Randal “Randy” Rogers purchased Strayhorn Marina and wanted to enhance the area to accommodate boaters who needed supplies or a chance to use the restrooms. At the time he purchased the marina, it was equipped with only slips and a small supply store – there were no lake access restrooms within 2.5 miles. Mr. Rogers applied for a CVA grant to construct two public restrooms on a floating dock and a pump-out system. The estimated total cost of the project was $61,150.00 and he was awarded 75% of that amount by the grant.

Strayhorn Marina is located on the lower southwest side of Lake Tenkiller (Latitude 35.615177330, Longitude -95.065599500 degrees) and has the capability to hold up to 258 boats. Approximately 15% of the boats at the marina contain on board sanitary facilities. The closest pump-out facility is more than 2 miles from the marina.

Mr. Rogers used the grant money to construct two ADA-approved public restrooms on one floating dock. Each restroom has one toilet stool and one sink. To accommodate the sewage, he installed a holding tank with a centrifuge pump system to transfer waste to an existing septic tank up on the hill. He also installed a new 1000-gallon holding tank with a transfer pump to allow the solids to settle and the liquids to be pumped into the septic system at a slow and even rate so as not to stress the system. All plumbing and electric were completed by licensed contractors.

On August 26, 2020, Cheryl Dirck, Chris Gremillion, and Christopher Gilliland visited Strayhorn Marina to ensure the project was completed according to the grant regulations. Chris determined the restrooms and pump-out station were within DEQ guidelines and regulations. Mr. Rogers had to replace the old restrooms, all lateral lines, and install a new septic system under the existing dock. Mr. Rogers also rearranged all the slips to provide one long walkway to better accommodate boaters who bring an abundance of heavy supplies when they go onto the lake.
In the future, Mr. Rogers plans to build a restaurant to accommodate additional customers; however, this will require installation of additional lateral lines to accommodate the additional wastewater that will be generated. He also plans to purchase a pump-out boat at some point.

Photo Series #1. Strayhorn Marina. August 26, 2020
Outside building of the 2 floating restrooms
Photo Series #2. Strayhorn Marina. August 26, 2020
Inside the two restrooms.
Photo Series #3. Strayhorn Marina. August 26, 2020
Underwater Tank and septic station for untreated sewage.