

1 Q. It's an old well?

2 A. They are, definitely. One of the oldest ones in the
3 neighborhood.

4 Q. Do you ever remember Sue Bell talking to you, exploring
5 the possibility of whether she might be able to do some
6 crawfish farming on that property?

*7 A. Yes.

8 Q. She was looking into that?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Now, you talked about you were there two hours in the
11 morning -- a couple of hours in the morning and a couple of
12 hours in the afternoon.

13 A. When we weren't working the land. This was just to check
14 the water.

15 Q. Right. And, that is from the time you flood your field --
16 normally, what month is that, Mr. Gaspard?

17 A. We usually start planting in March.

18 Q. Okay. And you harvest when? September?

19 A. August.

20 Q. Okay. So, you're talking about you're there a couple a
21 hours a day during that six months there?

22 A. That's right.

23 Q. At some point in the last several years -- now, this well
24 has a shed over it, is that correct?

25 A. That's right.

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1 operation?

2 A. Well, I had talked to Stan first, and I said, "You know,
3 we've depleted the Bell Family Trust funds on these legal
4 debts, but it only costs \$2,000 to get that rice on the 103.5
5 acres," and I said, "Do you think I should go ahead and just
6 float a loan for them?"

7 And, we were thinking along that line, but when we got to
8 Sim Sandoz, initially I think he was thinking he'd sell that
9 property sooner, so his opinion was that he didn't want Kenneth
10 to be in mid-stream of the planting season, if the property was
11 to be sold.

12 So, that's when Kenneth testified that he was told not to
13 farm it.

14 Q. If any up-front funds had been required to do that farming
15 operation, were they available?

16 A. By March, I can't exactly tell you. We'd have to look at
17 the information, but, no, I was going to have to front the
18 money.

19 Q. Had you offered to do that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. You were still Trustee of the Trust?

22 A. Yes, and there was never a question of whether water was
23 going to be supplied, never.

24 Q. All right.

25 A. I mean, how could we do crawfishing or hunting or rice

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1 farming without water?

2 Q. What was your intention insofar as furnishing water to the
3 103 acres that the Trust --

4 A. There was never a question of it.

5 Q. Had you received any advice from Stan Gauthier about
6 whether you had to do that?

7 A. No, because there was never a question. I've received
8 advice since then that, you know, had I not wanted to, it was a
9 fiduciary duty and I would have had to, had I not wanted to.

10 Q. Now, so did you make known to Mr. Sandoz the preparatory
11 work you had done, in terms of also getting crawfish income and
12 hunting income off of the property?

13 A. I sat with Mr. Sandoz for three hours. We showed him
14 those three -- the three fold. I showed him exactly what had
15 taken place over the five years, and I think that we did
16 mention to him the future income, but I can't say exactly.

17 Q. All right. Now, after the dation of the property to you,
18 from that point on, the next seven months until the bankruptcy
19 was filed, did you ever charge the Trustee any -- did you ever
20 charge the Trust any additional Trust fees after that?

21 A. No. I had effectively removed all the administrative
22 fees. I mean, I was going to pick up just about everything. I
23 might have slotted a little bit of the farm liability to the
24 103 acres, but the vehicles, any of my compensation was going
25 to now be, you know, burdened by Sue Bell Holdings.

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. All right. Do you remember Sue Bell offering to fund the
3 farm expenses for that farming to go forward?

4 A. I think there was an offer made, yes.

5 Q. All right. And, as part and parcel of that, she was going
6 to furnish water to the 103 acres in the Trust, is that
7 correct?

8 A. If they were going to farm rice, she would have to, you
9 know, furnish water.

10 Q. Was there ever any discussion of her not furnishing water
11 in the future to the Trust for as long as she had that well?

12 A. No. I think, you know, she was still Trustee of the Bell
13 Family Trust, and since she owned the other property, she would
14 have to furnish water. She would definitely have violated some
15 fiduciary duty at that time.

16 Q. Had you advised her of that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. All right. So, you told her she had to furnish water to
19 the other acreage, is that correct?

20 A. There was never any question that water would be supplied.
21 And the well is 50 years old. I don't know how long the thing
22 is going to last.

23 Q. Now, Mr. Gauthier, after you were hired by Ms. Bell, you
24 furnished some income statements and balance sheets on the
25 Trust for the previous five years to Mr. Marcantel, as he had

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