

RTK General Application for a Conservation Easement *(Please print clearly)*

Ranch Name *(How RTK should reference the project?)*

Address of the Ranch _____

City _____ County _____ State Kansas Zip _____

Contact Information

Name of Primary Contact _____ Preferred Phone Number _____

Primary Email Address (Required) _____

Primary Mailing Address (Required) _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ownership Information

How is the land held *(Individual, Trust, Partnership, Corporation, etc.)*

How many individuals hold or share title of the property?

Total Ranch Acres (Deeded) _____

Total Acres Proposed for Easement _____

Total Number of Requested Future Subdivisions or Already-Separated Parcels _____

(Please note that RTK generally discourages future subdivision of properties unless the resulting parcels are above the average farm size for the county.)

Is any portion of the considered easement enrolled in a USDA program such as CRP, EQUIP, etc.?
___Yes ___No *If yes, please describe the program and the amount of acres involved in the enrollment.*

Is there expired or current energy production on the potential easement (oil, gas, wind, etc.)? ___Yes ___No *If yes, please describe the production and the amount of acres involved in the production leases.*

Does the landowner hold all the mineral rights above and below ground? ___Yes ___No
If no, please describe how the mineral rights are held.

Project Goals and Urgency

What are your long and short terms goals for the property?

Describe the reasons you are interested in pursuing a conservation easement on your property.

Please rank the following items (1 – 5) importance as it relates to completing an easement. All are important reasons to complete an easement, but it aids RTK in understanding the project timeline:

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| () To protect grassland | () To secure ranching/farming operations |
| () To protect wildlife and grassland birds | () To prevent grassland conversion |

A typical conservation easement application can take one to three years. Is there an urgent need to place a conservation easement on the property? *If yes, please explain.*

Family Support

Are all owners/family members aware of and supportive of your decision to potentially encumber the land with a conservation easement? If no, please explain. (As the ranching heritage is often a family operation, RTK knows many family members may be involved with the process and you are welcome to share information related to the conservation easement application with those family members. Information will be emailed to the primary contact who can then forward the information to the appropriate individuals as desired).

Legal Representation

**** RTK cannot provide legal or tax advice. RTK highly recommends that landowners consult independent legal representation to assist in reviewing the conservation easement on the landowner's behalf.** We will provide you with a list of attorneys who specialize in conservation easements if you need assistance.

If you have an attorney, have you discussed the conservation easement concept with the attorney?

Have you discussed the easement concept with any other professional or land trust? Will those professionals continue to be involved in the process?

Important Information

Please read the following information carefully, initial, and sign.

If available, please attach the following documents to this application.

- Map of property boundaries
- Map of proposed easement property
- Legal description of the property
- Title commitments
- Deeds of Ownership
- Trust Certificates
- Surveys
- Power of Attorney

IMPORTANT – If you and RTK agree to move forward in the pursuit of a conservation easement on your property, as with any land transaction, there are numerous fees that will be required by various service providers. Not all fees listed below are required for every conservation easement and the expenses vary by type of easement; donated, purchased or a bargain sale. RTK anticipates that all agreed upon project expenses will be covered by the landowner and that these expenses/contributions will be addressed at or before closing. The typical range of fees can be found on the RTK Cost & Benefit table provided with this form. Please initial after the following lines to affirm that you have read RTK’s Estimated Costs/Benefits document (enclosed) and acknowledge that you will be responsible for paying the following list of potential transactional fees unless other sources of funding are secured:

(Your initials do not obligate you to completing a conservation easement.)

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| 1. Appraisal | Initial _____ |
| 2. Baseline Inventory Report | Initial _____ |
| 3. Oil and Gas Potential | Initial _____ |
| 4. Environmental Assessment | Initial _____ |
| 5. Title Insurance & Closing Costs | Initial _____ |
| 6. Survey | Initial _____ |
| 7. Landowner legal expenses | Initial _____ |
| 8. RTK Project Coordination Fee | Initial _____ |
| 9. Stewardship Endowment Fund Contribution | Initial _____ |
| 10. Legal Defense Fund Contribution | Initial _____ |
| 11. Other | Initial _____ |

Please signify below your intention to pay the above applicable items if this project is approved by the RTK Board of Directors. Your signature here does not obligate you to a conservation easement with RTK, but merely indicates your willingness to review and ultimately cover any related costs (listed or to be discovered) should you decide to move forward.

I hereby affirm my compliance with the above stated conditions and agree to pay all applicable transactional costs associated with the completion of a conservation easement.

Landowner Signature

Date

Please Print Name

Landowner Signature

Date

Please Print Name