

Thursday, March 16, 2023

In late December 2022, a privately owned airplane made an emergency landing in a field owned by the Bryan Business Council, Inc. ("BBC"). The Bryan Business Council, Inc., is a non-profit corporation which is separate and distinct from the City of Bryan, and which was formed for various economic development purposes including buying and holding land to be available for future multi-family housing, commercial, manufacturing, and industrial prospects. The BBC's board of directors acts independently of the City of Bryan.

In April 2022, the BBC's property was leased to Rafter D Genetics, LLC ("Rafter D"), a private company in the cattle business specializing in artificial insemination and embryo harvesting. The BBC has learned that Bobby Gutierrez (Gutierrez) is a client of Rafter D, and that at the time of the emergency landing, Gutierrez had located cattle on the property for artificial insemination and embryo harvesting. The BBC does not have a contract with Mr. Gutierrez nor was the BBC aware of the fact that Gutierrez was a client of Rafter D.

Neither the pilot nor the pilot's insurance company contacted the BBC or Rafter D following the emergency landing. Once the BBC was made aware of a social media debate concerning the removal of the airplane, the BBC contacted the insurance company and requested that the airplane be removed from the property no later than March 16, 2023.

On Wednesday, March 15, 2023, the BBC received information from an attorney representing the owner of the airplane. The attorney advised the BBC that the owner of the airplane has engaged Lone Star Retrieval to remove the airplane from the BBC's property. The BBC expects that the airplane will be removed sometime the week of 20-25 March 2023. The BBC will cooperate as needed with the owner of the airplane and Lone Star Retrieval in order for the airplane to be removed from the BBC's property.