AND ANNUAL RENT DETERMINED UNDER THE STATUTORY PROCEDURE SHALL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE.**

(ii) The appraiser appointed by Lessee and the appraiser previously appointed by Lessor under the Statutory Procedure shall make a good faith effort to

reconcile their differences. If they have been unable to do so within 10 days after delivery of the report of Lessee's appraiser, the two appraisers, within such 10-day period, shall each submit the names of three appraisers having the qualifications hereinafter described who practice in Mississippi to serve as a review appraiser, and they shall select the review appraiser from names in common on the two lists. If there is no name in common on the two lists, or if the person selected shall decline to serve, then each appraiser shall submit another list of three names of persons meeting the same criteria.

(iii) The review appraiser shall review and analyze the two appraisal reports, and, if needed, inspect the land, consult with the two appraisers, review their assumptions and source informational and request corrections, revisions and additions to the appraisal reports. The review appraiser may also consider relevant information from his own files, conduct such independent investigation as he deems appropriate and may consider comparable transactions which occurred after the rental adjustment date.

(iv) The review appraiser shall report his opinion of annual fair market rent and such amount shall be accepted by Lessor and Lessee as the current fair market rental value of the Leased Premises.

C. If Lessee requests the Alternate Procedure, Lessee shall pay all fees and expenses of Lessee's appraiser, the review appraiser and any additional charges of Lessor's appraiser. The review appraiser, however, shall perform his duties in an independent and impartial manner irrespective of the source of payment of his fees and expenses.

D. The annual rentals on any adjustment date shall not be reduced below the amount established upon the initial date of this lease except upon determination by the Statutory Procedure.

E. The amount of rent determined in the above manner shall be remitted on or before the rental adjustment date, or, if the rental adjustment procedures are concluded after such date, then promptly upon conclusion of these rental adjustment procedures effective as of the rental adjustment date.

F. The rent adjustment procedures will not delay the due date of rent at the existing annual rate and will not affect Lessor's right to declare a default if rent is not timely paid.

G. Lessee's appraiser and the review appraiser must be members of the same organization of appraisers as Lessor's appraiser, or an organization having higher requirements for admission, and must have the same or higher designation

(such as, for example, Member, Appraisal Institute). If Lessors's appraiser belongs to more than one organization, the other appraisers must belong to the organization having the highest standards and qualifications for membership. If the organization has multiple designations for appraisers, the review appraiser and the Lessee's appraiser must hold the same or a higher designation as held by Lessor's appraiser.

4. **Taxes.** Lessee covenants and agrees to pay any and all general and special taxes and assessments, including drainage taxes, if ever any there be, applicable to the Leased Premises and Lessee's interest therein; Lessee covenants and agrees to pay any and all survey costs and recording fees in connection with this Lease Contract or any other fees so determined by law. All payments for general and special taxes and assessments shall be made directly to the governmental authority responsible for collecting such taxes and assessments. During the final year of the lease term, Lessor or the governmental authority responsible for collecting taxes and assessments may require payment of any such taxes or assessments, including drainage taxes, in advance or require that other security be given to insure that taxes will be paid when due. In the event it becomes necessary for the County Tax Collector or any other authority responsible for collecting general and special taxes or assessments to retain the services of attorneys to collect any taxes or assessments due from Lessee under this lease, then Lessee agrees to pay all costs and expenses of such actions or collections, including a reasonable attorneys' fee for the County Tax Collector or such other authority responsible for collecting said taxes or assessments. Lessee's failure to pay said taxes, as and when due, shall constitute a breach of this Lease Contract and shall entitle Lessor to terminate this lease.

5. **Default.** The parties herein expressly agree that if default shall be made in the payment of any general or special tax or assessment or rent due, made pursuant to this Lease Contract, then and in any event of default, it shall be lawful for Lessor to enter upon the Leased Premises, or any part thereof, after Lessor has provided sixty (60) days prior written notice to Lessee and upon Lessee's failure to cure such default within said sixty (60) days, either with or without the process of law, to re-enter and repossess the same, and to distrain from any rent or assessment that may be due thereon, at the election of Lessor, but nothing herein is to be construed to mean that Lessor is not permitted to hold Lessee liable for any unpaid rent or assessment to that time. As to all other conditions, covenants, and obligations imposed on Lessee herein, enforcement shall be by proceeding at law or in equity against any person violating or attempting to violate said conditions, covenants, and obligations to restrain violation and recover damages, if any, including reasonable expenses of litigation including, but not limited to, fees charged by attorneys, expert witnesses, surveyors and appraisers, which Lessee expressly agrees to pay. Such enforcement by proceedings at law or in equity may be instituted at any time after sixty (60) days written notice. Enforcement proceedings shall include the right of the Tax Collector to recover any tax, assessment, fees and costs. Invalidation of any provision(s) of this Lease by judgment or court



order shall in no way affect any of the remaining provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

6. **Remedies.** In the event of any forfeiture, default, or cancellation of this Lease Contract or termination of the term therefore aforesaid, Lessee shall quit, deliver up and surrender possession of the Leased Premises, and all Lessor-owned structures and improvements thereon to the said Lessor, and thereupon this Lease Contract and all agreements and covenants on Lessor's behalf to be performed and kept, shall cease, terminate, and be utterly void, the same as if the Lease Contract had not been made. At Lessor's option, Lessee shall be required to remove all Lessee-owned improvements. In addition thereto, Lessor shall be entitled to whatever remedies it may have at law or equity for the collection of any unpaid rental hereunder, or for any other sums, for damages or otherwise, that it may have sustained on account of Lessee's non-fulfillment or non-performance of the terms and conditions of this Lease Contract, including costs for removing Lessee-owned improvements.

Immediately upon the termination of this Lease Contract, whether for forfeiture, default or cancellation, Lessor shall be entitled to take possession of the Leased Premises and all Lessor-owned improvements thereon absolutely, notwithstanding custom, usage, or law to the contrary. Any removal of property from the Leased Premises shall be accomplished so as to leave the Leased Premises in a condition satisfactory to Lessor. At Lessor's option, Lessee shall remove all of Lessee's property within thirty (30) days of Lessor's repossession. Lessee shall be subject to the accrual of rent during the said thirty (30) day period.

7. **Curing Default.** Notwithstanding any provision of this Lease to the contrary, any present or future holder of a mortgage or a deed of trust representing money loaned on these facilities, shall have the right of a thirty (30) day notice of default within which to cure any default which may be cured by the payment of money. In addition, for any other default for which a forfeiture of said Lease Contract may be invoked, such holder of such mortgage or deed of trust shall be entitled to a notice in writing of the claimed default and shall have a reasonable time, which shall not be less than sixty (60) days, either to require the correction of such default or in lieu thereof, to protect itself through the exercise of a power of sale and thereby acquire a leasehold in the Leased Premises and correct such default. Lessee hereby covenants and agrees to notify Lessor of the existence of all such mortgages, deeds of trust, or other secured encumbrances, and that, in the absence of such notice, Lessor has no obligation whatever to notify any such holder of said encumbrance.

Any recorded mortgage or deed of trust may provide that any default by the Lessee/Mortgagor concerning this Lease shall likewise be a default of such mortgage or deed of trust, but failure to indicate such provisions in any mortgage or deed of trust shall not affect the validity or propriety thereof nor diminish the protection

extended to the holder of such mortgage or deed of trust or the indebtedness secured thereby.

8. **Assignment.** Provided Lessee is not in breach of this Lease Contract, Lessee may, upon payment of a \$200.00 transfer fee to Lessor and obtaining Lessor's written approval, assign this Lease in its entirety, whereupon the Lessee shall be relieved of all obligations accruing subsequent to the assignment. Lessee shall file a written request for approval of assignment with the Madison County, Mississippi, Board of Education, 476 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, MS 39157. Said assignment request shall include a true copy of the instrument evidencing such transfer and the Assignee's current address and telephone number.

9. **Regulatory Compliance.** Lessee shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations concerning Lessee's use of the property and/or obligations under this Lease Contract. This obligation shall include, but not be limited to, compliance with federal, state and local environmental regulations concerning the air, water and soil, endangered species, wetlands, and other laws, rules and regulations that may presently exist or hereafter be adopted. In the event of contamination of the air, water or soils arising out of any Lessee use, Lessee shall be responsible for all mandated remediation and monitoring with this obligation to survive termination of this Lease Contract. Notwithstanding the requirements of this paragraph, Lessee:

A. Will not sue, generate, manufacture, produce, store, release, discharge, or dispose of, on, under or about the Leased Premises or transport to or from the Leased Premises any hazardous substance or pollutant (as either may be defined by an present or future laws or regulations of any governmental authority or by an administrative or judicial decisions) or any solid wastes and will not allow any other person to do so.

B. Shall keep and maintain the Leased Premises in compliance with, and shall not cause or permit the Leased Premises to be in violation of, any environmental laws or regulations nor any laws or regulations pertaining to the disposal of solid, liquid, or gaseous wastes, both hazardous and non-hazardous.

C. Shall give prompt written notice to Lessor and the Secretary of State of:  
(i) Any proceeding or inquiry by any governmental authority with respect to the presence of any solid wastes or hazardous substance on the Leased Premises or the migration thereof from or to other property;

(ii) All claims made or threatened by any governmental authority with respect to the presence of any solid wastes or hazardous substance on the Leased Premises or the migration thereof from or to other property.

(iii) Lessee's discovery of any occurrence or condition that would cause the Leased Premises to be subject to any restrictions on the ownership, occupancy,



To Lessee:

JS Cooper, LLC  
ATTN: Jeffrey M. Cooper  
100 Churchill Place  
Madison, MS 39110  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

13. **Insurance.** Lessee shall maintain contractual and comprehensive general liability insurance with a company acceptable to Lessor and the Secretary of State, with a minimum combined single limit of liability of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) [and the members of Lessee shall collectively maintain a similar policy or self-insure for an excel limit of liability of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)] for personal injuries or death of persons or destruction of property arising out of its operation, use or occupancy of the Leased Premises. Lessee shall furnish proof of insurance (or self-insurance for Lessee's members, if applicable) to Lessor, shall keep this insurance (or self-insurance for Lessee's members, if applicable) in full force and effect, and shall furnish Lessor notice if the coverage is placed with another insurance company (or if the self-insurance for Lessee's members is managed by another company, if applicable). The amount of this instrument shall be adjusted for inflation every ten years on each tenth anniversary of this instrument according to the procedures then set forth by the Office of the Secretary of State of Mississippi.

14. **Indemnification.** Lessee shall protect, indemnify, defend, save, and hold harmless Lessor, the Secretary of State and the State of Mississippi, its officers, board members, employees and agents, from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, injuries, and any and all losses or damages and cost of every kind and nature whatsoever ("loss"), including but not limited to, all court costs and attorney fees and all personal injury or death and/or damage to any person or entity including, but not limited to, Lessor and its property or other loss arising out of any alleged noncompliance with laws or caused by Lessee's exercise of its rights under this Lease Contract and/or resulting from the actions or omission of Lessee in connection with its presence on or any use of the Leased Premises by Lessee, its officers, agents, subcontractors, employees or invitees. Provided, however, it is understood that the indemnity provided by Lessee as described in this paragraph shall not extend to intentional or negligent acts of Lessor, its officers or agents. In the event the intentional or negligent acts of Lessor, its officers or agents, are not the direct or sole proximate cause for one hundred percent (100%) of the loss of claim, Lessee shall be responsible to fulfill its obligations under this paragraph for the percentage of liability not attributable to Lessor, its officers or agents.

15. **Mortgage Transactions.** The preceding restrictions on assignments of this lease shall not apply to, and no prior approval of Lessor shall be required for: (i) a mortgage of the leasehold estate; (ii) a foreclosure or an assignment of the leasehold

estate to the mortgagee in lieu of foreclosure; or (iii) a transfer by a mortgagee who has acquired the leasehold estate and such transfer occurs within a reasonable period of time commensurate with liquidation of the asset. However, any person acquiring the leasehold estate by any of the above means shall be obligated, within ten (10) days thereafter, to provide Lessor with a copy of the recorded assignment. No mortgagee shall be deemed to have assumed, and no mortgagee shall be personally obligated to perform any of Lessee's obligations under this lease which accrued prior to acquisition of the leasehold estate, provided that this limitation on personal liability shall not diminish the rights and remedies otherwise available to Lessor in the event of a default nor the right of a mortgagee to cure defaults as herein provided. A mortgagee, having acquired the leasehold estate through foreclosure or assignment in lieu of foreclosure, shall be liable for performance of all obligations of Lessee which accrue during the period the mortgagee has ownership of the leasehold estate, and any rent payment which becomes due during such period shall be paid in full and not pro-rated. Nothing contained in this Lease Contract or in any mortgage shall release Lessee from the full and faithful performance of Lessee's obligations under this Lease Contract or from any liability for non-performance or constitute a waiver of any right of Lessor against Lessee. The term "mortgage" as used in this paragraph means any mortgage, deed of trust, collateral assignment or other transfer or pledge of this lease as security for an indebtedness of Lessee; and the term "mortgagee" means the holder of the indebtedness to whom or for whose benefit this Lease Contract has been mortgaged or pledged as security.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Lease Contract to the contrary, in the event of a default and foreclosure of a mortgage or deed of trust representing money loaned on the hereinbefore described property or the receipt of a transfer in lieu thereof, the purchaser at such foreclosure or the recipient of a transfer in lieu thereof, will receive all the rights and privileges of a lessee and likewise assume all responsibilities of a lessee as if such purchaser or transferee had initially been a lessee under this Lease Contract.

16. **Waste.** The Lessee shall be responsible for any damage that may be caused to Lessor's property by the activities of the Lessee under this Lease Contract, and shall exercise due diligence in the protection of all improvements, timber and other property of Lessor, which may be located on the Lease Premises or in the vicinity thereof, against fire or damage from any and all other causes. Lessee shall further comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations concerning Lessee's use of the property and/or obligations under this Lease Contract. This obligation shall include, but not be limited to, compliance with federal, state and local environmental endangered species, wetlands, and other laws, rules and regulations that may presently exist or hereafter be adopted. If the Lessee shall commit, cause to be committed, or permit the commission of any act of waste on the leased premises, then this lease shall thereupon cease and terminate and shall thenceforth be null and void, and the Lessee shall be

and remain liable to Lessor for any and all waste and damages to the land permitted, done, or in any way caused by the Lessee. In the event of contamination of soils, air or water arising out of any Lessee use,

17. **Quiet Possession.** Lessee shall have quiet and peaceful possession of the Leased Premises as long as compliance is made with terms of this Lease Contract.

18. **Bankruptcy or Judgments.** Lessee hereby covenants and agrees that if an execution or process is levied upon the Leased Premises or if a petition of bankruptcy be filed by or against Lessee in any court of competent jurisdiction, Lessor shall have the right, at its option, to cancel this Lease Contract. Lessee further covenants and agrees that this Lease Contract and the interest of Lessee hereunder shall not, without the written consent of Lessor first obtained, be subject to garnishment or sale under execution or otherwise in any suit or proceeding which may be brought against said Lessee.

19. **Condemnation.** If the whole of the Leased Premises, or such portion thereof as will make the Leased Premises unsuitable for Lessee's normal business activity, should be condemned for any public use or conveyed under threat of condemnation, then this Lease Contract shall terminate on the date possession is acquired by the condemning authority, and rent shall be apportioned as of that date. All compensation awarded or paid upon such total or partial taking of the Leased Premises shall belong to Lessor without participation by Lessee, except to the extent the award fairly represents the value of improvements which are the property of the Lessee. It is provided, however, that nothing herein shall preclude Lessee from prosecuting any claim directly against the condemning authority for loss of business, cost of relocation or any other amounts to which a tenant may be entitled, provided that no such claim shall diminish or otherwise adversely affect the amount of Lessor's award.

20. **Classification/Use.** The lands herein have been classified as Commercial in accordance with §29-3-31, et seq., Miss. Code Ann. (1972), as amended. Lessor warrants that the Leased Premises shall be permitted to be used for a commercial business for the duration of the term. This warranty does not apply to any change in use which may be required by governmental authority or other means beyond the control of Lessor.

Lessee shall not use the Leased Premises for any of the following purposes: (i) activities that are considered hazardous, including, but not limited to, demolition or the storage or use of dangerous substances; (ii) Any activity considered to be a nuisance; (iii) Any activity that is unlawful or immoral; (iv) The operation of a business or proprietorship that offers adult entertainment including, but not limited to, nude or partially nude dancing or display or the sale or distribution of adult

materials including, but not limited to, pornographic magazines, books, videocassettes, or computer disks; (v) Any activity which at the discretion of the Lessor and the Secretary of State is inappropriate upon Sixteenth Section Land.

21. **Successors.** To the extent assignment of this Lease Contract is allowed by the above provisions, this Lease Contract shall be binding upon Lessee's successors and assigns.

22. **Buildings or Improvements.** While this Lease Contract continues in force and effect, Lessee shall have the unrestricted right to remove, change, alter, modify, add to or subtract from any of Lessee's fixtures on the land as the Lessee may in its sole discretion elect so to do, and the Lessor, while this Lease or any extension thereof continues in force and effect, shall have no possessory interest in any of Lessee's fixtures or improvements. If any of Lessee's improvements are removed, the Lessee shall be obligated to remove all foundations and paved areas, fill any excavations with a soil material suitable as a foundation support for further construction and generally restore the premises to a condition suitable for construction, use and occupancy by others. Lessee shall have the right to construct new or replacement buildings or structures on the leased premises. In the event construction is contemplated, Lessee shall submit a description of the general nature of the proposed improvement and its intended use to Lessor for approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

It is expressly agreed by and between the parties that Lessee will not make any alteration upon the Leased Premises without the express written consent of Lessor and that Lessee will not occupy or use, nor permit to be occupied or used, the Leased Premises, for any business deemed extra-hazardous on account of fire or otherwise; nor will Lessee permit the same to be used for any immoral or unlawful purpose. Lessee also covenants and agrees to maintain the Leased Premises in a neat and orderly manner and to refrain from creating or maintaining any eyesores, unattractive nuisances, or other nuisance.

23. **Diligence.** The Lessee shall be responsible for any damage that may be caused to Lessor's property by the activities of the Lessee under this Lease, and shall exercise due diligence in the protection of all improvements, timber and other property of Lessor, which may be located on the lease premises or in the vicinity thereof, against fire or damage from any and all other causes.

24. **General Duties of Lessee.** Lessee agrees:

A. To comply with all laws and ordinances applicable to the use of the Leased Premises including, without limitation, laws and regulations pertaining to

accessibility by handicapped persons.

B. To allow inspection of the Leased Premises during normal business hours by an persons responsible for management or supervision of the property or this Lease Contract acting in their official capacity.

C. To perform all obligations herein expressed in a prompt fashion, without notice or demand.

D. To surrender the Leased Premises upon termination or expiration of this Lease Contract, with improvements to be in the condition as herein specified.

E. To provide Lessor, at each Anniversary Date, written certification by Lessee or an officer of Lessee, of compliance with the provisions of this Lease Contract.

F. To maintain the Leased Premises at all times in a clean, neat and orderly manner, free of waste materials, and to keep grass and other vegetation clipped.

25. **Underground Storage Tanks.** Simultaneously with the execution of this Lease, or within the applicable legal timeframe, Lessee shall complete and immediately submit all applicable notices, applications, forms and certifications to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ") for installation, certification, and maintenance of all proposed underground storage tanks ("USTs") located on or at the Leased Premises and provide Lessor with evidence of the same.

a) During the term of this Lease, Lessee shall:

- i. Remain the owner and "operator" of the USTs to be installed on or at the Leased Premises, as the terms operator are defined by all environmental laws and regulations.
- ii. Install, maintain, operate, excavate, remove and close all UST's located on or at the Leased Premises and conduct all operations on the Leased Premises in full compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws and regulations; make all payments, and take all other actions, necessary to obtain and at all times maintain eligibility under the Mississippi Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund (the "Fund") with respect to the USTs.
- iii. Provide to the Lessor and the Secretary of State, from time to time upon request, evidence of the Fund eligibility of the USTs; and



- iv. Immediately provide the Lessor and the Secretary of State notice of any violation of environmental laws and regulations when informed of such by any state or federal governmental authority, including but not limited to MDEQ.
- b) Lessee also covenants and agrees to be solely responsible for the following tasks and to perform these tasks, at its sole cost, in accordance with all environmental laws and regulations:
- i. To maintain, repair, replace, and upgrade the USTs and all fuel-related piping and equipment and systems (the "Fueling Facilities"), whenever required to keep the same in compliance with environmental laws and regulations;
  - ii. To comply with all Environmental Laws necessary to maintain and continue the use of the Fueling Facilities. This obligation includes performing or arranging for the performance of any and all inspections, tests, audits, monitoring, assessment or remediation required for compliance with all environmental laws and regulations.
- c) Lessee's responsibility relating to the Fueling Facilities will be as follows:
- i. To properly operate the fuel pumps and dispensing unit equipment when pumping fuel into any vehicles;
  - ii. To maintain and replace the fuel pumps and dispensing equipment if and when necessary;
  - iii. To maintain the manual inventory control system for all fuel delivered to the USTs on a daily basis;
  - iv. To operate leak detection equipment, if any, as required and to notify Lessor and/or the applicable governmental agency in the event of a leak; and
  - v. To perform fuel island inspections on a daily basis.
- d) Prior to the expiration or termination of this Lease. Lessee shall, at Lessee's expense:
- i. Cause all USTs to be excavated and removed from the Leased Premises and closed. all in full compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations;

- ii. Timely provide to the MDEQ, and/or any other applicable agencies or bodies with regulatory authority with respect to USTs at the Leased Premises, all notices, site closure plans, and other documents in accordance with MDEQ regulations and all other applicable environmental laws and regulations;
  - iii. Have all excavated and removed UST's disposed of off-site in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations; and
  - iv. Promptly conduct all engineering, investigation, remediation, clean-up, corrective action and other work necessary to obtain a "no further action" letter from MDEQ with regard to the USTs and promptly deliver such letter to Lessor after the issuance thereof.
- e) The excavation, removal and closure of all USTs at or on the Leased Premises shall be done pursuant to a written contract between Lessee and a Corrective Action Contractor ("CAC") selected by Lessee from the list of CACs approved by MDEQ.
- f) Lessee shall indemnify and defend Lessor and hold Lessor harmless from and against all claims, lawsuits, losses, penalties, fines, fees (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and consultants' fees), and all other costs and damages incurred by Lessor in connection with any violation of applicable environmental laws or regulations by Lessee, the installation, maintenance, operation, excavation, removal or closure of the USTs, and any release or contamination at the Leased Premises and surrounding 16<sup>th</sup> Section Lands resulting from or relating to the USTs or the operations of the Lessee.

26. **Reservation**. Lessor reserves title to all oil, gas, coal, lignite and other minerals, in on, or under the Leased Premises, together with the right of ingress and egress to remove the same, but not in a manner which interferes with Lessee's operations on the Leased Premises.

27. **Rights-of-Way**. Lessor reserves the right to grant or sell easements and rights of way on, over and across the Lease Premises for roads, highways, railroads, fiber optic cables or any public utility line, provided that any such roads, highways, railroads, fiber optic cables or public utility lines be constructed in a manner so as not to interfere with Lessee's operations. This, however, is not to prevent Lessee from collecting from any utility company for any damage which may be sustained by Lessee in the construction, operation or maintenance of utilities on such right of way or easement.

28. **Recording.** Lessor will deliver this Lease Contract to the Chancery Clerk of Madison County for recording and Lessee has herewith delivered to Lessor a check payable to such Chancery Clerk for the recording fees.

29. **Immunity.** No provision of this Lease Contract, whether requiring Lessee to indemnify Lessor or otherwise, shall be construed as a waiver by Lessor or the Secretary of State of any provision of law related to governmental immunity.

30. **Interpretation.** The parties to this Lease Contract acknowledge that they have freely entered into this Lease Contract and any ambiguities shall not be construed against a single party.

31. **Definition of Lessee.** It is further stipulated and agreed that wherever the word "Lessee" is used herein, it is intended and shall be deemed, to include and shall be binding upon Lessee's members, agents, servants, employees, contractees, invitees, licensees, and guests.

32. **Governing Law.** This Lease Contract shall be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi. Jurisdiction and venue for any actions arising from this Lease Contract and any amendments hereto shall rest exclusively in the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi.

33. **Secretary of State.** By virtue of the signature below, the Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi has approved this Lease Contract in accordance with the Secretary's authority for general supervision of 16<sup>th</sup> Section Public School Trust Land. Approval of this Lease Contract by the Secretary of state indicates that the Madison County Board of Education has exercised the care and skill of an ordinary prudent person to protect the beneficiaries of the 16<sup>th</sup> Section Public School Trust Land.

34. **Supervisory Right.** The Secretary of State, as supervisory trustee, shall have the right to institute any action to enforce the terms of this Lease Contract in the event Lessor fails to do so in a timely manner. In the event the Secretary of State institutes legal action to enforce the terms of this Lease Contract, he shall have all rights as are conferred to Lessor.

35. **Entire Agreement.** This Lease Contract shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties. Any prior understanding or representation of any kind preceding the date of this Lease Contract shall not be binding upon either party except to the extent incorporated herein.

36. **Zoning Ordinances and Restrictions.** This Lease Contract is subject to the Zoning Ordinances of Madison County, Mississippi and those Restrictive Covenants attached hereto as Exhibit "C", which covenants shall be in full force and effect as to the property leased herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Lease is executed by Lessor pursuant to the Order duly entered upon its Minutes.

LESSOR:

**Madison County, Mississippi Board  
of Education Trustees of the Madison  
County School District 16<sup>th</sup> Section  
School Lands Trust**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Samuel C. Kelly, President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Charlotte A. Seals, Madison County  
Superintendent of Education

LESSEE:

**JS COOPER, LLC, a  
Mississippi Limited Liability Company**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Jeffrey M. Cooper, Managing Member**

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF MADISON

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, within my jurisdiction, the within named **Samuel C. Kelly and Charlotte A. Seals**, who acknowledged to me that they are President and Superintendent, respectively, of the **Madison County Board of Education**, and that for and on behalf of the said Madison County Board of Education, and as its act and deed, they executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized so to do.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

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[SEAL]

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF MADISON

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, within my jurisdiction, the within named **Jeffrey M. Cooper**, who acknowledged to me that he is the Managing Member of **JS Cooper, LLC, a Mississippi Limited Liability Company**, and that for and on behalf of the said JS Cooper, LLC, and as its act and deed, he executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized so to do.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

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[SEAL]

Reviewed and approved by the Madison County Board of Supervisors, this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gerald Steen, President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronny Lott, Clerk

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF MADISON

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, within my jurisdiction, the within named **Gerald Steen**, who acknowledged to me that he is President of the **Madison County Board of Supervisors**, and that for and on behalf of the said Madison County Board of Supervisors, and as its act and deed, he executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized so to do.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

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**INDEXING:** 2.15 acres, more or less, with access easement, located in the SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 1 West, Madison County, Mississippi (part of parcel #051E-16C-001/00.00)

**LESSOR:**

Madison County, Mississippi Board  
of Education Trustees of The Madison  
County School District 16<sup>th</sup> Section  
School Lands Trust  
476 Highland Colony Parkway  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
Telephone: 601-499-0800

**LESSEE:**

Bless This Food, LLC  
ATTN: Teresa A. Sones  
100 Churchill Place  
Madison, MS 39110  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PREPARED BY:**

Madison County School District  
476 Highland Colony Parkway  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
Telephone: 601-499-0800

**16TH SECTION PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUST LANDS**  
**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LEASE CONTRACT**

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF MADISON

THIS COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LEASE CONTRACT (hereinafter "Lease Contract"), made and entered into this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by and between the **MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES OF THE MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 16TH SECTION SCHOOL LANDS TRUST** (hereinafter "Lessor"), and **BLESS THIS FOOD, LLC, A MISSISSIPPI LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY** (hereinafter

"Lessee").

WITNESSETH:

That for the term and in consideration of the annual rentals hereinafter set forth, and the covenants, conditions, and obligations to be observed and performed by the Lessee, and by the authority and under the direction of the Madison County, Mississippi, Board of Education, Lessor does hereby lease, let and rent unto Lessee the following described land (hereinafter "Leased Premises"), to wit:

The legal description of the subject property and the access easement are attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference. Plats are attached hereto as Exhibit "B" for informational purposes only.

1. **Term.** Subject to other provisions herein contained, the term of this Lease Contract shall be for forty (40) years, beginning on the 15th day of September, 2023, and terminating on the 14th day of September, 2063, (the "primary term"). For purposes of this Lease Contract, the Anniversary Date shall be on the anniversary of the beginning of the primary term. It is expressly agreed and understood by all the parties hereto that part of the consideration given for the execution and delivery of this instrument is the option hereby granted to Lessee to renew this lease for an additional or "secondary term" of twenty-five (25) years as provided in §29-3-69 Miss. Code Ann. (1972), beginning on the 15th day of September, 2063, and terminating on the 14th day of September, 2088, at an annual rental based upon the fair market value of the land, excluding buildings and improvements not then owned by Lessor, as determined by a qualified appraiser selected by the Lessor who performs his appraisal not more than twelve months prior to the expiration of the primary term. To exercise the right to renew this lease for an additional twenty-five (25) years, Lessee must file with Lessor written notice of Lessee's intent to renew said lease. The notice to renew must be filed on or before the expiration of the forty (40) year primary term. In the event of the failure of the Lessee to exercise his right to re-lease the Property at such time, any holder of a valid first deed of trust upon the leased premises shall have a prior right to re-lease the premises at an annual rental based on appraised value, said lease to be substantially in the same form as this lease.

2. **Annual Rent.** Lessee covenants and agrees to pay or cause to be paid to Lessor annually, on or before the Anniversary Date each year during the term hereof, annual rentals in advance. Payment of annual rentals shall be due on or before the Anniversary Date of this Lease Contract. The obligation of Lessee to pay rent under this Lease Contract is unconditional, and the rent shall not be subject to set off for any reason or cause. Lessor and Lessee agree that in the event of termination or cancellation, any rental payment made during the term of this Lease Contract is not refundable, and Lessee waives any right or claim it may have to refund of rent paid.



Rents shall be paid according to the following schedule:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ANNUAL RENTAL</u>
1-10	\$ 3,450.00
11-20	\$ As Adjusted Pursuant to Paragraph 3
21-30	\$ As Adjusted Pursuant to Paragraph 3
31-40	\$ As Adjusted Pursuant to Paragraph 3

In the event Lessee is delinquent in the payment of rent, Lessee shall pay a late charge equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of rent past due for more than thirty (30) days and thereafter shall pay interest on any rent past due at an annual rate (the "Default Rate") equal to the maximum rate then allowed by law or, if there is no maximum rate, than a rate equal to five percent per annum above the discount rate, excluding any surcharge thereon, on ninety-day commercial paper in effect at the Federal Reserve Bank in the Federal Reserve District in which Lessor is located, calculated according to actuarial method. Failure of Lessee to pay the annual rentals listed above shall constitute a breach of this Lease Contract.

**3. Rent Adjustment Procedure.**

A. Prior to the tenth (10th), twentieth (20th) and thirtieth (30th) anniversary dates of the commencement of this Lease, Lessor shall have a reappraisal made of the subject property and a re-determination of a reasonable annual rental for the property. Lessor shall, six months before or six months after any such date, cause the Leased Premises to be reappraised and a redetermination made of the annual fair market rental amount. The reappraisal shall be made pursuant to the terms of § 29-3-65 Miss. Code Ann. (1972), or pursuant to the statute then in effect governing such leases and procedures for determining fair market rental value. Lessor shall use its best efforts to cause the Leased Premises to be reappraised and a redetermination made of the annual fair market rental amount within six months before expiration of the primary term. In the event Lessor shall fail to instigate reappraisal within the six months preceding any rent adjustment date, Lessor shall not be deemed to have waived this provision requiring rent adjustment, and in such event (at any time after a rent adjustment date) Lessor may proceed to have the Leased Premises reappraised and an adjusted rent determined for any such readjustment period. The adjusted rent shall be effective on the required adjustment date and Lessee shall pay any deficiency to Lessor within fifteen (15) days of the determination of the adjusted rent. The reappraisal shall establish the fair market value of the Leased Premises and establish a reasonable current percentage of income on real estate investments for the purposes of determining annual fair market rental. Such percentage shall be no less than the

minimum acceptable percentage provided by statute then in effect. Unless altered by the procedures described below, the amount of rent so determined as of each rental adjustment date shall be paid until the next rental adjustment date or for the balance of the lease as the case may be. The appraisal process described in this subparagraph may be referred to hereafter as the Statutory Procedure. The cost of the reappraisal shall be borne by Lessee, using an appraiser selected by Lessor.

The Lessor shall notify Lessee of the reappraisal in writing a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to said dates. The reappraisal shall establish the fair market value of the property and the fair return on value for rent. Buildings and other improvements on the property, which are not owned by Lessor shall be excluded from the reappraisal evaluation. The amount of the annual rental so determined as of the tenth (10th) anniversary date shall be paid annually for the next succeeding ten (10) years; the annual rental so determined as of the twentieth (20th) anniversary date shall be paid annually for the next succeeding ten (10) years; and the annual rental so determined as of the thirtieth (30th) anniversary date shall be paid annually for the balance of the Lease term.

i) Any adjustments of annual rental determined by the above-mentioned statutory appraisal procedure shall be binding upon the Lessor and Lessee.

ii) The annual rental on any adjustment date shall not be reduced below the amount established upon the initial date of this Lease except upon determination by the Statutory Procedure.

B. Should the Statutory Procedure described in subparagraph (A) above result in an increase over the amount previously due, Lessee, by notice in writing given to the Lessor within fifteen (15) days after receiving notice of the increase, shall have the right to elect an alternate method of determining the current fair market rental value of the Leased Premises (the "Alternate Procedure") as follows:

(i) Lessee may provide an appraisal by an appraiser having the qualifications hereafter described giving an opinion of current fair market annual rental value based on the fair market value of the land and a reasonable percentage of return on comparable land investments as of the rental adjustment date. The written report of Lessee's appraiser shall be delivered to Lessor within 45 days after the date on which Lessor gave notice of an increase in rent under the Statutory Procedure. **UPON FAILURE TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE APPRAISAL WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED, LESSEE SHALL FORFEIT THE RIGHT TO PURSUE THE ALTERNATE PROCEDURE, AND ANNUAL RENT DETERMINED UNDER THE STATUTORY PROCEDURE SHALL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE.**

(ii) The appraiser appointed by Lessee and the appraiser previously

appointed by Lessor under the Statutory Procedure shall make a good faith effort to reconcile their differences. If they have been unable to do so within 10 days after delivery of the report of Lessee's appraiser, the two appraisers, within such 10-day period, shall each submit the names of three appraisers having the qualifications hereinafter described who practice in Mississippi to serve as a review appraiser, and they shall select the review appraiser from names in common on the two lists. If there is no name in common on the two lists, or if the person selected shall decline to serve, then each appraiser shall submit another list of three names of persons meeting the same criteria.

(iii) The review appraiser shall review and analyze the two appraisal reports, and, if needed, inspect the land, consult with the two appraisers, review their assumptions and source informational and request corrections, revisions and additions to the appraisal reports. The review appraiser may also consider relevant information from his own files, conduct such independent investigation as he deems appropriate and may consider comparable transactions which occurred after the rental adjustment date.

(iv) The review appraiser shall report his opinion of annual fair market rent and such amount shall be accepted by Lessor and Lessee as the current fair market rental value of the Leased Premises.

C. If Lessee requests the Alternate Procedure, Lessee shall pay all fees and expenses of Lessee's appraiser, the review appraiser and any additional charges of Lessor's appraiser. The review appraiser, however, shall perform his duties in an independent and impartial manner irrespective of the source of payment of his fees and expenses.

D. The annual rentals on any adjustment date shall not be reduced below the amount established upon the initial date of this lease except upon determination by the Statutory Procedure.

E. The amount of rent determined in the above manner shall be remitted on or before the rental adjustment date, or, if the rental adjustment procedures are concluded after such date, then promptly upon conclusion of these rental adjustment procedures effective as of the rental adjustment date.

F. The rent adjustment procedures will not delay the due date of rent at the existing annual rate and will not affect Lessor's right to declare a default if rent is not timely paid.

G. Lessee's appraiser and the review appraiser must be members of the same organization of appraisers as Lessor's appraiser, or an organization having

higher requirements for admission, and must have the same or higher designation (such as, for example, Member, Appraisal Institute). If Lessors's appraiser belongs to more than one organization, the other appraisers must belong to the organization having the highest standards and qualifications for membership. If the organization has multiple designations for appraisers, the review appraiser and the Lessee's appraiser must hold the same or a higher designation as held by Lessor's appraiser.

4. **Taxes.** Lessee covenants and agrees to pay any and all general and special taxes and assessments, including drainage taxes, if ever any there be, applicable to the Leased Premises and Lessee's interest therein; Lessee covenants and agrees to pay any and all survey costs and recording fees in connection with this Lease Contract or any other fees so determined by law. All payments for general and special taxes and assessments shall be made directly to the governmental authority responsible for collecting such taxes and assessments. During the final year of the lease term, Lessor or the governmental authority responsible for collecting taxes and assessments may require payment of any such taxes or assessments, including drainage taxes, in advance or require that other security be given to insure that taxes will be paid when due. In the event it becomes necessary for the County Tax Collector or any other authority responsible for collecting general and special taxes or assessments to retain the services of attorneys to collect any taxes or assessments due from Lessee under this lease, then Lessee agrees to pay all costs and expenses of such actions or collections, including a reasonable attorneys' fee for the County Tax Collector or such other authority responsible for collecting said taxes or assessments. Lessee's failure to pay said taxes, as and when due, shall constitute a breach of this Lease Contract and shall entitle Lessor to terminate this lease.

5. **Default.** The parties herein expressly agree that if default shall be made in the payment of any general or special tax or assessment or rent due, made pursuant to this Lease Contract, then and in any event of default, it shall be lawful for Lessor to enter upon the Leased Premises, or any part thereof, after Lessor has provided sixty (60) days prior written notice to Lessee and upon Lessee's failure to cure such default within said sixty (60) days, either with or without the process of law, to re-enter and repossess the same, and to distrain from any rent or assessment that may be due thereon, at the election of Lessor, but nothing herein is to be construed to mean that Lessor is not permitted to hold Lessee liable for any unpaid rent or assessment to that time. As to all other conditions, covenants, and obligations imposed on Lessee herein, enforcement shall be by proceeding at law or in equity against any person violating or attempting to violate said conditions, covenants, and obligations to restrain violation and recover damages, if any, including reasonable expenses of litigation including, but not limited to, fees charged by attorneys, expert witnesses, surveyors and appraisers, which Lessee expressly agrees to pay. Such enforcement by proceedings at law or in equity may be instituted at any time after sixty (60) days written notice. Enforcement proceedings shall include the right of the Tax Collector to recover any tax, assessment,

fees and costs. Invalidation of any provision(s) of this Lease by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any of the remaining provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

6. **Remedies.** In the event of any forfeiture, default, or cancellation of this Lease Contract or termination of the term therefore aforesaid, Lessee shall quit, deliver up and surrender possession of the Leased Premises, and all Lessor-owned structures and improvements thereon to the said Lessor, and thereupon this Lease Contract and all agreements and covenants on Lessor's behalf to be performed and kept, shall cease, terminate, and be utterly void, the same as if the Lease Contract had not been made. At Lessor's option, Lessee shall be required to remove all Lessee-owned improvements. In addition thereto, Lessor shall be entitled to whatever remedies it may have at law or equity for the collection of any unpaid rental hereunder, or for any other sums, for damages or otherwise, that it may have sustained on account of Lessee's non-fulfillment or non-performance of the terms and conditions of this Lease Contract, including costs for removing Lessee-owned improvements.

Immediately upon the termination of this Lease Contract, whether for forfeiture, default or cancellation, Lessor shall be entitled to take possession of the Leased Premises and all Lessor-owned improvements thereon absolutely, notwithstanding custom, usage, or law to the contrary. Any removal of property from the Leased Premises shall be accomplished so as to leave the Leased Premises in a condition satisfactory to Lessor. At Lessor's option, Lessee shall remove all of Lessee's property within thirty (30) days of Lessor's repossession. Lessee shall be subject to the accrual of rent during the said thirty (30) day period.

7. **Curing Default.** Notwithstanding any provision of this Lease to the contrary, any present or future holder of a mortgage or a deed of trust representing money loaned on these facilities, shall have the right of a thirty (30) day notice of default within which to cure any default which may be cured by the payment of money. In addition, for any other default for which a forfeiture of said Lease Contract may be invoked, such holder of such mortgage or deed of trust shall be entitled to a notice in writing of the claimed default and shall have a reasonable time, which shall not be less than sixty (60) days, either to require the correction of such default or in lieu thereof, to protect itself through the exercise of a power of sale and thereby acquire a leasehold in the Leased Premises and correct such default. Lessee hereby covenants and agrees to notify Lessor of the existence of all such mortgages, deeds of trust, or other secured encumbrances, and that, in the absence of such notice, Lessor has no obligation whatever to notify any such holder of said encumbrance.

Any recorded mortgage or deed of trust may provide that any default by the Lessee/Mortgagor concerning this Lease shall likewise be a default of such mortgage or deed of trust, but failure to indicate such provisions in any mortgage or deed of

trust shall not affect the validity or propriety thereof nor diminish the protection extended to the holder of such mortgage or deed of trust or the indebtedness secured thereby.

8. **Assignment.** Provided Lessee is not in breach of this Lease Contract, Lessee may, upon payment of a \$200.00 transfer fee to Lessor and obtaining Lessor's written approval, assign this Lease in its entirety, whereupon the Lessee shall be relieved of all obligations accruing subsequent to the assignment. Lessee shall file a written request for approval of assignment with the Madison County, Mississippi, Board of Education, 476 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, MS 39157. Said assignment request shall include a true copy of the instrument evidencing such transfer and the Assignee's current address and telephone number.

9. **Regulatory Compliance.** Lessee shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations concerning Lessee's use of the property and/or obligations under this Lease Contract. This obligation shall include, but not be limited to, compliance with federal, state and local environmental regulations concerning the air, water and soil, endangered species, wetlands, and other laws, rules and regulations that may presently exist or hereafter be adopted. In the event of contamination of the air, water or soils arising out of any Lessee use, Lessee shall be responsible for all mandated remediation and monitoring with this obligation to survive termination of this Lease Contract. Notwithstanding the requirements of this paragraph, Lessee:

A. Will not sue, generate, manufacture, produce, store, release, discharge, or dispose of, on, under or about the Leased Premises or transport to or from the Leased Premises any hazardous substance or pollutant (as either may be defined by an present or future laws or regulations of any governmental authority or by an administrative or judicial decisions) or any solid wastes and will not allow any other person to do so.

B. Shall keep and maintain the Leased Premises in compliance with, and shall not cause or permit the Leased Premises to be in violation of, any environmental laws or regulations nor any laws or regulations pertaining to the disposal of solid, liquid, or gaseous wastes, both hazardous and non-hazardous.

C. Shall give prompt written notice to Lessor and the Secretary of State of:  
(i) Any proceeding or inquiry by any governmental authority with respect to the presence of any solid wastes or hazardous substance on the Leased Premises or the migration thereof from or to other property;

(ii) All claims made or threatened by any governmental authority with respect to the presence of any solid wastes or hazardous substance on the Leased Premises or the migration thereof from or to other property.

(iii) Lessee's discovery of any occurrence or condition that would cause



To Lessee:

Bless This Food, LLC  
ATTN: Teresa A. Sones  
100 Churchill Place  
Madison, MS 39110  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

13. **Insurance.** Lessee shall maintain contractual and comprehensive general liability insurance with a company acceptable to Lessor and the Secretary of State, with a minimum combined single limit of liability of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) [and the members of Lessee shall collectively maintain a similar policy or self-insure for an excel limit of liability of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)] for personal injuries or death of persons or destruction of property arising out of its operation, use or occupancy of the Leased Premises. Lessee shall furnish proof of insurance (or self-insurance for Lessee's members, if applicable) to Lessor, shall keep this insurance (or self-insurance for Lessee's members, if applicable) in full force and effect, and shall furnish Lessor notice if the coverage is placed with another insurance company (or if the self-insurance for Lessee's members is managed by another company, if applicable). The amount of this instrument shall be adjusted for inflation every ten years on each tenth anniversary of this instrument according to the procedures then set forth by the Office of the Secretary of State of Mississippi.

14. **Indemnification.** Lessee shall protect, indemnify, defend, save, and hold harmless Lessor, the Secretary of State and the State of Mississippi, its officers, board members, employees and agents, from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, injuries, and any and all losses or damages and cost of every kind and nature whatsoever ("loss"), including but not limited to, all court costs and attorney fees and all personal injury or death and/or damage to any person or entity including, but not limited to, Lessor and its property or other loss arising out of any alleged noncompliance with laws or caused by Lessee's exercise of its rights under this Lease Contract and/or resulting from the actions or omission of Lessee in connection with its presence on or any use of the Leased Premises by Lessee, its officers, agents, subcontractors, employees or invitees. Provided, however, it is understood that the indemnity provided by Lessee as described in this paragraph shall not extend to intentional or negligent acts of Lessor, its officers or agents. In the event the intentional or negligent acts of Lessor, its officers or agents, are not the direct or sole proximate cause for one hundred percent (100%) of the loss of claim, Lessee shall be responsible to fulfill its obligations under this paragraph for the percentage of liability not attributable to Lessor, its officers or agents.

15. **Mortgage Transactions.** The preceding restrictions on assignments of this lease shall not apply to, and no prior approval of Lessor shall be required for: (i) a



mortgage of the leasehold estate; (ii) a foreclosure or an assignment of the leasehold estate to the mortgagee in lieu of foreclosure; or (iii) a transfer by a mortgagee who has acquired the leasehold estate and such transfer occurs within a reasonable period of time commensurate with liquidation of the asset. However, any person acquiring the leasehold estate by any of the above means shall be obligated, within ten (10) days thereafter, to provide Lessor with a copy of the recorded assignment. No mortgagee shall be deemed to have assumed, and no mortgagee shall be personally obligated to perform any of Lessee's obligations under this lease which accrued prior to acquisition of the leasehold estate, provided that this limitation on personal liability shall not diminish the rights and remedies otherwise available to Lessor in the event of a default nor the right of a mortgagee to cure defaults as herein provided. A mortgagee, having acquired the leasehold estate through foreclosure or assignment in lieu of foreclosure, shall be liable for performance of all obligations of Lessee which accrue during the period the mortgagee has ownership of the leasehold estate, and any rent payment which becomes due during such period shall be paid in full and not pro-rated. Nothing contained in this Lease Contract or in any mortgage shall release Lessee from the full and faithful performance of Lessee's obligations under this Lease Contract or from any liability for non-performance or constitute a waiver of any right of Lessor against Lessee. The term "mortgage" as used in this paragraph means any mortgage, deed of trust, collateral assignment or other transfer or pledge of this lease as security for an indebtedness of Lessee; and the term "mortgagee" means the holder of the indebtedness to whom or for whose benefit this Lease Contract has been mortgaged or pledged as security.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Lease Contract to the contrary, in the event of a default and foreclosure of a mortgage or deed of trust representing money loaned on the hereinbefore described property or the receipt of a transfer in lieu thereof, the purchaser at such foreclosure or the recipient of a transfer in lieu thereof, will receive all the rights and privileges of a lessee and likewise assume all responsibilities of a lessee as if such purchaser or transferee had initially been a lessee under this Lease Contract.

16. **Waste.** The Lessee shall be responsible for any damage that may be caused to Lessor's property by the activities of the Lessee under this Lease Contract, and shall exercise due diligence in the protection of all improvements, timber and other property of Lessor, which may be located on the Lease Premises or in the vicinity thereof, against fire or damage from any and all other causes. Lessee shall further comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations concerning Lessee's use of the property and/or obligations under this Lease Contract. This obligation shall include, but not be limited to, compliance with federal, state and local environmental endangered species, wetlands, and other laws, rules and regulations that may presently exist or hereafter be adopted. If the Lessee shall commit, cause to be committed, or permit the commission of any act of waste on the leased premises, then this lease shall thereupon

cease and terminate and shall thenceforth be null and void, and the Lessee shall be and remain liable to Lessor for any and all waste and damages to the land permitted, done, or in any way caused by the Lessee. In the event of contamination of soils, air or water arising out of any Lessee use,

17. **Quiet Possession.** Lessee shall have quiet and peaceful possession of the Leased Premises as long as compliance is made with terms of this Lease Contract.

18. **Bankruptcy or Judgments.** Lessee hereby covenants and agrees that if an execution or process is levied upon the Leased Premises or if a petition of bankruptcy be filed by or against Lessee in any court of competent jurisdiction, Lessor shall have the right, at its option, to cancel this Lease Contract. Lessee further covenants and agrees that this Lease Contract and the interest of Lessee hereunder shall not, without the written consent of Lessor first obtained, be subject to garnishment or sale under execution or otherwise in any suit or proceeding which may be brought against said Lessee.

19. **Condemnation.** If the whole of the Leased Premises, or such portion thereof as will make the Leased Premises unsuitable for Lessee's normal business activity, should be condemned for any public use or conveyed under threat of condemnation, then this Lease Contract shall terminate on the date possession is acquired by the condemning authority, and rent shall be apportioned as of that date. All compensation awarded or paid upon such total or partial taking of the Leased Premises shall belong to Lessor without participation by Lessee, except to the extent the award fairly represents the value of improvements which are the property of the Lessee. It is provided, however, that nothing herein shall preclude Lessee from prosecuting any claim directly against the condemning authority for loss of business, cost of relocation or any other amounts to which a tenant may be entitled, provided that no such claim shall diminish or otherwise adversely affect the amount of Lessor's award.

20. **Classification/Use.** The lands herein have been classified as Commercial in accordance with §29-3-31, et seq., Miss. Code Ann. (1972), as amended. Lessor warrants that the Leased Premises shall be permitted to be used for a commercial business for the duration of the term. This warranty does not apply to any change in use which may be required by governmental authority or other means beyond the control of Lessor.

Lessee shall not use the Leased Premises for any of the following purposes: (i) activities that are considered hazardous, including, but not limited to, demolition or the storage or use of dangerous substances; (ii) Any activity considered to be a nuisance; (iii) Any activity that is unlawful or immoral; (iv) The operation of a business or proprietorship that offers adult entertainment including, but not limited

to, nude or partially nude dancing or display or the sale or distribution of adult materials including, but not limited to, pornographic magazines, books, videocassettes, or computer disks; (v) Any activity which at the discretion of the Lessor and the Secretary of State is inappropriate upon Sixteenth Section Land.

21. **Successors.** To the extent assignment of this Lease Contract is allowed by the above provisions, this Lease Contract shall be binding upon Lessee's successors and assigns.

22. **Buildings or Improvements.** While this Lease Contract continues in force and effect, Lessee shall have the unrestricted right to remove, change, alter, modify, add to or subtract from any of Lessee's fixtures on the land as the Lessee may in its sole discretion elect so to do, and the Lessor, while this Lease or any extension thereof continues in force and effect, shall have no possessory interest in any of Lessee's fixtures or improvements. If any of Lessee's improvements are removed, the Lessee shall be obligated to remove all foundations and paved areas, fill any excavations with a soil material suitable as a foundation support for further construction and generally restore the premises to a condition suitable for construction, use and occupancy by others. Lessee shall have the right to construct new or replacement buildings or structures on the leased premises. In the event construction is contemplated, Lessee shall submit a description of the general nature of the proposed improvement and its intended use to Lessor for approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

It is expressly agreed by and between the parties that Lessee will not make any alteration upon the Leased Premises without the express written consent of Lessor and that Lessee will not occupy or use, nor permit to be occupied or used, the Leased Premises, for any business deemed extra-hazardous on account of fire or otherwise; nor will Lessee permit the same to be used for any immoral or unlawful purpose. Lessee also covenants and agrees to maintain the Leased Premises in a neat and orderly manner and to refrain from creating or maintaining any eyesores, unattractive nuisances, or other nuisance.

23. **Diligence.** The Lessee shall be responsible for any damage that may be caused to Lessor's property by the activities of the Lessee under this Lease, and shall exercise due diligence in the protection of all improvements, timber and other property of Lessor, which may be located on the lease premises or in the vicinity thereof, against fire or damage from any and all other causes.

24. **General Duties of Lessee.** Lessee agrees:

A. To comply with all laws and ordinances applicable to the use of the Leased

Premises including, without limitation, laws and regulations pertaining to accessibility by handicapped persons.

B. To allow inspection of the Leased Premises during normal business hours by an persons responsible for management or supervision of the property or this Lease Contract acting in their official capacity.

C. To perform all obligations herein expressed in a prompt fashion, without notice or demand.

D. To surrender the Leased Premises upon termination or expiration of this Lease Contract, with improvements to be in the condition as herein specified.

E. To provide Lessor, at each Anniversary Date, written certification by Lessee or an officer of Lessee, of compliance with the provisions of this Lease Contract.

F. To maintain the Leased Premises at all times in a clean, neat and orderly manner, free of waste materials, and to keep grass and other vegetation clipped.

**25. Underground Storage Tanks.** Simultaneously with the execution of this Lease, or within the applicable legal timeframe, Lessee shall complete and immediately submit all applicable notices, applications, forms and certifications to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ") for installation, certification, and maintenance of all proposed underground storage tanks ("USTs") located on or at the Leased Premises and provide Lessor with evidence of the same.

a) During the term of this Lease, Lessee shall:

- i. Remain the owner and "operator" of the USTs to be installed on or at the Leased Premises, as the terms operator are defined by all environmental laws and regulations.
- ii. Install, maintain, operate, excavate, remove and close all UST's located on or at the Leased Premises and conduct all operations on the Leased Premises in full compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws and regulations; make all payments, and take all other actions, necessary to obtain and at all times maintain eligibility under the Mississippi Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund (the "Fund") with respect to the USTs.
- iii. Provide to the Lessor and the Secretary of State, from time to time upon request, evidence of the Fund eligibility of the USTs; and

- iv. Immediately provide the Lessor and the Secretary of State notice of any violation of environmental laws and regulations when informed of such by any state or federal governmental authority, including but not limited to MDEQ.
- b) Lessee also covenants and agrees to be solely responsible for the following tasks and to perform these tasks, at its sole cost, in accordance with all environmental laws and regulations:
- i. To maintain, repair, replace, and upgrade the USTs and all fuel-related piping and equipment and systems (the "Fueling Facilities"), whenever required to keep the same in compliance with environmental laws and regulations;
  - ii. To comply with all Environmental Laws necessary to maintain and continue the use of the Fueling Facilities. This obligation includes performing or arranging for the performance of any and all inspections, tests, audits, monitoring, assessment or remediation required for compliance with all environmental laws and regulations.
- c) Lessee's responsibility relating to the Fueling Facilities will be as follows:
- i. To properly operate the fuel pumps and dispensing unit equipment when pumping fuel into any vehicles;
  - ii. To maintain and replace the fuel pumps and dispensing equipment if and when necessary;
  - iii. To maintain the manual inventory control system for all fuel delivered to the USTs on a daily basis;
  - iv. To operate leak detection equipment, if any, as required and to notify Lessor and/or the applicable governmental agency in the event of a leak; and
  - v. To perform fuel island inspections on a daily basis.
- d) Prior to the expiration or termination of this Lease. Lessee shall, at Lessee's expense:

- i. Cause all USTs to be excavated and removed from the Leased Premises and closed. all in full compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations;
  - ii. Timely provide to the MDEQ, and/or any other applicable agencies or bodies with regulatory authority with respect to USTs at the Leased Premises, all notices, site closure plans, and other documents in accordance with MDEQ regulations and all other applicable environmental laws and regulations;
  - iii. Have all excavated and removed UST's disposed of off-site in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations; and
  - iv. Promptly conduct all engineering, investigation, remediation, clean-up, corrective action and other work necessary to obtain a "no further action" letter from MDEQ with regard to the USTs and promptly deliver such letter to Lessor after the issuance thereof.
- e) The excavation, removal and closure of all USTs at or on the Leased Premises shall be done pursuant to a written contract between Lessee and a Corrective Action Contractor ("CAC") selected by Lessee from the list of CACs approved by MDEQ.
- f) Lessee shall indemnify and defend Lessor and hold Lessor harmless from and against all claims, lawsuits, losses, penalties, fines, fees (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and consultants' fees), and all other costs and damages incurred by Lessor in connection with any violation of applicable environmental laws or regulations by Lessee, the installation, maintenance, operation, excavation, removal or closure of the USTs, and any release or contamination at the Leased Premises and surrounding 16<sup>th</sup> Section Lands resulting from or relating to the USTs or the operations of the Lessee.

26. **Reservation.** Lessor reserves title to all oil, gas, coal, lignite and other minerals, in on, or under the Leased Premises, together with the right of ingress and egress to remove the same, but not in a manner which interferes with Lessee's operations on the Leased Premises.

27. **Rights-of-Way.** Lessor reserves the right to grant or sell easements and rights of way on, over and across the Lease Premises for roads, highways, railroads, fiber optic cables or any public utility line, provided that any such roads, highways, railroads, fiber optic cables or public utility lines be constructed in a manner so as not to interfere with Lessee's operations. This, however, is not to prevent Lessee from collecting from any utility company for any damage which may be sustained by

Lessee in the construction, operation or maintenance of utilities on such right of way or easement.

28. **Recording.** Lessor will deliver this Lease Contract to the Chancery Clerk of Madison County for recording and Lessee has herewith delivered to Lessor a check payable to such Chancery Clerk for the recording fees.

29. **Immunity.** No provision of this Lease Contract, whether requiring Lessee to indemnify Lessor or otherwise, shall be construed as a waiver by Lessor or the Secretary of State of any provision of law related to governmental immunity.

30. **Interpretation.** The parties to this Lease Contract acknowledge that they have freely entered into this Lease Contract and any ambiguities shall not be construed against a single party.

31. **Definition of Lessee.** It is further stipulated and agreed that wherever the word "Lessee" is used herein, it is intended and shall be deemed, to include and shall be binding upon Lessee's members, agents, servants, employees, contractees, invitees, licensees, and guests.

32. **Governing Law.** This Lease Contract shall be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi. Jurisdiction and venue for any actions arising from this Lease Contract and any amendments hereto shall rest exclusively in the Chancery Court of Madison County, Mississippi.

33. **Secretary of State.** By virtue of the signature below, the Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi has approved this Lease Contract in accordance with the Secretary's authority for general supervision of 16<sup>th</sup> Section Public School Trust Land. Approval of this Lease Contract by the Secretary of state indicates that the Madison County Board of Education has exercised the care and skill of an ordinary prudent person to protect the beneficiaries of the 16<sup>th</sup> Section Public School Trust Land.

34. **Supervisory Right.** The Secretary of State, as supervisory trustee, shall have the right to institute any action to enforce the terms of this Lease Contract in the event Lessor fails to do so in a timely manner. In the event the Secretary of State institutes legal action to enforce the terms of this Lease Contract, he shall have all rights as are conferred to Lessor.

35. **Entire Agreement.** This Lease Contract shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties. Any prior understanding or representation of any kind preceding the date of this Lease Contract shall not be binding upon either party except to the extent incorporated herein.

36. **Zoning Ordinances and Restrictions.** This Lease Contract is subject to the Zoning Ordinances of Madison County, Mississippi and those Restrictive Covenants attached hereto as Exhibit "C", which covenants shall be in full force and effect as to the property leased herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Lease is executed by Lessor pursuant to the Order duly entered upon its Minutes.

LESSOR:

**Madison County, Mississippi Board  
of Education Trustees of the Madison  
County School District 16<sup>th</sup> Section  
School Lands Trust**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Samuel C. Kelly, President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Charlotte A. Seals, Madison County  
Superintendent of Education

LESSEE:

**BLESS THIS FOOD, LLC, a  
Mississippi Limited Liability Company**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa A. Sones, Member



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF MADISON

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, within my jurisdiction, the within named **Samuel C. Kelly** and **Charlotte A. Seals**, who acknowledged to me that they are President and Superintendent, respectively, of the **Madison County Board of Education**, and that for and on behalf of the said Madison County Board of Education, and as its act and deed, they executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized so to do.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

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[SEAL]

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF MADISON

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, within my jurisdiction, the within named **Teresa A. Sones**, who acknowledged to me that she is a Member of **Bless This Food, LLC**, a **Mississippi Limited Liability Company**, and that for and on behalf of the said Bless This Food, LLC, and as its act and deed, she executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized so to do.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

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[SEAL]

Reviewed and approved by the Madison County Board of Supervisors, this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Gerald Steen, President

ATTEST:

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Ronny Lott, Clerk

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF MADISON

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, within my jurisdiction, the within named **Gerald Steen**, who acknowledged to me that he is President of the **Madison County Board of Supervisors**, and that for and on behalf of the said Madison County Board of Supervisors, and as its act and deed, he executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized so to do.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

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