

TRUSTEES' MINUTES FOR 1929

Tallahassee, Florida, January 1, 1929

The Trustees Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of December 18th and 19th, 1928, presented and approved.

Dr. H. L. Cone of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, submitted a bid of \$40.00 an acre for 1000 acres of land in Pelican Bay, but stated he would like to have an opportunity to look at the land.

The Trustees directed Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, to accompany Dr. Cone on an investigation of the property, and advised that upon report action would be taken on his bid.

Letter was presented from L. L. Stuckey in which was enclosed a check for \$500.00 as evidence of good faith that he will bid not less than \$50.00 per acre for 100 acres of land in the North end of Pelican Lake.

After discussion it was ordered that the \$500.00 check be returned to Mr. Stuckey with information that the Trustees contemplate having survey made of Pelican Lake to establish the meander line of the lake, and for that reason his offer was being rejected.

The land department was directed to return check to Mr. Stuckey and advise him and Southern Sugar Company that no bids would be accepted until such survey was completed, at which time, however, they would entertain offers for the land.

The Trustees ordered that a survey be made of Pelican Lake to establish the meander line.

Messrs. W. R. Hooker and I. W. West, purchasers of lands in Section 24, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, between Chosen and Southbay—Entry No. 16806, 16807, 16808 and 16809, requested adjustment on their purchase.

The trustees agreed to allow Messrs. Hooker and West to retain that portion of land paid for and re-convey the balance to the Trustees, provided all taxes had been paid, including the year 1929 and abstract of title furnished.

Letter was presented from Mr. H. M. Burton, requesting adjustment on his purchase in 1919-Entry No. 16826.

The Trustees agreed to allow Mr. Burton to retain the portion of land paid for, re-convey the balance and pay all taxes thereon, including 1929; also furnish abstract of title. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Burton.

L. E. Brown, colored, who purchased 9.89 acres of land in Township 43, Range 36, at \$200.00 an acre, asked for an extension on his payments.

The Trustees agreed to extend his payments a year and directed Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, to make investigation of the supposed sentiment in that section against Brown.

A letter from Mr. Ira Rigdon, President of Hardee County Bank, requested the Trustees to allow him to re-convey land covered by Entry No. 17200 and 17201 and apply same as a credit on his entry No. 17181, thereby securing satisfaction of mortgage against the said Entry No. 17181.

It was ordered that the request of Mr. Rigdon be granted and the Land Department was directed to so advise him.

Letter from Mr. Geo. G. Brooks, Jr., of Key West, Florida, representing Mr. D. Z. Filer, requested the Trustees to make some adjustment on Mr. Filer's Entry No. 17,566.

The Trustees agreed to allow Mr. Filer to retain the portion of land paid for and re-convey the balance with taxes paid through the year 1929 and furnish abstract of title. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Brooks.

Application of Mr. John C. Bloeker, Attorney for the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, made for the purchase of a strip of land 34 feet wide in Section

34, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, to widen the highway near Safety Harbor, was considered.

The Trustees agreed to sell the land to the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County for the nominal consideration of \$5.00 provided Pinellas County will pay the cost of advertising. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Blocker.

Report of Mr. McIntosh, Counsel for the Trustees, relative to bills of the City of Jacksonville and the Counties of Jefferson and Leon, presented to the Trustees by Capt. J. Stuart Lewis on December 18, 1928, was read and ordered filed.

The Trustees agreed to pay the principal amounts of these bills, less the 25% deposited in the Permanent School Fund, provided the City of Jacksonville and the Counties of Jefferson and Leon furnish receipt in full satisfaction of all claims against the Trustees under said Chapter 6972, Acts of 1915 and Chapter 3474, Acts of 1883. Capt. Lewis was advised of this action and he asked to be given a few days to confer with his clients. Request was granted.

Approved bills of the Board of Fire Control, amounting to \$3,590.48 were presented, passed on by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for warrants to be drawn against the Fire Tax Fund.

Fire taxes on lands of the Trustees in Glades County were ordered paid, upon statement of account. Check to be made to W. V. Knott and credited on account of J. P. Moore, Tax Collector of Glades County.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 15, 1929.
10 o'Clock A. M.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of December 31st, 1928 and January 1st, 1929, presented and approved.

This being the first meeting of the Trustees under the new Administration, the following Resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, This being the first meeting since the change of administration for the Trustees to organize; and

WHEREAS, Hon. John W. Martin, the retiring Governor having been Chairman of the Trustees; Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida organize by selecting Hon. Doyle E. Carlton, the present Chief Executive and a member of this body, to serve as Chairman of the Trustees for the ensuing four years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That at any meeting of the Trustees held in the absence of the Governor, the Member next in order as designated by the Act creating the Trustees, shall automatically act as Chairman of said meeting, thus obviating the necessity of selecting a Chairman pro tem at each meeting at which the Chairman may not be present.

Upon motion the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. S. W. Bollinger of Pahokee made an offer of \$50.00 per acre for 80 acres of land in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 42 South, Range 36 East.

Mr. Amos moved that the land be sold to Mr. Bollinger at the price of \$50.00 per acre cash. Motion seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. H. E. Kimball of Miami requested the Trustees to make an adjustment on his purchase of 240 acres of land in Section 34, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, on which he has paid \$7,200 cash and is unable to meet the payment of \$2,400, balance due on the land.

The Trustees agreed to deed Mr. Kimball land equal to his payment and allow him to re-deed the balance free of all encumbrances.

McGowan-Foshee Lumber Company made an offer of \$12.00 per acre cash for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 33 South, Range 21 East—40 acres, in Manatee County.

Mr. Amos moved that action be deferred until Mr. Richardson, Land Agent made an investigation and reported to the Trustees. Seconded and upon vote adopted. The Land Department was directed to advise McGowan-Foshee Company of this action.

Mr. William G. Blanchard of Miami, who purchased 80 acres of land in Tracts 14 and 15, Section 32, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, making a cash payment of \$1200.00, requested the Trustees to refund him the amount paid as he was unable to carry out his transaction.

Mr. Knott moved that the matter be held in abeyance pending investigation and report from the Land Agent. Seconded and adopted.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. James A. Dew of Three Pines, Texas, requesting the Trustees to allow him to retain 10 acres of the 33.4 acres in Lot 1, Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, for the cash payment of \$1377.00 made in 1922. Mr. Dew having made no further payment on principal or interest since that date.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the matter be deferred and Mr. Richardson directed to make investigation and report as to the relative value of the portion to be deeded to the Trustees with that to be retained by Mr. Dew.

A letter was presented from Mr. Alvin E. Schlechter of High Point N. C., whose father, E. E. Schlechter, deceased, purchased 9.77 acres of land in Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, at \$150.00 per acre, paying cash \$375.00 and notes and mortgage for the balance, in which he asked what disposition the Trustees would make of this transaction as his father was drowned during the September storm and he was unable to make the payments.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Alvin E. Schlechter that they would extend the payments and interest for one year and during that time he might be able to dispose of the land or make other arrangements.

In 1924 Mr. J. M. Griffin agreed to purchase land from the Trustees, the taxes thereon to be paid by the State until deed issued. It has been shown that Mr. Griffin paid \$266.75 in taxes on this land prior to issuance of deed to him in 1926. He now requests the Trustees to reimburse him for these taxes.

Mr. Amos moved that check be issued to Mr. Griffin covering amount expended by him in payment of taxes on the land prior to deed. Seconded and adopted.

Mr. Mayo reported to the Trustees that Col. L. D. Reagin of Sarasota had called on him and presented the matter of purchase by Mr. W. B. Harvard of land in Sarasota County, which Mr. Harvard was unable to pay for, and requested that one-half the cash payment be refunded Mr. Harvard.

Mr. Amos moved that the request be declined as taxes had lapsed for several years and under existing conditions the Trustees were not in position to make the refund. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Harvard.

November 13, 1928, Mr. E. P. Green and associates offered \$50.00 for 6 acres of land adjacent to their holdings in Manatee County, which offer was accepted by the Trustees. Description of land furnished by Mr. Green subsequent to the November meeting contains approximately 40 acres, instead of 6 acres.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees ordered that the matter be referred to Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, and the Land Department for report.

Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, presented matter of Sand Lease to Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of Miami, and the Trustees ordered that the Lease be in conformity with other Sand Leases, except as to price.

Land in Pinellas County advertised for sale on this date, upon application of Mr. P. F. Fusselman for his client

James T. McLean, was considered and no objections being presented or filed, the sale was made to Mr. McLean at a price of \$100.00 per acre. The Land Department was directed to issue deed.

Volusia County Land advertised for sale on this date, upon application of Gardiner & Brass, for their client Effie B. Wilder, was brought up and objections from the City of Holly Hill Presented.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, it was ordered that the sale be deferred pending investigation and report from the Land Agent. The Secretary was directed to furnish copy of objections to Messrs. Gardiner & Brass.

The Secretary presented form of oil lease to J. B. Dill, which was to be executed upon payment of taxes due on the lands covered by lease.

Mr. Amos moved that the Lease be executed by the Trustees and forwarded to the Miami Bank with draft attached in the amount of taxes, to be delivered upon payment of draft. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Petroleum oil lease advertised to be heard on this date was ordered held over until the next meeting of the Trustees, pending disposition of suit filed in Dade County, and also objections to the lease. It was ordered that Judge Atkinson of Miami be notified of this action by the Trustees.

The Secretary presented the matter of delinquent Drainage tax certificates sold to the Trustees, it being necessary that they be taken up at this time.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees issue checks in the amount of \$229,667.42 to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District in payment of the delinquent drainage tax certificates. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Fire taxes on lands of the Trustees Internal Improvement fund were ordered paid and amount sufficient to reimburse the Trustees for loan to the Board of Fire Control was ordered credited to the Trustees.

The Secretary presented Budget of the Board of Fire Control for the year 1929 for approval by the Trustees.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded and adopted, it was ordered that the matter be held over to the next meeting of the Trustees.

Sheriff O. E. Hobbs of Panama City, Florida, applied to purchase the turpentine and timber rights on 80.08 acres of land in Section 4, Township 2, Range 14, and 40.08 acres in Section 12, Township 2, Range 15—Bay County.

Mr. Amos moved that a five year lease be sold to Mr. Hobbs for turpentine and timber rights on the above described land at a price of \$500.00. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Hobbs agreed to pay this price for the lease and same was ordered issued.

Mr. John M. Sutton having been notified that he would be heard on this date, Mr. Amos moved that the hearing be set for 4 o'Clock P. M., Mr. Sutton to be allowed one hour in which to present his case. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Webb & Yates, Inc., of St. Petersburg having applied to purchase land in Pinellas County for their clients J. W. Bate and Andrew W. Golden; Alva A. Roebuck; Geo. H. Massey and Minnie E. Massey, and J. G. Wilson and Harriet H. Wilson, the Trustees ordered the following advertisement placed in the Clearwater Sun:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 15, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'Clock A. M., Tuesday, February 19th, 1929, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Begin at a point 3,696.77 feet South of and 701.42 feet West, of the N.W. corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, township 31 South, Range 16 East, which point of beginning is on the original Government Meander line as surveyed A. D. 1848, and is also the S. E. Corner of Lot 4, John T. Leslie's Subdivision of the East 1/3 of Govern-

ment lot 2, Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East;

Thence South 279.98 feet;

Thence West 174.40 feet;

Thence North 0 degrees 30' East 280 feet to the S. W. Corner of Lot 1 of aforesaid John T. Leslie Subdivision;

Thence East 172 feet along Government Meander Line, as surveyed A. D. 1848, to the point of beginning.

Containing 1.11 acres, more or less.

Lying and being in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida.

ALSO:

Begin at a point 3,696.77 feet South of and 84 feet West of the N. W. Corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, which point of beginning is on the original Government Meander Line as surveyed A. D. 1848, and is also the S. E. Corner of Lot 16, John T. Leslie's Subdivision of the East $\frac{1}{3}$ of Government Lot 2, Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East;

Thence South 446 feet;

Thence West 46.54 feet;

Thence North 446 feet to the S. W. corner of Lot 16, of aforesaid John T. Leslie Subdivision;

Thence East 46.54 feet along Government Meander line, as surveyed A. D. 1848, to the point of beginning;

Containing 0.48 acres, more or less.

Lying and being in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, State of Florida.

ALSO:

Begin at a point 3,696.77 feet South of and 130.54 feet West of the N. W. corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, which point of beginning is on the original Government Meander Line as Surveyed A. D. 1848, and is also the S. E. Corner of Lot 15, John T. Leslie's Subdivision of the E. $\frac{1}{3}$ of Government Lot 2, Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East;

Thence South 434 feet;

Thence West 93.08 feet;

Thence North 434 feet to the S. W. Corner of Lot 14, of aforesaid John T. Leslie's Subdivision;

Thence East 93.08 feet along Government Meander Line as surveyed A. D. 1848, to the point of beginning.

Containing 0.93 acres, more or less.

Lying and being in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida.

ALSO:

Begin at a point 3,696.77 feet South of and 609.74 feet West of the N. W. Corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, which point of beginning is on the original Government Meander Line as surveyed A. D. 1848, and is also the S. E. Corner of Lot 6, John T. Leslie's Subdivision of the E. $\frac{1}{3}$ of Government Lot 2, Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East;

Thence South 320 feet;

Thence West 46.2 feet;

Thence North 320 feet to the S. W. Corner of Lot 6, aforesaid, John T. Leslie Subdivision;

Thence East 46.2 feet along Government Meander line, as surveyed A. D. 1848, to the point of beginning.

Containing 0.34 acres, more or less.

Lying and being in Section 33, Township 31 South Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON, Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliott, Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C., Miami Fla.....\$ | 1.55 |
| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 5.65 |

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| W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. . . . | 25.25 |
| Southern Telephone and Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 4.25 |
| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 3.01 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.. | 1.03 |
| The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla. | 40.00 |
| K. B. O'Quinn, C. C. C., Clearwater, Fla. | 2.60 |
| Board of Commissioners Everglades Drainage District, Tallahassee, Fla | 229,667.42 |
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| | \$229,750.76 |

Financial Statement for the month of December 1928 presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER, 1928

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| Balance in Fund December 1, 1928. | \$268,097.95 |
| Interest due June 30, 1928 on Pelican Lake 6% Bonds | 360.00 |
| From Land Sales under Ch. 9131 Acts 1923, and Ch. 10024 Acts 1925 | 8,551.06 |
| From Board of Commrs. Ev. Dr. District a/c payment on notes by Comptrollers Warrants as follows | |
| No. 54310 | 100,000.00 |
| No. 54310-A | 50,000.00 |
| No. 54310-B | 50,000.00 |
| From Land Sales (\$17,706.00) less 25% to State School Fund (\$4,426.50) | 13,279.50 |
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| | \$490,288.51 |
| Less Disbursements | 11,187.21 |
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| Balance on hand January 1, 1929.. | \$479,101.30 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and Cash Items | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Balance in Banks | 478,101.30 |
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BALANCES IN BANKS JANUARY 1, 1929

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville | \$111,619.28 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville | 112,347.68 |
| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville | 88,355.19 |
| American National Bank, Pensacola | 24,113.25 |
| First National Bank, Miami | 42,009.23 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee | 36,192.72 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee | 26,836.39 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee | 36,627.56 |

 \$478,101.30

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date 1928 | Check No. | In Favor of: | Amount |
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| Dec. 5, | 7590 | Southern Telephone & Construction Co. | \$ 5.55 |
| | 7591 | Ferol Dunn | 109.00 |
| | 7592 | M. C. McIntosh | 18.90 |
| | 7593 | A. R. Richardson | 230.28 |
| | 7594 | J. L. Kilgore | 5,889.78 |
| | 7595 | W. V. Knott, State Treasurer Taxes for 1925-6-7 New Hall Dr. Dist. | 1,245.00 |
| Dec. 11, | 75.96 | The News Journal | 12.76 |
| | 75.97 | Western Union Telegraph Co. | 1.70 |
| | 7598 | T. J. Appleyard, Inc. | 1.85 |
| | 7599 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. . . | 1.52 |
| | 7600 | Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C. . . | 3.10 |
| | 7601 | E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. . . | 1.35 |
| | 7602 | The News Publishing Co. . . . | 16.50 |
| | 7603 | The Clearwater Sun | 15.75 |
| Dec. 20, | 7604 | Vera Johnson | 2.50 |
| | 7605 | Margaret Henderson | 6.25 |
| | 7606 | Lucy Marchant | 15.00 |
| | 7607 | Archie J. Burnside | 5.00 |
| | 7608 | N. S. Wainright, C. C. C. . . . | 3.00 |
| | 7609 | Robert H. Roesch, C. C. C. . . | 2.60 |
| | 7610 | K. B. O'Quinn, C. C. C. . . . | 1.75 |
| | 7611 | Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. . . . | 1,480.38 |
| Dec. 31, | 7612 | F. C. Elliot | 225.00 |
| | 7613 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 7614 | A. R. Richardson | 585.54 |
| | 7615 | Elgin Bayless | 297.98 |

| Date | Check | In Favor of: | Amount |
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| 1928 | No. | | |
| Dec. 31, | 7616 | A. C. Bridges | \$ 80.00 |
| | 7617 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 7618 | Edwin Barnes, Jr.,..... | 50.00 |
| | 7619 | Hattie Bell | 41.67 |
| | 7620 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 7621 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
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| | | | \$11,187.21 |

The following report from the office of the State Auditor was presented and ordered placed of record:

Hon. W. S. Murrow,
Acting State Auditor,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Dear Sir:

I beg to submit herewith report of an audit made by me pursuant to your instructions of the accounts of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, covering the period from July 1, 1926 to June 30, 1928.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund consists of the following:

Hon. John W. Martin, Governor-Chairman.
Hon. Ernest Amos.
Hon. J. C. Luning
Hon. Fred H. Davis
Hon. Nathan Mayo, Members
Hon. J. Stuart Lewis, Secretary.

All money that appears to have come into this office has been deposited to the proper funds in the State Treasury.

The Drainage Tax Redemption Reports have been checked against the Tax Sale record from November 1922 through August 1928, except Dade County, through August 17, 1928, and Palm Beach County report for May 1928, which has not been paid for nor posted in the Tax Sale record. Clerk's remittances for redemptions were checked into the Treasury.

The Secretary has collected and deposited to the Principal of School Fund the following amounts for sand, gravel and shell leases:

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| Fla. Gravel Co..... | \$ 7,079.30 | Pd. thru | May | 1928 |
| Capital City Sand & Gravel Co. | 300.00 | " " | " " | " " |
| Aeme Sand Co. | 575.00 | " " | " " | " " |
| Atlanta Shell Co. | 7,433.71 | " " | " " | " " |
| Lake Weir Sand Prod. Co. | 200.00 | " " | " " | " " |
| Tampa Sand & Shell Co. . | 1,521.24 | " " | " " | " " |
| Kinzie Bros. S. S. Line . | 1,175.68 | " " | " " | " " |
| Stand. Dredging Co. ... | 402.24 | " " | " " | " " |
| Conway Lake Sand Co. . | 465.90 | " " | Jan. | " " |
| Jacksonville Sand Co. .. | 100.00 | " " | Feb. | " " |
| Leesburg Sand & Supply Co. | 5,153.50 | Cancelled | March | " " |
| Lake Weir Sand Co. | 656.99 | | | |
| Hillsboro Sand & Shell Co. | 1,759.25 | Pd. thru | March | " " |
| Standard Mfg. Co. | 425.00 | Cancelled | March | " " |
| Griffin Sand Co. | 400.00 | Cancelled | Jan. | " " |
| Builders Products Co. . | 50.00 | Cancelled | Mar. 1927 | |
| B. W. Kingsley | 50.00 | | | |
| Total | \$ 27,747.81 | | | |

Sale of lands vested in the Trustees under Chapter 9131 of 1923 and 10024 of 1925, show deeds issued numbers 4938-A to 5332 inclusive. Proceeds have been paid into the Internal Improvement Fund and are shown as receipts.

Proceeds of sales of other State lands made by the Land Office under the Commissioner of Agriculture have been deposited, three-fourths to the Internal Improvement Fund and one-fourth to the principal of School Fund. These sales were audited in the audit made of the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees have the following account with Mr. A. R. Richardson, their Field Agent:

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| Sale old Studebaker car | \$ 325.00 | | |
| Advanced for purchase Ford Car | 675.00 | | |
| Paid to date | | 358.35 | |
| Balance due Trustees | | 641.65 | |
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| | | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 |

The Trustees have leased Lake Okeechobee bottom lands, the usual arrangement being 10% down and balance in installments. The Secretary's account of these transactions is incomplete. He has deposited more money in the I. I.

Fund than he has given the lessees credit for. Amount deposited \$18,258.27.

This account is now being kept by the Field Agent, and appears to be kept up to date.

The Secretary has two returned checks on hand given for leases, one for \$25.00, Bank of Pahokee, drawn by T. Lane Moore, payable to Jno. Tillman, and one for \$75.00, First National Bank & Trust Co. of Orlando, drawn by W. W. Hiley, Jr.

The Trustees held checks on the Bank of Okeechobee, totaling \$5,387.78, listed on page 199, Minute Book 12, that were held as deposits on land deals when the bank closed. Credit was allowed for amounts of checks, and checks were turned over to counsel to file claims. On October 7, 1926, the Minutes state that a letter was received from the Counsel stating that he had turned over to the Treasurer certificate No. 475 for \$3,962.78. On January 7, 1928, the Secretary deposited with the Treasurer checks for \$158.51, and \$15.00 dividends on certificate Nos. 475 and 538. Of this money \$73.79 was deposited to I. I. Fund and \$99.72 to Principal of School Fund. No records could be found in the office giving any further information. It was ascertained from the Comptroller's Office that the claim on which \$15.00 was paid was for \$373.00. The Receivers Certificates could not be located.

It is respectfully recommended that these certificates be located and properly filed, and accounts kept of them.

ACCOUNT WITH EVERGLADES DRAINAGE BOARD

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| Due Trustees July 1, 1926, loans .. | \$584,000.00 | |
| Interest paid | 16,368.16 | |
| Loans made July 1, 1926 to June 30, | | |
| 1927 | 243,427.15 | |
| Due by Trustees for Tax Certifi- | | |
| cates applied on account | | \$118,255.77 |
| Paid by Drainage Board | | 448,422.40 |
| Balance due Trustees | | 277,117.14 |
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| | \$843,795.31 | \$843,795.31 |
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Note: \$166,000.00 was paid by Drainage Board on June 30, 1926, but not handled by Treasurer until July, 1926. This is included in above statement.

The above indebtedness is evidenced by a series of notes held by the Trustees. The details of the notes, and status of interest payments, are shown in report on Drainage Board. Some of the loans to the Drainage Board are not mentioned in the Minutes.

ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF FIRE CONTROL

As no funds were available for this Board until Taxes for 1926 were collected, bills were paid and loans made by the Trustees.

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND

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| Received before 6/30/26 | \$ 21,030.69 | |
| Red. 7/1/26/ to 6/30/28 | 51,958.00 | |
| Repaid | | \$58,978.84 |
| Credit, Refund Pennsylvania Sugar Co. | | 809.80 |
| Balance Due, 6/30/28 | | 13,200.05 |
| | <u>\$72,988.69</u> | <u>\$72,988.69</u> |

CONTINGENT EXPENSE FUND

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| Received before 6/30/26 | \$ 4,895.50 | |
| Received 6/30/26 to 7/1/28 | 6,769.13 | |
| Repaid | | \$ 8,920.93 |
| Balance due 6/30/28 | | 2,743.70 |
| | <u>\$11,664.63</u> | <u>\$11,664.63</u> |
| Balance due Current Expense Fund | | \$13,200.05 |
| Balance due Contingent Fund .. | | 2,743.70 |
| Total Balance due | | <u>\$15,943.75</u> |

The following is a statement of balances, receipts and disbursements of the Internal Improvement Fund from July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1928:

RECEIPTS

| | 7/1/26-6/1/27 | 7/1/27-6/30/28 |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Land Sales, Chaps. 9131 and 10024 | \$ 12,148.77 | \$ 10,830.63 |
| Redemption Drainage Tax Certs. | 51,510.94 | 96,014.89 |

| | 7/1/26-6/1/27 | 7/1/27-6/30/28 |
|--|---------------|-----------------|
| Refunds of Drainage Taxes. | \$ 1,535.76 | \$ 660.60 |
| Interest on Bank Deposits .. | 35,602.04 | 12,403.77 |
| Refunds | 964.74 | 198.19 |
| Forfeits | 750.00 | |
| Land Sales, three-fourths proceeds | 240,221.55 | 175,977.99 |
| Sales land vested in Trustees | 2,160.10 | 1,446.75 |
| Sale of Minutes | 74.50 | 19.50 |
| Principal, Pelican Bay D. D. Bonds | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Interest, Pelican Bay D. D. Bonds | 780.00 | 750.00 |
| Sale of Autos | 27.12 | 331.23 |
| Repaid loan by Fire Control Board | 28,776.89 | 39,122.88 |
| Repaid, loans by Drainage Board | 189,902.08 | 258,520.32 |
| Refund, loan to Gen'l. Revenue | 50,000.00 | |
| Dividend, Bank of Okeechobee | | 73.79 |
| Lease lake bottom lands ... | | 18,258.27 |
| Totals | \$ 614,954.49 | \$ 615,108.81 |
| Total Receipts | | \$ 1,230,063.30 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Salaries | \$ 24,838.57 | \$ 22,697.09 |
| Traveling Expenses | 2,069.49 | 3,819.57 |
| Office Expenses | 2,972.96 | 786.01 |
| Fees for recording Investments | 168.89 | 269.35 |
| Deeds to lands | | 88.00 |
| Advance for purchase of car. | | 675.00 |
| Special Legal expense | 55,563.17 | 146.11 |
| Refunds on Deeds | 57,593.47 | 35,212.84 |
| Advertising land sales | 867.12 | 306.01 |
| Surveys | 43,053.14 | 8,305.99 |
| Redemption, Tax Certificates | 443.55 | 380.88 |
| Refund of deposits | 2,901.48 | 1,288.00 |
| Subscription to newspapers . | 34.25 | 24.50 |
| Transfer to State Prison Buildings | 205,000.00 | 94,800.00 |

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Transfer to State Industries | | |
| Building | \$ 150,000.00 | |
| Transfer to State Office | | |
| Bldg. | 250,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Loans to Drainage Board .. | 243,427.15 | |
| Loan to Fire Control Board . | 33,727.13 | 25,000.00 |
| Drainage & Fire Taxes on | | |
| State lands | 325,906.07 | 400,785.11 |
| Refunds, Tax Sale Certifi- | | |
| cates | 15.75 | 903.13 |
| Forfeit of deposit, paid to | | |
| Principal of School Fund. | 500.00 | |
| Abstracts of Title | | 198.50 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 1,399,082.19 | \$ 645,686.09 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total Disbursements | | \$ 2,044,768.28 |
| Balance July 1, 1926 | \$ 1,213,532.24 | |
| Total Receipts | 1,230,063.30 | |
| Total Disbursements | | \$ 2,044,768.28 |
| Balance June 30, 1928..... | | 398,827.26 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 2,443,595.54 | \$ 2,443,595.54 |

The Fund owns \$12,000.00 6% bonds of the Pelican Bay Drainage District in addition to the above balance.

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. HENRY, Auditor

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned to meet at 4 o'Clock P. M.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:
F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 15, 1929.
4 o'clock P. M.

The Trustees Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol, pursuant to recessed meeting.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, State Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

This hour having been set to allow Mr. John M. Sutton, Selecting Agent of the Trustees, to be heard relative to cancellation of his contract, he presented his case substantially as follows:

That he had endeavored to secure a hearing before the Trustees during the summer of 1928, but had been unable to do so as the Democratic Primary was at hand and some members of the Trustees away campaigning, and it was agreed to allow him a hearing at a later date. That finally on October 30, 1928, the Trustees passed a resolution terminating his contract January 8, 1929; that immediately upon being advised of this Resolution he requested a hearing and this date, January 15, 1929, was set; that he requested a statement of the charges made against him, or reasons for terminating his contract, but had not received such information; that he had spent thousands of dollars and unlimited time in carrying out his part of the contract and had never received one cent for his services.

Mr. Sutton went into detail as to selections he had investigated and made, and the numerous tracts of land that had been patented to the State through his efforts, and presented several letters from officials at Washington, advising that there were no complaints to be made of his actions before the Department. Also presented letter from Mr. Rynearson of the Land Office at Gainesville, which indicated a friendly relation with Mr. Sutton.

Mr. Amos asked Mr. Sutton if he construed this contract as one to continue indefinitely and never to be terminated by the Trustees.

Mr. Sutton stated that it was his impression that the contract was to continue for a lifetime and was so intended by the provisions of Paragraph 11 of the contract.

Attorney General Davis asked Mr. Sutton if he based his claim for continuing this contract on the provisions of paragraph 11.

Mr. Sutton stated that he did.

Attorney General Davis gave as his interpretation of Paragraph 11, that it was construed to be exclusive and not perpetual; that it was not legal for a contract of this kind to continue indefinitely—from administration to adminis-

tration, without the Trustees having the right to terminate, if so desired.

Mr. Sutton stated that he did not so interpret Paragraph 11, and that so long as he carried out the terms of the contract it was to remain in force and be exclusive.

In answering a question of Atty. Gen. Davis, as to selling his interest in Hunters Island to Mr. Fred M. Valz and his statement to Mr. Wideman "that it would be better to deal through him (Sutton) instead of the Trustees, as, under the terms of the contract, he held the whip hand and could purchase the land at a price offered by any other party," Mr. Sutton denied that he made such statement, but admitted that upon being approached by Mr. Wideman and being asked what he thought his interest in the Island was worth, he did state that taking into consideration his work and the time and money he had spent on the Lake Worth Islands, he would say about \$10,000.00, but that he had never received any such amount. That he had never tried to sell any interest or right he might have under his contract, and stated to the gentleman, when asked to fix a price, that he valued his services and time in the Lake Worth Islands at \$10,000. That there had been only one instance where he had considered selling his interest in any land under this contract, and that was a proposed assignment of his interest to a friend or relative of Senator Singletery, which proposed assignment was first presented to the Attorney General for his approval, but which transaction was never carried out.

Attorney General Davis stated that Mr. Wideman contended that this contract was contrary to public policy; that by the nature of the contract it was terminative at will and that if the Trustees did not cancel it, he would start action to enjoin its being carried out. The Attorney General advised Mr. Sutton that the action of the Trustees of October 30, 1928, terminating the contract with the new administration, was not based on charges against him but on the ground that the contract was contrary to public policy and should not operate indefinitely.

Mr. Sutton stated that he was informed that charges had been made against him and he demanded that he be given an opportunity to vindicate himself of these charges. Mr. Sutton also read a newspaper article of March 7, 1928, in which he was accused of certain things, which he emphatically denied and requested to know who made such charges so that he could answer them and confront his accusers.

The Attorney General advised Mr. Sutton that the resolution cancelling his contract was not based on charges against him, but was based on the proposition of public policy; that the cancellation of this contract would in no wise affect any transaction handled by him and that he would receive compensation for any lands at any time coming to the State through his efforts while employed by the Trustees.

Mr. Sutton stated that he was more concerned about the charges against him than anything else; that his reputation was worth far more than the contract and that he demanded that copy of the charges be furnished him so that he could make reply; that he did not want to call on the Senators and representatives in Congress, or officials of the Land Department, to demand that he be furnished copy of the charges.

Governor Carlton asked Mr. Sutton if he would state exactly what he wanted, and his reply was that he wanted to be given an opportunity to refute charges made against him, but could not do so without knowing what the charges were. He insisted that the contract could not be terminated at will; that he was innocent of any charges of neglect of duty or misrepresentation of any kind, and demanded a vindication.

Mr. Sutton thanked the Trustees for their attention and of affording him this opportunity to be heard.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees adjourn and take the matter up at a later date. Seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 22, 1929.

The Trustees Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The budget for the year 1929, filed by the Board of Fire Control, which was held over from previous meeting, was

again presented. The Trustees ordered that the matter be held over for a full membership.

The oil lease advertised to be taken up on January 15th, was ordered indefinitely postponed, pending determination of the rights of the Trustees with reference to the leasing of petroleum or other mineral rights under lands owned by the Trustees.

The Trustees directed Mr. McIntosh, special counsel, to render his opinion in reference to the rights of the Trustees relating to the leasing of oil or petroleum under lands owned by the State and also under lands formerly owned but to which the State had parted title.

The matter of overpayment of taxes in Broward County was brought up.

It appears that in the payment of the drainage taxes on the lands of the Trustees in Broward County for the year 1928, the sum of \$11,094.14 was transmitted to the Tax Collector whereas the amount that should have been paid was only \$10,575.68 and of this sum \$85.85 should properly have been paid in to the One Mill Maintenance Tax Fund.

Therefore, it was ordered that the Drainage Board be requested to draw warrant against the Everglades Drainage District Tax Fund for \$518.46 in favor of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund as a refund for the overpayment of taxes.

The Trustees authorized the payment of taxes on certain lands which were re-deeded to the Trustees by Mr. J. L. Kilgore, the Land Department to furnish statement of taxes to be paid.

A letter was presented from Mr. R. G. Johnson, requesting the Trustees to issue in his name proxy of the Trustees for voting their holdings in Pahokee Drainage District at a meeting to be held at Pahokee February 26, 1929, at which meeting Supervisors would be elected.

The Trustees directed that Mr. Johnson be requested to inform them of the names of the Supervisors proposed to be elected on that date.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 29, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present :

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Land in Volusia County ordered advertised for sale on this date, upon application of Mr. John B. L'Engle for his client, Mrs. Grace C. Thurman, being 1.68 acres in Township 5 South, Range 33 East, was called up for objections. No objections being presented or filed, the land was sold to Mrs. Thurman at a price of \$100.00 per acre and the Land Department directed to issue deed.

Judge W. J. Oven, representing Burdine, Fleming & Terry of Miami, Florida, applied for adjustment on land purchased in Deed No. 17144. Upon discussion of the matter, Judge Oven requested the Trustees to meet with Mr. Sheppard on Wednesday, which was agreed to and the meeting was set for 10 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, January 30th, 1929.

Mr. Roy F. Goodman made an offer of \$75.00 per acre for 9.1 acres in Lake Osborne.

Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, having examined the land and reporting that the price was in line with prices on similar land, Mr. Amos moved that the land be sold at \$75.00 per acre, Mr. Goodman to pay for survey and furnish description.

Motion seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, and Mr. Bayless having reported on the proposition of Mr. E. P. Green to have the Trustees deed him approximately 40 acres of land for \$50.00, instead of 6 acres, as agreed on by the Trustees November 13, 1928, the Trustees declined to deed the 40 acres at the same price as agreed on for the 6 acres. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Green.

Final disposition on hearing given Mr. Sutton of Washington, January 15, 1929, was considered.

Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees affirm their decision of October 30th, 1928, whereby Mr. Sutton was relieved of the duties of Selecting Agent and his contract cancelled as of January 8, 1929, on the ground that it was contrary to public policy and should be terminated. Seconded by Mr. Amos and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Davis moved that Mr. Elliot be designated as Selecting Agent for the Trustees and Mr. Gwynn be directed to do the detail work of the land selections. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, presented request of Standard Dredging Company of Jacksonville for cancellation of their permit as of January 31, 1929, reporting that all payments had been made to date.

Mr. Amos moved that the permit be cancelled as requested. Seconded and adopted.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. L. O. Mordt, addressed to Governor Carlton, applying for a position with the Trustees. Mr. Amos moved that the matter be referred to Mr. Elliot for disposition. Seconded and adopted.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. J. P. Conrad, Treasurer of Southern Drainage District, requesting permission to erect a small building on the east end of Hiatus Lot 1, between Townships 54 and 55, for housing men engaged in work in that section for Southern Drainage District. It was ordered that the permit be issued with usual conditions.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. F. B. Winthrop, attorney, to Mr. Vernon Price-Williams, giving opinion as to the authority of the Trustees to lease land for petroleum and oil rights.

The Trustees ordered that the letter be filed.

Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, read his opinion on mineral and oil leases by the Trustees, which was ordered filed.

The Trustees agreed to hold all oil leases in abeyance until opinion of the Supreme Court on the subject was handed down.

Mr. Knott moved that the Attorney for the Trustees be authorized to secure the service of a local man to assist in selecting a jury in the ejectment suits before Palm Beach County court, and that he also be authorized to make such adjustments as he deemed for the best interest of the Trustees. Seconded and adopted.

A letter was presented from Doggett, Caldwell & Doggett, attorneys for Southern Sugar Company, requesting that the Trustees release to them the escrow deed and agreement deposited with Honorable H. Clay Crawford, Secretary of State, September 11, 1928, as good faith that Southern Sugar Company would erect, at or near Clewiston, a sugar mill of not less than 1,000 tons cane capacity, not later than December, 1929.

Southern Sugar Company having complied with all requirements of the agreement, Mr. Knott moved that the Counsel for the Trustees request Mr. Crawford to release to Doggett, Caldwell & Doggett the escrow deed and agreement properly cancelled by the Trustees. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented bids for printing minutes of the Trustees Internal Improvement for the years 1927 and 1928. The bid of Florida Industrial School for Boys at Marianna being the lowest bid submitted, was accepted and the minutes ordered printed.

Budget of the Board of Fire Control for the year 1929, deferred from former meetings, was presented.

Mr. Mayo moved that the Budget of Board of Fire Control be reduced to \$100,000.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Secretary directed to advise Mr. W. A. Dutch, Chairman of said Board, of this action of the Trustees.

Tax statement in the sum of \$2,894.45 on lands of the Trustees was presented and Mr. Amos moved that the said taxes be paid. Seconded and adopted, the bill was ordered paid.

The Trustees requested the Attorney General to draft a bill to be presented to the coming session of the Legislature, amending the law on foreclosure of State-owned lands.

The Secretary presented tax certificates held by Mr. Clyde Atkinson of this city, amounting to \$765.65 issued against land sold to Tatum Brothers Company, on which the Trustees hold mortgage.

The Secretary was directed to take the matter up with Tatum Brothers and request payment of these certificates.

Mr. Amos moved that Special Counsel of the Trustees be directed to institute foreclosure proceedings on all overdue mortgages held by the Trustees, or have purchasers make some satisfactory arrangements for extension.

Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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|---|------------|
| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ 225.00 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel—Salary and Expense Account | 285.23 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, Salary and Expense Account | 686.11 |
| Elgin Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tax Clerk | 50.00 |
| R. W. Ervin, General Utility Man | 233.34 |
| Mrs. A. J. Etheredge, Stenographer—9 days.... | 36.29 |
| Robert Wynn, Janitor | 40.00 |
| W. H. May, Postmaster—Stamped Envelopes... | 45.00 |
| Fred H. Davis, Attorney General—Expense Account | 60.55 |
| J. M. Griffin, West Palm Beach, Fla. | 266.95 |
| Board of Commissioners Ev. Drainage Dist., Taxes on Trustee Lands in Broward County | 6,876.55 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Land Clerk | 300.00 |
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| | \$9,493.36 |

Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, presented letter from Mr. Scott M. Loftin, general counsel for Florida East Coast Railway Company, advising that his company had agreed to convey to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund certain land opposite Section 8, which the Trustees had previously deeded to Florida East Coast Railway for right-of-way purposes,

the Trustees having requested the return of this land to the State as it had not been used for right-of-way purposes.

The following agreement between Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and Florida East Coast Railway Company was ordered executed by the Trustees; the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District concurring in the agreement:

AGREEMENT

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT entered into this 29th day of January, A. D. 1929, by and between Doyle E. Carlton, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; W. V. Knott, Treasurer; Fred H. Davis, Attorney General; and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, as and composing the TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, as such officials, their successors and their successors in office, hereinafter referred to as "The Trustees," and Florida East Coast Railway Company, a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereinafter referred to as "the Company."

WITNESSETH:

That in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) paid by the Company to the Trustees, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto do hereby covenant and agree as follows:

FIRST: The Trustees agree to and hereby grant and convey unto the Company, its successors and assigns, a right of way for a standard gauge line of railroad extending from a point at or near Belleglade-Chosen in a southerly and westerly direction, to a point on the west bank of the Miami Canal, at Lake Harbor, all in Palm Beach County, Florida, said right of way to be one hundred (100) feet in width for main line railroad construction, and two hundred (200) feet in width and two thousand (2,000) feet in length for sidings, turn-outs, station houses and other necessary and incidental construction and erection, also to include additional ground for section house lay-outs two hundred (200) feet in width by four hundred (400) feet in length outside of main right of way strip, such section

house lay-outs to be located at approximately from eight (8) to ten (10) miles alongside the line of railroad, the location of such section house lay-outs to be subject to the approval of the Trustees; said rights of way to extend on, over and across any lands and easements now owned, possessed or controlled by the Trustees on, by or along the route hereinabove described.

The right and privilege is also given and granted to remove and use any earth, stone or material in the spoil banks on or near the banks of any State canal and/or canals, covered by said right of way, or closely adjacent thereto, or any State canal and/or canals to be crossed by said railroad for a distance of fifteen miles on either side of said crossing along the canal banks for the purpose of the construction, and maintenance of the proposed line of railroad and its erections, construction, yards, grounds and other necessary and incidental appurtenances; and the Company may remove and transport said material to such place or places as may be desired wherever there may be a deficiency of material, provided, that the banks of the canal shall not be injured or weakened by the removal of any material as in the judgment of the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Trustees is useful for the protection of said canal and its banks. And PROVIDED FURTHER, that where the road-bed follows the banks of a canal, the center line of said main-track road-bed shall not be nearer the edge of the canal than 35 feet; passing, station or any other tracks that may be necessary for the operation of the railroad shall not be nearer than 35 feet from the center line of any such track to the edge of the canal, except in such special cases as may be necessary for approaching or crossing the canal, or for the construction of a spur or sidings or warehouse at a landing slip and that such special cases shall be subject to the written approval of the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Trustees.

AND PROVIDED FURTHER, that in making use of, or appropriating the spoil bank of a canal for a road-bed, or for other purposes, the same shall be done by removing the material from the spoil bank from the side thereof farthest from the canal, and any material removed from the spoil bank shall be done in such manner that no spoil shall be placed nearer the canal than its original position in the spoil bank and that the berm shall not be lessened or encroached upon, and if borrow pits or ditches are excavated

for the purpose of providing material for road construction or road drainage, such borrow pits or ditches shall be dug parallel with the road-bed on the side away from the canal and in such manner as to form, as nearly as practicable, a continuous connecting ditch.

AND PROVIDED FURTHER, that the Trustees specifically reserve a strip of land 20 feet wide contiguous to the canal or canals between the edges thereof and the rights of way herein granted.

It is specifically understood and agreed that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund or the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District shall have and reserve the right to use at all times any or all such rock, earth and other material in or upon the spoil banks of the canals as they may require for the construction of any of their works now being or hereafter to be constructed.

SECOND: The Trustees agree to, and do hereby grant to the Company the use of any earth, stone or other material situated in or upon the spoil banks of the canals described in paragraph "FIRST" hereof, which will or may be needed by, or useful to, the Company, its successors and assigns, for the construction of said proposed line of railroad, and its erections, constructions, yards, grounds and other necessary and incidental appurtenances; and after the completing of said line of railroad a sufficient amount of such earth, stone or other material for the maintenance needs of said railroad and its erections, constructions, yards, grounds and other necessary and incidental appurtenances.

THIRD: The rights of way, easements and estate hereby granted and intended to be granted by the Trustees to the Company, its successors and assigns, shall be held, exercised and enjoyed by the Company so long as the same shall be used for railroad purposes.

FOURTH: Upon the definite location of said line of railroad described in paragraph "FIRST" hereof, the Trustees shall be furnished by the Company with a Plat showing the route of said line of railroad as so definitely located and the Trustees will thereupon make, execute and deliver to the Company a good and sufficient deed, granting and conveying a right of way for such line in accord-

ance with this agreement, on, over and across any and all lands, easements and/or interests therein held, owned, possessed or controlled by the Trustees.

FIFTH: The construction of said line of railroad shall be commenced on or before February 1st, 1929, and shall be completed on or before December 31st, 1929. Any time lost in the construction of said railroad resulting from, or due to the act of God, or the public enemy, restraints of public authorities, floods storms, excessive rain-fall or other agencies of nature, strikes, congestion, embargoes, quarantine, epidemics, or any other occurrence or cause or causes beyond the control of the Company, shall be deducted from the time allowed for the construction of said railroad by the Company, and any and all time so lost shall be deducted from the period of time above mentioned and shall be added to the time allowed for the construction of said railroad, so that the final date for the completion of such railroad shall be extended for a period equal to the time lost by the Company for such cause.

SIXTH: The Company agrees that in case of accident or wreck of any of its trains, rolling stock or other railroad property, along any canal covered by this agreement, it will promptly remove such obstruction so that navigation and drainage in such canals shall not be impeded or obstructed longer than is reasonably necessary to remove such obstruction.

SEVENTH: The Trustees agree that where said rights of way pass through lands belonging to other than the Trustees, they will assist and aid the Company so far as possible, in securing right of way through such lands.

EIGHTH: The Company further agrees that all draw-bridges constructed or used over or across any such canal or canals shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with plans approved by the Chief Drainage Engineer for the Trustees, and should other canals be constructed by the Trustees which would pass across or under the said railroad at any time, the Company will provide suitable bridges or culverts at such crossings without cost to the Trustees, and that such draw-bridges shall be operated in accordance with the pilot rules of the United States relating to draw-bridges across navigable streams.

NINTH: It is further mutually covenanted and agreed that unless the Company performs the covenants and

agreements and complies with the conditions herein contained, then and in that event it shall forfeit all right, title and claim to the right of way and privileges or estate herein granted, and such right of way and privileges or estate shall revert and return to the Trustees, who shall thereby become re-invested with the title thereto, provided, that if the Company shall have built and completed any portion of said railroad on said right of way before breach of any of said covenants or agreements or failure to comply with any of the conditions herein contained, then only that portion of the right of way on which the Company has not built and completed a railroad shall revert and return to the Trustees.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that the Trustees may in writing waive such or any forfeiture arising or occurring under this contract, or extend by writing the time in which any of the acts or agreements of the Company stipulated herein may be done or performed, which waiver or extension shall have the effect of restoring the rights of the Company by relieving it of any penalty or forfeiture incurred, but only in respect to the matter specifically waived in writing at the date of such waiver or such extension.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed in duplicate, this the 29th day of January, A. D. 1929.

DOYLE E. CARLTON
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS
Comptroller.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the Trustees
in the presence of:

W. V. KNOTT
Treasurer.

FRED H. DAVIS
Attorney General.

F. C. ELLIOT.
JENTYE DEDGE.
NATHAN MAYO
Commissioner of Agriculture.

As and composing the Trustees of
the Internal Improvement Fund of
the State of Florida.

FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY COMPANY,
By: H. N. RODENBAUGH,
Vice-President.

Signed, sealed and delivered
by the Railway Company in
the presence of:

J. W. FOX.

H. W. MIER.

(As to Vice-President)

MARGUERITE S. LYTLE.

HAROLD B. WAHL.

(As to Ass't Sect'y)

ATTEST:

L. R. PINNELL,

Assistant Secretary.

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; W. V. Knott, Treasurer; Fred H. Davis, Attorney General, and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, as and composing the Board of Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District, for and on behalf of said Board, and for and on behalf of their successors in office, hereby agree to concur in, affirm and approve, the foregoing agreement between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and the Florida East Coast Railway Company, and all the covenants and agreements made therein on behalf of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and agree to be bound thereby so far as the rights, title and interest of the Board of Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District may be affected thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District have hereunto caused these presents to be executed in duplicate, this 29th day of January, A. D. 1929.

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Governor.

ERNEST AMOS,

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Signed, sealed and de-
livered by the Commis-
sioners in the presence
of:

F. C. ELLIOT.

JENTYE DEDGE.

State of Florida, }
 County of Leon. }

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Doyle E. Carlton, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; W. V. Knott, Treasurer; Fred H. Davis, Attorney General, and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, of and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and also constituting the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, to me well known to be such officials respectively and to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instruments, one as the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and the other as the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, and they severally acknowledged before me that they executed the same as such officials respectively for and on behalf of the State of Florida, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, for all the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Tallahassee, in said State and County, this 29th day of January, A. D. 1929.

M. O. BARCO,
 Notary Public, State
 of Florida at Large.

My commission expires July 10, 1929.

State of Florida, }
 St. Johns County. }

I HEREBY CERTIFY That on this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, H. N. Rodenbaugh, to me well known and to me well known to be the Vice-President of the Florida East Coast Railway Company, a corporation; and he acknowledged to and before me that he executed the foregoing instrument in the name and on behalf of said corporation for the uses and purposes therein expressed and under due authority from said corporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid, this 4th day of January, A. D. 1929.

H. W. MIER,
Notary Public, State
of Florida at Large.

My commission expires June 22, 1931.

State of Florida, }
Duval County. }

I HEREBY CERTIFY That on this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, L. R. Pinnell, to me well known to be Assistant Secretary of Florida East Coast Railway Company, a corporation; and she acknowledged to and before me that she joined in the execution of the foregoing instrument as Assistant Secretary of said corporation and that she affixed thereto the corporate seal of said corporation for the uses and purposes therein expressed and under due authority from said corporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid, this 5th day of January, A. D. 1929.

MARIE R. KILLILAE,
Notary Public, State
of Florida at Large.

My commission expires June 7, 1931.

The following agreement entered into by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and Florida East Coast Railway Company, was ordered executed by the Trustees:

AGREEMENT

MEMORANDUM OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT, Entered into on this the 29th day of January, A. D. 1929, by and between Doyle E. Carlton, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; W. V. Knott, Treasurer; Fred H. Davis, Attorney General, and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, as and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as such officials, their successors and their successors in office, hereinafter designated "Trustees," and Doyle E. Carlton, Gov-

ernor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; W. V. Knott, Treasurer; Fred H. Davis, Attorney General, and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, as and composing the Board of Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District, as such officials, their successors and their successors in office, hereinafter designated the "Commissioners," and Florida East Coast Railway Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, hereinafter designated the "Company."

WITNESSETH:

That whereas on June 14th, 1922, an agreement was entered into between the Trustees and the Company, the Commissioners in writing expressly concurring and agreeing and joining therein, concerning the granting of a right of way by the Trustees to the Company for an extension of the line of railroad of said Company from Okeechobee, Florida, to a southern terminus at or near the city of Miami, Florida; and which said agreement of June 14, 1922, was, in certain respect, amended and modified by a first supplemental agreement dated July 22nd, 1922, and by a second supplemental agreement dated August 27th, 1924, between the respective parties hereto; and

WHEREAS, Sections 4, 5, 6, and 12 of the agreement of June 14th, 1922, as amended by said supplemental agreements, read as follows:

"FOUR. The time allowed for commencement, building and completion of said railroad is as follows: For the commencement of construction upon said railroad at Okeechobee not later than March 29th, 1923; for building and completion of said railroad to a point at or near Canal Point, a distance of approximately thirty-three (33) miles, July 1st, 1925; for the building and completion of said railroad from a point at or near Canal Point to a point at or near the intersection of the North New River Canal and Lake Okeechobee, a distance of approximately forty-six (46) miles, January 1st, 1926; for the building and completion of said railroad to a southern terminus at or near Miami, or at or near Fort Lauderdale, at the rate of twenty miles per year, from January 1st, 1926; if a greater number of miles is completed in any one year than stipulated herein, such excess mileage

for any one year shall be credited on the stipulated mileage for the following and succeeding years. All railway mileage constructed by the Company during any particular period of time or on or before any given date, shall be considered in determining whether the Company is in default respecting construction for such particular period of time, or on its total program, as outlined herein and said Company shall not be considered in default provided it has constructed during any particular period of time, or on or before any given date, the total amount of railway mileage required hereunder to be constructed in said period of time or on or before said date, irrespective of the point or points on said extension where said construction may have been performed.

“FIVE: Any time lost in the construction of said railroad, resulting from or due to the act of God or the public enemy, restraints of public authorities, floods, storms, excessive rainfall or other agencies of nature, strikes, congestion, embargoes, quarantine, epidemic or any other occurrence or cause or causes beyond the control of the Company shall be deducted from the time allowed for the building of said railroad by the Company, and that portion during the construction of which such interruption or interruptions occur, and any and all time so lost shall be deducted not only for the section of railroad being constructed and the yearly period when the time is actually lost, but shall be added to the time allowed for building the portion of such railroad during the construction of which such interruption or interruptions occur and to the time allowed per year for building the road to its terminus, so that the final date for the completion of said railroad shall be extended for a period equal to the total sum of the time lost by the Company from such causes.

“SIX: In event the Company selects the route from the point at or near the intersection of said North New River Canal with said Lake Okeechobee through Palm Beach, Broward and Dade Counties, Florida, in a southerly direction to the Miami

Canal and thence on the banks of the Miami Canal to a point at or near Miami, Florida, designated as (b) in paragraph one (1) it is agreed that the construction of said railroad will be dependent on the completion of said Miami Canal as now being widened and deepened by the Trustees and the necessary use of the material from the spoil banks resulting from such widening and deepening, for a roadbed; and if the Company is delayed in the building of said railroad along the bank of the Miami Canal by reason of the non-completion or delay in construction of said Miami Canal, then, and in that event, the time lost from such cause shall be deducted from the time allowed for the building of said railroad by said Company and shall not only be deducted from the yearly period when the time is actually lost, but shall be added to the time allowed per year for building the road to its terminus, so that the final date for the completion of said railroad shall be extended by a period equal to the sum total of the time lost by the Company from such causes.

“TWELVE: It is further mutually covenanted and agreed that unless the Company performs the covenants and agreements and complies with the conditions herein contained, then and in that event it shall forfeit all right, title and claim to the right of way and privileges herein granted and such right of way and privileges shall revert and return to the Trustees who shall thereby become reinvested with the title thereto, provided that if the Company shall have built and completed any portion of said railroad on said right of way before breach of any of said covenants or agreements or failure to comply with any of the conditions herein contained, then only that portion of the right of way on which the Company has not built and completed a railroad shall revert and return to the Trustees.”

PROVIDED, Further, that the Trustees may in writing waive such or any forfeiture arising or occurring under this contract, or extend by writing the time in which any of the acts or agreements of the Company stipulated herein may be done or

performed, which waiver or extension shall have the effect of restoring the rights of the Company by relieving it of any penalty or forfeiture incurred, but only in respect to the matter specifically waived in writing at the date of such waiver or extension.

WHEREAS, by deed No. 17706, dated August 11th, 1926, and recorded in the public records of Dade County, Florida, in Deed Book 999, page 289, in the public records of Broward County, Florida, in Deed Book 135, page 48, and in the public records of Palm Beach County, Florida, in Deed Book 399, page 260, and by deed dated March 22nd, 1927, recorded in the public records of Palm Beach County, Florida, in Deed Book 414, page 403, and by deed dated August 2nd, 1927, recorded in the public records of Palm Beach County, Florida, in Deed Book 423, page 222, the Trustees and Commissioners, in compliance with said agreements above mentioned, conveyed to the Railway Company certain lands, rights and privileges therein described for railroad purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Railway Company did prior to August 1st, 1927, construct and put into operation for railroad purposes a single main track line of railroad from the City of Okeechobee in Okeechobee County, Florida, to the town of Chosen in Palm Beach County, Florida, a distance of 45.39 miles, and from the Town of Hialeah in Dade County, Florida, to the Town of Larkin in Dade County, Florida, a distance of 10.60 miles, and a double main track line of railroad from the Town of Hialeah in Dade County, Florida, to the Town of Little River in Dade County, Florida, a distance of 7.39 miles, and has thrown up and completed the grading for a line of railroad for a distance of 5.40 miles along the proposed line of said railroad northwesterly of said Town of Hialeah, but no track has been laid thereon, and said line of railroad from the City of Okeechobee to the City of Miami, with the exception of the portion of said line between the Town of Chosen and the Town of Hialeah, has been constructed and put in operation for railroad purposes; and

WHEREAS, for good cause shown, the Railway Company has been unable to complete the construction, in accordance with said agreements, of said line of railroad between the town of Chosen and the Town of Hialeah, and

has requested that the time within which to build and construct said line between said points to be extended until January 1st, 1931:

NOW, THEREFORE, This third supplemental agreement made and entered into between the parties aforesaid,
WITNESSETH:

That the parties hereto for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars by each to the other paid, the receipt of the same being hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth in said agreements dated June 14th, 1922, July 22, 1922, and August 27, 1924, and in consideration of the premises recited herein, hereby covenant and agree as follows:

(a) That the time allowed the Company for commencement, building and completion of its line of railroad between the town of Chosen, in Palm Beach County, Florida, and the Town of Hialeah in Dade County, Florida, is hereby extended until January 1, 1931;

(b) Said agreements of June 14, 1922, July 22nd, 1922, and August 27th, 1924, except as modified and changed by said paragraph "(a)" above, are otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed in duplicate this the 29th day of January, A. D. 1929.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller.

W. V. KNOTT,
Treasurer.

FRED H. DAVIS,
Attorney General.

NATHAN MAYO,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the Trustees
in the presence of:
F. C. ELLIOT.
JENTYE DEDGE.

As and composing the Trustees
of the Internal Improvement
Fund of the State of Florida.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.
ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller.
W. V. KNOTT,
Treasurer.
FRED H. DAVIS,
Attorney General.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the Commissioners in the presence of:

F. C. ELLIOT.
JENTYE DEDGE.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the Railway Co. in the presence of:

J. W. FOX.
H. W. MIER.
(As to Vice-President)

MARGUERITE S.
LYTLE.
HAROLD B. WAHL.
(As to Ass't. Sec'y.)

State of Florida, {
County of Leon. }

As and composing the Board of Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District.

FLORIDA EAST COAST
RAILWAY COMPANY.
By: H. N. RODENBAUGH,
Vice-President.

ATTEST:
L. R. PINNELL,
Assistant Secretary.

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Doyle E. Carlton, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; W. V. Knott, Treasurer; Fred H. Davis, Attorney General, and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, as and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, to me well known to be such officials respectively, and to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument as such Trustees, and they severally acknowledged before me that they executed the same as such officials respectively for and on behalf of the State of Florida, and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, for all the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Tallahassee, in said State and County, this the 29th day of January, A. D. 1929.

M. O. BARCO,
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.
My commission expires July 10, 1929.

State of Florida, }
 County of Leon. }

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Doyle E. Carlton, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; W. V. Knott, Treasurer; Fred H. Davis, Attorney General, and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, as and composing the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, to me well known to be such officials respectively, and to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument as such Commissioners, and they severally acknowledged before me that they executed the same as such officials respectively for and on behalf of the State of Florida, and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, for all the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Tallahassee, in said State and County, this 29th day of January, A. D. 1929.

M. O. BARCO,
 Notary Public, State
 of Florida at Large.

My commision expires July 10, 1929.

State of Florida, }
 St. Johns County. }

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, H. N. Rodenbaugh, to me well known and to me well known to be Vice-President of Florida East Coast Railway Company, a corporation; and he acknowledged to and before me that he executed the foregoing instrument in the name and on behalf of said corporation for the uses and purposes therein expressed and under due authority from said corporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid, this 4th day of January, A. D. 1929.

H. W. MIER,
 Notary Public, State
 of Florida at Large.

My commission expires June 22, 1931.

State of Florida, }
 Duval County. }

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, L. R. Pinnell, to me well known and to me well known to be Assistant Secretary of Florida East Coast Railway Company, a corporation; and she acknowledged to and before me that she joined in the execution of the foregoing conveyance as Assistant Secretary of said corporation and that she affixed thereto the corporate seal of said corporation for the uses and purposes therein expressed and under due authority from said corporation.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL in the State and County aforesaid, this 5th day of January, A. D. 1929.

MARIE R. KILLILAE,
 Notary Public, State
 of Florida at Large.

My commission expires June 7, 1931.

The foregoing agreements, duly executed, were ordered forwarded to Mr. Scott M. Loftin, General Counsel, Florida East Coast Railway Company.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
 Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. ELLIOT, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 30, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Ben Sheppard of Miami appeared before the Trustees with reference to Entries Nos. 17143 and 17144, being sovereignty land sale between Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and Miami Real Estate Company—F. H. Rand, Jr., and Ben Sheppard, Trustees. Principal of the two mortgages amounts to \$101,600.00 and interest from date of entries—March 1, 1924, to February 1st, 1929, amounts to \$34,713.33. Mr. Sheppard requested the Trustees to draw a new agreement to include both principal and interest mentioned above; the payments by the new agreement to be as follows:

- No. 1—\$34,078.34, due February 1, 1931;
- No. 2—\$34,078.33, due February 1, 1932;
- No. 3—\$34,078.33, due February 1, 1933, and
- No. 4—\$34,078.33, due February 1, 1934,

Together with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum. No interest to be paid until February 1, 1931, at which time the above mentioned Note No. 1, together with interest on all for two years is to be paid; interest after that date to be paid annually.

The Trustees agreed to this proposition and it was so ordered.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. ELLIOT, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 5, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

Mr. W. A. Dutch, Chairman of the Board of Fire Control, and Mr. L. W. Jennings, attorney for said Board, were present to discuss with the Trustees the matter of budget for 1929 for the Board of Fire Control.

Mr. Amos suggested that Messrs. Dutch and Jennings leave a memorandum and letter in reference to the budget,

to be taken up by the Trustees at their next meeting for final approval.

A Quorum not being present the meeting was adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. ELLIOT, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 11, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of January 15th, 22nd and 29th, 1929, presented and approved.

The request of Mr. E. P. Green for a deed to approximately 40 acres of land in Manatee County, was again considered and Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees abide by and confirm their action of November 13th, 1928, whereby they agreed to deed Mr. Green 6 acres of land for \$50.00 to clear up his title. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, was directed to write Mr. Green of the action taken.

The Land Department presented a letter from Mr. Phillip O. Schoelles of Apalachicola, offering \$200.00 for a small island of approximately 8 acres, known as Toe Head Marsh, near Apalachicola.

Mr. Knott moved that the land be advertised for the highest bid and objections, provided Mr. Schoelles would bid not less than \$200.00 for the island, the successful bidder to pay for advertising and cost of survey. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

An offer of \$100.00 per acre was received from Bussey, Mann and Barton of St. Petersburg, for 16.50 acres of swamp land in Lot 4, Section 32, Township 32 South, Range 16 East.

Mr. Mayo moved that the land be advertised for the highest bid and objections, provided Bussey, Mann & Barton would agree to bid not less than \$100.00 per acre on date of sale. Motion seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented a letter from Mr. H. H. Hart of Miami, with request for adjustment on land purchases in Palm Beach County, covered by 14 entries on which he is due approximately \$23,624.89 principal and \$4,052.80 taxes.

Mr. Amos moved that the Land Department request Mr. Hart to pay the taxes on the land immediately and that extension on the payments would then be granted. Seconded and adopted.

A report from Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, was presented covering certain tracts of land referred to him for investigation, and the following action was taken:

The sale of submerged land in Volusia County, adjacent to upland of Effie B. Wilder—Township 15 South, Range 15 East, objected to by the Town of Holly Hill, Florida.

Mr. Richardson reported that the Town of Holly Hill and Mr. Wilder, husband of Effie B. Wilder, had agreed on a plan of settlement and the Trustees would be advised as soon as definite action was taken. The matter was ordered held over until receipt of such information.

Land in Section 12, Township 33 South, Range 31 East, Manatee County, applied for by McGowan-Forshee Lumber Company on an offer of \$12.00 per acre for timber and land, was reported on by Mr. Richardson as being worth \$19.00 per acre.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees sell the timber at \$10.00 per acre cash and allow the Company one year within which to remove same. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department was directed to so advise McGowan-Forshee Lumber Company.

The application of Mr. James A. Dew on his purchase of Lot 1, Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, was considered. Mr. Richardson reported that this land was worth \$75.00 per acre taken as a whole.

Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees allow Mr. Dew to re-deed three-fourths of the land in the westerly part with

frontage on the lake and canal, and retain one-fourth for the amount paid. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. William Blanchard who purchased Tracts 14 and 15, Section 32, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Newman's Survey, requested return of his first payment.

Mr. Richardson reported that this land was worth \$50.00 an acre at this time, was well drained and had an average depth of two feet of muck.

Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees deny Mr. Blanchard's request for return of his money, as deed had been executed to him but on account of his failure to execute mortgage, was never delivered. Motion seconded and adopted.

Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees deed to Mr. Blanchard acreage equal to his payment and that Mr. Richardson submit a plat designating lots from which the selection is to be made. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Application of Mr. P. O. Schoelles of Apalachicola for Gap Island in Township 9 South, Range 6 West, was reported on by Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Amos moved that the offer of Mr. Schoelles be refused and that Mr. Elliot take steps to secure title to this Island for the Trustees as there was some question as to the title.

Motion seconded and upon vote adopted.

Application of Mr. A. M. Everett of Chipley, for land in Sections 4 and 10, Township 1 North, Range 13 West, and Section 34, Township 4 North, Range 14 West, offering \$300.00 for the land, was reported on by Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Amos moved that the offer of Mr. Everett be denied, but that the Trustees sell the land to him at a price of \$1,000.00 with Porter Lake included. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees were notified that a land hearing would be held in West Palm Beach on the 26th of February, to determine the character of Section 30, Township 41 South, Range 39 East.

Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees defend the claim and that Mr. Bayless of the Land Department be present at the hearing as a witness for the State. Seconded and adopted.

A telegram from Mr. H. C. Rorick, relative to sale of land in the vicinity of Lone Cabbage Island was read and ordered referred to Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, for attention.

Upon application of Brown Company of Portland, Maine, with offer to bid not less than the amount of all taxes and costs, the following advertisement was ordered placed in the Palm Beach Post:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida.
February 5, 1929

NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of Section 1175 Revised General Statutes of Florida, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will on Tuesday, March 12th, 1929, 10 o'clock A. M. at Tallahassee, offer for sale the following described lands lying and being in PALM BEACH County, Florida:

$E\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$, $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$, $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ and $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ (South of Canal) in Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 38 East;

All Tracts 3 and 16, Section 13; $S\frac{1}{2}$ Tract 1 and all Tract 12, Section 25; all Tracts 12 and 15, Section 29, Township 46 South, Range 39 East.

Bids will be received therefor at Tallahassee, Florida, until 10 o'clock A. M. on date of sale.

TERMS: Cash.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. ELLIOT, Secretary.

The Trustees having agreed to sell to Pinellas County, for road purposes, certain land in Pinellas County, the following advertisement was placed in the Clearwater Sun:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida.
February 8, 1929

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, March 19th, 1929, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Commencing at the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of Section 34, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, and run North 3 degrees 00' West 701 feet to the center line of Grand Central Avenue according to Washington's Subdivision as recorded in Book 1, Page 50, Pinellas County (Hillsborough) Records, thence turn an angle of 90 degrees 00' to the right and run 2,325.5 feet;

Thence turn an angle of 64 degrees 04' to the left and run 41.57 feet;

Thence turn an angle of 67 degrees 14' to the right and run 71.58 feet to a point of beginning.

From said point of beginning continue along the last mentioned line extended, bearing being South 89 degrees 50' East 36.87 feet;

Thence turn an angle of 67 degrees 14' to the left and run 32.24 feet;

Thence turn an angle of 4 degrees 19' to the right and run 283.8 feet to the produced south line of Washington Avenue;

Thence turn an angle of 120 degrees 15' to the left and run south 87 degrees 00' west along the south produced line of Washington Avenue 39.36 feet;

Thence turn an angle of 59 degrees 45' to the left and run 265.25 feet;

Thence turn an angle of 4 degrees 19' to the left and run 47.8 feet to the point of beginning;

Containing .25 of an acre, more or less, lying and being in Section 34, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, State of Florida, copy of plat to be attached to deed.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person

or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. ELLIOT, Secretary.

Mr. W. A. Dutch, Chief Fire Warden, and Mr. L. W. Jennings, Attorney, of the Board of Fire Control were present on the 5th instant to present Budget of the Board for 1929, but a quorum not being present the matter was held over until this date. The following Budget was presented for the consideration of the Trustees:

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1929

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| Extra Labor and care of men in field | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Salary, Chief Fire Warden | 3,000.00 |
| Deputy Fire Wardens 10—12 mo. \$100.00 per month | 12,000.00 |
| Tractors for Hire | 26,200.00 |
| Men with above tractors | 10,000.00 |
| Other general equipment | 5,000.00 |
| Legal Services | 3,600.00 |
| Salary Secretary to Board | 3,000.00 |
| Salary Two Assistant Fire Wardens | 4,800.00 |
| Office Rent | 600.00 |
| Operation, repairs on three fire trucks. Board of Fire Control Automobile | 600.00 |
| Incidental Expenses Board | 4,000.00 |
| Contingent Fund | 15,000.00 |
| Commissions, Tax Assessors & Tax Collectors .. | 2,200.00 |
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| | \$100,000.00 |

Any of the above items can be reduced or increased, but in no case shall the total amount of the Budget, as above made, be increased.

Any amount not expended shall be carried forward in the fund.

Mr. Davis moved that the Trustees approve the \$100,000.00 Budget of the Board of Fire Control for the

year 1929. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote unanimously adopted.

A letter was read from Mr. L. W. Jennings, Attorney for the Board of Fire Control, calling attention to the fact that Chapter 10116 provides that the Fire Board cannot exceed the budget approved by the Trustees, and requesting the Trustees to consider the approval of a larger budget.

Mr. Amos moved that an emergency fund of \$48,700.00 be approved by the Trustees to be expended by the Board of Fire Control upon the approval of the Governor. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

In connection with the approval of the Budget, the Trustees recommended that the Board of Fire Control combine the offices of Attorney and Secretary, to be placed under the control of the Attorney and thus eliminate one salary. The Secretary was directed to advise Mr. Dutch of the approval of the Budget with the recommendation as above.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control amounting to \$3,-107.50 approved by said Board, were passed by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for warrants to be issued against the Fire Tax Fund.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, presented letter from Mr. W. H. Rogers, Attorney of Jacksonville, requesting permission to make the Trustees parties to a suit for the purpose of recovering damages on an injunction Bond against his client, A. O. Henderson, purchaser of land from the Trustees, at no cost to the Trustees.

It was ordered that Mr. Rogers be granted permission to make the Trustees parties to the suit provided the Trustees would be put to no expense in the suit.

Mr. McIntosh presented a letter from Mr. William Pope, Attorney of Ft. Lauderdale, with reference to the Ejectment suit of the Trustees against Reed Bryan, in which he stated that Mr. Bryan was willing to purchase the submerged lands in front of his upland at a price of \$50.00 per acre, if the Trustees would pay for the survey.

Mr. McIntosh was directed to write Mr. Pope that the fixed policy of the Board was to require the purchaser of submerged lands to secure and pay for survey, which

must be acceptable to the Trustees; that the price of \$50.00 per acre was made on this basis and it would be necessary for Mr. Bryan, if he desired to purchase the land in question, to pay for the survey.

Financial Statement for the month of January, 1929, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY, 1929

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| Balance in Fund January 1, 1929 | \$479,101.30 |
| From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 16,989.51 |
| Interest due 12-31-1928 on Pelican Lake Sub-District 6% Drainage Bonds owned by Fund | 360.00 |
| From redemption Pelican Lake Sud-District 6% Drainage Bonds (matured), at par | 1,000.00 |
| Refund on account of overpay- ment of taxes in Broward Coun- ty (Comptroller's Warrant No. 74036—Drainage Tax Fund).. | 518.46 |
| Interest on deposits for quarter ending 12-31-1928 | 3,349.94 |
| From H. C. Rorick on account Certificate No. 17463 | 3,934.05 |
| From Land Sales (\$18,152.97) less 25% to State School Fund (\$4,538.25) | 13,614.72 |
| | <u>\$518,867.78</u> |
| Less Disbursements | 267,241.62 |
| Balance on hand February 1, 1929 | \$251,626.16 |

RECAPITULATION

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Cash and Cash Items | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Balances in Banks | 250,626.16 |
| | <u>\$251,626.16</u> |

BALANCES IN BANKS FEBRUARY 1, 1929

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|---|--------------|
| Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | \$ 16,865.11 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 40,804.84 |
| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 34,163.42 |
| American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla. | 24,295.58 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 42,324.30 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 27,149.77 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 27,037.66 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 37,985.48 |
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| | \$250,626.16 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date 1929 | Check No. | In Favor of: | Amount |
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| Jan. 1, | 7622 | R. G. Holgate, Refund a/c Reconveyance of land under Entry No. 17330 | \$ 20,690.00 |
| | 7623 | Trustees I. I. Fund a/c de- ductions under Entries No. 17959, 17960 and 17961.... | 7,307.50 |
| Jan. 15, | 7624 | E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. ... | 1.55 |
| | 7625 | Fred E. Fehno, C. C. C. | 5.65 |
| | 7626 | W. H. May, Postmaster | 25.25 |
| | 7627 | Southern Telephone & Con- struction Co. | 4.25 |
| | 7628 | Western Union Telegraph Co. | 3.01 |
| | 7629 | Postal Telegraph Cable Co... | 1.03 |
| | 7630 | The H. & W. B. Drew Co..... | 40.00 |
| | 7631 | K. B. O'Quinn, C. C. C..... | 2.60 |
| | 7632 | Bd. of Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist. a/c Drainage Tax Certifi- cates of 1927 | 75,000.00 |
| | 7633 | Do. | 75,000.00 |
| | 7634 | Do. | 79,667.42 |

| Date | Check | In favor of: | Amount |
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| 1929 | No. | | |
| Jan. 31, | 7635 | F. C. Elliot | \$ 225.00 |
| | 7636 | M. C. McIntosh | 285.23 |
| | 7637 | A. R. Richardson | 686.11 |
| | 7638 | Elgin Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 7639 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 7640 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 7641 | Edwin Barnes, Jr. | 50.00 |
| | 7642 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 7643 | Mrs. A. J. Ethredge | 36.29 |
| | 7644 | Robert Wynn | 40.00 |
| | 7645 | W. H. May, Postmaster | 45.00 |
| | 7646 | Fred H. Davis, Attorney Gen- eral | 60.55 |
| | 7647 | J. M. Griffin | 266.95 |
| | 7648 | Bd. of Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist. a/c Bal. Taxes on lands owned by Trustees in Brow- ard County | 6,876.55 |
| | 7649 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
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| | | | \$267,241.62 |

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Wallis Engineering Company, Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ 2.72 |
| Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 5.95 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 4.84 |
| T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. | 9.25 |
| A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla., expense account | 352.77 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla., expense account | 7.25 |
| Old Dutch Carbon & Ribbon Co., Jacksonville, Fla. | 23.40 |
| Claud Conner, C. C. C., Inverness, Fla. | 5.00 |
| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 2,896.35 |
| E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C., Miami, Fla. | 5.80 |
| Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. | 1.55 |
| P. C. Eldred, C. C. C., Fort Pierce, Fla. | 1.60 |
| Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla. | 13.50 |
| Tampa Daily News, Tampa, Fla. | 38.50 |
| The News Publishing Co., DeLand, Fla. | 53.25 |

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| The Miami Herald, Miami, Fla. | \$ 4,448.23 |
| Robert H. Roesch, C. C. C., Bradenton, Fla... | 184.34 |
| The Citizens Publishing Co., Key West, Fla.... | 741.90 |
| W. C. Foster Company, Chicago, Ill. | 33.46 |
| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 7.13 |
| Bob Simpson, T. C., Miami, Fla. | 2,149.90 |
| E. W. Russell, C. C. C., Everglades, Fla.... | 2.00 |
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| | \$ 10,988.69 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliott, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 19, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Vernon Hawthorn of Miami presented the case of his client, Aldredge A. Thomas, who homesteaded Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 59 South, Range 39 East—160.39 acres—Gainesville Entry No. 018999, and stated that Mr. John M. Sutton, then Selecting Agent of the Trustees, on March 13, 1926, had filed swamp land selection—Gainesville Entry No. 020839, which was denied by the Registrar. The case was again appealed by the State and denied and in the third instance was appealed to the Secretary of the Interior who in ruling on the case denied the appeal unless the State would pay all expenses incurred by claimant.

Attorney General Davis moved that the Trustees do not pursue the case further, in view of the fact that the State's appeal had been denied three times and it would be a needless expense to contest it further. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Messrs. Smith, O'Neal and Osborn, County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, requested the Trustees to consider the sale of Pelican Lake to twelve farmers in that section with an offer of \$50.00 per acre for approximately 1,000 acres; the expense of survey and reclamation to be borne by the purchasers.

Mr. Amos moved that the matter be referred to Mr. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary, to ascertain the cost of survey and the installation of pumping plants for draining the area. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. J. Stuart Lewis again presented the matter taken up with the Trustees December 18, 1928, requesting the payment of bills presented on behalf of the City of Jacksonville and counties of Jefferson and Leon, which the Trustees on January 1, 1929, agreed to pay less one-fourth to the School Fund. Mr. Lewis requested that the one-fourth deduction not be made as he did not think the Trustees were authorized to deposit this amount to the School Fund.

Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees approve the payment of 75 per cent as agreed on January 1st, without prejudice, and that the Counsel for the Trustees go into the matter further with reference to payment of one-fourth to the School Fund. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted.

The following amounts were approved for payment:

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| City of Jacksonville | \$1,648.35 |
| Jefferson County | 540.86 |
| Leon County | 7,645.46 |

Land advertised for sale on this date in Pinellas County, upon application of Webb & Yates for their clients, was considered and no objections being presented or filed, sale was made as follows:

To J. W. Bale and Andrew Golden—1.11 acres in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East;

To Alva C. Roebuck—0.48 acres in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East;

To George H. Massey and Minnie E. Massey—0.93 acres in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East;

To J. G. Willson and Harriet H. Willson—0.34
of an acre in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range
16 East;

at a price of \$100.00 per acre. The Land Department was requested to issue deeds to above parties.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, presented letter from Judge John L. Doggett of Jacksonville, relative to partial release of mortgages on lands desired for right of way purposes, on which computation was made on a pro rata basis of the mortgage instead of purchase price.

The Trustees directed that, as releases were made on a basis of purchase price, the matter be referred to Counsel to adjust with Judge Doggett.

On January 29, 1929, Mr. Clyde Atkinson presented Tax Certificates amounting to \$765.65 issued against lands on which the Trustees hold mortgage. Purchasers of the land, Tatum Brothers of Miami, having been notified to take up these certificates and no reply having been received, the Trustees ordered that check for \$765.65 be issued to Mr. Atkinson and the certificates taken up and cancelled.

The Land Department reported that the Trustees held several notes of Tatum Brothers that are past due and no collection could be made on them.

Mr. Davis moved that past due mortgages of Tatum Brothers be foreclosed. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented oil lease to J. B. Dill, which was forwarded to the First National Bank of Miami with tax statement and draft in the amount of \$1,712.84 which Mr. Dill failed to take up.

Mr. Amos moved that the lease be cancelled. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. J. B. Jeffries having made application to the Governor for proxy to vote the acreage of the Trustees at a meeting of South Florida Conservancy District to be held March 12, 1929, to elect a supervisor, the Trustees upon motion duly seconded and adopted, authorized the issuance of a proxy to Mr. Jeffries.

The 1929 budget of the Board of Fire Control as finally approved by the Trustees is as follows:

BUDGET
BOARD OF FIRE CONTROL
FOR 1929

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| Extra labor and care of men in the field..... | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Salary, Chief Fire Warden | 3,000.00 |
| Deputy Fire Wardens—10 for 12 mos. at \$100.00 per mo. | 12,000.00 |
| Tractors for hire | 26,200.00 |
| Men with above tractors | 10,000.00 |
| Other general equipment | 5,000.00 |
| Legal services | 3,600.00 |
| Salary, Secretary to Board | 3,000.00 |
| Salary, two Assistant Fire Wardens..... | 4,800.00 |
| Office rent | 600.00 |
| Operation repairs on three fire trucks and Board of Fire Control automobile..... | 600.00 |
| Incidental expenses of Board | 4,000.00 |
| Contingent Fund | 15,000.00 |
| Commissions, Tax Assessors and Tax Collectors | 2,200.00 |
| Emergency Fund (to be expended upon ap- proval of Governor) | 48,700.00 |
| | \$148,700.00 |

Any of the above items can be reduced or increased, but in no case shall the total amount of the Budget, as above, be increased.

Any amount not expended shall be carried forward in the Fund.

Bussey, Mann and Barton of St. Petersburg, Florida, having made application to purchase land for their client, Murok Realty Company, the Trustees agreed to advertise the land for the highest bid and the following advertisement was ordered placed in the Clearwater Sun:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 19, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will receive competitive bids in open session, at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, March 26th, 1929, at Tallahassee, Florida, for the following described land in PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Lot 4, Section 32, Township 32 South, Range
16 East, Pinellas County.
Containing 16.05 acres.

TERMS: Cash, or one-fourth cash and balance in one,
two and three years with 6 per cent interest on deferred
payments.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON, Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliott, Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| J. L. Barber, C. C. C., Okeechobee, Fla..... | \$ 3.00 |
| Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Jacksonville, Fla. | .25 |
| The Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla. | 3.20 |
| Glades Printing Company, Moore Haven, Fla.. | 2.40 |
| E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C., Miami, Fla..... | 6.55 |
| The Sebring American, Sebring, Fla. | 26.10 |
| Wm. T. Hull, C. C. C., LaBelle, Fla. | 33.00 |
| Bob Simpson, T. C., Miami, Fla. | 4,934.78 |
| Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. | 234.57 |
| J. P. Moore, T. C., Moore Haven, Fla. | 27.47 |
| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 2.90 |
| Clyde W. Atkinson, Tallahassee, Fla..... | 765.65 |
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| | \$ 6,039.87 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,

Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliott, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 26, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on
this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of February 11th and 19th, pre-
sented and approved.

A letter was presented from Judge John L. Doggett of Jacksonville, requesting the Trustees to allow partial releases for railroad rights-of-way to be based on proportionate part of the mortgages as computed in letter to Mr. McIntosh, Counsel.

Mr. Knott moved that the request be granted. Seconded and adopted.

The Trustees ordered deeds executed to the United States of America to land owned by the State near the entrance of the St. Johns River, on the north and south side, to be used in connection with maintenance and improvement of ship channel.

Attorney General Davis made a motion that the Land Department write Mr. Fred M. Valz of Jacksonville, relative to disposition of check deposited with the Trustees as payment on Hunter's Island in Palm Beach County, which island was withdrawn from sale on account of objections. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. Alfred Wagg of West Palm Beach, requesting adjustment on land purchases of Mr. H. H. Hart of Miami.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Wagg that as Mr. Hart has not kept up the interest or paid any part of the principal for about eight years, they feel that they have shown him all necessary consideration.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. Carl T. Hoffman of Miami, representing his client James C. Flannery, purchaser of land from the Trustees, requesting adjustment on his purchases.

The Land Department was directed to write Mr. Hoffman and request him to make a proposition whereby Mr. Flannery can retain the entire acreage, upon receipt of which the Trustees will consider the matter and advise their action.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ 225.00 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |

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| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent | \$ 333.34 |
| Elgin Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tax Clerk | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| R. W. Ervin, General Utility Man | 233.34 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Land Clerk | 300.00 |
| City of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Fla. | 1,648.35 |
| Jefferson County, Monticello, Fla. | 540.86 |
| Leon County, Tallahassee, Fla. | 7,645.46 |
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| | \$11,677.18 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. ELLIOT, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 27, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Proxy was ordered issued to Mr. F. E. Bryant to cast 1,290 votes of the Trustees for the election of Messrs. Jernigan, Patterson and Johnson as supervisors of Pahokee Drainage District at a meeting to be held March 1st, 1929.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. ELLIOT, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
March 11, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present :

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of January 30th, February 26th and 27th, 1929, presented and approved.

The Land Clerk presented application of Kerr & Peebles to purchase submerged land for client, William A. Clark, adjacent to his upland in Pinellas County, offering \$100.00 per acre for same.

It was ordered that the land be sold at the above price, subject to advertisement for objections, whereupon the following Notice was ordered placed in the Clearwater Sun.

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 12, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting Tuesday, April 16th, 1929, 10 o'clock A. M., at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in PINELLAS COUNTY, Florida:

Beginning at a point which is 989.5 feet North and 910 feet West of the Southeast Corner of Government Lot No. 1, Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida, to a point of beginning at the Southwest Corner of property owned by William A. Clark and at the high water line of Clearwater Bay.

Thence run North 27 degrees 59' West 112.6 feet;

Thence West 652 feet to the East line of the Government Channel;

Thence South 27 degrees 59' East along the East line of the said Government Channel 112.6 feet;

Thence East 652 feet to point of beginning.
 Containing 1.50 acres, more or less.

Lying and being in Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, State of Florida.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON, Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

The Land Clerk presented application of P. F. Fusselman, for client Julia S. Lucky, and Webb & Yates, for client Tracony Trust Company, to purchase land in Pinellas County adjacent to their uplands, offering \$100.00 per acre for same.

The Trustees agreed to sell the land at the above price and ordered the following notice placed in the Clearwater Sun:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 11, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, April 16, 1929, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Begin at a point 3,641.77' South of and 631' East of the NW corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, which point of beginning is also the SW corner of Water Lot 7, of Chase & Howard's Subdivision of Lot 4, of Torres Subdivision of Government Lot 1, of Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, and recorded in Plat Book 1, page 11, of the Records of Pinellas County, Florida.

From the point of beginning run South 560',
Thence East 38.88';
Thence North 560';
Thence West 38.82' to the point of beginning,
being the submerged or sovereignty lands ad-

jaacent to Water Lot 7, Chase & Howard's Sub-division of Lot 4, of Torres Subdivision, as described above.

Containing 0.50 acres, more or less.

Lying and being in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, State of Florida.

ALSO:

Begin at a point 3,643.77' South of and 24' West of NW corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, which point of beginning is also the SW corner of Lot 1 of Torres Subdivision of Lot 5, of Government Lot No. 1 of Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, according to map recorded in Deed Book G, page 553 of the Records of Hillsboro County, Florida.

From the point of beginning run East 200' ;

Thence South 556' ;

Thence West 200' ;

Thence North 556', to the point of beginning.

Being the submerged or sovereignty land adjacent to Lots 1 and 2 of Torres Subdivision as described above.

Containing 2.56 acres, more or less.

Lying and being in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, State of Florida.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON, Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliott, Secretary.

The Land Department presented letter from Axel Jensen of Pahokee, requesting extension on his note due June, 1929.

Mr. Amos moved that an extension of one year be granted. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Ed Gallon, colored, of Aucilla, made an offer of \$300.00 for timber on Section 16 (School Section) and Section 28, Township 2 North, Range 6 East, Jefferson County.

Upon report from Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, as to value of timber in these Sections, Mr. Amos moved that the offer be rejected. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Davis moved that the timber on the two sections be sold at a price of \$1,500.00 with a cash deposit of \$200.00. The timber to be paid for at the rate of \$2.00 per thousand feet every two weeks; the purchaser to furnish mill scale when making payments; \$200.00 deposit to be forfeited if agreement not carried out. Seconded and upon vote adopted. The school Board concurred in the agreement as to sale of timber on Section 16.

The Land Department was directed to submit this offer to Ed Gallon.

Brown Company of Portland, Maine, having applied to purchase lands, title to which had vested in the Trustees for non-payment of Drainage taxes, in Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, and Sections 13, 25 and 29, Township 46 South, Range 39 East—247 acres—in Palm Beach County, the Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, the bid to be not less than the amount of taxes, penalties and costs. Original owners of the land having been notified that the land would be sold on this date and no replies received, the bid of Brown Company of \$1,094.84, which was the highest and best bid, was accepted and deeds ordered issued to said company.

Brown Company agreed, should original owners desire other lands, to sell them lands of equal value at the same price paid for the above lands, plus accumulated interest and taxes.

Mr. W. T. Wallis, Jr., made the following offer for land in Palm Beach County, located in Pelican Lake and Pelican Bay, Township 42 South, Range 37 East:

“For that portion of Pelican Lake lying above the 16-foot contour, Punta Rassa Datum, the sum of \$75.00 per acre, and for that portion below said 16-foot contour, the sum of \$50.00 per acre is offered, with the area within the fixed banks of Pelican River excepted from such sale.

“The sum of \$30,000.00 is offered for Pelican Bay.

“Upon acceptance of above bid at a public sale all necessary surveys will be executed under and subject to the approval of the Trustees and at the expense of the purchaser.

“Terms of the sale to be one-fourth cash—one, two and three years at six per cent interest with the privilege of releasing forty acre units of above lands from the provisions of the mortgage upon payment of the pro rata share of the outstanding balance of the mortgage.”

Mr. Davis moved that the proposition and offer of Mr. Wallis be filed for consideration when the above land is advertised for sale. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented certificates held by Mr. C. W. Atkinson of Tallahassee, covering land on which the Trustees hold mortgage from Miss Ruth Catts.

The Trustees directed Mr. McIntosh, counsel, to take the matter up with Mr. Sidney J. Catts with a view of securing payment for taking up the certificates.

Mr. J. P. Conrad, Supervisor-Treasurer of Southern Drainage District, made application for proxy to vote the acreage of the Trustees at a landowners meeting to be held in June, 1929, for the purpose of electing a Supervisor for the District.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees authorized the issuance of a proxy to Mr. Conrad to vote the holdings of the State at said meeting.

Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, presented application of Mr. Thos. H. Horobin for permit to take sand for fill purposes from land in Township 52 South, Range 42 East, at a price of One Cent per cubic yard.

The application of Mr. Horobin was denied as the land in question was not adjacent to his uplands, but of other parties.

Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, reported that Mr. Asa E. Maige, who was operating under Sand Lease from the Trustees, was in arrears three months in his payments.

The Trustees ordered that Mr. Maige be notified that if payment was not made immediately, permit would be cancelled and bond called on for settlement.

Mr. A. R. Richardson presented letter from Standard Dredging Company, requesting cancellation of bond filed with permit, which permit was cancelled January 31st, 1929.

The Trustees ordered that the bond of Standard Dredging Company be cancelled and the Bonding Company furnished with copy of this Minute.

Mr. A. R. Richardson reported that he had an offer of \$10.00 per acre for 138 acres of land in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 34, Range 20, owned by the Trustees in Manatee Valley Drainage District.

The offer was accepted by the Trustees and deed ordered issued to purchaser.

Mr. A. R. Richardson advised that it was necessary to trade in his Ford car on a new one and requested the Trustees to pay the difference between the two cars and allow him to make reimbursement by monthly payments.

Mr. Amos moved that Mr. Richardson be authorized to purchase the new car on the basis as above, title to remain in the Trustees until final payment. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla... | \$ 1.07 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla..... | 1.03 |
| Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla..... | 107.75 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla..... | 76.19 |
| F. E. Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. | 64.27 |
| Southern Tele. & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 4.25 |
| T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. | 35.50 |
| The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla..... | 3.48 |
| W. P. Andrews, T. C. LaBelle, Fla..... | 14.34 |
| E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C., Miami, Fla. | 1.45 |
| Samuel D. Jordan, DeLand, Fla. | 1.50 |
| The Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Fla..... | 9.00 |
| The Old Dutch Carbon & Ribbon Co., Jacksonville, Fla. | 9.00 |
| D. S. Weeks, C. C. C., Moore Haven, Fla. | 4.07 |
| J. P. Moore, T. C., Moore Haven, Fla. | 6.60 |

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| W. P. Andrews, T. C., LaBelle, Fla. | 3,661.00 |
| The Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla. | 39.36 |
| Leo M. Butler, Clearwater, Fla. | 10.00 |
| G. J. Wagner, Tallahassee, Fla. | 62.00 |
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| | \$4,111.86 |

Bills of the Board of Fire Control, amounting to \$3,523.56 approved by said Board and passed by the Trustees, were ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for warrants to be issued.

Financial statement for the month of February, 1929, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY, 1929

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| Balance in Fund February 1, 1929 | \$251,626.16 | |
| From Land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 3,951.31 | |
| From land leases | 22.00 | |
| From land sales (\$1,122.08) less 25% to State School Fund (\$280.52) | 841.56 | |
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| | \$256,441.03 | |
| Less Disbursements | 28,705.74 | |
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| Balance on hand March 1, 1929. | | \$227,735.29 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and Cash Items | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Balances in Banks | 226,735.29 |
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| | \$227,735.29 |

BALANCES IN BANKS MARCH 1, 1929

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | \$ 16,865.11 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 40,804.84 |

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| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 35,756.36 |
| American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla. | 24,295.58 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 42,324.30 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 10,152.28 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 27,037.66 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 29,499.16 |

\$226,735.29

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date | Check No. | In Favor of: | Amount |
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| Feb. 12, | 7650 | Wallis Engineering Co. | \$ 2.72 |
| | 7651 | Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | 5.95 |
| | 7652 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. | 4.84 |
| | 7653 | T. J. Appleyard, Inc. | 9.25 |
| | 7654 | A. R. Richardson | 352.77 |
| | 7655 | M. C. McIntosh | 7.25 |
| | 7656 | Old Dutch Carbon & Ribbon Co. | 23.40 |
| | 7657 | Claud Connor, C. C. C. | 5.00 |
| | 7658 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 2,896.35 |
| | 7659 | E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. | 5.80 |
| | 7660 | Frank A Bryan, C. C. C. | 1.55 |
| | 7661 | P. C. Eldred, C. C. C. | 1.60 |
| | 7662 | The Clearwater Sun | 13.50 |
| | 7663 | The Tampa Daily News | 38.50 |
| | 7664 | The News Publishing Co. (DeLand) | 53.25 |
| | 7665 | The Miami Herald | 4,448.23 |
| | 7666 | Robert H. Roesch, C. C. C. | 184.34 |
| | 7667 | The Citizens Publishing Co. | 741.90 |
| | 7668 | W. C. Foster Company. | 33.46 |
| | 7669 | Western Union Telegraph Co. | 7.13 |
| | 7670 | Bob Simpson, T. C. | 2,149.90 |
| | 7671 | E. W. Russell, C. C. C. | 2.00 |
| 19, | 7672 | J. L. Barber, C. C. C. | 3.00 |
| | 7673 | Burroughs Adding Machine Co. | .25 |

| Date 1929 | Check No. | In favor of: | Amount |
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| Feb. 19, | 7674 | The Everglades News | \$ 3.20 |
| | 7675 | The Glades Printing Company | 2.40 |
| | 7676 | E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C... | 6.55 |
| | 7677 | The Sebring American | 26.10 |
| | 7678 | Wm. T. Hull, C. C. C. | 33.00 |
| | 7679 | Bob Simpson, T. C. | 4,934.78 |
| | 7680 | Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C... | 234.57 |
| | 7681 | J. P. Moore, T. C. | 27.47 |
| | 7682 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 2.90 |
| | 7683 | Clyde W. Atkinson | 765.65 |
| 28, | 7684 | F. C. Elliott | 225.00 |
| | 7685 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 7686 | A. R. Richardson | 333.34 |
| | 7687 | Elgin Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 7688 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 7689 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 7690 | Edwin Barnes, Jr. | 50.00 |
| | 7691 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 7692 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 7693 | City of Jacksonville | 1,648.35 |
| | 7694 | Jefferson County | 540.86 |
| | 7695 | Leon County | 7,645.46 |
| | 7696 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | | | \$ 28,705.74 |

Upon motion the Trustees recessed to meet at 3:30 P. M.

March 11, 1929, 3:30 O'clock P. M.

The Trustees met from recessed meeting of the morning, with all members present.

Dr. J. H. Pittman of West Palm Beach presented to the Trustees the proposition to purchase from them a mortgage covering 640 acres of land in Palm Beach County, being Section 9, Township 43 South, Range 37 East. The mortgage outstanding in favor of the Trustees being \$43,200.00.

The Trustees declined to accept the proposition.

A counter proposition was made by the Trustees to Dr. Pittman, that the Trustees would sell the said mortgage to him for a consideration of \$20,000.00 cash.

Dr. Pittman requested to be allowed to present this proposition to his associates, which request was granted by the Trustees.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliott, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
March 19, 1929

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. John C. Blocker, representing Pinellas County, having applied to purchase .25 of an acre in Section 34, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, for road purposes, and the Trustees having agreed to make the sale on this date, no objections were presented or filed.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. Davis, the land was sold to Pinellas County and deed ordered issued.

Permit to Southern Drainage District for constructing a small building on State land having been authorized, was executed by the Trustees.

The Secretary presented letter from Gustave Hoffman, relative to purchase of land in Southern Florida.

Mr. Amos moved that Mr. Hoffman be furnished with map showing location of State lands available for purchase, from which he might make selection. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The matter of erroneous deed to Mr. F. H. King was ordered referred to Mr. McIntosh for attention.

Application of Mr. T. S. Kennedy for permit to remove mineral bearing sand from beaches along Choctawhatchee Bay, Santa Rosa Sound, Escambia Bay, East Bay and Mary deGalvez Bay, was ordered referred to Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, for investigation and report.

The Secretary presented application from Messrs. B. H. Dickens and J. S. Shirey for permit to dredge and mine oyster and clam shell from the waters of Dead Lakes in Gulf County; territory being in Section 25, Township 3 South, Range 10 West; Sections 30 and 31, Township 3 South, Range 9 West, and Sections 6, 7, 8, 17, 19, Township 4 South, Range 9 West.

Mr. Mayo moved that the application be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, and if there were no objections raised, the Trustees issue permit to Messrs. Dickens and Shirey. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

The land Department presented request from Mr. George B. Conley for extension of three years on Note due March 31st, upon payment of interest.

The Trustees ordered that the note be extended for six months upon payment of interest. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Conley.

McGowan-Forshee Company made application to purchase the timber on 40 acres of land in Section 27, Township 33 South, Range 31 East; Manatee County, and requested the Trustees to have a price set on the timber.

Mr. Amos moved that the timber be sold at \$15.00 per acre. Seconded by Mr. Davis and adopted.

Mr. D. F. Millinor of Pinecastle, Florida, made application to purchase land in Lake Conway, Orange County, and requested the Trustees to set a price on the land.

Mr. Amos moved that the matter be referred to Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, for report. Seconded by Mr. Knott and adopted.

Mr. John M. Sutton of Washington, D. C., appeared before the Trustees and requested a settlement of accounts between himself and the Trustees, and also disposition of the charges against him.

Mr. Davis moved that Mr. Bayless of the Land Department be directed to prepare a statement of account between the Trustees and Mr. Sutton; that he and Mr. Sutton then go over the account and any differences, if any, be reported to the Trustees, or to a Committee appointed to handle the matter. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote unanimously adopted. Whereupon, Mr. Bayless was directed to prepare such statement and Mr. Sutton was advised to confer with Mr. Bayless.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 26, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The minutes of March 11th and 19th, 1929, were presented and approved.

Land in Pinellas County, advertised for competitive bids on this date, was ordered withdrawn from sale as no bids were presented satisfactory to the Trustees.

The Trustees having agreed to issue permit to B. H. Dickens and J. S. Shirey, to take shell from the Dead Lakes in Gulf County, provided there was no objection from the Board of County Commissioners of that county, Mr. Dickens filed with the Trustees a resolution signed by all members of the Board of County Commissioners, attested by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, approving the issuance of a permit to the above parties. Whereupon the permit was ordered issued and a period of sixty days allowed before payments begin.

Mr. Edw. B. Eppes, representing his client, Mr. B. O. Leach, requested to be advised if the Trustees would issue an oil lease on all large bodies of State land in Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties; also if the Trustees would pay commission for selling the land outright in the event the oil lease was not issued.

Mr. Eppes was advised that the Trustees paid no commission on land sales, but if Mr. Leach would file a plat, showing the acreage desired, the Trustees would consider the oil lease proposition; also that it was the policy of the Trustees to accept not less than the amount of all taxes on land to be leased for oil purposes.

The Land Department presented letter from Cockrell & Cockrell of Jacksonville, making an offer of \$500.00 for the acreage in front of property owned by their client, Mr. Marvin, in Section 7, Township 1 South, Range 28 East, and if this offer was not accepted, requested the Trustees to have the Land Agent make an investigation.

Mr. Amos moved that Mr. Richardson be directed to make an investigation of the land and report. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. A. Y. Milam of Jacksonville, relative to application of Mr. John B. Daniels to purchase land near Mayport.

The matter was deferred until a report could be received from Mr. Richardson, Land Agent.

Mr. Bayless of the Land Department reported that he had applied to the U. S. Land Office for a list of the vacant, unappropriated United States lands in the State of Florida and had been advised that the list would be furnished at the usual cost.

Mr. Knott moved that Mr. Bayless secure the list of vacant lands in the State. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Land applied for by Mrs. Effie B. Wilder, advertised for sale on January 15th, 1929, and postponed on account of objections from the City of Holly Hill, was again brought up as applicant had withdrawn request for the portion to which the city objected and filed amended application.

Mr. Amos moved that the land applied for in the amended application be sold to Mrs. Wilder at the price of \$100.00 per acre, provided the City of Holly Hill would withdraw objection. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Messrs. Dutch, Taylor and Jennings, of the Board of Fire Control, appeared before the Trustees relative to certain amendments to the law creating the present Board of Fire Control.

No action was taken by the Trustees.

Mr. McIntosh, counsel, reported that he had taken up the matter of amount due by Miss Ruth Catts on 320 acres of land purchased from the Trustees on which there was still a balance of \$189.29 principal, and also taxes against the land amounting to \$968.00. He stated that he had received Western Union money order from Ex-Governor Sidney J. Catts for \$189.29, which he asked the Trustees to accept in full settlement of the mortgage.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees accept \$189.29 as final payment on the land and cancel the mortgage of Miss Catts. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliott, Chief Drainage Engineer | \$ 225.00 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent | 333.34 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tax Clerk | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| R. W. Ervin, General Utility Man | 233.34 |
| Robert Wynn, Janitor | 40.00 |
| F. E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla.. | 1.85 |
| The Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 9.00 |
| The Herald Company, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.... | 15.25 |
| H. Clay Crawford, Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Fla. | 5.00 |
| Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Rubie Rowe, Ct. Reporter, West Palm Beach, Fla. | 88.28 |

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| C. B. Gwynn, Land Clerk | \$ 300.00 |
| Bob Simpson, T. C., Miami, Fla. | 7,344.83 |
| J. P. Moore, T. C., Moore Haven, Fla. | 8,503.87 |
| L. C. Kickliter, T. C., Stuart, Fla. | 713.97 |
| D. C. Canfield, T. C., Sebring, Fla. | 1,559.61 |
| J. L. Taylor, T. C., LaBelle, Fla. | 3,213.71 |
| C. H. Collier, T. C., Everglades, Fla. | 31.92 |
| F. M. Tyler, T. C., Ft. Pierce, Fla. | 6.34 |
| J. A. Warren, T. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. | 32,031.04 |
| J. L. Taylor, T. C., LaBelle, Fla. | 1,440.00 |
| R. H. Alderman, T. C., Okeechobee, Fla. | 16.96 |
| Ralph B. Johnson, T. C., Bradenton, Fla. | 1,172.34 |
| Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 55,555.87 |
| Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 17,152.79 |
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| | \$130,746.14 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 2, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control, amounting to \$3,299.45, approved by said Board, were passed by the Trustees for payment from the Fire Tax Fund.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| The Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla. | \$ 27.00 |
| W. H. Tilden, P. O. Box 258, Moore Haven, Fla. | 13.40 |
| A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. | 267.18 |
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| | \$ 307.58 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 6, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Attorney General presented a bill relative to mortgage foreclosure by the State Board of Education and Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, which bill was approved by the Trustees with direction that it be transmitted to the Senate and House of Representatives for introduction.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 9, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of March 26th and April 2nd, presented and approved.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. James A. Dew, relative to division of land in settlement of Entry No. 17092.

Upon motion, duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees decided to stand by former action as to division of the land.

Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, having reported that sovereignty land in Township 38 South, Range 18 East, .80 of an acre, near Osprey, applied for by C. E. Lewis of Osprey, was appraised at \$150.00 for the tract, Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees accept the sum of \$150.00 for the land. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented letter from McGowan-Forshee Lumber Company, making an offer of \$10.00 per acre for the timber on land in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 33 South, Range 21 East.

Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees accept the price of \$10.00 per acre for timber on above described land. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. P. O. Schoelles, who applied to purchase Toe Head Marsh near Apalachicola, containing approximately 20 acres, offered \$200.00 for the Island, provided the Trustees would guarantee title and possession.

Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees refuse the offer of Mr. Schoelles. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

The Land Clerk presented letter from Walter P. Scofield of Tampa, stating that he had discovered phosphate on what he believed to be State land.

The information given being insufficient, Mr. Knott moved that the Land Clerk write Mr. Schofield for definite location of the land. Seconded and adopted.

The Land Clerk presented the written claim of Mr. John M. Sutton, former selecting agent of the Trustees.

Upon motion, duly adopted, the Governor appointed Messrs. Amos and Mayo as a Committee to examine into the claim and make settlement with Mr. Sutton.

Mr. H. F. Tabor of Bradenton, representing Mr. J. L. Kilgore, presented claim for \$2,039.56, growing out of

lands formerly sold to Mr. Kilgore, but re-deeded to the Trustees.

The Governor appointed Messrs. Knott, Davis and Mayo as a Committee to investigate the matter and report to the Trustees.

Application for the approval of the creation of a Drainage District in Glades County, Florida, to be known as LAKE PORT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, was presented to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, jointly, the Trustees being land owners in the proposed area.

Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees and Drainage Board acquiesce in the request of the land owners and approve the creation of Lake Port Improvement District as proposed by Special Act of the Legislature. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented report of A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, on proposed Shell Lease to B. H. Dickens and J. S. Shirey, and it was ordered that the matter be held up pending return of Mr. Richardson.

Application of Mr. Thos. H. Horobin for purchase of sand for fill purposes, was ordered held over until Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, returned.

Letter from Mr. Howard Sharp to Governor Carlton, relative to toll road in Palm Beach County being made a free road, was read and it was ordered that Mr. Elliot confer with Mr. Sharp and ascertain what was desired of the Trustees.

Mr. W. V. O'Donnell, representing Mr. Jas. C. Flannery, requested the Trustees to deed him land equal to first payment on Entry No. 17,202, covering Sections 26, 27, 28, 33 and 34, Township 55 South, Range 38 East, and allow him to re-deed the remainder, and the Trustees then sell him the reconveyed portion at a reasonable price.

The Trustees directed the Land Clerk to ascertain from Mr. O'Donnell what price Mr. Flannery would offer for the reconveyed portion of land.

A letter from Mrs. Joe M. Shingler, dated April 3, 1929, was presented by M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, in which an offer of \$5.00 per acre was made for quit-claim deed to the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, title to which land was conveyed to Mrs. Shingler's husband, based on tax deed from Southern Drainage District; taxes on which have been paid by Mrs. Shingler for a number of years.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that Mrs. Shingler's offer of \$5.00 per acre cash for quit-claim deed be accepted, if consummated immediately, and evidence furnished that she is the sole and only heir of J. M. Shingler, deceased.

Financial statement for the month of March, 1929, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH, 1929

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| Balance in Fund March 1, 1929 | \$227,735.29 | |
| From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 8,557.02 | |
| From sale of Minutes | 3.50 | |
| Refund by Tax Collector of Dade County on acct. of overpay- ment of Everglades Drainage Taxes | 245.22 | |
| From land sales (\$875.29) less 25% to State School Fund (\$218.33) | 656.46 | |
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| | \$237,197.49 | |
| Less Disbursements | 134,858.00 | |
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| Balance on hand April 1, 1929.. | | \$102,339.49 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and Cash Items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in Banks | 101,339.49 | |
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| | | \$102,339.49 |

BALANCES IN BANKS APRIL 1, 1929

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | \$ 16,865.11 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 12,756.66 |
| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 9,026.15 |
| American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla. | 17,142.79 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 10,293.26 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 8,943.79 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 17,037.66 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 9,274.07 |
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| | \$101,339.49 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date 1929 | Check No. | In Favor of: | Amount |
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| Mar. 13, | 7697 | Western Union Telegraph Co. \$ | 1.07 |
| | 7698 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. | 1.03 |
| | 7699 | Wallis Engineering Co. | 107.75 |
| | 7700 | M. C. McIntosh | 76.19 |
| | 7701 | F. E. Bayless | 64.27 |
| | 7702 | Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | 4.25 |
| | 7703 | T. J. Appleyard, Inc. | 35.50 |
| | 7704 | The H. & W. B. Drew Co. | 3.48 |
| | 7705 | W. P. Andrews, T. C. | 14.34 |
| | 7706 | E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. | 1.45 |
| | 7707 | Samuel D. Jordan | 1.50 |
| | 7708 | The Palm Beach Post | 9.00 |
| | 7709 | Old Dutch Carbon & Ribbon Co. | 9.00 |
| | 7710 | D. S. Weeks, C. C. C. | 4.07 |
| | 7711 | J. P. Moore, T. C. | 6.60 |
| | 7712 | W. P. Andrews, T. C. (1 mill tax on Trustee lands in Hendry County) | 3,661.00 |
| | 7713 | The Clearwater Sun | 39.36 |

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| 1929 | No. | | |
| Mar. 13, | 7714 | Lee M. Butler | \$ 10.00 |
| | 7715 | G. J. Wagner | 62.00 |
| 29, | 7716 | Bob Simpson, T. C. (See Min- utes March 25) | 7,344.83 |
| | 7717 | J. P. Moore, T. C. (See Min- utes March 25) | 8,503.87 |
| | 7718 | L. C. Kickliter, T. C. (See Minutes March 25) | 713.97 |
| | 7719 | D. F. Canfield, T. C. (See Min- utes March 25) | 1,559.61 |
| | 7720 | J. L. Taylor, T. C. (See Min- utes March 25) | 3,213.71 |
| | 7721 | C. H. Collier, T. C. (See Min- utes March 25) | 31.92 |
| | 7722 | F. M. Tyler, T. C. (See Min- utes March 25) | 6.34 |
| | 7723 | J. A. Warren, T. C. (See Min- utes March 25) | 32,031.04 |
| | 7724 | J. L. Taylor, T. C. (See Min- utes March 25) | 1,440.00 |
| | 7725 | R. H. Alderman, T. C. (See Minutes March 25) | 16.96 |
| | 7726 | Ralph B. Johnson, T. C. (See Minutes March 25) | 1,172.34 |
| | 7727 | Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. (See Minutes March 25) | 25,418.88 |
| | 7728 | Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. (See Minutes March 25) | 30,136.99 |
| | 7729 | Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. (See Minutes March 25) | 10,000.00 |
| | 7730 | Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. (See Minutes March 25) | 7,152.79 |
| 30, | 7731 | F. C. Elliott | 225.00 |
| | 7732 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 7733 | A. R. Richardson | 333.34 |
| | 7734 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 7735 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 7736 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 7737 | Edwin Barnes, Jr. | 50.00 |
| | 7738 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 7739 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 7740 | Robert Wynn | 40.00 |

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| 1929 | No. | | |
| Mar. 30, | 7741 | F. E. Fenno, C. C. C.....\$ | 1.85 |
| | 7742 | Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 9.00 |
| | 7743 | Herald Company, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. | 15.25 |
| | 7744 | H. Clay Crawford | 5.00 |
| | 7745 | Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C..... | 1.00 |
| | 7746 | Mrs. Rubie Rowe | 88.28 |
| | 7747 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
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| | | | \$134,858.00 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 16, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following report was submitted by the committee designated to review the matter of J. L. Kilgore:

“ April 9, 1929.

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund this morning, the undersigned were designated a committee to pass upon the matter of claim of J. L. Kilgore, arising out of a land transaction between the said Kilgore and Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, and to report said findings to the Trustees.

Pursuant to the above the committee met this afternoon, in the office of the Attorney General, and upon review of the entire matter find as follows: That the said Kilgore, in addition to reimbursement already made by the Trustees of the purchase price previously paid by him upon said land, should receive the following:

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| Unpaid portion of survey | \$ 778.55 |
| Traveling expenses to and from Tallahassee | 514.00 |
| Interest at 4% on purchase price paid. | 747.01 |

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| Total | \$2,039.56 |
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By reason of the uncertainty that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund have authority of law to make such reimbursement, this committee recommends that the said J. L. Kilgore present a bill for relief in the premises to the Legislature and that upon the said bill becoming a law, authorizing the Trustees so to do, the said Trustees reimburse the said Kilgore in the amount of \$2,039.56 as above.

Mr. H. F. Tabor, representing Mr. Kilgore, was present at the meeting and accepts the above recommended arrangement.

Respectfully submitted,

W. V. KNOTT,
Treasurer.
FRED H. DAVIS,
Attorney General.
NATHAN MAYO,

FCE:D. Commissioner of Agriculture."

Upon motion duly seconded, the Trustees adopted the above report as the position and action of the Trustees in the premises.

Minutes of the Trustees of April 6th and 9th were presented and approved.

Upon application of Kerr & Peebles, Paul F. Fusselman, and Webb & Yates, for their clients, land in Pinellas County was advertised for sale on this date, and there being no objections to the sales, Mr. Amos moved that the land be sold to the following parties at a price of \$100.00 per acre:

To William A. Clark—1.50 acres in Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 15 East. (Represented by Kerr & Peebles);

To Julia S. Lucky—0.50 acres in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East. (Represented by Paul F. Fusselman);

To Tacony Trust Company—2.56 acres in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East. (Represented by Webb & Yates).

Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted. Deeds were ordered issued to above parties.

McGowan-Forshee Lumber Company made an offer of \$300.00 for timber in Section 27, Township 33 South, Range 21 East, which the Trustees had agreed to sell at \$10.00 per acre.

The offer of McGowan-Forshee Lumber Company was rejected.

An offer was received from Mr. J. E. Stevens of Crystal River, Florida, of \$2.00 an acre for Lot 11, Section 34, Township 18 South, Range 16 East, Citrus County, containing 40 acres.

Mr. Amos moved that the offer be declined. Seconded and upon vote adopted. Whereupon the offer was declined.

Mr. P. O. Schoelles of Apalachicola, Florida, made an offer of \$200.00 for Tow Head Marsh, near the City of Apalachicola, and agreed to bid not less than that amount on date of sale; also agreed to pay for cost of advertising and survey should he be the successful bidder.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids and objections on the above offer and the following notice was ordered placed in the Apalachicola Times:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 22, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will receive competitive bids in open session, at 10 o'clock A. M., Monday, May 27th, 1929, at Tallahassee, Florida, for the following described submerged lands in FRANKLIN County, Florida:

That certain submerged or sovereignty land which if surveyed would be in Section 5, and/or 8, Township 9 South, Range 7 West, Tallahassee Meridian, and within Forbes Purchase.

The above described submerged or sovereignty land lies on the East side of the channel leading into the City of Apalachicola from the South, and is the small grass island opposite and across the channel from the dock now used by Wing Brothers Ferry, and is known as Tow Head Island.

Containing approximately 20 acres, and not exceeding 25 acres. Lying and being in Franklin County, State of Florida.

Correct description to be furnished with deed. Cost of advertising and survey to be paid by purchaser.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same as therein prescribed.

Terms: Cash.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE, E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, was requested to draft a bill authorizing the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund to lease or sell growing or dead timber and shell in or upon sovereignty lands owned by the State.

Attorney General Davis was requested to draft a bill, authorizing reimbursement to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund for the money loaned in the construction of the Martin Building.

Mr. Willard G. Smith, Chairman of Pelican Lake Farms, Inc., with others, appeared before the Trustees and made an offer of \$50.00 per acre to purchase all land in Pelican

Lake; deed to be made to their Corporation and the Corporation to carry on a system of drainage at their own expense; and agreed to put up a binder of \$2,500.00 to take care of advertising and cost of survey.

Attorney General Davis moved that Mr. Smith deposit the \$2,500.00 binder with the Trustees and have his company submit in writing detail of plans to be carried out, the Trustees to allow thirty days in which to submit this plan. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The binder was deposited with the Trustees and receipt issued therefor.

Mr. A. B. Edwards of Sarasota requested the Trustees to endorse check made payable to the Trustees but which should have been made to him, as it represented difference in interest on land formerly sold to Mr. Edwards by the Trustees and later sold by Mr. Edwards to a third party.

The Trustees authorized Mr. Knott, Treasurer, to endorse the said check to Mr. Edwards.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Southern Telephone & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ | 4.25 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | | .83 |
| Tallahassee Motor Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | | 327.35 |
| D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | | 3.50 |
| H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla. | | 48.50 |
| Everglades Publishing Co., Everglades, Fla. | | 2.00 |
| The Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla. | | 12.36 |
| Obe P. Goode, Clerk, St. Augustine, Fla. | | 1.50 |
| | \$ | 400.29 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:
F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 22, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary reported that the various Tax Collectors of the counties having lands in the Everglades Drainage District had reported numerous lands to the Trustees under the head of "ERRORS" and that it would be advantageous to the Trustees to have such errors disposed of in order that such errors could be reconciled and the books clear on the same; that there appears to be no legislation authorizing making correction of errors or to take care of lands reported by Tax Collectors under the subject "errors"; that a bill should be drafted and passed at this session of the Legislature which would provide that Everglades Drainage District taxes reported by Tax Collectors of the several counties having lands in the Everglades Drainage District should be remitted as to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

Mr. Knott moved that Mr. Elliot be requested to prepare a bill covering the above subject for presentation to the Legislature. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

A letter was presented from R. Don McLeod of Apalachicola, in which he stated that deed was issued in December, 1849, covering land in Township 3 South, Range 9 West; that this deed was never recorded in the county in which the land lies and as deeds were not kept in the land office at that time, no record was made of the transaction; that his client has paid taxes on this land for over 20 years and as he is instituting suit to quiet title, would like to have the Trustees issue quit-claim deed to the land.

The Trustees having no right, title or interest in the said land, it was ordered that Mr. McLeod be advised that the Trustees could not comply with his request.

The Land Clerk presented a letter from the Georgia Loan and Trust Company of Macon, Georgia, requesting correction in deed issued to Sir Edward James Reed, covering land in Section 25, Township 1 South, Range 15 East, Hamilton County, it appearing that the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ was deeded when the description should have been the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, the Trustees not being owners of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

These statements being substantiated, Mr. Mayo moved that the correction deed be issued to Georgia Loan & Trust Company. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Report having been made to the Trustees that cedar was being taken from State lands in Citrus County without permit, the Trustees directed that Sheriff Charles F. Dean be requested to take necessary steps to stop this trespass.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 25, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary reported that the Trustees were indebted to the Drainage Board in the sum of \$114,557.45 from taxes and redemptions. Whereupon the following bill was approved and ordered paid:

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| Board of Commissioners Everglades Drainage District, Tallahassee, Fla. To acreage and One Mill tax received by the Trustees from Clerks of the Courts and Tax Collectors dur- ing the years 1926, 1927 and 1928 | \$114,557.45 |
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Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
April 29, 1929

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of April 16th and 22nd, presented and approved.

The Secretary presented list of lands which Southern Sugar Company wished to exchange for lands owned by the Trustees.

After discussion the Trustees declined to make the exchange except as to E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 7, Township 42 South, Range 38 East, and Section 19, Township 42 South, Range 38 East—Trustee lands—for Section 15, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, and All Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 37 East, lying North of Hillsboro Canal—lands of Southern Sugar Company, which was acted on December 4, 1928.

Mr. Mayo moved that a separate account be kept of funds received by the Trustees from the sale or lease of land, or other revenue, within Everglades Drainage District and make report; also keep account of moneys expended by the Trustees in the Everglades Drainage District, which moneys are derived from the sale or lease of land, or from other sources, outside of the District.

Motion seconded and adopted.

The sale of land in Daniels addition to Mayport to Capt. J. B. Daniels was again considered.

Mr. Davis moved that the land be sold to Mr. Daniels at a price of \$100.00 per acre, subject to advertisement for objections.

Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. L. W. Armstrong of Pahokee applied to purchase land adjoining his upland in Section 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, and offered \$100.00 per acre for same.

Mr. Mayo moved that the land be sold to Mr. Armstrong at the above price with the understanding that purchaser is to pay for survey. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Mr. C. H. Arnold of St. Augustine made an offer of \$2.50 per acre for land in Section 12, Township 7 South, Range 28 East; St. Johns County.

Mr. Mayo moved that the offer be declined. Seconded and adopted.

Mr. Mayo requested the Trustees to purchase a typewriter for the Land Department, to be used in the Trustees work.

It was ordered that the typewriter be purchased for the Land Department, and also that a wide-carriage typewriter be purchased for the Secretary's Office.

Mr. W. H. Lair made an offer of \$50.00 per acre for Lake Bottom land in Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East.

Mr. Amos moved that the land be sold to Mr. Lair at the above price, as it was in accordance with price of other lands in that section. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Settlers in the Pahokee Section made request to the Trustees for reduction in price of land in that vicinity from \$500.00 to \$300.00 for front lots and from \$300.00 to \$150.00 for the back lots.

Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees decline to reduce the price of the land. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, presented letter from Mr. S. C. Raulerson of Southbay, requesting an opportunity for himself and others to appear before the Trustees with reference to adjustment of State lands on which they have settled and against which the Trustees filed ejectment suits.

The Trustees directed Mr. McIntosh to advise Mr. Raulerson that he and associates could be heard on Monday, May 13, 1929.

A letter from Mr. E. P. Green of Bradenton, under date of April 10th, was submitted, in which he inclosed description of land adjacent to Anna Maria Key proposed to be purchased in connection with resolution of the Trustees under date of November 13, 1928, agreeing to convey 6 acres of land to Mr. Green for the sum of \$50.00.

It appearing that the description now submitted by Mr. Green covers approximately 27 acres—4 acres of which are submerged sovereignty land, and about 23 acres of which were originally submerged sovereignty lands, but appear now to be above water and might be considered as accretions to the island—it was agreed that the 4 acres, approximately, of submerged sovereignty lands be conveyed to Mr. Green for the said sum of \$50.00 and that the 23 acres, approximately, of lands appearing to be an accretion to the island be conveyed by quit-claim deed for \$1.00 and other valuable considerations, provided necessary evidence of ownership of the upland by Mr. Green is furnished. All the above land to be advertised for objections.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control amounting to \$19,462.49 approved by said Board, were passed by the Trustees for payment from funds to the credit of the Fire Tax Fund.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ 225.00 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. | 229.16 |
| A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. | 717.38 |
| F. E. Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Tallahassee, Fla. | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Florida | 75.00 |
| Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. | 83.33 |
| R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. | 233.34 |
| L. T. Galpin, Tallahassee, Fla. | 15.00 |
| Roy A. O'Bannon, West Palm Beach, Fla. .. | 76.80 |
| Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 3.29 |
| Kurtz & Roll, Fort Myers, Fla. | 526.45 |
| The Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla. | 22.50 |
| W. H. Warnock, Inverness, Fla. | 15.00 |
| C. J. Rast, Orange Springs, Fla. | 5.00 |
| R. G. Wimberly, Orange Springs, Fla. | 2.00 |
| J. B. Hall, Orange Springs, Fla. | 2.00 |
| J. W. Herrin, Orange Springs, Fla. | 2.00 |
| Helen W. Curtis, Court Reporter, Orlando, Fla. | 15.00 |
| J. D. Raulerson, Bartow Fla. | 1.00 |
| B. J. Hunter, Ocala, Fla. | 17.25 |

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| L. C. Smith & Corona Typewriter Co., Jacksonville, Fla. | 64.50 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. | 300.00 |
| | \$ 2,994.34 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 30, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Honorable Frank J. Wideman of West Palm Beach appeared before the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund with reference to the permanent status of Hunter's Island, which was heretofore withdrawn from sale by the Trustees with the intention that said island should be preserved in its natural state as a bird preserve for the benefit of the citizens of the State of Florida, particularly those of Palm Beach, and presenting a bill to be proposed to the Legislature asking that said island be conveyed to the Town of Palm Beach to be held by said town in trust as a permanent bird preserve for the preservation of bird life on Lake Worth.

Thereupon, it was moved and unanimously passed that the passage of this bill by the Legislature be approved by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund with the proviso that the Act shall not affect the rights of any person or persons other than the State of Florida in said island that may be legally determined to exist.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 6, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of April 25th, 29th and 30th, presented and approved.

Mr. Wesley E. Garrison applied to purchase two tracts of tax land and submitted affidavit of ownership based on having purchased State Tax Certificate on the land, submitting a bid of \$222.50, covering State and County taxes paid by him plus \$90.10, amount of Drainage Certificate, cost, back taxes and interest, and an additional \$1.00.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees advertise the land for sale at a price of not less than \$5.00 per acre over and above all taxes, costs and penalties, except to the original owner. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. C. M. Todd, representing settlers of Pahokee, appeared before the Trustees relative to reduction in price set on lands in that section.

The Trustees ordered that the matter be referred to Mr. Richardson for investigation and report as to whether any reduction could be made in the price.

The Secretary presented a letter from the Board of Fire Control, to which was attached copy of a bill proposed to be introduced at this session of the Legislature, making certain changes in the present Fire Control law.

After reading the letter and bill the Secretary was directed to file same.

Mr. J. W. Edmundson of Fort Lauderdale made a cash offer of \$30.00 per acre for Tracts 1 and 2, Tier 22, and Tract 2, Tier 20, Township 50 South, Range 41 East.

Mr. Amos moved that the Land Department advise Mr. Edmundson that land in that vicinity had not been sold for less than \$50.00 an acre, and that the Trustees would

accept that price. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Cockrell & Cockrell, attorneys of Jacksonville, having applied to purchase 156 acres of land in Section 7, Township 1 South, Range 28 East—Duval County, for their client, Mr. Marvin, the Trustees agreed to sell the land at a price of \$1,000.00 for the 156 acres. The Land Department was directed to so advise Cockrell & Cockrell.

Snell Isle, Incorporated, having applied to purchase submerged lands in Pinellas County, adjacent to their up-land holdings, the Trustees agreed to sell the land subject to advertisement for objections, and the following Notice was placed in the Clearwater Sun:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 10, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, June 18th, A. D. 1929, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in PINELLAS County, Florida:

METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION OF TRACT 1.

Beginning at a point on the seawall, said point being S. 61 degrees 33' 00" E., 1057.0 feet from the SW corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 31 South, Range 17 East;

Thence S. 12 degrees 45' E. 160 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 45 degrees 00' W. 235.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 00 degrees 45' E. 240.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 39 degrees 00' E. 130.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 84 degrees 30' E. 170.0 feet to a stake;

Thence N. 62 degrees 30' E. 190.0 feet to a stake;

Thence N. 1 degree 45' E. 295.0 feet to a stake;

Thence N. 21 degrees 30' W. 140.0 feet to a stake;

Thence N. 75 degrees 15' W. 180.0 feet to a stake;

Thence N. 16 degrees 30' E. 185.0 feet to a point on the Seawall, said point being marked "P. C.";

Thence on a curve bearing to the left, radius 235.0 feet; starting with a tangent bearing of N. 78 degrees 06' 08" E. 76.57 feet along the arc to a point marked "P. C. C.";

Thence on a curve bearing to the left, radius 189.0 feet, starting with a tangent bearing of N. 59 degrees 28' 00" E. 238.77 feet along the arc to a point marked "P. C. C."; thence on a curve bearing to the left, radius 503.0 feet, starting with a tangent bearing of N. 12 degrees 55' 00" W. 43.16 feet along the arc to a point marked "P. C. C.";

Thence on a curve bearing to the left, radius 270.0 feet, starting with a tangent bearing of N. 17 degrees 50' 00" W. 15.0 feet along the arc to the intersection of the seawall and the meander line of the Government survey of 1848;

Thence S. 46 degrees 18' 29" W. along the said meander line, 478.0 feet to the point of beginning; in all containing 6.5 acres more or less.

Lying and being in Section 17, Township 31 South, Range 17 East.

METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION OF TRACT NO. 2.

Beginning at a point on the seawall, said point being S. 53 degrees 28' 20" E. 1108.65 feet from the NW corner of Section 16, Township 31 South, Range 17 East;

Thence Northwesterly on a curve bearing to the right, radius 770.0 feet, starting with a tangent bearing of S. 70 degrees 05' 30" West, 1176.82 feet along the arc to a stake marked "PRC";

Thence Northwesterly on a curve bearing to the left, radius 340.0 feet, starting with a tangent bearing of N. 22 degrees 20' 18" W. 392.71 feet along the arc to a stake marked "PRC";

Thence Northwesterly on a curve bearing to the right, radius 2963.05 feet starting with a tangent bearing of N. 88 degrees 31' 10" W. 153.15 feet along the arc to a stake marked "P1";

Thence South 3 degrees 12' 02" W. 34.35 feet to a stake marked "P.1";

Thence Southeasterly on a curve bearing to the right, radius 1250.0 feet, starting with a tangent bearing South 84 degrees 30' 25" East, 204.51 feet along the arc to a stake marked "PCC";

Thence Southeasterly on a curve bearing to the right, radius 180.07 feet, starting with a tangent bearing of S. 75 degrees 08' 58" East, 313.63 feet along the arc to a stake marked "PRC";

Thence Southwesterly on a curve bearing to the left, radius 619.23 feet, starting with a tangent bearing of S. 24 degrees 42' 55" West, 232.34 feet along the arc to a stake marked "PRC";

Thence Westerly on a curve bearing to the right, radius 340.77 feet, starting with a tangent bearing of S. 3 degrees 12' 02" West 1070.56 feet along the arc to a stake marked "PRC";

Thence Northwesterly on a curve bearing to the left, radius 619.23 feet, starting with a tangent bearing of N. 3 degrees 12' 02" E. 232.34 feet along the arc to a stake marked "PRC";

Thence Northeasterly on a curve bearing to the right, radius 180.0 feet, starting with a tangent bearing of N. 18 degrees 17' 52" W. 313.63 feet along the arc to a stake marked "PCC";

Thence Easterly on a curve bearing to the right, radius 1250.0 feet, starting with a tangent bearing of N. 81 degrees 32' 02" E. 204.51 feet along the arc to a stake marked "P.1";

Thence N. 3 degrees 12' 02" East, 36.38 feet to a stake marked "P.1";

Thence Northwesterly on a curve bearing to the right, radius 3321.0 feet, starting with a tangent bearing of N. 85 degrees 56' 13" W. 542.47 feet along the arc to a stake marked "PCC";

Thence Northwesterly on a curve bearing to the right, radius 797.92 feet, starting with a tangent bearing of N. 76 degrees 34' 57" W. 153.0 feet along the arc to the intersection of the seawall

and the meander line of the Government survey of 1848;

Thence along said meander line N. 1 degree 47' 54" East, 100.0 feet to a stake;

Thence N. 64 degrees 03' 29" East 916.14 feet to a stake;

Thence N. 52 degrees 46' 45" East, 590.88 feet to a stake;

Thence N. 60 degrees 23' 46" East, 859.47 feet to a stake;

Thence N. 52 degrees 07' 40" East, 396.46 feet to a stake;

Thence N. 32 degrees 08' 30" East, 1160.77 feet to the intersection of said meander line and the seawall;

Thence along the seawall S. 40 degrees 45' East 280.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 48 degrees 00' East 280.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 56 degrees 00' East, 280.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 51 degrees 00' East, 245.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 30 degrees 30' East, 245.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 15 degrees 00' East, 245.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 7 degrees 00' West, 245.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 17 degrees 00' West, 280.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 24 degrees 00' West, 400.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 63 degrees 45' West, 400.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 41 degrees 30' West, 400.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 48 degrees 00' West, 400.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 57 degrees 00' West, 400.0 feet to a stake;

Thence S. 66 degrees 30' West, 400.0 feet to the point of beginning.

In all containing 153.5 acres more or less.

Lying and being in Sections 8, 9, 16 and 17,

Township 31 South, Range 17 East, Tracts 1
and 2, in Pinellas County, State of Florida.
Copy of plat to be attached to deed.

NOTICE is given in compliance with Section 1062 of
the Revised General Statutes of the State of Florida, that
any person or persons who have objections to said sale may
have an opportunity to present same on date of sale as
therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliott, Secretary.

Financial statement for the month of April was pre-
sented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL, 1929

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| Balance in Fund April 1, 1929.. | \$102,339.49 |
| From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 20,833.81 |
| Sale of Minutes | 7.50 |
| Refund by Post Publishing Co., acct. overpayment..... | 9.00 |
| From Board of County Commis- sioners, Pinellas County, on ac- count riparian rights | 20.50 |
| Refund a/e overpayment drainage taxes—Broward County | 9.28 |
| Refund a/e overpayment drainage taxes—Hendry County | 15.17 |
| Refund a/e overpayment drainage taxes—Dade County | 136.26 |
| Refund a/e overpayment drainage taxes—Martin County | 1.50 |
| Refund a/e overpayment drainage taxes—Palm Beach County ... | 1,237.82 |
| From Pelican Lake Farms, Inc., to cover part of first payment a/e surveys, advertising, etc... | 2,500.00 |
| From Secretary on account land leases | 300.00 |

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| From Bd. Commissioners Ev. Dr. Dist. a/c payment of \$91,- 102.66 note with accrued inter- est at 3% (Comptroller's war- rant No. 114127) | \$ 92,150.33 |
| Interest on deposits for quarter ending 3-31-29 | 2,114.57 |
| From land sales (\$2,940.69) less 25% to State School Fund (\$735.16) | 2,205.53 |
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| | \$223,880.76 |
| Less Disbursements | \$118,259.66 |
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| Balance on hand May 1, 1929 .. | \$105,621.10 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and Cash Items | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Balances in Banks | 104,621.10 |
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| | \$105,621.10 |

BALANCES IN BANKS MAY 1, 1929

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | \$ 14,502.83 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 5,178.16 |
| Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 23,172.09 |
| American National Bank, Pensa- cola, Fla. | 17,322.51 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 10,606.36 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 7,059.22 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 17,240.44 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 9,539.49 |
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| | \$104,621.10 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date 1929 | Check No. | In Favor of: | Amount |
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| Apr. 2, | 7748 | Clearwater Sun | \$ 27.00 |
| | 7749 | W. H. Tilden | 13.40 |
| | 7750 | A. R. Richardson | 267.18 |
| 17, | 7751 | Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | 4.25 |
| | 7752 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. .. | .83 |
| | 7753 | Tallahassee Motor Company.. | 327.35 |
| | 7754 | D. A. Dixon Co. | 3.50 |
| | 7755 | The H. & W. B. Drew Co..... | 48.50 |
| | 7756 | Everglades Publishing Co.... | 2.00 |
| | 7757 | Clearwater Sun | 12.36 |
| | 7758 | Obe P. Goode, Clerk | 1.50 |
| 27, | 7759 | Board Commrs. Ev. Drainage Dist. | 95,000.00 |
| | 7760 | Board Commrs. Ev. Drainage Dist. | 8,000.00 |
| | 7761 | Board Commrs. Ev. Drainage Dist. | 11,557.45 |
| 30, | 7762 | F. C. Elliott | 225.00 |
| | 7763 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 7764 | A. R. Richardson | 717.38 |
| | 7765 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 7766 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 7767 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 7768 | Edwin Barnes, Jr. | 50.00 |
| | 7769 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 7770 | R. W. Erwin | 233.34 |
| | 7771 | L. T. Galphin | 15.00 |
| | 7772 | Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. | 76.80 |
| | 7773 | Wallis Engineering Co. | 3.29 |
| | 7774 | Kurtz & Race | 526.45 |
| | 7775 | The Clearwater Sun | 22.50 |
| | 7776 | W. H. Wamock | 15.00 |
| | 7777 | C. J. Rast | 5.00 |
| | 7778 | R. J. Wimberly | 2.00 |
| | 7779 | J. B. Hall | 2.00 |
| | 7780 | J. W. Herrin | 2.00 |
| | 7781 | Helen W. Curtis | 15.00 |
| | 7782 | J. D. Raulerson | 1.00 |
| | 7783 | B. J. Hunter | 17.25 |

| Date | Check | In favor of: | Amount |
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| 1929 | No. | | |
| Apr. 30, | 7784 | L. C. Smith & Corona Type- | |
| | | writer Co. | \$ 64.50 |
| | 7785 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
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| | | | \$118,259.66 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of May 6th presented and ordered approved.

The Secretary presented an offer from Mr. R. W. Ervin of \$2.00 per acre for 129 acres of land in Section 21, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Leon County.

Mr. Amos moved that the offer be rejected. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented statement of \$436.80 due for taxes and delinquencies on 20 acres of land in Section 18, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, sold to Fred S. Aiken in 1922, and on which he has paid no taxes or any part of the principal and interest.

After discussion it was ordered that the matter be held for further consideration.

Webb & Yates, Inc., of Gulfport, made application to purchase 0.31 acres of land in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, for a client, John W. Bate, offering \$100.00 per acre.

The offer was accepted, subject to advertisement for objections, and the following advertisement was ordered placed in the Clearwater Sun;

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, June 18th, A. D. 1929, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Beginning at a point 3,696.77 feet south of and 655.94 feet west of the Northwest corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East. Said point of beginning being on the original Government Meander Line and also being the Southeast Corner of Lot 5 of John P. Leslie's Subdivision of the east one-third of Government Lot 2 of said Section 33;

Thence south 320 feet;

Thence north 48 degrees 40 minutes west 60.57 feet;

Thence north 280 feet to the southwest corner of aforesaid Lot 5 of John P. Leslie's Subdivision;

Thence east 45.48 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 0.31 of an acre, more or less, lying and being in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, State of Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,

Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

An offer was received from Wallis Engineering Company, for a client, to purchase timber in Hernando, Marion, Alachua and Sumter Counties, offering the market price for said timber.

Upon motion of Mr. Knott, seconded and adopted, the matter was referred to Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, for investigation as to the State's holdings in those counties.

Mr. J. D. Brown of Sanford made an offer of \$600.00 for 40 acres of land in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 21 South, Range 31 East, Seminole County.

The Trustees not being advised as to the value of this land, the matter was deferred and the Land Agent directed to make an investigation and report.

Mr. S. E. Plage of Winter Haven, purchaser of 131 acres of land in Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 26 East, Polk County—near Lake Alfred—Entry No. 17218, who is due the Trustees a balance on this transaction of \$3,406.00, makes request to settle the indebtedness on a 50% basis.

Upon motion seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to waive interest on the amount, provided the principal was paid up immediately. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Plage.

Model Land Company requested the Trustees to set a price on land in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 21 South, Range 32 East—40 acres in Seminole County.

The Trustees directed Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, to make an examination and report his appraisal of the land.

Mr. T. J. Moore made application to purchase a small island in Lake Istokpoga, containing approximately 38 acres.

The Trustees being of the opinion that they were not authorized to sell the land, directed the Land Department to so advise Mr. Moore.

Mr. Mayo presented request of W. I. Singleton for reduction of the minimum price contained in his Sand Lease.

After discussion Mr. Mayo moved that in view of the fact that Mr. Singleton is taking only a very small amount of sand from Lake Weir, that the price be reduced to \$5.00 per month. Seconded and adopted.

Mr. Chas. M. Todd of Pahokee, representing settlers of the Pahokee section, requested the Trustees to reduce the price fixed on lands which they desired to purchase, the

original price being \$500.00 for front lots and \$300.00 per acre for the muck land.

After consideration of the matter the Trustees agreed on a price of \$350.00 for the front lots and \$200.00 per acre for the muck area, provided the parties would close the purchases within sixty days.

The sale of lands in Pelican Lake was ordered postponed until after adjournment of the Legislature.

Mr. J. M. Rowe of the firm of Baynes & Rowe, representing seven settlers on State land, against whom ejection suits had been filed by the Trustees, requested the Trustees to reduce the price of these lands which had been placed at \$50.00 per acre, and allow his clients to purchase.

After discussion Mr. Knott moved that the matter be deferred until after the adjournment of the Legislature and that the ejection suits be continued until such time as counsel for the Trustees advised Mr. Rowe. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. L. C. Yeomans, member of the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, appeared before the Trustees relative to the report that cedar was being cut from State lands in his county without permit. Mr. Yeomans reported that he was quite sure that the State lands were being trespassed upon but if the Trustees would make a cruise of the cedar in that section and take the matter up with Mr. Lucien Hughlett of Crystal River, manager of Standard Cedar Company, he felt sure the timber could be sold at the market price.

Mr. Knott moved that Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, make an investigation of the timber and report to the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted. Mr. Yeomans was thanked for the interest he had taken in the matter.

Mr. C. F. Dodson requested the Trustees to allow him to foreclose mortgages, pay up all taxes on lands purchased from the Trustees in 1925 by him and associates, and then allow him a credit of the first payment on the land—approximately \$50,000.00—on other lands owned by the State.

Mr. Amos moved that the matter be held for a full membership of the Trustees. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ 15.25 |
| T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. | 2.50 |
| Southern Telephone & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 4 95 |
| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.... | 2 00 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla..... | 6.49 |
| E. B. Leatherman, Clerk, Miami, Fla..... | 7.01 |
| J. F. Garner, Clerk, Ft. Myers, Fla. | 7.00 |
| Bonnie A. Willis, Inverness, Fla. | 7.00 |
| George C. Crom, Gainesville, Fla. | 187.80 |
| | \$240.00 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 20, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Application was received from Wallis Engineering Company, representing client O. Darden, for the purchase of 29.17 acres of lake bottom land within the limits of Sections 25 and 26, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, outside the meander of Lake Okeechobee, and offered \$50.00 per acre for the land.

Mr. Mayo moved that the offer of \$50.00 per acre be accepted, the purchaser to pay for cost of survey. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. C. F. Dodson, requesting the Trustees to allow him to foreclose mortgages and clear up all taxes on lands purchased from the Trustees in 1925, thereby vesting title to the land in the Trustees and apply the first payment made by Mr. Dodson and associates of approximately \$50,000.00 on other land owned by the State.

Mr. Davis moved that the Trustees allow Mr. Dodson to reconvey three-fourths of the land, after all taxes and mortgages have been cleared up, retaining one-fourth represented by the first payment and if it is desired that an exchange for other lands be made, the Trustees will make such exchange, provided the transaction is consummated within one year from this date. The Trustees to set the price on the land to be exchanged. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented letter from Walsh, Beckham, Farley & Ellis, attorneys, representing Mr. Wm. G. Blanchard, again requesting the return of first payment on land purchased from the State in Broward County, being Tracts 14 and 15, Section 32, Township 50 South, Range 41 East.

Mr. Mayo moved that as it was through no fault of the State that the deed had not been delivered to Mr. Blanchard, but his failure to execute mortgage, that the Trustees reaffirm their action of February 11th, 1929, agreeing to deed him land equal to the first payment and allow him to re-deed the remainder of the land contained in the original purchase. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Application was received from Knight, Pace & Holt, representing their client, Investment Syndicate Incorporated, to purchase oil and mineral rights on land to which they do not have legal title.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to advise Knight, Pace & Holt that they did not feel justified in issuing lease on the lands under the existing circumstances.

Mr. R. H. Bagley, Sr., whose son, R. H. Bagley, Jr., was drowned during the 1928 storm in the Everglades, and who purchased 9.77 acres of land in Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, paying \$750.00 cash and giving notes for the balance, requested the Trustees to deed him land equal to the amount paid by his son.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees deed Mr. Bagley land represented by the first payment, the selection to be made from plat to be furnished. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Land Clerk again presented the matter of \$436.80 taxes outstanding against 20 acres of land in Section 19,

Township 43 South, Range 37 East, in the purchase of Fred S. Aiken, December 27th, 1921, on which he made a cash payment of \$350.00, reporting that no further payments on the principal, interest or taxes have been made and Mr. Aiken can not be located by letter.

Mr. Knott moved that the taxes be paid to protect the Trustees' interest and that mortgage be foreclosed in order to get the title back in the State. Seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted.

Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, presented letter from Conrad & Meyer of New Haven, Conn., making application to lease for oil purposes the 266,700 acres of land in Broward and Dade Counties advertised for petroleum lease December 4, 1928.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees do not enter into such lease as they had previously taken the position that they would not lease these lands for oil purposes. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, stated that Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, had reported finding certain sand material in West Florida which could be disposed of if the Trustees had authority to do so, and presented draft of a bill for consideration. The bill authorized the Trustees to sell or lease any phosphate, earth or clay, sand, gravel, shell, mineral, metal, timber or water, or any other substance similar to the foregoing, in, on, or under the sovereignty lands of the State of Florida.

After consideration the Attorney General moved that the Trustees approve such bill for passage by the Legislature. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 24, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. H. L. Mead, manager of the American Cyanamid Company, reported to the Trustees that his company was putting in a plant on Tampa Bay, and their attorneys had advised that it would be advisable to secure a quit-claim deed from the State to the bay bottoms adjacent to their uplands out to a three-foot depth, and it was for the purpose of securing this deed that he was appearing before the Trustees.

After discussion of the proposition the Attorney General presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The American Cyanamid Company proposes to actually bulkhead, fill in and improve certain submerged lands in Hillsboro County, Florida, on Tampa Bay, and proposes to acquire title to said submerged lands under Chapter 8537, Acts of 1921, Laws of Florida, entitled "AN ACT Granting and Confirming Riparian Rights and Submerged and Filled-in Lands"; and

WHEREAS, upon the completion of the acquisition of said title the said American Cyanamid Company desires to obtain from the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund record evidence showing a release and quit-claim of all rights which said Trustees Internal Improvement Fund would have had in said lands had the improvements not been accomplished, as well as the lands additional thereto and connected therewith as shown upon plat of proposed plant site this day submitted to the Trustees; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund that upon the completion of the actual bulkheading and filling-in of a substantial portion of said lands in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 8537, which completion shall be examined and approved by the Engineer of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, and report to the Trustees of such completion for ratification, that the Trustees will grant a quit-claim deed to the said American Cyanamid Company to all of said lands and to the submerged lands as well as the filled-in portion thereof

shown upon map presented to the Trustees and according to description to be furnished the Trustees, upon payment of \$500.00 to the Trustees therefor.

Upon vote the resolution was adopted.

The Attorney General moved that pending examination and report of the Engineer that the filling-in had been completed as required by law, that the quit-claim deed from the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund be placed in escrow pending completion of such filling in and construction of the plant to be constructed on the filled-in area. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

The Attorney General suggested that Knight, Thompson & Turner, attorneys for American Cyanamid Company, furnish form of deed to be executed to the said company, giving correct description of land, which was agreed to.

Dr. Thomas E. Wills appeared before the Trustees and requested that the remainder of land which the Trustees had set aside for Palm Beach County, being approximately 1,500 acres, be converted into cash and the amount realized from said sale be applied on the construction of a road along North Canal and on necessary work in the canal.

The Trustees requested the Chief Drainage Engineer to make a report as to the cost of this work with his recommendations. Further action on the matter was deferred until after the adjournment of the Legislature, and Dr. Wills was so advised.

Mr. W. T. Wallis, representing Brown Company of Portland, Maine, requested the Trustees to issue proxy to Mr. W. C. Lord of Brown Drainage District to vote the acreage of the Trustees in that district at a meeting of the landowners to be held during the month of June, 1929.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees executed proxy to Mr. W. C. Lord of Belleglade to vote the acreage of the Trustees at the meeting to be held in June.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
May 27, 1929

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of May 13th, 20th and 24th, presented and approved.

Senator John W. Watson of Miami and Representative E. Bruce Youngs of Dade County appeared before the Trustees relative to a bill to be presented to the Legislature granting to the City of Miami certain submerged land for an airport.

After discussion the Attorney General suggested that the bill authorize the Trustees to grant certain submerged and partly submerged lands in Biscayne Bay to the City of Miami for municipal purposes, including an airport for said city, and to set aside and reserve lands necessary for that purpose, which suggestion was approved by the Trustees.

Messrs. Watson and Youngs were advised that the Trustees had no objection to the passage of a bill such as the Attorney General suggested. The Attorney General was requested to draft the Bill.

Land in Franklin County, described as Tow Head Marsh, near the City of Apalachicola, advertised for sale on this date, upon application of P. O. Schoelles Company, was deferred on account of objections filed by Mrs. Clara Popham claiming ownership.

The Secretary presented report of Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, on mineral bearing sand, which examination was made following application of Dr. T. E. Kennedy for lease.

The report was ordered filed and action on lease postponed for a full membership of the Trustees.

The Secretary presented telegram from Perry, Bell, Bollinger and Johnson, making application to purchase land in Pelican Lake.

The matter was ordered held over until after adjournment of the Legislature.

Mr. H. R. Williams made application to purchase submerged land adjacent to his upland property.

The matter was ordered referred to Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, for examination as to evidence of title of the upland ownership.

Mr. W. T. Wallis who made an offer March 12th, for Pelican Lake and Pelican Bay, requested the Trustees to allow him to file a supplemental bid to be considered when the sale of these lands was taken up.

The Trustees advised Mr. Wallis that if he would submit his supplemental bid in writing the same would be considered.

Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, presented letter from Mr. T. W. Shands, asking to be advised when he might appear before the Trustees.

Counsel was directed to notify Mr. Shands that the Trustees would be in session Monday, June 3, and he could be present at that time.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, presented the matter of check from Mr. Fred E. Fenno, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County, drawn on the Citizens Bank, (which bank closed its doors June 26, 1928,) and advised that certificates were being held in this office, payment for which had been made to Mr. Fenno and that parties redeeming were anxious to get the certificates and clear up the matter.

The Trustees ordered that the Certificates reported by the Clerk as paid be released to the parties redeeming, and that Counsel for the Trustees take the matter up with Mr. Fenno with a view to ascertaining the status of securities deposited in the Bank to take care of check to the Trustees covering redemptions.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ 225.00 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. | 229.16 |

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| A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ 333.34 |
| F. E. Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Tallahassee, Fla. | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. | 75.00 |
| L. T. Galphin, Tallahassee, Fla. | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. | 83.33 |
| R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. | 233.34 |
| Robert Wynn, Janitor, Tallahassee, Fla. | 40.00 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. | 300.00 |
| Josh L. Barber, Clerk, Okeechobee, Fla. | 3.86 |
| Samuel D. Jordan, Clerk, DeLand, Fla. | 2.25 |
| Fred E. Fenno, Clerk, West Palm Beach, Fla. | 436.80 |
| Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 270.40 |
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| | \$ 2,595.82 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

Ernest Amos,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 3, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Minutes of May 27th, presented and approved.

Mr. T. W. Shands of Gainesville, Florida, made application to purchase 2,172.45 acres of land in Orange Lake, all lying east of a line drawn north and south through the middle of Sections 15 and 22, Township 12 South, Range 22 East, Alachua County, offering \$1.25 per acre for the land.

Mr. Amos moved that action on the application be deferred for a full board meeting. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Cromwell Gibbons of Jacksonville made application for right-of-way or easement over and under Tampa Bay in Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 17 East—30,000 feet in length by 800 feet in width, covering approximately six miles, for the purpose of constructing a tunnel and causeway.

After discussion Mr. Amos moved that the matter be referred to counsel for an opinion as to whether the Trustees are authorized to make such easement, and also that the matter be given publicity in Hillsboro and Pinellas Counties. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. B. D. Dickens of Wewahitchka appeared before the Trustees relative to dredging live shell in the Dead Lakes, Gulf County.

A bill having been passed at the regular session of the Legislature authorizing the Trustees to make leases for dredging such shell, the Trustees directed that the Secretary and Counsel obtain information and data from other States issuing leases for such material and report their findings. Mr. Dickens was advised that action would be taken as soon as the above information was received.

Mr. William Bloom, purchaser of 28 acres of land in Section 19, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, in 1927, for which he paid \$155.00 per acre on competitive bids, requested an adjustment in the price paid.

After due consideration the Trustees advised Mr. Bloom that they could not make any reduction in the price as the purchase was made on competitive bids, but if payment of \$1,080.00 due last October was made within thirty days and the second payment due in August of this year, was made promptly, the Trustees would cancel interest to date—interest from this date to continue. The offer was accepted by Mr. Bloom.

Wallis Engineering Company having submitted a bid for Pelican Lake and Pelican Bay land on May 11th, appeared before the Trustees and presented written supplemental bid to be considered when action is taken on the sale of these lands. The Trustees directed that supplemental bid be filed with the Land Department.

Wallis Engineering Company made an offer of \$50.00 per acre for land outside the meander line of Lake Okeechobee, lying north of Torry Island in Section 25, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, containing 55 acres—purchaser to furnish survey and description.

Mr. Amos moved that the matter be postponed for further consideration. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees decided to decline all offers to purchase land outside the meander line of Lake Okeechobee until a definite location for the dyke around Lake Okeechobee had been finally determined.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. Carl T. Hoffman, representing Mr. Jas. C. Flannery, with reference to request for adjustment on lands purchased from the Trustees in Township 55 South, Range 35 East, and making application for release of one and one-fourth sections of land contained in the purchase.

The Attorney General moved that Mr. Flannery be allowed to foreclose all mortgages on the land at his expense and re-convey three-fourths of original purchase; and upon completion of these transactions the Trustees would sell to him the reconveyed three-fourths at \$10.00 per acre on terms and release the one and one-fourth sections desired. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Hoffman.

Mr. Arthur Wells, purchaser of land under Entries No. 17064 and No. 17121, requested extension of one year on note due the Trustees upon payment of the interest.

The Trustees agreed to allow the extension upon payment of the interest.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, having been requested to make examination of land in Seminole County, applied for by J. D. Brown with an offer of \$600.00 for the 40 acres in Section 2, Township 21 South, Range 31 East, appraised the land as being worth \$100.00 per acre.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly adopted, the offer of Mr. Brown was declined and the Land Department was directed to advise him that the Trustees would sell the land for \$4,000.00.

Mr. B. F. Hampton having filed school selection on certain land near Venice, on which Mr. John M. Sutton filed swamp selection, requested the Trustees to withdraw the swamp selection.

The Trustees directed that the swamp selection prevail and that Mr. Hampton be so advised.

Mr. William Bloom made an offer of \$50.00 per acre for 40 acres of sovereignty land in the NE corner of Pelican Bay, adjoining Pelican River.

Upon motion, duly adopted, this application was ordered held over until after the adjournment of the Legislature.

Chuluota Land Company made application to purchase Section 19, Township 31 South, Range 32 East, Seminole County, on which land they hold tax deed.

The Land Agent having appraised this land at \$50.00 per acre, Mr. Amos moved that the Land Department advise Chuluota Land Company that the Trustees will accept that price. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees having agreed to sell certain land in Duval County to Mr. John V. Daniels, the following advertisement was ordered placed in the Times-Union:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 3, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, July 9th, A. D. 1929, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in DUVAL County, Florida:

DANIEL'S ADDITION TO MAYPORT

For a point of beginning to the description of the land herein conveyed, commence at the Northeast corner of Section 19, Township 1 South, Range 29 East, run thence South 1 degree 3 Minutes East along the eastern boundary of said Section 19, as extended across the St. Johns River 5,287.92 feet to the southeast corner of said Section 19 (which point is in the St. Johns River);

Thence continue South 1 degree 3' East along the eastern boundary of Section 30, 102.9 feet to an 8" x 8" concrete post with brass cap marked "U. S. Property Line" situated in said east line of Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 29 East;

Thence run South 65 degree 55' 15" West 957.2 feet to the Northwest corner of tract of land conveyed to the U. S. Government by the State of Florida by deed dated February 26, 1929 (which point is the point of beginning of the tract of land herein conveyed and which point is located in the present highwater mark of the St. Johns River);

From the said above described point of beginning, run South 72 degrees 28' West 360 feet, along highwater mark of the St. Johns River;

Thence South 55 degrees 35' West 675 feet along highwater mark of the St. Johns River;

Thence South 46 degrees 12' 15" West 539.3 feet along highwater mark of the St. Johns River;

Thence South 47 degrees 38' East 419 feet;

Thence North 71 degrees 05' 30" East 265 feet;

Thence North 44 degrees 20' 30" East 1,256.6 feet;

Thence North 42 degrees 49' 15" West 219.5 feet along the West line of U. S. Tract to point of beginning.

Containing 15.3 acres, more or less, known as DANIEL'S ADDITION TO MAYPORT, according to Plat recorded in Plat Book 7, page 44, of the public records of Duval County, Florida, being the land herein conveyed. Lying and being in Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 29 East, Duval County, State of Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

May bills of the Board of Fire Control, amounting to \$4,973.15, approved by said Board were passed by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for payment from the Fire Tax Fund.

Financial Statement for the month of May was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY, 1929

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| Balance in Fund May 1, 1929 .. | \$105,621.10 | |
| From land sales under Chap. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Chap. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 35,506.83 | |
| Refund on account of overpay- ment Drainage Taxes—Broward County | 391.62 | |
| From Fire Control Board on ac- count repayment of loan (Comp- troller's Warrant No. 116093) | 15,977.45 | |
| From sale of Minutes | 1.50 | |
| From Land Sales (\$520.35) less 25% to State School Fund (\$130.09) | 390.26 | |
| | <u>\$157,888.76</u> | |
| Less Disbursements | 2,835.82 | |
| Balance on hand June 1, 1929 ... | | \$155,052.94 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and cash items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in banks | 154,052.94 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$155,052.94 |

BALANCES IN BANKS JUNE 1, 1929

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | \$ 14,502.83 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 5,178.16 |
| Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 56,473.36 |
| American National Bank, Pensa- cola, Fla. | 17,322.51 |

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| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 10,606.36 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 23,189.79 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 17,240.44 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 9,539.49 |

\$154,052.94

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date | Check 1929 No. | In Favor of— | Amount |
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| May 14 | 7786 | W. H. May, Postmaster | \$ 15.25 |
| | 7787 | T. J. Appleyard, Inc | 2.50 |
| | 7788 | Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | 4.95 |
| | 7789 | Western Union Telegraph Co. | 2.00 |
| | 7790 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. | 6.49 |
| | 7791 | E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. | 7.01 |
| | 7792 | J. F. Garner, C. C. C. | 7.00 |
| | 7793 | Bonnie A. Willis | 7.00 |
| | 7794 | George C. Crom | 187.80 |
| 28 | 7795 | F. C. Elliot | 225.00 |
| | 7796 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 7797 | A. R. Richardson | 333.34 |
| | 7798 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 7799 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 7800 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 7801 | L. T. Galphin, Jr. | 50.00 |
| | 7802 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 7803 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 7804 | Robt. Wynn | 40.00 |
| | 7805 | J. L. Barber, C. C. C. | 3.86 |
| | 7806 | Samuel D. Jordan, C. C. C. | 2.25 |
| | 7807 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 436.80 |
| | 7808 | Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. | 270.40 |
| | 7809 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |

\$2,835.82

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.

June 10, 1929

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Minutes of the Trustees of June 3, 1929, presented and approved.

Mr. Jas. Messer of Tallahassee appeared before the Trustees and made application to purchase approximately 3 acres of submerged land, extending into the Gulf of Mexico 653.4 feet by 200 feet wide, adjacent to his upland on Palm Island, at East Goose Creek, Wakulla County, Florida.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees sell the land to Mr. Messer at a price of \$10.00 per acre, subject to advertisement for objections as required by law. Motion seconded and duly adopted. The land was ordered advertised upon description being furnished.

The Secretary presented proposition of Southern Sugar Company for exchange of certain land with the Trustees on an acre for an acre basis.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded and duly adopted, the matter was held over for a full board meeting.

The Secretary presented telegram and letter from Mr. R. G. Johnson, with request that proxy be issued to him to vote the acreage of the Trustees in Pahokee Drainage District.

The Trustees not having sufficient information as to the purpose of the meeting, declined to grant proxy.

The Secretary presented application of Mr. A. L. Matthews to purchase tax land in Section 7, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Glades County, containing 480 acres, or to lease the land for three or five years, with option to purchase at expiration of lease.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees do not lease the land but that it be advertised for sale at a price not less

than \$7.00 per acre, plus all taxes and costs, except to the original owner. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, having reported on mineral bearing sand applied for by Dr. T. S. Kennedy, and recommending a royalty of 25 cents per ton for the sand, the Trustees directed him to advise Dr. Kennedy of the price and ascertain if he desired the Trustees to take action on his request for an option.

Mr. H. J. Anderson, one of the settlers purchasing land in the Pelican Lake section, advised the Trustees that a small portion of the tracts—31-A and 32-A, Section 24, Township 42, Range 37, which he was purchasing was outside the meander line and he desired to know what price the Trustees would place on the land.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees decided to sell this piece of land at the same price as other land—\$200.00 per acre, and directed the Land Department to so advise Mr. Anderson.

Mr. W. C. Caldwell made application to purchase the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 14 East—40.04 acres and offered \$10.00 per acre for the same.

The offer was declined.

Mr. P. K. Smiley of St. Petersburg, represented by his Attorneys, Donelly & Williams, made application to purchase sovereignty lands adjacent to his upland in Section 19, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, at a price of \$100.00 per acre.

The Trustees directed Mr. Richardson to make an examination of the land and report, whereupon the application would be considered.

Wallis Engineering Company, representing Chas. Moran, made an offer of \$50.00 per acre for land adjacent to the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 30, Township 42, Range 37—100 acres.

The Trustees ordered that this application be held over for a full meeting of the Trustees.

The Attorney General presented a bill which had been submitted to him by Representative Robineau of Dade

County, authorizing the Trustees to donate certain land for an Everglades National Park to occupy the South-western extremity of the Peninsula of Florida, in Monroe and Dade Counties.

The Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board was requested to go over the Bill and report to the Trustees the status of the State lands involved.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 11, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Cromwell Gibbons of Jacksonville appeared before the Trustees and requested that they recommend the passage of a General Law authorizing the Trustees to sell certain lands under the tidal waters of the State beyond the three-foot depth.

Upon motion seconded and duly adopted, the matter was ordered referred to the Attorney General for what action he deemed proper.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 13, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Commissioner of Agriculture brought to the attention of the Trustees the matter of land selections made by Mr. John M. Sutton, while Selecting Agent for the Trustees, and desired to know the pleasure of the Trustees with reference to Appeals on these selections.

The Attorney General moved that in each instance where an appeal was necessary, that the Commissioner of Agriculture be authorized to address a letter to Mr. Sutton, giving him specific instructions and authority to prepare Appeals on that certain Entry where he has been instrumental in making the selection.

Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

Ernest Amos,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 17, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of June 10th, 11th, and 13th, presented and approved.

Senator John W. Watson and Messrs. Ernest Cotton and John W. Watson, Jr., representing the City of Miami, appeared before the Trustees relative to Act of the Legislature authorizing the Trustees to deed to the City of Miami for airport purposes, certain land in Biscayne Bay.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the matter was held over until the return of the Attorney General.

Mr. T. A. Waits of Pahokee requested the Trustees to reduce the price on Lots 3 and 4 of Section 23, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, which he purchased from the Trustees.

Mr. Mayo moved that the original price stand. Seconded and upon vote adopted. Mr. Waits was so advised.

The Secretary presented copy of House Bill No. 503, authorizing the Trustees to grant certain land to Tropical Everglades Park Association for a National Park.

The matter was ordered held over for further consideration.

The Secretary presented data on the subject of Mussel Shell lease, and his recommendations as to form of lease to be issued.

The Trustees directed Mr. Elliot and Mr. McIntosh to prepare lease as suggested and submit to Messrs. Dickens & Shirey, for their consideration.

Stapp, Vining & Ward, attorneys of Miami, representing George H. Snyder and Thos. H. Horobin, requested the Trustees to forward original mortgages No. 17311-A, 17311-B and 17311-C from George H. Snyder and No. 17235 from Thos. H. Horobin, with notes, to be used as evidence in foreclosure suits against the land.

The Trustees agreed to grant the request and the Land Department was directed to forward such documents.

Mr. T. W. Conley, Jr., of Okeechobee, on behalf of J. H. Walker, Sr., purchaser of land in Eagle Bay section, requested the Trustees to allow Mr. Walker to reconvey three-fourths of the land and cancel mortgages and notes and allow him to retain one-fourth, represented by the first payment.

Upon motion seconded and duly adopted the request was granted and the Land Department directed to so advise Mr. Conley.

The Land Department presented request from a purchaser, asking that he be allowed to reconvey land purchased and have amount paid refunded to him, as he was unable to pay balance due or take care of the taxes on the land.

The request was denied.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, | |
| Fla. | \$ 2.14 |
| Southern Telephone & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, | |
| Fla. | 4.25 |

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| Charles Williams Hardware Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | \$.65 |
| Apalachicola Times, Apalachicola, Fla. | 15.00 |
| Fred E. Fenno, Clerk, West Palm Beach, Fla. | 1.80 |
| Underwood Typewriter Co., Atlanta, Ga. | 159.50 |
| Ralph Johnson, Tax Collector, Bradenton, Fla. | 176.88 |
| Underwood Typewriter Co., Atlanta, Ga. | 2.00 |
| W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. | 10.00 |
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| | \$ 372.22 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 18, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Senator John W. Watson and Messrs. Ernest Cotton and John W. Watson, Jr., appeared before the Trustees relative to Act of the Legislature of 1929 session, authorizing the Trustees to grant certain land in Biscayne Bay to the City of Miami for airport and harbor purposes.

The Attorney General called the attention of the Trustees to the fact that the School Fund had to be protected in the disposition of State land, and that some price should be agreed upon as the School Fund's equity in the land.

Mr. Amos moved that the interest of the School Fund in the land to be granted to the City of Miami be sold at \$10.00 per acre, and that legal notice for objections be published for 30 days. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted. Whereupon, the following notice was ordered placed in the Miami Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 18, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, July 23rd, A. D. 1929, at Tallahassee, to consider the transfer of the following described submerged land in Dade County, Florida, to the City of Miami, Florida:

Beginning at a point on the East boundary of Section 8, in Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida, 1,000 feet North of the Southeast corner of said Section 8;

Thence West parallel with the South boundary of said Section 8, a distance of 5,280 feet more or less, to a point on the West boundary of said Section 8, 1,000 feet North of the Southwest corner thereof;

Thence South on the West boundary of Section 8 to the Southwest corner of the Section;

Thence West on the North boundary of Section 18, 1,000 feet;

Thence South to a point 150 feet North of the center line of the proposed causeway, said distance of 150 feet being measured at right angles to the axis of the said causeway;

Thence Northwesterly parallel with and at a distance of 150 feet at right angles with said causeway to a point where the said line intersects the harbor and bulkhead line as established by the United States on the West Side of Biscayne Bay;

Thence following said Harbor and Bulkhead line Southwesterly to a point 150 feet Southwesterly of the center line of said causeway as measured at right angles thereto;

Thence Southeasterly parallel with and at a distance of 150 feet from the center line of said proposed causeway to a point 1,000 feet West of the Eastern boundary of Section 18;

Thence South to the intersection of said line with the South boundary of said Section 18;

Thence continuing in Section 19, 1,000 feet;

Thence East 1,000 feet, more or less, to the Eastern boundary of said Section 19;

Thence South along the Eastern boundary of Section 19, 1,300 feet more or less;

Thence in an Easterly direction to connect with the Southwestern extremity of Virginia Key;

Thence following the West shore line of Virginia Key in a general Northerly and Northeasterly direction to its intersection with the East boundary of Section 17;

Thence North along the East boundary of Section 17, to the Northeast corner of said Section;

Thence North along the East boundary of Section 8, a distance of 1,000 feet to the point of beginning first above described;

Containing 1,047 acres, more or less, all being in Township and Range first above described.

This Notice is published pursuant to an Act of the 1929 Session of the Legislature, reserving, setting aside and granting to the City of Miami certain submerged lands and bay bottoms in Biscayne Bay for public purposes, in which the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are authorized to convey to the City such submerged lands or bay bottoms, or any part thereof, and is notice to owners of adjacent property which may be affected by the proposed improvement, that they may appear and state their legal, valid objections, if any, to the proposed conveyance.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

The Trustees agreed to loan the Drainage Board \$100,000.00 until November 1, 1929, and accepted note of the Board therefor.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date, upon application of Snell Isle, Incorporated, 153.5 acres of submerged land adjacent to upland ownership in Sections 8, 9, 16 and 17, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, being Tracts 1 and 2, Pinellas County, upon an offer of \$100.00 per acre, and no objection being filed or presented, Mr. Amos moved that the land be sold to Snell Isle, Incorporated, at the above price. Motion seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

The Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed to Snell Isle, Incorporated.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date land in Pinellas County, applied for by Webb & Yates for John W. Bate, upland owner, being 0.31 of an acre in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, and no objections being filed or presented, the sale was consummated to Mr. Bate at a price of \$100.00 per acre.

The Land Department was directed to issue deed.

C. L. Wilder of Pahokee requested the Trustees to exchange lands purchased by him (which are now on the lake side of the levee) in Section 25, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, and Section 30, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, for Sovereignty lands between his upland and the levee in front of Lot 5, Section 25, Township 42 South, Range 36 East.

After discussion, the Trustees decided to defer action as the location of the dike or levee has not been definitely decided upon. Mr. Wilder was advised that his application for exchange would be deferred until a later date.

C. L. Wilder requested extension on payment due by him on land which he contracted to purchase from the Trustees.

An extension of thirty days was granted to Mr. Wilder, or to July 18th, 1929, and the Land Department was directed to advise other purchasers in that section that this extension would be granted.

Mr. James Messer of Tallahassee, having made application to purchase land in front of his upland at East Goose Creek, the Trustees ordered the following advertisement placed in the Wakulla County News:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 18, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, July 23rd, A. D. 1929, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in WAKULLA County, Florida:

That Tract or Lot of land in Wakulla County, Florida, described as follows:

An extension of four (4) lots, each one hundred (100) feet square, making a square two hundred (200) feet each way and covering that particular plot of ground generally known as "Palm Island" at East Goose Creek, in Lot No. 120 of Hartsfield Survey, and which said extension embraces a tract or lot formed by the projection, extension and prolongation of the side lines of said square two hundred (200) feet each way to and into the Gulf of Mexico for a distance of six hundred fifty-three and four-tenths (653.4) feet, said side lines being two hundred (200) feet apart and parallel, the said tract containing three (3) acres, more or less.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON, Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 24, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol building.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The Secretary presented the matter of approval of Mussel Shell lease, applied for by Messrs. Dickens & Shirey of Gulf County, the terms of which had been agreed on by the Trustees and Messrs Dickens & Shirey.

The Trustees approved the lease in final form and directed the Secretary to furnish copy of same to Messrs. Dickens and Shirey for execution and for bond to be filed. Upon receipt of bond and lease, the Trustees will affix their signatures and seal.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ | 230.00 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | | 229.16 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent | | 333.34 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | | 75.00 |
| L. T. Galphin, Jr., Tax Clerk | | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | | 83.33 |
| R. W. Ervin, General Utility Man | | 233.34 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Chief Land Clerk | | 300.00 |
| | \$ | 1,847.51 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 1, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Minutes of the Trustees of June 17th, 18th, and 24th presented and approved.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. T. W. Conley, Jr., representing Harley Holmes, requesting the Trustees to return \$300.00 deposited in 1925 by Mr. Holmes for the purchase of land in the Eagle Bay section, to which deed was never issued on account of survey never having been made.

Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees refund the \$300.00 deposit of Mr. Holmes upon his surrendering any claim to the land. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

W. C. Caldwell made an offer of \$1.00 per acre for 40 acres of land near Jasper, Florida.

The offer was declined.

T. C. Douglas of Welaka made an offer of \$100.00 per acre cash for an island in the St. Johns River in Sections 35 and 36, Township 10 South, Range 26 East, containing from 8 to 15 acres, about 8 miles south of Palatka.

The offer was declined.

Treadwell & Treadwell of Arcadia requested adjustment on land purchase of Miss Ruth McElya, the land having sold at \$100.00 per acre.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees allow Miss McElya to retain one-half of the land, represented by payments made, and reconvey the balance, which reconveyed portion the Trustees would sell to her for \$1,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Bayless of the Land Department presented letter from Hull, Landis & Whitehair of DeLand, relative to recent purchase of land for the City of New Smyrna, and requesting the Trustees to retain a vendor's lien, or some similar instrument, as they were of the opinion that the City of New Smyrna had no authority to sign and execute mortgage and notes for the purchase of this land.

The Trustees ordered the matter referred to Counsel for opinion and report.

Wallis Engineering Company submitted supplemental bid for land in Pelican Lake, exclusive of the portion desired by the organization of twelve farmers, and making an offer of \$100.00 per acre for land outside the meander of Pelican Lake in Section 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, lying east of the Florida East Coast Railway, containing approximately 40 acres.

Mr. Knott moved that this bid be filed with original bid to be considered when other applications for land in Pelican Lake are before the Trustees for final disposition. Seconded, and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented letter from Doggett, Christy & Doggett, representing Southern Sugar Company and R. G. Johnson, relative to land covered by Entry No. 16366, originally purchased by R. G. Johnson, in which the Southern Sugar Company acquired an interest, requesting the Trustees to cancel the said Entry 16366 and issue deed to Southern Sugar Company for their interest, and to R. G. Johnson for his interest, and take separate mortgages and notes for balance due on the land.

Mr. Amos moved that the request be complied with upon abstract being furnished and provided note due in August this year is promptly paid. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

H. F. Wagner made an offer of \$300.00 per acre for Lot 1 in Section 9, Township 54, Range 42—1.82 acres on the north end of Virginia Key.

The offer was declined.

Messrs. W. A. Dutch and L. W. Jennings, Chief Fire Warden and Attorney for the Board of Fire Control, which Board was abolished by the 1929 Session of the Legislature, appeared before the Trustees relative to disposition of equipment and property of the Fire Board.

After discussion the Trustees requested Mr. Dutch to have inventory made of the property of the Fire Board and turn over such list and all office equipment to Glenn V. Scott, Engineer of the Drainage Board at West Palm Beach.

Mr. Knott moved that Mr. Dutch and the five deputies in the field be retained to carry on the work in the district until the organization of the new Everglades Board and that the headquarters of the Fire Board be moved to the field office of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District under the supervision of Glenn V. Scott. Motion seconded and upon vote adopted.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control for the month of June amounting to \$2,356.68, were presented, approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be issued on the Fire Tax Fund.

Mr. L. W. Jennings of Okeechobee, representing the Trustees of land in Eagle Bay section, requested the Trustees to execute release of their interest in crops raised on the land embraced in the trusteeship, in order that the purchasers

may secure a loan of \$25.00 per acre from the Government for planting crops this season.

Mr. Knott moved that the release be granted as to the crops for the fall and winter season. Motion seconded and adopted.

Mr. J. Stuart Lewis presented claim for one-fourth balance which he claims to be due the City of Jacksonville and the counties of Jefferson and Leon for land apportioned to said City and counties on account of railroad bonds.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted the matter was deferred for a full board meeting.

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| The following bills were approved and ordered paid: | |
| Board of Commissioners Everglades Drainage | |
| District, Tallahassee, Fla. | \$152,876.71 |
| Board of Commissioners Everglades Drainage | |
| District, Tallahassee, Fla. | 240.00 |
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| | \$153,116.71 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 9, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Minutes of July 1st presented and approved.

Mr. T. W. Shands requested the Trustees to take action on his application for purchase of 2,172.45 acres of land in Orange Lake, all lying east of a line drawn north and south through the middle of Sections 15 and 22, Township 12 South, Range 22 East, Alachua County, with an offer of \$1.25 per acre.

The Trustees requested Mr. Elliot to make an examination of the land applied for and report as soon as possible, at which time action would be taken.

The Trustees having advertised land in Duval County for sale on this date, being described at Daniels Addition to Mayport in Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 29 East—approximately 15 acres—upon application of John V. Daniels, and no objections being presented or filed, the sale was made to Mr. Daniels at a price of \$100.00 per acre.

Mr. Milam, attorney for Mr. Daniels, being present, was advised that deed would be issued and forwarded as soon as possible.

Pahokee Drainage District again requested the Trustees to issue proxy to R. G. Johnson to vote the acreage of the State at a landowners meeting, the purpose of which is to vote on the issuance of \$10,000.00 of bonds.

The Trustees agreed to issue proxy to Mr. Johnson to vote the acreage of the State.

The Secretary presented brief of H. J. Chapman, on behalf of Okeelanta Plantation Company, relative to lands contained in Deed No. 16,195, dated December 15, 1908, portions of which were described as Fractional Sections owing to no survey having been made.

The Trustees directed counsel to answer brief of Mr. Chapman.

Numerous applications having been received for the purchase of land in Pelican Lake, the Trustees directed the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board to have survey made of the meander of Pelican Lake.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. W. G. Smith, representing Pelican Lake Farms, Incorporated, requesting that land in Section 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, be excluded from their application as this land is not bay bottom and not desired by his company.

Mr. Amos moved that the land be excluded from the application of Pelican Lake Farms, Inc. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. Albert Johnstad, secretary to Board of Fire Control, requesting that he be retained for the month of July to close up accounts of the Fire Board, and also requested that an auditor be sent down to check his accounts.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees directed that Mr. Johnstad balance his accounts to date

and bring all books and accounts to Tallahassee to be audited by the accountant of the Trustees and Drainage Board.

The Land Department presented letter from Messrs. Ira Bell, W. Moody and C. L. Moody, requesting that they be given additional extension of time in which to make payments on land purchased from the Trustees.

This land having been sold at a reduced price on condition that payment be made within a certain time, Mr. Amos moved that no further action be taken until the time for payment had expired, which would be July 18th, 1929. Seconded and adopted.

Mr. Jas. A. Dew requested the Trustees to make adjustment on his land purchase for which he paid \$175.00 per acre; a balance of \$10,935.00, with interest from May 28, 1924, to this date, being due.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees abide by action taken on this matter February 11, 1929. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, reported that he was receiving numerous applications to lease land of the State in the Pelican Lake section, and desired to know the wishes of the Trustees as applications were on file for the purchase of some of the land.

Mr. Knott moved that Mr. Richardson rent or lease all land available owned by the State. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Wallis Engineering Company, representing Chas. Moran of Pahokee, amended his application of June 10th to include only the sovereignty land within the projected limits of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 30, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, excepting therefrom a 500-foot right-of-way for the dyke, with the understanding that Mr. Moran has the right to purchase any of the dike right-of-way which is not needed by the district, and offering \$50.00 per acre for the land.

After discussion the Trustees decided not to sell the land applied for, as the location for the dike has not been decided on definitely. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Wallis.

Wallis Engineering Company requested the Trustees to take action on their application of June 3rd for the purchase of sovereignty lands outside the meander line of Lake Okeechobee, lying north of Torry Island county road right-of-way, located in Section 25, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, containing approximately 55 acres, for which \$50.00 per acre was offered.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees decided not to sell the land at this time and the Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Wallis.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, was directed to take up the matter of ejectment suits against settlers on State land in Palm Beach County and notify attorney for the defendants that the Trustees will sell the land at a price of \$50.00 per acre for immediate acceptance, otherwise the prosecution of the cases would be resumed.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ 2.52 |
| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | .99 |
| Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 4.25 |
| T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. | 2.60 |
| Fred E. Fenno, Clerk, West Palm Beach, Fla. | 12.90 |
| K. B. O'Quinn, Clerk, Clearwater, Fla. | 2.15 |
| The Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla. | 67.50 |
| E. B. Leatherman, Clerk, Miami, Fla. | 7.45 |
| H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville, Fla. | 3.50 |
| A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. | 223.90 |
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| | \$ 327.76 |

Financial statement for the month of June presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE, 1929

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| Balance in Fund June 1, 1929. | \$155,052.94 |
| From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts 1925 | 11,380.25 |
| From Drainage Tax Fund (Cer- tificates erroneously sold Trus- tees) Comptroller's Warrant No. 133692 | 45.36 |

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| Sale of Minutes | \$ 1.50 | |
| Sale of gravel | 171.04 | |
| Sale of sand | 5.00 | |
| From land sales (\$81,538.02) less 25% to State School Fund (\$20,384.49) | 61,153.53 | |
| | <u>\$227,809.62</u> | |
| Less Disbursements | 2,219.73 | |
| Balance on hand July 1, 1929... | | \$225,589.89 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and Cash Items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in Banks | 224,589.89 | |
| | <u>\$225,589.89</u> | |

BALANCES IN BANKS JULY 1, 1929

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | \$ 17,502.83 | |
| Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 5,178.16 | |
| Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 120,547.96 | |
| American National Bank, Pen- sacola, Fla. | 17,322.51 | |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 10,606.36 | |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 26,652.14 | |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 17,240.44 | |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 9,539.49 | |
| | <u>\$224,589.89</u> | |

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date | Check No. | In Favor of: | Amount |
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| 1929 | | | |
| June 18, | 7810 | Western Union Telegraph Co..\$ | 2.14 |
| | 7811 | Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | 4.25 |

| Date | Check No. | In favor of: | Amount |
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| 1929 | | | |
| June 18, | 7812 | Charles Williams Hardware Co. | \$.65 |
| | 7813 | The Apalachicola Times | 15.00 |
| | 7814 | Fred E. Fenno, Clerk | 1.80 |
| | 7815 | Underwood Typewriter Co.... | 159.50 |
| | 7816 | Ralph Johnson, T. C. | 176.88 |
| | 7817 | Underwood Typewriter Co. ... | 2.00 |
| | 7818 | W. H. May, Postmaster | 10.00 |
| 27, | 7819 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | 7820 | F. C. Elliot | 230.00 |
| | 7821 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 7822 | A. R. Richardson | 333.34 |
| | 7823 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 7824 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 7825 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 7826 | L. T. Galphin, Jr. | 50.00 |
| | 7827 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 7828 | R. W. Erwin | 233.34 |
| | | | \$ 2,219.73 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
July 23, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of July 9th, presented and approved.

Consideration of the sale of land in Wakulla County, advertised to be sold on this date upon application of

Mr. James Messer of Tallahassee, June 18, was taken up and objections called for.

The Secretary presented written objections from W. B. Myers, representing H. N. Walker and Daisy Walker, and from Y. L. Watson, representing B. M. Thomas, both parties claiming ownership of the land advertised.

After discussion and hearing of objections, Mr. Mayo moved that the sale be deferred and the matter referred to Counsel of the Trustees for an opinion as to claims of parties objecting. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

On June 18th, 1929, the Trustees agreed to deed to the City of Miami 1,047 acres of submerged land in Biscayne Bay, as authorized by Chapter 13666, Acts of the Legislature of 1929, and subject to advertisement for objections; also subject to the interest of the School Fund, which was fixed at \$10.00 per acre, or \$2,617.50 for the School Funds' interest in the land.

This date having been set for hearing, H. Pierre Branning, Attorney for Miami Bank & Trust Company, holders of mortgage on lands of Miami Real Estate Company, entered protest to the sale on the grounds that a conveyance would tend to deprive them of security upon riparian rights, and by clouding title, etc.

A letter was presented from F. H. Rand, Jr., President of Virginia Key Company, advising that his company had no objection to the sale or grant of land to the City of Miami, provided the Eastern boundary of the land shall be 800 feet from the Western boundary of his land.

A resolution from the City Commission of the City of Miami, extending appreciation for the grant of this land was received.

Brown Company of Portland, Maine, purchaser of Sovereignty land under Deed No. 17,215 dated May 11, 1925, filed a letter with the Trustees requesting that their interest be protected in case filling operations contemplated by them should be objected to by the City of Miami.

For taking care of objections filed by Miami Bank & Trust Company, and for the protection of Brown Company and their development in Biscayne Bay without interference from the City of Miami, and other similar situations, the Trustees directed that the following clause be inserted in the conveyance to the City of Miami:

“Provided, that this conveyance shall in no way extinguish or affect any lawful lien or trust deed mortgaging riparian rights which may conflict with the above conveyance, or any prior or present existing rights of any party or parties, owning or having an equity in lands or bottoms adjacent to the tract hereby conveyed, and this conveyance is made expressly subject to such provisions.”

Messrs. Ernest Cotton and John W. Watson, Jr., representing the City of Miami, agreeing to the above provisions, and upon receipt of check for \$2,617.50 in payment of the School Funds' interest in the land, the Trustees executed grant to the City of Miami.

Mr. F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary, reported to the Trustees that he and Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, had made an investigation of the land applied for by Mr. T. W. Shands, the land being located in Orange Lake, Alachua County.

After discussion Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees advertise the land for the highest bid, with the right to reject any and all bids, and if sold that certain reservations be made in the deed for protection of adjacent property owners. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Whereupon the following advertisement was ordered placed in the Gainesville News and the Ocala Banner:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 23, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will receive competitive bids in open session, at 10 o'clock A. M. on the 27th day of August, A. D. 1929, at Tallahassee, Florida, for a tract of land in ALACHUA County, Florida, being a part of the bottom of Orange Lake, more particularly described as follows:

All those parts of Sections 1, 12, 13, 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of 15, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of 22 and 23 and 24, being part of the Bed of Orange Lake in Township 12 South, Range 22 East;

Containing 2,172.45 acres, more or less.

The sale contemplates certain improvements for the reclamation of the said land and the provision for certain corrective works to protect that part of Orange Lake to the West of the above described tract against change in water level from existing normal conditions, all of which are to be performed by the purchaser; information as to which may be obtained from the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

Certified check for \$100.00 must accompany each bid. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

Requests for information, and bids should be addressed to the Secretary of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund at Tallahassee.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON, Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Albert O. Johnstad, secretary of the abolished Board of Fire Control, had brought up his accounts and records for checking by the accountant of the Trustees, and that Mr. Johnstad advised that all equipment of the Fire Board had been moved to the office of the Assistant Engineer of the Drainage Board at West Palm Beach.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees ordered that Mr. Johnstad be paid his salary for the month of July, together with expenses on his trip to Tallahassee.

Mr. Amos moved that the Deputy Fire Wardens be paid their usual salary of \$100.00 per month and that they be allowed a mileage account not exceeding \$50.00 per month. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees directed that Mr. Scott be notified of this action of the Trustees to become effective August 1st, 1929.

Mr. Vernon Price-Williams made application for oil lease on 33,280 acres of land in the Everglades Drainage District, located in Township 50 South, Range 35 East, Broward County, and in Townships 52, 54 and 55 South, Range 35 East, Dade County, and agreed to pay all taxes on the said lands in quarterly payments.

Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees issue oil lease to Mr. Price-Williams on the above described land for a term of

five years upon payment of all the taxes on the lands as follows: One-fourth of the current year taxes upon execution of the lease and the balance in three, six and nine months. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot and Counsel for the Trustees were requested to draw lease with certain conditions required by the Trustees.

Mr. Willard G. Smith, representing farmers in Pelican Lake section, requested the Trustees to take action on their application for the purchase of Pelican Lake at the earliest possible date and requested that these lands not be leased until such action was taken.

The Attorney General advised that he would be in a position to report on the plans of the Pelican Lake Farmers Corporation at the next meeting of the Trustees.

The Trustees notified Mr. Smith that he would be advised of the action of the Trustees on his application.

Mr. J. Stuart Lewis having presented statement of one-fourth payment claimed by City of Jacksonville, Jefferson and Leon counties, the Trustees agreed to pay these amounts—three-fourths of the entire amount having been paid February 19, 1929. The minutes of May, 1916, disclosed that other counties between Leon and Duval counties had received payment on this basis and the following amounts represent full and final settlement of claims against the Trustees of the above city and counties:

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| City of Jacksonville | \$ 549.45 |
| Jefferson County | 180.28 |
| Leon County | 2,548.48 |
| Total | \$3,278.21 |

Messrs. J. L. Doggett, Jules M. Burguières and F. Dean Duff, of the Southern Sugar Company, requested the Trustees to make exchange of certain lands owned by them for lands of the Trustees, and advised that in making the exchange Southern Sugar Company contemplated taking over mortgage of Tatum Brothers, the cash payment on which would be approximately \$18,000.00, the balance to be paid one-fourth each year.

The Trustees requested Southern Sugar Company to furnish Mr. Elliot with list of lands to be exchanged and upon receipt of report from Mr. Elliot action would be taken.

Mr. J. Gordon Jones of Jacksonville requested the Trustees to advise if the State owns an island in the St. Johns River known as "Radcliff Island," and if so whether it was for sale and at what price.

The Land Department was directed to make investigation as to ownership and if title is in the State to request Mr. Jones to make an offer for the island.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. Carl T. Hoffman, representing Mr. Jas. C. Flannery, relative to adjustment of Entry No. 17202 covering Sections 26, 27, 28, 33 and 34, Township 55, Range 38, requesting the Trustees to allow Mr. Flannery to re-convey Sections 27, 33 and 34 and cancel all certificates against the land; Mr. Flannery to retain Section 26, free of all liens and after clearing the re-conveyed sections, thereby reducing the mortgage indebtedness, apply the balance due against Section 28.

Mr. Davis moved that the Trustees stand by the proposition made Mr. Flannery June 3rd, for adjustment on his entry. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department was directed to advise Mr. Hoffman of the action of the Trustees.

Mr. M. H. Rosenhouse advised that his client, Mr. Goodkind, held second mortgage on 102 acres of land in Township 55 South, Range 41 East, sold by the Trustees to Miami-New York Realty Company in Entry No. 17149, and requested that extension be given on the first mortgage, allowing Mr. Goodkind to foreclose the second mortgage and procure title to the land.

Mr. Davis moved that the Land Department ascertain from Mr. Rosenhouse amount of payment Mr. Goodkind will make and how much time he will need to pay balance on the land. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. William Bloom's offer of \$75.00 per acre for 40 acres of land in Pelican Bay was denied, the Trustees having passed an order that lands in that vicinity be withheld from sale until definite location of the dyke was made.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin's request, that the Trustees pay approximately \$2,200.00 taxes due on 40 acres of land at Homestead, which he purchased from the Trustees, until he could foreclose mortgages and reimburse the Trustees, was denied.

Judge Rivers Buford requested that transfer be made of the credit he has with the Trustees to apply on his purchase of 120 acres of land in Section 16, Township 15 South, Range 13 East, Levy County, owned by the School Board, which purchase amounts to \$1,500.00.

The Trustees granted the request and directed the Land Department to make the transfer from the Trustees' funds to School Board.

Mr. R. G. Johnson of West Palm Beach made application for Mr. S. W. Bollinger to purchase land near Bacom Point, offering \$50.00 per acre for same.

The application was denied as all lands in that vicinity are being withheld from sale pending location of the dyke.

The Land Department presented application of Jas. A. Dew to sell his mortgage to Mr. J. B. McDonald and allow Mr. McDonald to foreclose the same.

The Trustees withheld action on the matter and directed the Land Department to ascertain what Mr. McDonald offered for the mortgage.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, reported that three of the Lake Port settlers were ready to purchase land which the Trustees had agreed to sell them, but others could not make payment at this time; however, they desired to purchase under contract.

The Attorney General moved that sales contracts be issued to these parties to be held by the Trustees and specified payments made.

Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, brought to the attention of the Trustees the matter of ejectment suits against parties in Palm Beach County. Whereupon, the Trustees adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On May 13, 1929, Mr. J. M. Rowe of the firm of Baynes & Rowe, attorneys, West Palm Beach, representing seven settlers on State land, against whom ejectment suits had been filed by the Trustees, requested the Trustees to reduce the price of the lands proposed to be purchased by said settlers; and

WHEREAS, After discussion the matter was deferred until after the adjournment of the Legislature and the ejectment suits were directed to be continued until such time as Counsel for the Trustees should advise Mr. Rowe; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the Trustees that they should receive \$150.00 per acre for the surveyed swamp and overflowed lands involved in these suits and \$50.00 per acre for unsurveyed sovereignty lands, the purchaser to pay for survey; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the above prices not be reduced and that the Attorney for the above settlers be so advised.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the said settlers have until September 1st, 1929, to deposit with the Trustees in cash one-fourth of the purchase price of lands proposed to be purchased by said settlers at the above rates and that in the event of the failure of any of said settlers to make said deposit on said date, the Trustees reserve the right to advance the price on said lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon failure of any of said settlers to make the above deposit on said date that Counsel for the Trustees be instructed to proceed with the ejectment suits or to institute such other legal proceedings as may be deemed expedient to conserve the interests of the Trustees.

Counsel for Trustees was directed to advise Mr. Rowe of this action of the Trustees.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| City of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Fla. | \$ 549.45 |
| Jefferson County, Monticello, Fla. | 180.28 |
| Leon County, Tallahassee, Fla. | 2,548.48 |
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| | \$3,278.21 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 30, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The minutes of the Trustees for July 23rd, 1929, presented and approved.

The Trustees having directed Mr. Elliot and Mr. McIntosh to prepare oil lease applied for by Mr. Vernon Price-Williams, Mr. Elliot presented the lease for consideration of the Trustees. After discussion, the Trustees approved and executed the lease which covered 33,280 acres of land in Township 50 South, Range 35 East, Broward County, and Townships 52, 54 and 55 South, Range 35 East, Dade County, in Everglades Drainage District, and accepted the one-fourth payment of all taxes on the land for the current year.

Mr. Vernon Price-Williams advised the Trustees that he would like to have an opportunity to purchase the land described in the oil lease executed to him, but it would be necessary to get in touch with his associates before definitely making an offer, and requested the Trustees to give him an option on the land for a certain length of time.

The Trustees requested Mr. Price-Williams to submit his proposition in writing and it would be given consideration.

Southern Sugar Company, represented by J. L. Doggett, Jules M. Burguières and F. Dean Duff, having made application July 23rd to exchange certain lands for lands of the Trustees, submitted a list of lands in two tracts from which the Trustees might make a selection in exchange for lands owned by the State, the basis of exchange being one and one-half acres of Southern Sugar Company's lands for one acre of State lands. Mr. Burguières advised the Trustees that in consideration for the exchange his company would agree to construct and put into operation a sugar mill at Canal Point with a capacity of 5,000 tons per day.

Mr. Mayo moved that the matter be taken under advisement and a meeting held later in the day for final action. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented report of Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, on the application of Mr. Jas. Messer to purchase submerged land adjoining his upland property at East Goose Creek, to which objections were presented on July 23rd, by Messrs. H. N. Walker and B. M. Thomas of Wakulla County.

The Trustees being advised that a certain suit was pending in court involving this property, decided to withhold action until suit was definitely disposed of. Mr. Messer was advised of the action of the Trustees.

Mr. R. G. Johnson again submitted application of Mr. S. W. Bollinger to purchase land for which he had applied during the first part of this year, and stated that Mr. Bollinger would purchase the land subject to location of right-of-way for dyke.

The Trustees agreed to take the matter under advisement at some future date.

Mr. James Ball, representing the Wallis Engineering Company, made an offer of \$100.00 per acre for 40 acres of land in Section 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, with payment of one-fourth cash and balance in one, two and three years.

A letter was read from Mr. W. G. Smith, president of Pelican Lake Farms, in which he stated the land in Section 17 was not desired by his company.

Mr. Amos moved that the offer of Wallis Engineering Company of \$100.00 per acre for the land be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. P. O. Schoelles of Apalachicola having made application to purchase Toehead Island, and objections having been filed to the sale of the island by Mrs. Daisy Popham, who claimed ownership, the Trustees ordered that Mrs. Popham and Mr. Schoelles be notified that final action would be taken August 6th, 1929.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. R. Y. Patterson desiring to know if the Trustees would guarantee to release the South 130 feet of Lot 1, Section 11, Township

44 South, Range 36 East, covered by the Jas. A. Dew purchase, if his company sent up amount necessary to pay taxes on the 130-foot strip.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Patterson that as soon as abstract is furnished and proof that all taxes are paid, the whole mortgage will be released.

Wallis Engineering Company having represented one of the Pahokee settlers and assignment of his claim to the land having been made to Wallis Engineering Company, application was made by the company to purchase Lot 20 and Tract 20 of Sections 23 and 24, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, at the price paid by others—\$350.00 for the lot; \$200.00 per acre for land back of the ridge and \$50.00 per acre for lake bottom.

No other parties having prior claim and Wallis Engineering Company having rented the land last year, Mr. Amos moved that sale be made, to the said Company at the above prices. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. T. W. Apte, who deposited \$400.00 in 1925 to apply on his purchase of Tract 26, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, asked that he be given an extension until September 1st for final payment on the tract.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant the extension until September 1st, 1929.

The Trustees ordered that all other lots in the Pahokee settlement, payments for which have not been arranged, be taken off the market for the present.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin requesting a loan of \$1,000.00 from the Trustees to pay taxes due on land contained in purchase made from the Trustees.

The Land Trustees not being authorized to make such loans, the Land Department was directed to advise Mr. Horobin that his request could not be granted.

Chapter 8412, Acts of 1921, requires the Trustees to certify lands owned by the State in Everglades Drainage District to the Drainage Board for assessment by the Tax Assessors in the several counties in the district.

The Trustees ordered that the same valuation as last year be certified to the Board.

The Secretary called attention of the Trustees to Senate Bill No. 607, Chapter 13632, Acts of 1929, authorizing the redemption of lots in Everglades Drainage District on an acreage basis.

After discussion Mr. Amos moved that the Clerks of the Court be notified to carry out the provisions of Chapter 13632, Acts of 1929. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary called the attention of the Trustees to Section 21 of Chapter 13633, Acts of 1929, which provides that lands held by the Trustees shall be subject only to District taxes and special assessments levied against such lands.

The Attorney General moved that Counsel for the Trustees and Drainage Board render an opinion as to this portion of the Act. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented application of T. A. Bass for appointment as Deputy Fire Warden for Everglades Drainage District.

The 1929 Act of the Legislature having repealed the law authorizing appointment of fire wardens, the Trustees directed that no action be taken at present.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented letter from Dr. T. S. Kennedy, advising that schedule of royalty for mining mineral bearing sand from the waters of Santa Rosa Sound was satisfactory to him and requested an option of ninety (90) days in which to make tests.

The following schedule was approved by the Trustees and Dr. Kennedy allowed ninety days in which to make tests for mineral:

Royalty of 25c per ton shipping weight for un-refined sands containing Ilmenite, Zircon, Rutile, Monazite, etc., or if any such mineral bearing sands shall be refined at a plant located within a radius of 75 miles of the natural deposits of such mineral bearing sands, the royalty shall be based on the market value of the several minerals refined or separated mechanically or otherwise from such sands as follows:

Ilmenite—10% of the market value F. O. B. plant or refinery.

Zircon—7% of the market value F. O. B. plant or refinery.

Rutile—3% of the market value F. O. B. plant or refinery.

Monazite—2½% of the market value F. O. B. plant or refinery.

Or if any other minerals shall be refined or separated mechanically or otherwise from such mineral bearing sands or from the minerals named, a royalty of 1% of the market value of such mineral or minerals F. O. B. the plant shall be paid to the State.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ 225.00 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent | 569.78 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| H. L. Shearer, Tax Clerk | 41.96 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| R. W. Ervin, Gen. Utility Man | 233.34 |
| Robert Wynn, Janitor | 40.00 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Land Clerk | 300.00 |
| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 3.45 |
| Kurtz & Roll, Ft. Myers, Fla. | 361.98 |
| Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, Fla. | 24.75 |
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| | \$2,501.09 |

The Trustees recessed to meet at 3:30 o'Clock P. M.

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All members present, the Trustees met pursuant to recessed meeting.

Application of Southern Sugar Company for exchange of lands, postponed from the morning session, was brought up for consideration. Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees decline to exchange land with Southern Sugar Company, but would entertain offer for sale of the land desired by the said company. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote unanimously adopted.

Mr. J. L. Doggett, representing Southern Sugar Company, made a proposition to take over mortgage of Tatam

Land Company for certain sections of land near holdings of Southern Sugar Company, at the same price the land was sold to the Tatum Company—\$47.50 per acre—with a cash payment of approximately \$18,000.00, balance to be paid in one, two and three years; the back taxes on the land for the past four or five years to be assumed by the Trustees.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees decline the offer. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Attorney General Davis moved that the land be sold to Southern Sugar Company at \$47.50 per acre plus all outstanding taxes. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

This offer was declined by Southern Sugar Company.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 6, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of July 30th, 1929, presented and approved.

The Secretary advised the Trustees that requests were being received for information as to sale of Orange Lake in Alachua County, and presented memorandum of information necessary. The memorandum was approved and the Secretary directed to have copies sent out to interested parties.

The Secretary read letter from Everglades Tropical Park Association, advising that definite plans would be submitted as soon as action was taken by Congress with reference to a National Park in the southern part of the State. The letter was ordered filed.

The Trustees having notified Messrs. P. O. Schoelles and Wm. L. Popham that consideration of the sale of Toehead Island, lying on the east side of the channel leading into the City of Apalachicola from the south, would be had on this date, Mr. Popham appeared in behalf of his mother, Mrs. Daisy Popham, and exhibited deeds, tax receipts and other papers, through which she claimed title to the island. Mr. Schoelles, who had applied to purchase the island at a price of \$200.00, not being present or presenting any claim, the Trustees agreed to sell the island to Mrs. Popham at a price of \$225.00 and issue quit-claim deed to her.

The Land Department was directed to advise Mr. Schoelles of the action of the Trustees.

The Trustees recessed to meet at 3:00 O'clock P. M.

3:00 O'clock P. M.

The Trustees met pursuant to recessed meeting of the morning with Messrs. Amos, Knott, Davis and Mayo present.

Mr. J. R. Poland made application to purchase a portion of Section 8, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, lying in front of his property.

Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees sell this piece of land to Mr. Poland at a price of \$50.00 per acre. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. J. R. Poland advised the Trustees that he owned Lot 18, in Section 8, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, and desired to purchase land lying on the south boundary line of Section 8, west of the southwest corner of Lot 18.

Mr. Poland was advised that as this land was adjacent to upland ownership of other parties, they would have Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, make an investigation of the conditions before action was taken. Mr. Richardson was directed to make an examination and report to the Trustees.

Mr. Ernest Lindrose requested an extension of one year on his Entry No. 18,847. The Trustees agreed to grant the extension for one year provided Mr. Lindrose paid interest to date.

In reply to action of the Trustees July 23rd, relative to purchase of Jas. A. Dew mortgage, the Land Department presented letter from J. B. McDonald of Orlando, offering \$9,000.00 for the 10,935.00 plus interest—\$3,757.00—making a total for principal and interest of \$14,692.00.

Mr. Mayo moved that the offer of Mr. McDonald be declined and that the Trustees make a counter proposition to release the mortgage for the full amount of principal and interest—\$14,692.00. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted. The Land Department was directed to advise Mr. McDonald.

The Land Department presented letter from R. G. Johnson, Sr., enclosing check for \$4,000.00 with application of S. W. Bollinger to purchase land in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 42 South, Range 36 East.

The application was denied and the Land Department directed to return check to Mr. Johnson.

The Land Department presented letter from Geo. H. Mainwaring, requesting return of \$320.00 which he deposited with the Trustees with application to purchase land in Clearwater Bay, Pinellas County. Deed never having been issued to Mr. Mainwaring for the land, the Trustees directed that the \$320.00 be returned to him and the application cancelled.

The Land Department presented application and check from W. A. Moody to purchase Lot 11 and Tract 11 of Sections 23 and 24, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, in the Pahokee section.

The offer was accepted by the Trustees and the Land Department directed to issue deed to Mr. Moody.

Mr. P. K. Smiley again made application to purchase submerged land adjacent to his upland in Section 19, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees on June 10th, Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, made investigation of the land and reported that Mr. Smiley's application covered property claimed and occupied by other interests of St. Petersburg

Objections having been filed by Roy S. Hanna, and Kelly & Shaw, attorneys of Tampa, having notified the Trustees

that they would file objections on behalf of A. C. L. Railway Company to the sale of this property, the Trustees denied the application of Mr. Smiley.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, presented letter from H. J. Chapman, requesting the Trustees to allow him Ninety (90) days within which to appear and present his claim based on Deed No. 16,195 dated December 15th, 1908.

The request was granted and Counsel directed to so advise Mr. Chapman.

Port Everglade Gas & Oil Corporation requested to be advised if the Trustees own any land in Broward County West of Fort Lauderdale on which they would grant lease for oil and gas exploration.

The Chief Drainage Engineer was directed to advise the above Corporation of the lands owned by the Trustees in Broward County and that the conditions upon which they would lease the oil and gas right would be the payment of all taxes upon the lands, including Everglades Drainage District acreage and one mill tax, Okeechobee Flood Control one mill and acreage tax, and all sub-drainage district taxes, together with the usual one-eighth royalty, and subject to such other conditions as may be agreed upon by the Trustees and lessee.

The Chief Drainage Engineer advised that Special Counsel had submitted opinion in reference to payment for certificates by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and that such opinion was to the effect that there was no law directing or requiring the Trustees to pay for Everglades Drainage District Tax Certificates when bid in by the Tax Collectors in the name of the Trustees, nor to pay the subsequent annual drainage taxes thereon prior to the sale of such tax certificate, nor does there appear to be any binding obligation upon the Trustees to make such payment through any existing, valid agreement with Spitzer, Rorick & Company. Opinion dated August 2nd, 1929.

The opinion was ordered filed.

Financial Statement for the month of July was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY, 1929

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| Balance in Fund July 1, 1929 | \$225,589.89 | |
| Interest on balance in banks, quarter ending June 30, 1929 | 1,312.93 | |
| Land sales under Chap 9131, Acts of 1923 and Chap. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 28,753.23 | |
| From Drainage Tax Fund (refund account error in Comptroller's Warrant No. 2199) | 109,969.01 | |
| Royalties on sand and gravel | 418.76 | |
| Refund by E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. | 7.45 | |
| Interest due 6-30-1929 on Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District 6% Bonds owned by Trustees | 330.00 | |
| From land leases | 234.95 | |
| From land sales (\$13,230.47) less 25% to State School Fund (\$3,307.61) | 9,922.86 | |
| | <u>\$376,539.08</u> | |
| Less disbursements | 259,223.77 | |
| Balance on hand August 1, 1929 | | \$117,315.31 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and cash items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in banks | 116,315.31 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$117,315.31 |

BALANCES IN BANKS AUGUST 1, 1929

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | \$ 37,758.62 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 5,252.66 |
| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 31,471.43 |
| American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla. | 17,453.81 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 10,778.30 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 4,421.99 |

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| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 7,369.74 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 1,808.76 |

\$116,315.31

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date | Check | In Favor of | Amount |
|--------|-------|--|--------------|
| 1929 | No. | | |
| July 2 | 7829 | Board of Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist. | \$110,000.00 |
| | 7830 | Board of Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist. | 10,000.00 |
| | 7831 | Board of Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist. | 20,000.00 |
| | 7832 | Board of Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist. | 12,876.71 |
| | 7833 | Board of Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist. | 240.00 |
| 16 | 7834 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Company | 2.52 |
| | 7835 | Western Union Telegraph Co... | .99 |
| | 7836 | Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | 4.25 |
| | 7837 | T. J. Appleyard, Inc. | 2.60 |
| | 7838 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 12.90 |
| | 7839 | Karl B. O'Quinn, C. C. C. | 2.15 |
| | 7840 | The Clearwater Sun | 67.50 |
| | 7841 | E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. | 7.45 |
| | 7842 | H. & W. B. Drew Company | 3.50 |
| | 7843 | A. R. Richardson | 223.90 |
| 23 | 7844 | Board of Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist | 100,000.00 |
| 24 | 7845 | Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, (transfer) | 5,000.00 |
| 25 | 7846 | City of Jacksonville | 549.45 |
| | 7847 | Jefferson County | 180.28 |
| | 7848 | Leon County | 2,548.48 |
| 30 | 7849 | F. C. Elliot | 225.00 |
| | 7850 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 7851 | A. R. Richardson | 569.78 |
| | 7852 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 7853 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 7854 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 7855 | H. L. Shearer | 41.96 |
| | 7856 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 7857 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 7858 | Robert Wynn | 40.00 |
| | 7859 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 3.45 |
| | 7860 | Kurtz & Roll | 361.98 |
| | 7861 | Florida Times-Union | 24.75 |
| 31 | 7862 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |

\$259,223.77

Note: Check 7845, amount \$5,000.00, drawn in favor of the Lewis State Bank on the Florida National Bank of Jacksonville, does not represent a disbursement, but merely a transfer of funds. W. V. K.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
August 9, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Charles R. Pierce advised the Board that Lot 5, Oyster Key, Section 26, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, was open to selection by the State under Swamp Land Act of September 28, 1850, and that he had information from the General Land Office at Washington that the State's selection would be allowed.

On behalf of Ocean Beach Heights, Inc., Mr. Pierce made an offer to the Trustees of \$1,500.00 for the Island; the amount to be paid in cash, and was not conditioned upon the selection being confirmed to the State and the issuance of patent.

It appearing that the above named Company is the owner of property adjacent and surrounding Oyster Key, that there are no settlers upon the Island, that there are no adverse claims against the State's interest, the Trustees agreed to accept the offer of Ocean Beach Heights, Inc. and directed that deed be issued in the usual form to be delivered upon payment in full in the amount of \$1,500.00. The information as to no claimants and the surrounding property being owned by Ocean Beach Heights, Inc., was furnished by Mr. Charles R. Pierce. Mr. Pierce also advised that any claim to the property which might arise through contract with Mr. John M. Sutton, had been

arranged and would be taken care of in full by the above Company without cost to the Trustees.

Mr. Pierce also requested that the Trustees authorize him to act as their agent in making swamp selection on Oyster Key on behalf of the State in order that issuance of patent from the General Land Office might be expedited; the service of Mr. Pierce to be without cost to the Trustees. The Trustees authorized Mr. Pierce to act as their agent in the selection of Oyster Key as above.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 13, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of August 6th and 9th, 1929, presented and approved.

Mr. B. A. Bales of Moore Haven, representing a number of Lakeport settlers, appeared before the Trustees and stated that his clients were ready to make the first payment on the land which the Trustees agreed to sell them at the rate of \$100.00 per acre for the lands on the ridge, \$15.00 per acre for the land back of the ridge, and \$25.00 per acre for the lake bottom land in front of the ridge.

After discussion, Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees carry out the agreement made with the settlers at Lakeport and sell the land to them at the above price, allowing ninety (90) days within which to make the first payment, plus the 1929 taxes on the land; also that the ninety (90) day option be granted other Lakeport settlers to whom lots had been assigned. Deeds to contain reservation for a 66-foot right-of-way for highway purposes. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Robert Stringer, Sr., of Beachton, Georgia, applied to purchase the shallow bottoms between his lot located in the town of East Goose Creek, Wakulla County, extending into the Gulf of Mexico 650 feet.

The Trustees directed Mr. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer, and Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, to make an investigation of the land and submit report. Mr. Stringer was advised that he would be notified of the action of the Trustees when report is made.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of Miami requested the Trustees to allow him to re-convey all land contained in Entries No. 17235, No. 17311-A,, No. 17311-B, No. 17311-C and No. 17311-D, and allow the amount paid by him to apply as a credit on other lands to be selected by him belonging to the State.

The Trustees requested Mr. Horobin to submit description of the lands he will select and upon receipt of same, action will be taken.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin made application for a permit to mine sand for fill purposes from Biscayne Bay in Section 27, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, to be disposed of by him to other parties, offering 1c per yard for the material.

The Trustees requested Mr. Elliot and Mr. Richardson to make an investigation and report on the matter.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin requested the Trustees to amend his present permit for taking fill material from Biscayne Bay, to be used on his property, by including the territory embraced in the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 42 East—80 acres.

The Trustees directed Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, to make investigation and report, at which time Mr. Horobin would be advised.

The Secretary presented application of Ocean Beach Heights, Inc., for fill material to be used for filling in Lot 5 and a portion of Lots 1, 2 and 3, on Oyster Key.

The Trustees directed Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, to make investigation and report.

The Land Department presented application from Holger Lyngholm to purchase Lot 1, Section 13, Township

43 South, Range 36 East, 19.77 acres, offering \$100.00 per acre. The offer was declined.

The Trustees agreed to sell the land at a price of \$150.00 per acre and directed the Land Department to so advise Mr. Lyngholm.

Mack, Ellis & Watson, attorneys of St. Petersburg, made application in behalf of their client, W. G. Boyle, to purchase submerged land in front of his upland at Gulfport, offering \$100.00 per acre.

The Trustees directed the Land Agent to make investigation and report.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, presented letter from L. W. Rogers, attorney of Miami, requesting the Trustees to issue quit-claim deed to Curtis-Bright Company to Lot 14, Block 15, of Florida East Coast Addition to Hialeah, the New York Title Company having refused to guarantee title unless this deed is furnished, owing to the fact that Lot 14 was included in sale to Tatum Brothers in 1917 and sold by them to Curtis-Bright Company.

Mr. McIntosh having reported that he examined abstract and that title is now in Curtis Bright Company and the Trustees have no interest whatever in the lot, the Trustees directed that quit-claim deed be issued to Curtis-Bright Company.

The Chief Drainage Engineer advised that he had made inquiry of special counsel in reference to redemption of lands described as platted lots on an acreage basis, as provided by Senate Bill 607, Chapter 13632, Acts of 1929, and also whether or not the Drainage Board should reimburse the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund for losses which would accrue to the Trustees by reason of such redemptions.

Counsel's opinion was that the Trustees and Drainage Board were required by law to permit such redemptions on the acreage basis within twelve months after the Act became effective, also since the Trustees have already paid for such redemptions on a lot basis and will suffer losses by redemption on an acreage basis, the Drainage Board should reimburse the Trustees in the amount of the losses.

The Trustees and Drainage Board directed that the Act be complied with.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Southern Telephone & Construction Company, Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ 4.25 |
| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla | 2.84 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, Tallahassee, Fla. | 1.10 |
| The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla... | 17.20 |
| Industries Fund, Industrial School for Boys, Marianna, Fla. | 815.49 |
| W. A. Crawford, Tallahassee, Fla. | 3.29 |
| Railway Express Agency, Tallahassee, Fla. ... | .72 |
| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 5.25 |
| Artercraft Printers, Tallahassee, Fla. | 18.00 |
| The Palm Beach Times, West Palm Beach, Fla. | 6.50 |
| W. T. Oliver, C. C. C., Punta Gorda, Fla.... | 1.85 |
| Capital City Publishing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.. | 12.00 |
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| | \$ 888.49 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 20, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of August 13th, presented and approved.

Mr. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary, submitted report of Mr. Richardson and himself on examination of land at East Goose Creek applied for August 13th, by Mr. Robert Stringer, Sr., of Beachton, Georgia, which examination disclosed that the lot owned by Mr. Stringer does not touch the shore at ordinary high water mark and he is therefore not the upland owner. The recommenda-

tion of the report is that the Trustees not sell the land to Mr. Stringer.

Upon motion seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees declined to sell the land to Mr. Stringer, and the Secretary was directed to so advise him.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Lt. Col. L. V. Frazier of the U. S. Engineers Office at Jacksonville, relative to description for submerged land right-of-way to be transferred to the United States for the Intra-Costal Waterway from Jacksonville to Miami. Mr. Elliot submitted a form of description to describe the land as follows:

“A strip of land having a total width of _____ feet, being _____ feet on each side of the center line of said canal and parallel thereto as the said canal shall be finally located and constructed, and more particularly described as passing through sections _____, Township _____, Range _____, State of Florida.”

The Trustees approved the form submitted and directed the Secretary to transmit same to Col. Frazier for approval by the Government.

The Secretary reported that the Trustees held approximately three million dollars in Everglades Drainage tax certificates and suggested that these lands be advertised for sale to the highest bidder, bid to be not less than the face of the certificates, penalties, interest, cost and all taxes, plus a specified amount over and above all such costs.

After discussion it was decided to defer action until after September 4th, and to be brought up at the first meeting thereafter.

Upon recommendation of the State Treasurer, it was ordered that the Trustees pay Mr. B. C. Whitfield the sum of \$50.00 per month for handling matters of the Trustees coming under the supervision of the State Treasurer, to become effective as follows: \$25.00 for July and \$50.00 each month, commencing with August 1st, 1929.

The Secretary presented the matter of redemption of drainage tax certificates by Clerks of the Court, after the two-year-period when they become vested in the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

The Trustees directed the Secretary to take the matter up with the Clerks of the Court and ascertain whether or not they desired to handle the matter in this manner and what fee should be allowed for their services.

The Trustees ordered refund of \$18.88 to A. Engler of Miami, on account of certificate having been erroneously sold.

The Secretary presented report of Mr. A. O. Johnstad, former Secretary of the Board of Fire Control, relative to fire protection in the Everglades, which report was ordered filed.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from R. C. Brent of West Coast Bridge & Tunnel Company of St. Petersburg, requesting a hearing before the Trustees.

The Trustees designated August 27th as a date on which the above company could be heard, and directed the Secretary to so advise Mr. Brent.

Application of Ocean Beach Heights, Inc., to dredge sand for fill material to be placed on Oyster Key, was again brought up and the Trustees directed Mr. Elliot and Mr. Richardson to take the matter up and ascertain what price the said Company would be willing to pay for the material.

The attention of the Trustees was called to the fact that fill material was being pumped from sovereignty lands of the State without permit and sold to private individuals to fill in submerged land.

The Trustees directed that Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, make investigation of all sovereignty land in the State where it was ascertained that fill material was being taken without permission, and report his findings to the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot reported that he had taken up with Mr. Amos the matter of redeeming lots in the Drainage District on an acreage basis and in conformity with his views the Clerks of the Court would be notified that redemption on an acreage basis should be allowed for a period of twelve months from date of approval of the Act authorizing this redemption. This action was approved by the Trustees.

Mr. Vernon Pece-Williams desired to be informed if the Trustees would lease the bottom of Lake Okeechobee for mineral purposes.

The Trustee declined to entertain the proposition.

The Land Department presented letter from M. H. Rosenhouse of Miami, attorney for Mr. Goodkind, who holds second mortgage on property sold in Entry No. 17149, advising the Trustees that Mr. Goodkind would pay \$1,000.00 cash and the balance in four yearly payments, provided the Trustees would grant him an extension on the first mortgage, allowing him time to foreclose second mortgage and clear title to the property. The Trustees agreed to grant the extension upon payment of \$1,000.00.

The Land Department presented telegram from W. W. Hill and C. L. Moody, two of the Pahokee settlers, requesting to be advised if the Trustees would allow them to purchase Lots 14 and 2, for which they had made application, if payment was forwarded immediately.

The Trustees agreed to accept payment provided it was received by the 27th of August, 1929, and directed the Land Department to so advise Messrs. Hull and Moody.

The Land Department presented letter from R. R. Whittington of the Florida Forest Service, with reference to State owned lands near Panama City in a unit where fire protection is necessary, and requesting to be advised whether or not the Trustees are willing to pay for fire protection on their lands.

The Land Department was directed to advise Mr. Whittington that the Trustees had no funds that could be expended for fire protection.

Mack, Ellis & Watson of St. Petersburg, having made application on behalf of W. G. Boyle, to purchase submerged land adjacent to his upland at Gulfport, Pinellas County, offering \$100.00 per acre, the Trustees agreed to sell the land at the above price, subject to advertisement for objections as follows:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida.

August 20, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday October 1st, 1929, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Beginning at a point 885 feet South of and 1,350 feet West of the Southeast corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East;

Thence South 540.5 feet;

Thence South 71 degrees 12' West 204.73 feet

Thence North 571.5 feet;

Thence North 74 degrees 59' East, 50.16 feet;

Thence North 70 degrees 40' East 51.35 feet;

Thence East 48.45 feet;

Thence North 84 degrees 06' East 48.71 feet, to the point of beginning.

Lying and being in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida.

Containing 2.46 acres, more or less, and abutting the South ends of Lots 31, 32, 33 and 34 of Carter and Boyle's Subdivision, which is the West 180 feet of Lot 3 of Torres Subdivision and the East 207.60 feet of Chase and Howard's Subdivision lying East of Palm Avenue (now 50th St.).

This notice is given in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON, Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,

Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 27, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The minutes of August 20th, were presented and approved.

The Trustees having on July 23rd, agreed to advertise for the highest bid on lands in Orange Lake, Alachua County, upon condition that purchaser would make certain improvements for reclamation and protection of the adjacent lands, the Chairman called for bids.

Mr. T. W. Shands of Tampa bid \$4.00 per acre for the entire acreage of 2,172.45 acres, presenting his check for \$100.00 as required by the advertisement.

Mr. J. C. Adkins of Gainesville, representing J. W. Crosby of Citra, made a bid of \$6.00 per acre for all lands in Sections 15 and 22 from the one-half section line of said sections lying east in Township 12 South, Range 22 East, and filed his check for \$100.00

Letters from P. H. Nugent and L. H. Pillans, Secretary of the Philoi Corporation, requested that no action be taken until a later date when their representative could be present.

After discussion the Trustees agreed to postpone action on the same until September 24th, and directed the Secretary to hold checks of Messrs. Shands and Adkins until disposition of the sale on the 24th.

West Coast Bridge & Tunnel Company having advised that it would be impossible for them to appear before the Trustees on this date, on account of a hearing there by the War Department on the 28th, and asking for a later date, the Trustees agreed on September 24th as the date on which said Company could be heard and directed that the Company be advised.

A telegram was received from S. W. Bollinger, advising that land in Pelican Bay which he applied to purchase, was

dry enough to be farmed and that he was ready to begin plowing and cultivating the land.

After discussion the Trustees rescinded their former action to sell this land and directed that the land be rented for the present. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Bollinger.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. J. B. Hainey, advising that he could not make payment Sept. 1st for the land on which he had settled, but would be able to make payment later.

The Trustees directed the Secretary to advise Mr. Hainey that they could not grant further extension and that settlement would have to be made immediately if he desired to purchase the land.

Mr. R. M. Thomas requested the Trustees to reduce the price of land applied for by him, which was at the rate of \$150.00 per acre.

Mr. Amos moved that the price agreed on stand and if Mr. Thomas did not care to purchase the land that he be allowed to rent. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Ladd Brothers of Newport applied to purchase or lease the marsh land owned by the State along the western coast of Jefferson County, lying between Pinhook River and Groom's Creek. The application was denied.

Mr. Bayless of the Land Department presented letter from E. B. Leatherman, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dade County, advising that land purchased from the Trustees by Thos. H. Horobin and Stapp, Vining & Ward, on which the Trustees hold mortgage, would be sold for taxes if the Trustees did not take them up, as application for deed had been received by him.

Mr. Bayless was directed to wire Mr. Leatherman to hold up the deed until Mr. Mayo could look into the matter during the next few days.

Mr. R. A. Henderson of Fort Myers, Florida, who deposited with the Trustees \$2,680.65 as first payment on 23.25 acres of land in Section 28 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 45 South, Range 23 East (to which deed has never been executed on account of survey not having been fur-

nished by Mr. Henderson) requested the Trustees to return amount of deposit, without interest, or convey to him the 23.25 acres of land for the amount paid.

The Trustees deferred action on the request until further investigation could be made.

Mr. R. J. Tygert of Fort Myers, who deposited with the Trustees \$952.50 to apply on the purchase of 3.81 acres of land in Sections 27 and 28, Township 45 South, Range 23 East—deed to have been issued upon survey being furnished by Mr. Tygert—requested the Trustees to give him deed to the 3.81 acres for the amount paid.

The Trustees deferred action on the request for further consideration.

A telegram was presented from Chas. M. Todd, relative to amount of first payment due on land applied for by him.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to make estimate of the first payment and advise Mr. Todd, pending completion of the survey.

J. H. Davis applied to purchase timber in Dead Lakes, offering \$3.00 per thousand for the dead and fallen timber and \$5.00 per thousand for standing timber.

The offer was declined but the Trustees agreed to grant Mr. Davis a lease for two or three years at a price of \$5.00 per thousand for all timber taken from Dead Lakes.

Mr. B. A. Bales of Moore Haven, representing Mr. Herbert Click, made application to purchase an island off the mainland, near Lakeport, offering \$25.00 per acre for land outside the meander, \$100.00 per acre for ridge land and \$15.00 per acre for land behind the ridge.

The Trustees declined to sell the island but directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Bales that it could be rented.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, was directed to advise Lake Butler Villa Company that unless the amount of \$300.00 was paid within sixty days their oil lease in Lake Butler would be cancelled, as they had not carried out their agreement as to drilling on the land.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ 225.00 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent | 487.12 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| H. L. Shearer, Tax Clerk | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| R. W. Ervin, Gen. Utility Man | 233.34 |
| B. C. Whitfield, Trustees' Clerk | 75.00 |
| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 15.45 |
| L. T. Farmer, C. C. C., Sebring, Fla. | 1.85 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Land Clerk | 300.00 |
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| | \$2,088.59 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
August 30, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District met on this date in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr Mayo stated that upon inquiry from the Chief Drainage Engineer he was advised that the greater part of the work performed by the Chief Drainage Engineer was now for the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and that this work was increasing in volume from time to time; that the proportion of salary of the Chief Drainage Engineer paid by the Trustees was \$225.00 and the proportion paid by the Drainage Board was \$400.00 per month. In view of the foregoing, Mr. Mayo moved that the

proportion of \$325.00 per month be paid by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and the proportion of \$300.00 per month be paid by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, as the salary of the Chief Drainage Engineer. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote unanimously adopted.

The Chief Drainage Engineer was instructed that, beginning with the month of September 1929, the proportion of his salary to be paid by the Trustees would be \$325.00 per month and the proportion to be paid by the Drainage Board would be \$300.00 per month.

Upon motion the Trustees and Drainage Board adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
September 9, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the State Treasurer at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Report was received from Mr. Mayo with reference to outstanding Certificates on $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 57 South, Range 39 East. Mr. Mayo stated that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dade County had agreed to hold the matter open and not issue tax deed until advices had been received from the Trustees.

The Trustees agreed upon the following: That they would pay taxes on the $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section, less approximately 10 acres which had been released, said taxes estimated to be \$2,644.77; that the Land Department advise Mr. E. L. Stapp to bring foreclosure suit on the mortgage held by the Trustees covering the said $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ and vest title back in the Trustees; that the Trustees allow Mr. Stapp an option to re-purchase the land to be re-conveyed to the Trustees any time within two years

for the consideration of the amount of taxes paid, plus \$100.00, also Mr. Stapp to pay the accrued taxes on the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ and $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, which was re-conveyed to the Trustees March 12, 1927, the credit of such re-conveyance to be applied on Section 18 as soon as taxes are paid.

Mr. Mayo advised that Mr. Stapp and associates had agreed to handle foreclosure without any fee, except the Trustees would be required to pay actual Court costs, which was agreed to by the Trustees.

J. R. Anderson of DeFuniak Springs, Florida, offered \$8.00 per acre cash for the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 17 West, which was declined. The Trustees offered to sell the land for \$100.00 per acre cash.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 10, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of August 27th and 30th, presented and approved.

Mr. R. G. Holgate of Miami, Florida, was present and made application for oil and gas lease on 23,430 acres of land in Township 54 South, Ranges 35 and 36 East, Dade County.

After discussion the Trustees agreed to issue oil lease to Mr. Holgate upon payment of all taxes on the land, or that might be levied hereafter, and certain conditions required by the Trustees. Mr. Holgate agreed to pay all taxes and abide by the conditions set forth. Whereupon lease was executed to Mr. Holgate and check for one-fourth the cur-

rent year taxes—\$480.32—was deposited with the Secretary, the remainder of the taxes to be paid in three, six and nine months from date.

Mr. F. C. Elliott, Chief Drainage Engineer, and Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, having made investigation of the necessity for bridges across the Levee Canal in Palm Beach County, recommended that not more than six bridges be constructed at a cost not to exceed \$75.00 each, and reported that Palm Beach County would assume the balance of the cost of the bridges.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees appropriate the amount of \$75.00 each for the construction of the six bridges as recommended, the location of the bridges to be subject to approval by the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Financial Statement for the month of August, 1929, was presented and ordered placed of record.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST, 1929

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| Balance in fund August 1, 1929 .. | \$117,315.31 | |
| From land sales under Chap. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Chap. 10024, Acts of 1929 | 14,024.64 | |
| Royalties on sand and gravel | 200.49 | |
| From lease of oil and mineral rights | 343.75 | |
| Refund by Tax Collector of Glades County | 733.71 | |
| From land sales (\$7,075.16) less 25% to State School Fund (\$1,768.78) | 5,306.38 | |
| | <u>\$137,924.28</u> | |
| Less Disbursements | 2,977.08 | |
| Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1929.... | | \$134,947.20 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and cash items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in banks | 133,947.20 | |
| | <u>134,947.20</u> | \$134,947.20 |

BALANCES IN BANKS SEPTEMBER 1, 1929

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | \$ 35,670.03 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 5,671.91 |
| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 51,305.82 |
| American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla. | 17,453.81 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 10,778.30 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 3,617.08 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 7,369.74 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 2,080.51 |

 \$133,947.20

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date | Check No. | In Favor of— | Amount |
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| 1929 | | | |
| Aug. 15 | 7863 | Southern Telephone & Const. Co. | \$ 4.25 |
| | 7864 | Western Union Telegraph Co..... | 2.84 |
| | 7865 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co..... | 1.10 |
| | 7866 | The H. & W. B. Drew Company | 17.20 |
| | 7867 | Florida Industrial School for Boys | 815.49 |
| | 7868 | W. A. Crawford | 3.29 |
| | 7869 | Railway Express Agency | .72 |
| | 7870 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C..... | 5.25 |
| | 7871 | Artercraft Printers | 18.00 |
| | 7872 | The Palm Beach Times | 6.50 |
| | 7873 | W. F. Oliver, C. C. C. | 1.85 |
| | 7874 | Capital City Publishing Co. | 12.00 |
| 28 | 7875 | F. C. Elliot | 225.00 |
| | 7876 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 7877 | A. R. Richardson | 487.12 |
| | 7878 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 7879 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 7880 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 7881 | H. L. Shearer | 50.00 |
| | 7882 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 7883 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 7884 | Cancelled and void. | |
| | 7885 | L. T. Farmer, C. C. C. | 1.85 |

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| 7886 B. C. Whitfield | 75.00 |
| 7887 C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| 7888 Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 15.45 |
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| | \$2,977.08 |

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla... | \$ 3.81 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 1.39 |
| Southern Telephone & Const. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 4.25 |
| Railway Express Agency, Tallahassee, Fla. | 6.63 |
| Artercraft Printers, Tallahassee, Fla. | 87.50 |
| T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. | 6.25 |
| W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. | 15.25 |
| H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla. | 6.77 |
| McCreary Publishing Co., Gainesville, Fla. | 15.00 |
| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. ... | 3.50 |
| The Ocala Banner, Ocala, Fla. | 10.00 |
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| | \$160.35 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 17, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Minutes of the Trustees of September 9th and 10th presented and approved.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. George M. Thompson of Miami, requesting that his client be permitted to redeem the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 54 South, Range 40 East—10 acres, title to which had vested in the Trustees on account of non-payment of Drainage District taxes.

Mr. Thompson's client being former owner of the land, the Trustees directed that he be allowed to redeem the land upon payment of taxes, penalties and costs, and that the Secretary so advise him.

Mr. Charles R. Pierce of Miami, representing Ocean Beach Heights, Inc., requested the Trustees to take action on application presented August 20th, for permission to dredge fill material from the shallow bottoms or submerged lands in Biscayne Bay adjacent to land purchased from the Trustees. Mr. Pierce made an offer of \$100.00 for the necessary material.

After hearing Mr. Pierce and Mr. Reilly, also of Miami, on the subject the Trustees agreed to accept \$100.00 for the material, which will be approximately one million cubic yards, in view of the fact that the adjacent land had been sold to Ocean Beach Heights, Inc., without reference to any charge for the fill material.

In reference to suitable charge for material used for fill purposes, the Trustees agreed to make a charge of one cent (1c) per cubic yard for such material where it was used for filling adjacent lands purchased from the Trustees, said fill material to be taken from bottoms of land owned by the Trustees. This charge to apply to future purchases.

Mr. Charles R. Pierce of Miami made application on behalf of his client, Mr. Emmett C. Choate, Trustee, to purchase the spoil bank islands, submerged and partly submerged, together with additional spoil to make a series of islands, containing approximately 300 acres, located south of the channel and south of the causeway in Miami harbor.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for highest bid and objections, upon receipt of description from Mr. pierce, purchaser to pay for advertising. A tentative price of \$1,000.00 per acre was suggested.

On April 22, 1926, in Entry No. 17589, Mr. R. E. Watkins of Fort Myers purchased 163.31 acres of sovereignty lands in Section 36, Township 45 South, Range 22 East, Lee County, known as McCardles Island, at a price of \$100.00 per acre, on which a cash payment of \$4,082.75 was made. On January 14, 1926, in Entry No. 17456, the J. W. McWilliams Company, Inc., of which Mr. Watkins

is a member, purchased Lot 6, Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 22 East, 9.80 acres, at a price of \$355.00 per acre, making a cash payment of \$869.75. In December, 1927, the Trustees allowed Mr. Watkins to apply the cash payment of Entry No. 17456 to Entry No. 17589 and select acreage for the amount paid, the balance of 112.89 acres, together with land covered by Entry No. 17456, being reconveyed to the State December 30, 1927.

Mr. Watkins appeared before the Trustees on this date and applied to purchase the portion of McCardles Island, which he reconveyed in 1927, at a nominal price.

In view of the price paid for the land in the above transaction the Trustees agreed to sell the balance of this island to Mr. Watkins at a price of \$1.00 per acre. Deed was ordered issued.

Mr. R. E. Watkins made application to purchase a certain point of land on Pine Island owned by the Trustees, together with two submerged islands, one containing approximately 13 acres and the other approximately 105 acres, offering \$10.00 per acre for the land.

After considering the offer the Trustees agreed to sell the two islands to Mr. Watkins at a price of \$10.00 per acre, but declined to sell the point of land on Pine Island.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented letters from lessees of State lands around Lake Okeechobee, requesting that crop liens in favor of the Trustees be waived in favor of the United State Government in order that farmers might secure loans from the Government to purchase seed and supplies.

After due consideration, the Trustees agreed to waive their lien in favor of the Government, with the provision that upon satisfaction of the Government lien, the crops would then be subject to the Trustees' lien; also that this concession be limited to farmers who are not in arrears on any lease payments. The Trustees directed that the necessary papers be prepared and signed by the Governor.

The sale of land in Pelican Lake was postponed until a full membership could be present.

The Land Department presented letter from J. B. Hodges of Lake City, requesting adjustment on mortgage from Paul D. Camp to Trustees on land in Hamilton County.

After discussion, the Trustees declined to make any reduction and directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Hodges that the mortgage could be purchased for face value, plus accrued interest.

The Land Office presented letter from Mr. Louis G. Freeman of Cincinnati, Ohio, stating that he was unable to give the Trustees a mortgage on lands recently purchased because his wife refused to sign the mortgage, but advised that if the Trustees would give him an extension of time on his Entry No. 17337-B on which \$5,000.00 was due the Trustees, he would be able to pay cash for the land first mentioned, thus eliminating the necessity of giving a mortgage.

The Trustees agreed to allow Mr. Freeman an extension of six months and directed the Land Department to so advise him.

The Land Office presented letter from Mr. P. John Hart of Fort Myers, requesting information as to the possibility of purchasing from the Trustees pine and hardwood timber.

The matter was referred to Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, for investigation and report as to the Trustees' holdings.

The Land Office presented letter from Mr. B. A. Bales of Moore Haven, stating that his client, Mr. Click, would pay \$25.00 per acre for lands applied for by him, on which the Trustees had placed a price of \$50.00 per acre. Mr. Bales asked that the land be advertised, guaranteeing a bid of \$25.00 per acre.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees declined the offer of Mr. Bales and directed that he be so advised.

The Land Office presented letter from Mr. P. O. Schoelles of Apalachicola, making application to purchase three or four acres of land on Gap Island for a fishing camp.

After consideration, the Trustees agreed to sell the sovereign lands only, adjacent to the uplands, at a price of \$1,000.00 (the uplands being owned by another party). The Land Department was directed to advise Mr. Schoelles of the action of the Trustees, and Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, was instructed to make investigation of conditions of the island and surrounding land and report to the Trustees.

The matter of refund to R. A. Henderson and R. J. Tygert of money deposited with the Trustees for purchase of land, conveyance of which has been held up on account of survey not having been furnished by applicants, was deferred for a full membership to be present.

The Land Office presented letter from Mr. R. C. Boswell of Orlando, stating that he was interested in the purchase of Mangrove Islands in Banana River and requesting to be advised of the Trustees holdings and at what price the islands could be purchased.

The Trustees deferred action on the matter and requested the Land Agent to make investigation and report.

The Land Office presented letter from Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward of Miami, relative to Income Tax Lien on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, in which it was stated that the lien amounting to about \$600.00 could be settled for approximately \$100.00. A letter was also presented from Hon. Peter H. Miller, Collector of Internal Revenue of Florida, relative to the said Tax Lien, advising that it would be necessary to pay the full amount in order to get the land released.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to take the matter up with Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward and ascertain the procedure necessary to have the land released for the amount stated in their letter.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented the matter of leasing land to Mr. L. L. Stuckey to take up a credit due him by the Trustees in the amount of \$2,000.00.

After discussion, it was decided that lands suitable for leasing be located by Mr. Richardson and that Mr. Stuckey be required to accept such lease at the rate of \$25.00 per acre for the season ending July 1st, 1930, otherwise his credit would be forfeited, said credit having been allowed on a former lease to Mr. Stuckey based on his claim that he had expended that sum in clearing the land.

The Land Agent submitted report on land which Mr. J. R. Poland made application to purchase, being Lot 18 of Block 8 of Section 8, Township 42 South, Range 37 East.

After discussion the Trustees decided to withdraw the land from sale and deny application of Mr. Poland, as they did not feel that he had any claim as upland owner, the land being strictly lake bottoms.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, presented letter from Baynes & Rowe, Attorneys of West Palm Beach, on behalf of their client, Mr. C. E. Thomas, requesting permission for Mr. Thomas to farm a portion of certain land included in a tract against which an ejectment suit is now pending.

The Trustees agreed to lease the land to Mr. Thomas for the season ending July 1, 1930 for the sum of \$1.00, provided he would also sign a stipulation releasing all right, title or interest to the lands in future. Counsel was also instructed to follow the same procedure with other defendants in ejectments suits, upon request.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, presented letter from Baynes & Rowe, Attorneys of West Palm Beach, requesting that their client, J. B. Hainey, be allowed to purchase certain bottom lands occupied by him, against which ejectment suit is pending, based upon his occupancy of the land for a number of years.

The Trustees deferred action on this request and directed the Land Agent to make investigation and report. Counsel was directed to so advise Messrs. Baynes & Rowe.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, advised that Mr. Asa E. Maige was three months in arrears in payments on his sand lease on Ochlocknee River.

The Trustees directed that the Lease of Mr. Maige be cancelled as of September 30th, 1929, unless payment in full to date is made.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:
 A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, Tallahassee, Fla.
 Expense account\$ 173.93

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
 Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
September 24, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of September 17th, presented and approved.

The Secretary presented application of Robert G. Holgate of Miami for additional Oil Lease on lands of the State in Townships 53 and 55 South, Range 36 East, and Township 55 South, Range 35 East—approximately 54,000 acres in Dade County.

After consideration the Trustees directed the Secretary to advise Mr. Holgate that his application for Oil Lease was granted, under the same conditions as to payments as former lease, but with the additional provision that a well should be drilled on each 15,000 acres of the tract. The Secretary was directed to prepare Oil Lease in conformity with the above action.

Mr. Wilson Trammell of Miami made application for Oil Lease on approximately 320 acres of land in Dade County.

Upon motion seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees declined the application on account of the small acreage involved and also the fact that there would be a conflict with another lease in the same territory. The Secretary was directed to so advise Mr. Trammell.

Mr. E. D. Harris of Kraemer Island requested the Trustees to grant extension of his note for \$203.13 due August 20, 1929, as he was unable to pay the interest or any part of the principal.

The extension was granted for six months.

The Land Department presented letter from Hawthorne & Burton of Miami, making application to lease or purchase from one to five acres of land in Biscayne Bay,

near Dinner Key, to construct a Boat repair and Building Works.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to write Hawthorne and Burton, requesting that they make an offer for five acres of land.

The Land Department presented letter from Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward of Miami, with further reference to Income Tax Lien on certain lands on which the Trustees hold mortgage, and stated that they believed the \$600.00 claim could be settled for \$100.00 if the Trustees would forward their check for that amount, made payable to Peter H. Miller, Internal Revenue Collector.

The Trustees directed that check in the amount of \$100.00 be drawn in favor of Mr. Miller and forwarded to Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward for settlement of Income Tax lien on property above.

The Land Department presented letter from Sidney J. Catts, Jr., of West Palm Beach, requesting to be advised at what price the Trustees would sell Lots 11 and 12, Section 30, Township 41 South, Range 39 East, patented to the State under the Swamp Land Act, on which land his client had filed Homestead Entry.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Catts that it was their policy to allow occupant of the land prior option to purchase.

The Land Department presented letter from J. H. Davis of Blountstown, to whom the Trustees had granted timber lease for removing cypress from the Dead Lakes, enclosing executed lease and asking that certain changes be made.

After discussion the Trustees decided that as conditions of the lease were the same as contained in other leases, no changes should be made. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Davis.

Mr. P. O. Schoelles of Apalachicola appeared before the Trustees and made application to purchase Gap Island, in Franklin County, and renewed his offer of \$600.00 for the Island, stating that he thought the price of \$1,000.00 placed by the Trustees was too much.

Trustees deferred action until the matter could be taken up with the Shell Fish Commission to ascertain if the sale

would interfere with any fishing industries or public rights.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. Chas. M. Todd of Canal Point, relative to sale of Pelican Lake to Pelican Lake Farms, Inc., and Mr. L. L. Stuckey, who was present, requested the Trustees to take action on the matter.

After discussion the Trustees agreed to advertise the land in Pelican Lake for the highest bid and objections.

The following notice for the advertisement of land in Pelican Lake and also land which the Trustees agreed to advertise for the highest bid, upon application of J. C. Crist, was ordered placed in the Palm Beach Post:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 23, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will receive competitive bids in open session at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, November 5th, 1929, at Tallahassee, Florida, for the following described land in PALM BEACH County, Florida:

The unsurveyed part of Section 9; unsurveyed part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10; the unsurveyed part of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the unsurveyed part of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15; unsurveyed N $\frac{1}{2}$ and unsurveyed N $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16; unsurveyed part of Section 17, lying east of the Florida East Coast Railway right-of-way; all in Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Tallahassee Meridian.

Containing 1032 acres, more or less, known as PELICAN LAKE, in Palm Beach County, State of Florida.

ALSO:

Lots 14 and 15, Section 5, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, containing 71.25 acres, more or less, lying in Palm Beach County, State of Florida.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any per-

son or persons who may have objections may have an opportunity to present same as therein prescribed.

Certified check for \$100.00 must accompany each bid. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

The sale of land in Orange Lake, Alachua County, advertised for August 27, 1929, having been deferred until this date, the chairman called for objections.

The Land Department presented objection from P. H. Nugent, and a letter from Philoi Corporation, claiming ownership of the land.

Mr. J. W. Crosby of Citra asked to be allowed to withdraw his bid submitted August 27th, and stated that his company and other growers on the south side of the lake would have no objection to the sale and draining of the land, provided the dam and spillway, as outlined by the Trustees was constructed for the purpose of keeping the water level in Orange Lake, west of the land proposed to be sold, at normal level.

After discussion the Trustees decided that the objection and claim were not sufficient to withdraw the land from sale.

Bids were called for and Mr. T. W. Shands of Tampa made a bid of \$10,000.00 for the entire acreage of 2,100 acres, which bid was accepted with the following vote:

Yeas: Governor, Comptroller and Attorney General.

Mr. Mayo asked that his vote be recorded as No.

The Trustees directed the Chief Drainage Engineer and Counsel to work out conditions to be included in the deed; also directed the Secretary to return check of Mr. Crosby, whose bid was withdrawn.

Mr. Cromwell Gibbons, Attorney, and Mr. R. C. Brent, Secretary of the West Coast Bridge & Tunnel Company, requested the Trustees to give them an easement over State lands for the construction of a tunnel and causeway in Tampa Bay, from a point in Hillsboro County to a point in Pinellas County.

The above company being upland owners adjacent to the land in question, the Trustees agreed to sell the submerged land out to the three-foot depth at a price of \$100.00 per acre, subject to advertisement for objections.

The matter was referred to the Chief Drainage Engineer and Counsel to work out acreage and description of land to be conveyed.

Ocean Beach Heights, Inc., having made application for permit to dredge sand for fill material from the bay bottom adjacent to upland purchased from the Trustees, Mr. Amos moved that permit be granted said company upon terms and conditions as recommended by the Chief Drainage Engineer.

The Secretary presented letter from Doggett, Christy & Doggett, requesting appointment to meet with the Trustees on October 1st, relative to land exchange with Southern Sugar Company.

The Secretary was directed to advise Judge Doggett that the Trustees would meet in regular session October 1st and his company could be heard on that date.

Mr. V. Earl Irons of Miami made application for release of oil rights on lands purchased from the State, at the usual price of 25 cents per acre, and forwarded check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover said release.

The Trustees ordered that release be granted.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, took up the matter of mortgage of Lloyd-Skinner Development Company to Trustees Internal Improvement Fund under date of April 19, 1926, covering 113.63 acres of land in Section 32, Township 29 South, Range 18 East, and Section 5, Township 30 South, Range 18 East, Hillsborough County, and advised that the above named company was in bankruptcy and stated that the attorneys for the trustee of the bankrupt had made application for the sale of the said land, free of liens.

The Trustees directed Mr. McIntosh to prepare proof of claim of said mortgage and Honorable Ernest Amos was authorized to execute said proof of claim, which was directed to be filed in the case.

Mr. E. P. Green of Bradenton having made application to purchase 4.5 acres of land in Manatee County, the Trustees ordered the following notice placed in Bradenton Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 23, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, November 5th, 1929, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in MANATEE County, Florida:

Beginning at Station 21 on survey made by F. K. Webb and Associates, thence South 29 degrees 30 minutes East 540 feet;

Thence South 28 degrees 50' West 630 feet to Station 20, on the traverse by F. K. Webb and Associates, a point on the section line dividing Sections 10 and 15, said point being on the bay side of Anna Maria Key, at a point of mean high tide;

Thence meandering the edge of the high land to Station 21, on the traverse of F. K. Webb and Associates, (the bearing and distance of Station 21 from Station 20 is North 2 degrees 22' East, 1,025.2 feet).

Containing 4.5 acres, lying and being in Section 10, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, County of Manatee, State of Florida.

This Notice is given in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ 325.00 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent | 333.34 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| H. L. Shearer, Tax Clerk | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| R. W. Ervin, Gen. Utility Man | 233.34 |
| Robert Wynn, Janitor | 40.00 |
| B. C. Whitfield, Bond Clerk | 50.00 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Land Clerk | 300.00 |
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| | \$ 2,032.51 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 1, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of September 24th were presented and approved.

The sale of land in Pinellas County, lying in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, containing 2.46 acres, applied for by W. G. Boyle, and advertised for hearing on this date, was considered.

No objections being presented or filed, the land was sold to Mr. Boyle at a price of \$100.00 per acre, and the Land Department was directed to issue deed.

The Secretary presented resolution of the Fort Pierce Chamber of Commerce, requesting that the Trustees cancel

the debt of the Drainage Board on condition that the Drainage Board pay this amount to the State Road Department for the construction of a levee and highway now being surveyed from Moore Haven to Okeechobee along which the Trustees own considerable land, and which would be benefited by the construction of the levee and highway.

The Trustees directed the Secretary to advise the Fort Pierce Chamber of Commerce that owing to the fact that it will be necessary to use this money for payment of taxes coming due in November, the Trustees will be unable to grant the request.

Mr. Wilson Trammell of Miami requested the Trustees to grant him an oil lease on 11,520 acres of land, being the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Township 52 South, Range 36 East, Dade County.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees grant the lease to Mr. Trammell subject to the usual conditions and reservations and upon payment of all taxes on the land. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. A. O. Henderson of Miami appeared before the Trustees and requested cancellation of Deed No. 17,973, dated February 1, 1929, conveying certain land in Volusia County, stating that there was a misunderstanding on his part as to the location of the land he purchased.

Mr. Amos moved that as only three members were present, that action be deferred until the following day, when the Attorney General could be present and also allow the Trustees time to examine the records in the transaction. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. A. O. Henderson of Miami made application to the Trustees for a three-year option to purchase land in Volusia County in the Halifax River, below Port Orange Bridge, in Township 16 South, Range 33 East, the land having been surveyed by Wallis Engineering Company.

After consideration, the Trustees decided to withhold action on this matter until the following day and it was agreed to call a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, October 2, 1929, for the purpose of taking action on the matters presented by Mr. Henderson.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 2, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Pursuant to recessed meeting of the 1st, the Trustees met to consider proposition of Mr. A. O. Henderson of Miami for cancellation of Deed No. 17973, executed by the Trustees February 1, 1929, Mr. Henderson submitting that the land he thought he purchased was high land, when in fact the land to which he received deed was marsh and swamp. Mr. Henderson presented letters to substantiate his position.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to cancel said Deed No. 17973 and refund Mr. Henderson the cash payment of \$367.00.

Pursuant to recessed meeting of October 1st, the Trustees took up the matter of proposition of Mr. A. O. Henderson of Miami for the purchase of unsurveyed parts of, or islands, in the Halifax River, below Port Orange Bridge in Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, which land was surveyed by Wallis Engineering Company. Mr. Henderson's proposition was: That the Trustees grant him a three-year option for the purchase of this land at \$100.00 per acre, with the understanding that within six months Mr. Henderson is to begin actual operations of filling in a unit of at least ten acres, the details of which to be agreed upon in the contract between the Trustees and Mr. Henderson, providing for issuance of deed and advertisement for objections to such unit, and if during the three-year period he should select any other of the area above mentioned, the Trustees to deed him such portion at a price of \$100.00 per acre, the land to be advertised for objections only at the expense of Mr. Henderson, as application is made for deed, and at the end of the three-year period Mr. Henderson may be allowed further time to purchase the entire acreage at a price of \$100.00 per acre on terms of one-fourth cash and balance in one, two and three years with interest at 6%, or in case Mr. Henderson is not in position to purchase the land at the expiration of the three-year

period, but shows a disposition to continue the actual development of the property, the Trustees may allow him further option to purchase.

After discussion, upon motion seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees decided to make an agreement with Mr. Henderson for an option of three years and deed him any part of the land during such period at \$100.00 per acre, with additional option to purchase if conditions above referred to are carried out.

The Trustees directed the Counsel to draw up the necessary agreement.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:

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| A. O. Henderson, Miami Fla., refund account cancellation of Deed No. 17973, dated February 1, 1929 | \$367.00 |
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Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
October 8, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The minutes of the Trustees of October 1st, 1929, were presented and approved.

Mr. H. O. Brown of Punta Gorda, made the Trustees an offer of \$1000.00 for 720 acres of land in Sections 29 and 30, Township 40 South, Range 26 East, Charlotte County, and stated that he had been under the impression that he owned the land through conveyances from the original grantee until an investigation brought out that the land is covered by Certificate from the Trustees, which Certificate is to the effect that when the State took possession under swamp land grant, deed should have been issued

to original grantee. This deed was never issued and the title of Mr. Brown is not clear.

After considering the facts presented, the Trustees agreed to execute deed to Mr. Brown for the above land, upon payment of \$1,000.00. One-fourth cash and balance in Six, Nine and Twelve Months, with Six per cent interest on deferred payments. The Land Department was requested to prepare the deed.

Florida Power and Light Company made application for Right-of-Way along the banks of Miami Canal for construction of transmission line along the canal.

Permit in the usual form having been prepared, the Trustees approved same and ordered its execution.

The Trustees having agreed to grant permit to Ocean Beach Heights, Inc., for taking sand for fill material from Biscayne Bay, to fill adjacent lands purchased from the Trustees, and Permit having been prepared and approved, the Trustees ordered its execution.

Upon request of Judge Doggett of Jacksonville, the Secretary was directed to advise him that the Trustees would grant Mr. Dahlberg, of the Southern Sugar Company, a hearing on October 15th.

The Trustees having on September 24th, deferred action on the sale of Gap island to Mr. P. O. Schoelles of Apalachicola, until the matter could be taken up with the Shell Fish Commissioner, to ascertain whether the sale would conflict with the fishing industry or public rights, received a letter from Mr. T. R. Hodges, Shell Fish Commissioner, advising that there would be no conflict with his department.

Whereupon, the Trustees agreed to sell the Island to Mr. Schoelles at a price of \$1,000.00, and directed the Land Department to so advise him.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. George I. Fullerton of New Smyrna, asking to be advised if the Trustees would entertain a proposition for the sale of submerged land in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, near the City of New Smyrna.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to request Mr. Fullerton to submit his proposition and make an offer for the land.

The Land Department submitted an offer from E. H. Armstrong of \$8.00 per acre for 121.98 acres of land in Section 4, Township 33 South, Range 20 East, Manatee County.

Mr. Amos moved that the offer be declined. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department submitted offer from H. M. Hampton of Ocala, of \$7.50 per acre for SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 24 East; Marion County.

The offer was declined and the Land Department directed to so advise Mr. Hampton.

The Land Department presented letter from C. F. Dodson and associates submitting an offer of \$15.00 per acre for approximately 200 acres in Section 17, Township 20 South, Range 29 East; Orange County.

It was ordered that Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, make investigation and report to the Trustees before action is taken. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Dodson.

The Land Department presented letter from L. E. Brown, colored, requesting the Trustees to make some adjustment on his mortgage covering balance due on land purchased from the Trustees, the total amount of purchase being \$1,978.00, on which a cash payment of \$500.00 has been made, and interest paid to October 1, 1928. Also a letter was submitted from W. E. Riggs, Executive Secretary of American Red Cross, relative to this purchase.

The Trustees directed that action be deferred until Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, returned and made report.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Southern Telephone Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ | 4.25 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. . . . | | .33 |
| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. . . . | | 3.38 |
| Artercraft Printers, Tallahassee, Fla. | | 3.25 |

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| Railway Express Agency, Tallahassee, Fla. . . . | 1.42 |
| The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla. . . . | 154.40 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla. | 54.40 |
| T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. | 3.10 |
| Samuel D. Jordan, C. C. C., DeLand, Fla. | 2.25 |
| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach Fla. | 1.75 |
| The Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla. | 15.75 |
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| | \$ 244.28 |

Financial Statement for the month of September was presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1929

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| Balance in Fund September 1, 1929 | \$134,941.20 | |
| From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 5,401.98 | |
| Royalties on sand and gravel | 527.23 | |
| Receipts on account of land leases | 1,227.00 | |
| Receipts on account oil and gas leases | 483.57 | |
| From land sales (\$3,473.06) less 25% to State School Fund (\$868.40) | 2,604.66 | |
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| | \$145,191.64 | |
| Less Disbursements | 2,466.79 | |
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| Balance on hand October 1, 1929 | | \$142,724.85 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and Cash Items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in Banks | 141,724.85 | |
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| | | \$142,724.85 |

BALANCES IN BANKS OCTOBER 1, 1929

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | \$ 35,670.03 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 5,847.04 |

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| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 61,236.56 |
| American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla. | 17,453.81 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 10,778.30 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 1,288.86 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 7,360.74 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 2,080.51 |

\$141,724.85

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date | Check No. | In Favor of: | Amount |
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| 1929 | | | |
| Sept. 11, | 7889 | Western Union Telegraph Co. \$ | 3.81 |
| | 7890 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.... | 1.39 |
| | 7891 | Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | 4.25 |
| | 7892 | Railway Express Company .. | 6.63 |
| | 7893 | Artercraft Printers | 87.50 |
| | 7894 | T. J. Appleyard, Inc. | 6.25 |
| | 7895 | W. H. May, Postmaster | 15.25 |
| | 7896 | H. & W. B. Drew Co..... | 6.77 |
| | 7897 | McCreary Publishing Co. | 15.00 |
| | 7898 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C..... | 3.50 |
| | 7899 | The Ocala Banner | 10.00 |
| 19, | 7900 | A. R. Richardson | 173.93 |
| 28, | 7901 | F. C. Elliot | 325.00 |
| | 7902 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 7903 | A. R. Richardson | 333.34 |
| | 7904 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 7905 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 7906 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 7907 | H. L. Shearer | 50.00 |
| | 7908 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 7909 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 7910 | Robert Wynn | 40.00 |
| | 7911 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | 7912 | B. C. Whitfield | 50.00 |
| | 7913 | Peter H. Miller | 100.00 |

\$ 2,466.79

The Trustees, acting as the Board of Drainage Commissioners of the State of Florida, appointed J. F. Walden and John W. Gallagher as Supervisors of Dover Drainage District of Hillsborough County, for a term of two and three years respectively.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,

Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 15, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of October 2nd and 8th presented and the minutes of October 8th were approved. The minutes of October 2nd, with reference to a proposition of Mr. A. O. Henderson, were corrected and approved as corrected.

The Secretary presented permit to Ocean Beach Heights, Inc., which had been revised to take in additional territory fronting land owned by Tatum Brothers, together with letter from Tatum Brothers giving their consent to the lease and advising that no charge would be made by them for the material.

The Trustees agreed to execute the lease, including the additional territory on the same terms as agreed on, provided no charge was being made by Tatum Brothers for the material. The lease was ordered executed upon these terms.

The Secretary presented form of contract from A. O. Henderson following action of the Trustees on October 2nd, and the Trustees directed Counsel to examine the contract and make such changes as necessary to meet requirements, including reservation for Coast Line Canal.

Mr. Tom Norfleet of Miami requested that he be allowed to give the Trustees an order on the Comptroller in the

amount of \$625.00 to apply on the purchase of 50 acres of land in Lake Okeechobee, near Southbay, and also accept his order for \$125.00 on the Comptroller to pay the Wallis Engineering Company for surveying the said land, the Comptroller to issue warrants for these amounts when funds are available to reimburse him for the time of his suspension from the office of Judge of the Criminal Court of Record of Dade County, which reimbursement was allowed by an Act of the Legislature of 1929.

The Trustees agreed to accept the orders of Mr. Norfleet as payment on the land and as payment to Wallis Engineering Company, and directed that said orders be filed with the Comptroller.

The Land Department presented letter from Wideman and Wideman, attorneys, of West Palm Beach, requesting that they be notified when lands in a certain territory are sold or any hearings to be had thereon.

The Trustees directed that Messrs. Wideman & Wideman be advised that the Trustees could not definitely agree to personally notify all parties desiring such information, when lands in a particular section were to be sold but that notice was usually given by publication in the newspapers; however, note would be made of their request in case of sale of this particular parcel of land.

The Land Department presented letter from John Leonard, requesting extension of his timber lease and making an offer of \$150.00 for a three-year-extension.

The Trustees declined the offer, but agreed to extend his lease for three years upon payment of \$250.00. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Leonard.

The Trustees having on October 8th declined offer from H. M. Hampton of Ocala of \$7.50 per acre for land in Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 24 East, Marion County, directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Hampton that they would accept \$10.00 per acre for the land.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. Tom Conley of Okeechobee requesting the Trustees to refund deposits made by Eagle Bay settlers as deeds had never been issued and the parties are not now able to farm the land.

After discussion the Trustees agreed to refund the amounts deposited by R. A. Hunter, George L. Hunter and W. J. Pierce, upon condition that they relinquish any claim they may have to the land.

The Land Department submitted letter from J. L. Hitch of Miami relative to the purchase of land in Sections 11 and 12, Township 57 South, Range 39 East.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to request that Mr. Hitch make an offer for the land.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, submitted reports on three tracts of land referred to him for investigation, as follows:

R. C. Boswell, Volusia County.

Mrs. Allie R. Barnes, Polk County.

C. F. Dodson, Orange County.

The Trustees considered the application of R. C. Boswell for the purchase of an unsurveyed island and marshes in Banana River, Sections 11, 14 and 22, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Volusia County, and declined to make disposition of the island at this time, as it was thought there would be conflict with upland ownership.

Application of Mrs. Allie R. Barnes, for client, to take cross ties from 160 acres of land in Section 10, Township 31 South, Range 30 East, Polk County, was considered.

Upon recommendation of the Land Agent, the Trustees agreed to sell the ties on the following schedule: 15 cents per tie for good ties and 5 cents per tie for culls, payment to be based on copy of Inspector's Report to be furnished the Trustees; also that Mrs. Barnes' client be required to furnish bond in the sum of \$250.00 as guarantee that he will fulfill his part of the contract.

Upon consideration of the application of C. F. Dodson to purchase the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 20 South, Range 28 East—160 acres—and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, Township 20 South, Range 29 East—40 acres—all in Orange County, the Trustees agreed to sell the 160-acre tract at a price of \$20.00 per acre and the 40-acre tract at \$10.00 per acre, which was accepted by Mr. Dodson.

The Land Department presented a letter from J. P. Davis of St. Petersburg, one of a syndicate purchasing

164.48 acres of land in Sections 7 and 8, Township 32 South, Range 17 East—Entry No. 17720—on which a payment of \$12,336.00 is now due, requesting that some adjustment be allowed for the reason that all except three of the original purchasers have withdrawn from the company.

After discussion the Trustees decided that they could not make any adjustment, but if Mr. Davis and associates would pay the interest, extension would be given on the payment now due.

The request of R. J. Tygert and R. A. Henderson of Fort Myers, for return of deposit made on State land, was considered.

After discussion of the transaction and in view of the fact that the reason for deeds not having been made was failure on the part of Messrs. Tygert and Henderson to furnish survey, the Trustees decided that they would not be justified in refunding the amounts deposited but would allow the above parties 90 days within which to make surveys, and upon surveys being furnished would deed land in proportion to cash payment, or if this was not satisfactory the Trustees would return fifty per cent (50%) of the cash deposit and cancel the transaction.

Mr. Mayo made a motion that in all transactions heretofore entered into where the purchaser was required to make survey, that such parties be given 90 days within which to furnish survey, or in lieu thereof the Trustees to refund 50% of the cash deposit, and that hereafter when purchaser is to pay for survey the required amount be deposited with the Trustees and survey be made by the State. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote unanimously adopted.

It was ordered that this course be pursued in future.

The Land Department presented letter from C. L. Moody, applying to purchase the southwesterly 50 feet of Lot 2, being a sub-division of Sections 23 and 24, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, which tract the Trustees had agreed to sell to James Dempsey, Mr. Moody basing his application on the fact that Mr. Dempsey is an inmate of the State Hospital at Chattahoochee and may not be in position to carry out his agreement to purchase the land.

The Trustees deferred action on the matter and directed the Land Department to write Dr. Falmar, Superintendent of the Hospital, for a report as to Mr. Dempsey's condition.

Mr. W. T. Wallis, Jr., representing Brown Company of Portland, Maine, made application to purchase tax lands, title having vested in the Trustees for non-payment of drainage taxes, offering an amount equal to all taxes, penalties and cost plus \$1.00 per acre.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to advertise the land as required by law, provided Brown Company would bid not less than an amount equal to all taxes, penalties and cost, plus \$1.00 per acre. Whereupon, the following notice was placed in the Palm Beach Post:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 15, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of Section 1175, Revised General Statutes of Florida, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will on Tuesday, December 3rd, 1929, 10 o'clock A. M., at Tallahassee, offer for sale the following described lands, lying and being in PALM BEACH County, Florida:

$E\frac{1}{2}$ of $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ (N and E of Hillsboro Canal), in Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, containing 9.2 acres.

Tract 16 in Section 21, and Tract 12 in Section 33, Township 46 South, Range 39 East, containing 80 acres.

Bids will be received therefor at Tallahassee, Florida, until 10 o'clock A. M. on date of sale.

Terms: Cash.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Mr. W. T. Wallis, Jr., on behalf of his company and other clients, requested the Trustees to advertise other tax lands in the Everglades, advising that there was a large acreage on which the Trustees pay taxes which could be put back on the tax books if advertised for sale, original owners

having neglected to keep up taxes for the past ten or twelve years.

After discussion the matter was held over for full Board meeting.

Mr. W. T. Wallis, Jr., on behalf of Brown Company, requested the Trustees to join with his company in petitioning the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to incorporate a certain area into a development unit for the purpose of more complete drainage.

After discussion the Trustees agreed to join with Brown Company in making request of the Drainage Board for creation of their holdings into a development unit.

Mr. C. F. Dodson applied to purchase the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 34 South, Range 20 East—98 acres—in Manatee County, making an offer of \$10.00 per acre for the land.

The offer was accepted by the Trustees and deed ordered issued to Mr. Dodson.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented letter from Dr. T. S. Kennedy for a 90-day extension of his option to make further tests for mineral bearing sand in Santa Rosa Bay.

Upon motion seconded and duly adopted the Trustees agreed to grant the 90-day option upon payment of \$100.00.

L. E. Brown, colored, of Palm Beach County, having made application to the Trustees for adjustment on his purchase, the Trustees requested the Land Agent to have a talk with Brown on his next trip to that section, and ascertain what adjustment he wanted the Trustees to allow him.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented letter from Mr. Pat Johnson of Kissimmee, relative to option to make test of clay pits in Lake Tohopekaliga, near Kissimmee, and recommended that if lease is given that the Trustees charge a royalty of 5% for all sand and clay and 2% on all finished products.

The recommendation of the Land Agent was approved and an option of 90 days was given Mr. Johnson's client,

Mr. Hancock, to make the necessary arrangements and investigation.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
October 16, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Messrs. Lloyd and Mitchell, on behalf of Cummer Cypress Company of Jacksonville, Florida, appeared before the Trustees at a special meeting this morning and explained that they had made application to the War Department for issuance of a Permit to construct a railway bridge across a stream known as Panasoffkee Outlet; that a hearing on the granting of the Permit will be held by the War Department on October 23rd, 1929, and that among other things they desire to show that said Company had permission from the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund for erecting a bridge across Panasoffkee Outlet, the bridge to be used by the Company in connection with its lumber business, for which charter had been duly filed with the Secretary of State.

After discussion of the subject, the Trustees directed the Chief Engineer and Secretary to prepare a permit in accordance with the draft outlined by him to the representatives of Cummer Cypress Company and which the representatives of said Company stated would be satisfactory.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:•

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
October 17, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Judge Tom Norfleet of Miami appeared before the Trustees and made application for an Oil Lease on lands in Lake Okeechobee and presented form of lease he desired the Trustees to execute.

After discussion Mr. Davis moved that the Trustees go on record as not being favorable to leasing any lands in the bottom of Lake Okeechobee, unless the territory be confined to certain designated tracts platted on a map submitted by the Chief Drainage Engineer and the lease to contain the same conditions and reservations as other oil leases, but by this motion, the Trustees do not bind themselves to the leasing of the area designated on the map. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Mayo voted in the negative, stating that he took the position that the Trustees should not lease any of the bottoms of Lake Okeechobee at this time. The motion was carried.

Judge Norfleet asked for time in which to make another proposition to the Trustees, which was agreed to. The matter was held open for further consideration.

Permit to Cummer Cypress Company for construction of a bridge across Panasoffkee Outlet, which was agreed to on the 16th instant, was presented, executed and ordered forwarded to said Company.

The Secretary presented application of East Coast Oil and Natural Gas Company of Miami for an Oil Lease, under the usual terms and conditions, advising that the same was in line with other applications.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the application was approved and the Secretary directed to prepare lease for execution.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:
F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
October 21, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Judge Tom Norfleet of Miami appeared before the Trustees relative to securing Oil Lease on bottoms of Lake Okeechobee and Lake Hicpochee, offering to pay \$10,000.00 within Six (6) months for a Five (5) year lease on the shallow bottoms, which the Trustees had advised him they would entertain proposition to lease.

After discussion, Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees grant to Judge Norfleet a Five-year lease on the area designated by the Engineer, the Lessee, to construct suitable and proper protection around his operations to guarantee that the purity of the waters of the Lake would not be disturbed, which protection to be approved by the Trustees, and also under other terms and conditions contained in oil leases heretofore issued. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Mayo cast his vote in the negative, stating that he was opposed to leasing any lake bottoms for oil leases at this time.

The motion was carried.

The Secretary was directed to prepare Oil Lease for execution by the Trustees, with the provision that \$10,000.00 be paid within Six (6) months from date of lease; upon default of payment lease to be cancelled; also with the provision that for each 15,000 acres Lessee is to drill One well.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:
F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 22, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Land Department presented letter from Stapp, Gourley, Vining and Ward of Miami, returning \$100.00 check made payable to Peter H. Miller, Internal Revenue Collector, to settle income tax lien covering lands on which the Trustees hold mortgage, with advice that settlement could not be effected on that basis, and requesting the Trustees to issue another check for \$100.00 in their favor to apply on the foreclosure proceedings necessary to place title to the land back in the State.

The Trustees directed that check returned from Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward, drawn in favor of Peter H. Miller, be cancelled and a check for \$100.00 be issued to Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward for instituting foreclosure proceedings as above.

The Land Department presented letter from Thos. H. Horobin, in which he requested the Trustees to assume payment of taxes on land reconveyed by him to the State.

The request was denied and the Land Department directed to so advise Mr. Horobin.

The Land Department submitted letter from Mr. George I. Fullerton, requesting the Trustees to set a price on a small island near New Smyrna, which the Smyrna Yacht Club desires to purchase.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to request Mr. Fullerton to make an offer for the island.

The Land Department submitted letter from the Chamber of Commerce of New Smyrna, asking to be advised as to the riparian rights of Mrs. Dora Christensen to land in Indian River.

The letter was ordered referred to Counsel for attention and reply.

The Secretary reported that final draft of oil lease to Judge Norfleet was not ready, but submitted two conditions which Judge Norfleet desired in the lease—one as to date of commencement of first well, and second, as to extension of lease at expiration of five-year period.

The Trustees agreed that it would be best not to deviate from the usual form and directed that the same conditions contained in other oil leases, viz: That first well shall be started within six months, etc., should be incorporated in lease to Judge Norfleet. No action taken as to extension of the lease.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid.
Stapp, Gourley, Vining and Ward, Miami, Fla.

To preliminary cost in foreclosure suit on Homestead land\$100.00

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 29, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The Secretary presented shell lease applied for by Dickens & Shirey, together with cash bond in the sum of \$1,000.00 plus \$25.00 first monthly royalty for taking shell.

The Trustees, upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, directed that the lease be dated November 1st and upon execution one copy be forwarded to Messrs. Dickens & Shirey.

The Land Department presented letter from Dr. Falmar, Chief Surgeon and Superintendent of the Hospital at Chattahoochee, in reply to a request from the Trustees as to condition of James Dempsey, an inmate of the institu-

tion, to whom the Trustees had agreed to sell certain land in Sections 23 and 24, Township 42 South, Range 36 East. Dr. Falmar advised that Mr. Dempsey was improving and had stated that he desired to purchase the land. The Bank of Pahokee notified the Trustees that Mr. Dempsey had sufficient money in the bank to pay for the land but that a court order would be necessary before it could be withdrawn.

The Trustees directed that this course be pursued.

The Land Department presented letter from H. G. Stewart of Moore Haven, one of the Lakeport settlers, asking that an extension be given for payment of amount due on his claim.

The Trustees having allowed ninety (90) days from August 18th, 1929, within which to make payment on claims in the Lakeport section, refused to grant further extensions and directed the Land Department to so advise Mr. Stewart.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. John Leonard of St. Augustine, making an offer of \$100.00 for a one-year extension of his timber lease, the Trustees having on October 15th agreed to grant a three-year extension for \$250.00.

Upon motion seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Leonard that they would extend the lease one year upon payment of \$125.00.

A letter was presented from Mr. Thomas H. Horobin of Miami, making request that the Trustees allow him to select lands equal to his credit with the State, and out of the sale of the lands so selected he to pay the taxes due on other lands which he has reconveyed to the Trustees.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to ascertain from Mr. Horobin a description of the lands he has in view and upon receipt of this information action will be taken.

The Land Department presented application of the town of Gulfport, represented by Paul H. Brinson of St. Petersburg, to purchase 19.85 acres of land in front of the said town.

The action of the board was that it be ascertained for what purpose the land was wanted and the price offered.

Mr. A. O. Henderson of Miami appeared before the Trustees relative to agreement for option on land in Volusia County, and asked that he be given one year within which to commence actual development and filling in of the land, instead of six months as agreed on at former meeting.

Mr. Amos moved that the request be granted and one year allowed for commencement of development; also that a reservation be made for Florida Coast Line Canal right-of-way. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented application of Dickens & Shirey for a ninety-day option on eight rivers in the State for the purpose of prospecting for shell.

The application was denied.

Application was received from Burdell Harris for release of mineral rights on land owned by him and enclosing check for \$5.00 in payment for said release.

The Trustees directed that release be issued to him if application was in proper order.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. Giles J. Patterson, attorney of Jacksonville, requesting to be advised if the Trustees would consider purchasing city property under a sale for city taxes.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees directed the Secretary to advise Mr. Patterson that they would not be interested in buying city property for taxes as referred to.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. John J. Fritz, president of Allah Farms, Inc., petitioning the Trustees to reduce taxes for 1928 and 1929 on their lands, suggesting a 50% reduction. They also asked that the taxes for 1930 and thereafter be reduced to a figure which they would be able to pay.

The Secretary was directed to advise Allah Farms, Inc., that the Trustees had no authority to reduce taxes, as the Legislature fixed the rate of taxation and reduction could be made only by the Legislature.

The Secretary presented letter from Bayshore Company of Jacksonville, requesting permission of the Trustees to assign their shell lease to F. M. LeGate, who also holds shell lease from the Trustees.

Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees grant permission for assignment of the contract of Bayshore Company to F. M. LeGate, provided the assignment carries with it the condition that the two leases be operated separately and distinctly and royalty be paid on each of the leases as heretofore; also that all payments due on Bayshore Company's lease be made up to date of assignment. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented letter from Church Properties, Inc., relative to issuance of duplicate tax certificates, originals of which have been lost.

Upon advice of Counsel the Trustees directed the Secretary to advise Church Properties, Inc., that they were not authorized under the law to issue duplicates for lost certificates, but the proper procedure would be by court proceedings.

An application was presented from Mr. Ben Sheppard of Miami for an oil lease covering portions of Township 50 South, Range 35 East, and Township 51 South, Range 35 East.

Mr. Amos moved that the lease be granted upon terms and conditions as agreed upon by the Trustees. Seconded and upon vote adopted. The Secretary was requested to prepare lease for execution.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, reported that Dr. T. S. Kennedy of Milton, Florida, had made application for sand lease on Santa Rosa Sound and requesting that he be allowed to wash the sand before shipment. Mr. Richardson recommended that in the event this provision was made a part of the lease that the price per ton be 30 cents instead of 25 cents.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant the lease to Dr. Kennedy as above at the price recommended, for a period of two years.

The Trustees having agreed to grant oil lease to Mr. Tom Norfleet of Miami, and the lease having been prepared and approved, was executed by the Trustees and ordered forwarded to Judge Norfleet.

Messrs. Watson and Dozier, representing Ritta Farms & Improvement Company, appeared before the Trustees rela-

tive to adjustment on their purchase, stating that they had been unable to make any crops on the land for several years on account of high water and insufficient drainage, also that taxes for several years were now due owing to the fact that the land was sold and after making the first payment of \$10,000.00, which amount was paid to the Trustees, the purchasers had paid nothing more and had allowed approximately \$5,000.00 of taxes to accumulate. Messrs. Dozier and Watson requested the Trustees to cancel the mortgage and they would pay the back taxes.

Amount paid on the purchase price \$23,900.00. Amount due, \$21,500 plus interest from July 16, 1925.

After discussion the Trustees advised Messrs. Watson and Dozier that they would take the matter under consideration and advise their action.

Messrs. B. G. Dahlberg, Jules M. Burguieres, J. L. Doggett and F. D. Duff, representing Southern Sugar Company, met with the Trustees relative to the exchange of approximately 11,000 acres of land owned by Southern Sugar Company for an equal area of land owned by the State in the area of the company's immediate plans of development and situate proximate to Lake Okeechobee. Mr. Dahlberg requested the Trustees to make the exchange of lands on an acre for acre basis and agreed as part of consideration for the exchange to construct and put into actual operation within one year, a sugar mill at or near Canal Point, of not less than 2,500 tons cane capacity per day and put into cultivation a sufficient acreage to supply the said mill with cane.

Mr. Dahlberg also advised the Board that his company was interested in taking over a part of the contract of the Tatum Land Company and were willing to step into the shoes of the said company and pay the Trustees the amount due by the Tatums on the acreage desired, which was approximately 1,400 acres.

Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees take the matter under consideration and upon return of Mr. Mayo action would be taken on the exchange of land with Southern Sugar Company and assumption of the Tatum Land Company's contract as to the lands desired. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ 325.00 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| H. L. Shearer, Tax Clerk | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| R. W. Ervin, Gen. Utility Man | 233.34 |
| B. C. Whitfield, Bond Clerk | 50.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, salary and expense account | 698.95 |
| Samuel D. Jordan, C. C. C., DeLand, Fla..... | 1.75 |
| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 3.60 |
| W. H. May, P. M., Tallahassee, Fla. | 76.36 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Land Clerk | 300.00 |
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| | \$ 2,439.83 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 5, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of October 15th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 22nd and 29th, presented and approved.

The Secretary reported that the loan of the Trustees to the Drainage Board in the amount of \$100,000.00 was due November 1st, and recommended that in order to keep the records in the Treasurer's office straight the matter be handled as a book transaction; that the Trustees, upon re-

ceipt of warrant from the Drainage Board, issue their check to the Drainage Board in payment of drainage taxes due by the Trustees, this being the understanding between the two Boards at the time the loan was authorized.

The Trustees ordered that the matter be handled in the above manner and that note from the Drainage Board be cancelled upon receipt of warrant from the Comptroller.

Florida Power and Light Company having returned a permit which the Trustees had executed to them on October 8th, 1929, requested that a correction be made in the description, owing to a change in the location of their transmission lines.

The Trustees approved the permit, with the corrected description, and directed that the same be executed and forwarded to said company.

The Secretary presented letter from Dean R. A. Rasco whose application for oil lease was approved October 17th, requesting that the Trustees allow him two months in which to make the first payment.

Upon motion seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees directed the Secretary to advise Dean Rasco that they could not grant his request, but if the land was still available at the expiration of two months they would grant him a lease at that time.

Mr. Amos moved that hereafter in the leasing of oil rights the Trustees require the full year's taxes to be paid upon execution of the lease. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Application was presented from Mr. Leonard Lowrie of Tallahassee for permit to dredge mussel shell from the bottoms of Ocklocknee River and tributaries.

The Trustees took the matter under advisement and requested the Secretary to obtain certain information as to the purpose of the lease, disposition of the shell and whether the construction of a plant for converting the shell into the finished product is contemplated.

The Secretary presented application from H. L. Baker of Miami for an oil lease on land in the Everglades.

The Trustees directed that Mr. Baker be advised of the conditions of the lease and upon acceptance thereof lease would be issued.

Application of Mr. A. O. Henderson of Miami, for mussel shell lease in Wimico River and tributaries, was presented.

The matter was taken under advisement pending receipt of information from Mr. Henderson as to purpose of the lease, disposition of the shell and whether or not a factory was contemplated in that section.

The Land Department presented letter from Allandale Company of Daytona, Florida, advising that the Government refused to issue permit for filling in sovereignty land sold to said company by the Trustees, on the ground that the State does not own the land.

The matter was referred to the Attorney for attention.

The Secretary presented the matter of sale of land to Lakeport settlers, the Trustees having allowed ninety (90) days from August 18th, 1929, within which to make payment for the land.

The Chief Drainage Engineer recommended that additional time be given to close up the matter as there had been some delay in computing amounts due.

The Trustees directed that the extension as outlined by the Chief Drainage Engineer be granted and that he work out schedule as suggested.

Application was presented from Mr. Ben Shepard of Miami, requesting that additional territory be included in oil lease granted him by the Trustees October 29th.

The Trustees agreed to include the additional territory in the said lease if it was available.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, reported that Dr. T. S. Kennedy of Milton had advised him by telephone that he would not be interested in securing lease for taking mineral sand from Santa Rosa Sound, unless a five-year lease could be granted, as the construction of a plant for refining the mineral would be too expensive for a shorter time, and making an offer of 40 cents per ton for a five-year lease.

After consideration the Trustees agreed to grant the lease for a period of five years upon condition that the price of material be forty (40) cents per ton. Mr. Richardson was directed to so advise Dr. Kennedy.

The Trustees having requested Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, to investigate the case of Levi E. Brown, colored, of the Everglades section, purchaser of 9.89 acres of land from the Trustees, Mr. Richardson reported that owing to conditions Brown would not be able to live on his land; that he had sold 5 acres of the land subject to the Trustees' mortgage and that the Red Cross had information that Brown would soon be mentally unable to look after his affairs.

After discussion the Trustees decided to deed 5 acres of the land to Brown for the amount paid, allow him to reconvey the 4.89 acres back to the Trustees and cancel the mortgage. It was ordered that this procedure be carried out.

Messrs. J. L. Doggett and F. Dean Duff of Southern Sugar Company were present and the Attorney General read a resolution presented by Southern Sugar Company relative to exchange of land with the Trustees, and the taking over of a portion of Tatum Land Company's contract with the Trustees.

After discussion, Mr. Mayo asked that action be deferred as he had just returned and would like to have an opportunity of going into the matter before voting.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, action was deferred until the meeting of the Drainage Board at West Palm Beach on November 7th, at which time the Trustees would render a decision.

The Governor stated that he believed there were some parties up here interested in lands in the Everglades.

Mr. H. J. Chapman of Okeelanta Corporation was present and stated that he desired to make objections to the sale of certain land in Peican Lake on the ground that a portion of this land was owned by his company.

The Governor advised Mr. Chapman that the Trustees were ready to hear his objections.

Mr. Chapman: I have submitted a brief to the Trustees, setting forth my objections in detail, contending that I should be entitled to the land described in our deed. This brief, I am advised, has been turned over to your counsel for an opinion. I have repeatedly tried to get a survey of this land but without success. I wrote Mr. Elliot about it and he referred my letter to Mr. Richardson, who replied that the survey could not be made and I could not get any satisfaction about the survey. I am told down

there that Mr. Richardson and Mr. Wallis are working together in this land business and it is commonly known that land cannot be bought except through Mr. Wallis in order that he can make the survey and get his per cent and that is the reason I could not get a survey made of that land.

Mr. Wallis: That is a lie.

Mr. Chapman: Well, I don't know anything but what I was told. Last year Mr. Richardson started to renting some of the land in my deed. Mr Richardson sold some of this same land; sold to parties represented by Mr. Wallis, and they said he and Mr. Richardson were benefiting by it personally.

The Attorney General stated to Mr. Chapman that it has always been the policy of the Trustees to deal alike with all parties; that when land was sold where a survey had not been made, it was sold subject to an actual survey on the ground and when survey was made the purchaser received acreage equal to amount paid and that the Trustees would not be justified in making an exception in his case.

Mr. Chapman: I do not want any favors; I only want what I am entitled to and I am here to protest the sale of this land or any portion of the land that will interfere with my title. If the lands in the terms of my deed belong to me, then I want them, if they do not I do not want them.

Attorney General Davis moved that Mr. Chapman's objection be filed for consideration when the sale of the land is considered.

Mr. Knott asked Mr. Chapman if his company had been paying taxes on the land the Trustees are contemplating selling.

Mr. Chapman: We are now paying taxes on more land than the Trustees are conceding us.

I am asking that the sale of these lands be cancelled and rescinded and that the Trustees take such action as will satisfactorily establish our title, so that we can handle the matter.

The Trustees advised Mr. Chapman that the matter would be referred to counsel for opinion and report; whereupon Mr. Chapman asked that he be furnished with a copy of the report of Mr. McIntosh in order that he might know whether their objections were sustained; if not

the only thing left for them to do would be to take the matter to court.

Mr. W. T. Wallis: I consider the insinuations of this gentleman, in the absence of any proof, a direct insult and as to there being any connection in the sale of land or otherwise between myself and Mr. Richardson, that is false. Every piece of land I have ever bought from the State was purchased from this Board in open session here at Tallahassee.

Mr. Chapman: I was also told that Mr. Richardson was offered more money for a piece of land than was paid for it by Mr. Wallis, but he refused to sell it, and later sold it to Mr. Wallis; that the land was sold to Mr. Wallis at \$1,500.00 and the mortgage was made for \$1,800.00.

Governor Carlton: You mean by your statement that the State received \$1,500.00 for the land and it was immediately sold for \$1,800.00.

Mr. Chapman: My information was that \$1,500 was paid the State and Wallis received \$1,800.00.

Mr. Davis: Who gave you that information?

Mr. Chapman: My son wrote me that this was the record at West Palm Beach.

Mr. Wallis: I made the Trustees an offer of \$1,500.00 for the land in question and immediately sold it to Mr. Shive at a profit, and instead of having the deed made to me, and I in turn making it to Shive, I requested the Trustees to make the deed direct to Mr. Shive and I took a second mortgage on the land for my profit on the sale. If Mr. Chapman feels that my dealings with the Trustees are so crooked I would suggest that he request the Trustees to appoint a committee to make an investigation of these irregularities.

Mr. Chapman: I have no knowledge of any of these matters, but parties have just told me about them.

Mr. Amos: Mr. Wallis, were these lands sold to you or to Mr. Shive?

Mr. Wallis: The land was sold to me but I requested that deed be made to Mr. Shive.

Governor Carlton: Mr. Chapman, have you any further complaints about the way things are handled by the Trustees?

Mr. Chapman: No sir, I only want the land I should have under my deed.

Mr. Mayo: Mr. Wallis, you state you bought this land from the Trustees, but the State deeded it to Mr. Shive?

Mr. Knott replied to Mr. Mayo, that Mr. Wallis made the Board an offer and the offer was accepted; that Mr. Wallis then turned his contract to purchase over to Mr. Shive, before deed had been issued, and the papers were made to Mr. Shive direct from the State, Mr. Wallis taking a second mortgage from Mr. Shive.

Mr. Wallis replied that that was the nature of the transaction.

Mr. Chapman: There is one thing further in connection with this sale—I understand there was an offer for more than Mr. Shive paid for the land.

Mr. Davis: Mr. Chapman, to whom was that offer made?

Mr. Chapman: I only heard that such an offer was made.

Mr. Davis: Mr. Chapman, we have always been under the impression that it is generally known over the State that the Trustees are the only agency through which State lands can be bought, and unless an offer is made to this Board we have no way of knowing that such offer was made.

Governor Carlton: Mr. Wallis, have you ever offered any negotiations for the purchase of lands from the State or have you ever held out your services to buy lands from the State at a lower price than any other individual could buy them?

Mr. Wallis: I have not. I have never intimated that I had any strings on the Board or that I could purchase land at a lower price than any one else.

Governor Carlton: Mr. Wallis, is your compensation for services or for surveys?

Mr. Wallis: Both. My services include making survey and plat of the land and preparing all papers necessary. The fact that I maintain an office in Tallahassee is a convenience, in that I am in position to know when the meetings are to be held—there are times when a quorum may not be present and it is expensive for parties down the State to come to Tallahassee and run the risk of not being able to get a Board meeting. I have never appeared before the Board to purchase land for any one where a survey was not incident to the sale.

Governor Carlton: Have you ever by any statement or intimation given people to understand that you were the best method through which purchases could be made?

Mr. Wallis: I have never represented that I could buy land from the State at a lower price than any other person. I have represented that I could render a service by having an office in Tallahassee and being familiar with the requirements of the Trustees and being on the ground could keep in touch with matters more easily than parties down in the Glades.

Governor Carlton: Have you ever made an offer to purchase land for a party and charge so much as commission?

Mr. Wallis: No sir. I make a charge of \$50.00 for my services, which covers cost of survey, furnishing plat and appearing before the Board in behalf of the client.

Mr. Knott: Have you any partnership with Mr. Richardson, Mr. Wallis?

Mr. Wallis: None at all.

Mr. Chapman: I wish to state that I do not know either Mr. Wallis or Mr. Richardson and have not the slightest knowledge of anything that would impeach the integrity of either of these gentlemen. I was told in Pahokee, by Mr. G. A. Hughes, that if you want to buy any land from the State, to go to Mr. Wallis to get it. That is current report down there.

Mr. Todd: Mr. J. W. Cochran told me that Mr. Wallis had offered to purchase a piece of land for him for a fee of \$200.00.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Cochran approached me and made a voluntary request that I submit a bid for him, and I did so.

Mr. Davis: Mr. Todd, do you know of anything that has been said or done down there by either Mr. Wallis or Mr. Richardson that would lead you to believe that they had the inside track on the proposition of land sales.

Mr. Todd: No sir, we have never believed that Mr. Wallis had any strings on the Board.

Governor Carlton: Has any representation ever been made to that effect?

Mr. Todd: No sir.

Mr. Chapman: The reason I referred to this matter was my attempt to get a correct survey of Section 17. Mr. Gwynn of your office was down there some time ago and I showed him this land and he stated that the State had no right to the land as it was high land.

Governor Carlton: This Board does not want the impression to go out that anyone has the inside track; any and all purchases of land must come through this Board.

Governor Carlton asked if there were any others who wanted to make any statements—if so, the Board would be glad to hear them.

Mr. W. G. Smith stated that he could make some statements and furnish affidavits.

Governor Carlton: Then you want to put yours in black and white.

Mr. Smith: Yes sir, I can get affidavits and send them up. I wish to state that a man told me that Mr. Richardson promised that he would have the first opportunity to buy a certain piece of land from the State.

Attorney General Davis: Who was that man?

Mr. Smith: William Bloom. He told me that he had told Mr. Richardson he would like to buy that land if it was for sale, or when it was for sale, and Mr. Richardson told him he need not worry that as long as the Board's attitude was what it was that the man in possession had prior right to buy. He said he mentioned a price he would pay for the land to Mr. Richardson and the price was more than Wallis paid for it; that he never knew when the sale was made and it was a long time afterwards before he found out about it. Mr. Bloom told me he would make an affidavit to that effect. That seems to be proof that it was not handled right. And other deals have gone through where Wallis has gotten deeds when others would have paid more for the land.

Mr. Knott: Who are those parties?

Mr. Smith: One was Mr. M. T. Langford. Then when we were before the Board about buying this Pelican Lake land, Mr. Richardson had lunch with some of our crowd and promised them that if they would let him have the land he wanted he would not oppose them in buying the land they wanted. I wrote a letter to the Board stating that the farmers wanted to withdraw application for that land as they were not interested in it and did not want it for their Company and preferred that the Board deal direct with the party wanting it. We came before the Board two or three times last spring and asked if any lands in Pelican Lake were for sale and on April 16th the Board agreed to sell Pelican Lake to our Company as we were all farmers in that section and wanted to farm the land.

Attorney General Davis stated that the rumor was going around that the company organized by the farmers did not intend to farm the land; that they were going to sell it to the Southern Sugar Company.

Governor Carlton asked if there had been any deal made with the Southern Sugar Company to take over this land.

Mr. Smith stated that his people and Southern Sugar Company had always been on friendly terms and that Southern Sugar Company took over a majority of the acreage in Pahokee Drainage District as it was saw-grass and could not be farmed, but he knew of no deal with them to sell the Pelican Lake land.

Mr. L. L. Stuckey stated that Mr. Chapman was in favor of the farmers having the land if it did not belong to him.

Mr. Mayo: How much of the land in Pelican Lake is claimed by Mr. Chapman?

Mr. Smith: I believe it is about 600 acres.

Attorney General Davis made a motion that hereafter when application is made for a piece of land that the offer be made in writing and presented to the Trustees so that it can be filed. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted. Motion was carried.

Mr. Wallis: Mr. Smith made reference to irregularity of a sale to Mr. M. T. Langford. This sale covered lands in Sections 13 and 23 and 24, being lands along the lake and occupied by settlers, and at a meeting held at Pahokee by the Trustees, these lands were sold to the occupants, subject to completion of necessary surveys to establish the area wanted by each settler. Survey of Section 13, applied for by Cranford, was completed in 1924 and deeds issued, with the result that these people have made their payments and paid taxes to date, while the survey of Sections 23 and 24 was not completed until last year, with the net result that these other residents enjoyed the tax free use of their land from 1924 until 1929 and, although the price made for these lands was prior to any boom time inflation, these settlers, through what might be termed undue preference on the part of the Board, received a reduction in price. As this reduced price was considerably under the actual market value of the land I paid a claimant of a portion of the land \$400.00 for his rights and promptly resold the land for the original price and at a profit to me. I could have sold a thousand acres of this land at the original price before the reduction was made by the Trustees.

Governor Carlton: Mr. Richardson, would you like to make any statement?

Mr. Richardson: I have nothing to say, except to deny any connection between Mr. Wallis and myself in the sale of State land, and also to state that the land in Pelican Lake and other lands in that vicinity were sold for less than their value.

Mr. Todd: Mr. Richardson, do you not remember making a statement to the Trustees as to the difference in value of the land bought by Mr. Wallis and that for which I asked reduction in price?

Mr. Richardson: I do not remember whether I made such a statement or not. I have frequently been asked by the Trustees as to the value of lands owned by the State.

Attorney General Davis moved that Mr. Chapman's objections be referred to Counsel for the Trustees for preliminary report and suggested that if Mr. McIntosh could complete such report by the 7th instant, at which time the Drainage Board is to have a meeting at West Palm Beach, the Trustees could take the matter up and dispose of it at that time. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote duly adopted.

Governor Carlton asked if there were any further statements or objections.

Mr. Wallis stated that he wished to register a protest to the sale of Pelican Lake land to a corporation as against a sale at competitive bids as advertised by the Trustees, and also in view of the Trustees' record that he would be given consideration and an opportunity to bid against other parties when the land was offered for sale.

Mr. Kilpatrick, a banker of Pahokee: I would like to say that the men present who are asking to buy this land are all farmers and if sold I think they should have first consideration; they are not buying for speculative purposes, but are actual farmers.

Governor Carlton: It is understood, I believe, by the Board that the land in Pelican Lake is sold to Pelican Lake Farms, Inc., at the price of \$50.00 per acre, subject, however, to action on the objections of Mr. Chapman.

Mr. Wallis: What becomes of the promise I had from the Board that I was to be given an opportunity to bid on this land?

Governor Carlton: I think the Board, in considering that they made an agreement with the farmers, really closed that chapter.

Mr. Wallis: The usual practice of the Board heretofore has been, when land is advertised for bids, that they require bidders to guarantee a minimum bid, and my offer provided that I make a bid of \$50.00 and \$75.00 per acre for the land, subject to advertisement at public sale. Under the advertisement, I presumed that I would have an opportunity to appear and if a higher bid was made I would have the privilege of raising that; therefore, I object to the sale to this corporation without giving me the chance to bid as your advertisement states.

Attorney General Davis: Mr. Wallis, you made the first offer for this land, I think, and then when the farmers came before us to buy the land, we took action on the ground that we were helping certain small farmers and sold them the land as a favor to them.

Mr. Wallis: In the sale to the farmers then you are selling at a less price than could be realized at competitive bid, and also the land is being sold to a corporation and not to individual farmers.

Governor Carlton: You raise the question that this is a corporation?

Mr. Wallis: Yes, it is a corporation, but I do not base my objections on that fact, but the offer I made was with the idea of defending that bid if raised by others; now I am deprived of a chance to raise the bid of the corporation.

Governor Carlton: I think this matter has been closed and as the Board understood that the land had been sold to the farmers, I see no occasion for further hearing.

The Trustees agreed that the matter would be held in abeyance until the meeting at West Palm Beach on the 7th, at which time Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, would present his opinion as to the objection of Mr. Chapman, and final action could be taken.

Financial Statement for the month of October was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER, 1929

RECEIPTS

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| Balance in Fund October 1, 1929. | \$142,724.85 |
| Interest on deposits in banks for quarter ending September 30, 1929 | 1,131.81 |

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| From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 11,236.38 | |
| Sale of sand, shell and gravel... | 385.92 | |
| Cash bond—Dickens & Shirey <i>in re</i> shell lease | 1,000.00 | |
| Tax on oil lease | 236.16 | |
| Check 7913 (Capital City Bank) cancelled; refund by Peter H. Miller | 100.00 | |
| From land sales (\$6,491.01) less 25% to State School Fund (\$1,622.75) | 4,868.26 | |
| | | \$161,683.38 |
| Less Disbursements | 3,151.11 | |
| Balance on hand November 1, 1929 | | \$158,532.27 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and Cash Items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in Banks | 157,532.27 | |
| | | \$158,532.27 |

BALANCES IN BANKS NOVEMBER 1, 1929

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | \$ 36,665.12 | |
| Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 5,888.57 | |
| Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 65,467.02 | |
| American National Bank, Pensa- cola, Fla. | 17,585.79 | |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 10,859.80 | |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 10,511.45 | |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 7,436.42 | |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 2,118.10 | |
| Capital City Bank—Special ac- count | 1,000.00 | |
| | | \$157,532.27 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date 1929 | Check No. | In Favor of: | Amount |
|--------------|--------------|--|-------------|
| Oct. 2, | 7914 | A. O. Henderson | \$ 367.00 |
| 9, | 7915 | Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | 4.25 |
| | 7916 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.... | .33 |
| | 7917 | Western Union Telegraph Co. | 3.38 |
| | 7918 | Artercraft Printers | 3.25 |
| | 7919 | Railway Express Agency | 1.42 |
| | 7920 | H. & W. B. Drew Company.. | 154.40 |
| | 7921 | M. C. McIntosh | 54.40 |
| | 7922 | T. J. Appleyard, Inc. | 3.10 |
| | 7923 | Samuel D. Jordan, C. C. C... | 2.25 |
| | 7924 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 1.75 |
| | 7925 | Cancelled. | |
| | 7926 | The Clearwater Sun | 15.75 |
| 23, | 7927 | Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward | 100.00 |
| 30, | 7928 | F. C. Elliot | 325.00 |
| | 7929 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 7930 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 7931 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 7932 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 7933 | H. L. Shearer | 50.00 |
| | 7934 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 7935 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 7936 | B. C. Whitfield | 50.00 |
| | 7937 | A. R. Richardson | 698.95 |
| | 7938 | Samuel D. Jordan, C. C. C... | 1.75 |
| | 7939 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C..... | 3.60 |
| | 7940 | W. H. May, Postmaster | 76.36 |
| | 7941 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | | | \$ 3,151.11 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

West Palm Beach, Florida, November 7, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date at the Pennsylvania Hotel at West Palm Beach.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, having reported to the Trustees on objections filed by H. J. Chapman to the sale of certain land in Pelican Lake, advising that the State had authority to sell the land under the law, it was ordered that the action of the Trustees on November 5th, be ratified and affirmed and the sale of lands in Pelican Lake to Pelican Lake Farms at a price of \$50.00 per acre be consummated.

Request of Southern Sugar Company for exchange of approximately 11,000 acres of land owned by said Company for certain other lands owned by the Trustees, which request was presented October 29th and November 5th, was again brought up for consideration. Attorney General Davis moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are authorized by Chapter 8525, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1921, to exchange lands owned by them for other lands where such exchange would result in a blocking up of ownership advantageous to the Trustees; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are of the opinion that the exchange of lands hereinafter described will be advantageous to the Internal Improvement Fund; that the same will promote the settlement and cultivation of the land; that it will encourage agriculture and especially the development of the sugar industry in Florida on which Southern Sugar Company, a party to this exchange, is engaged on a large scale in the Everglades; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, in regular meeting assembled:

1. That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, for and on behalf of said Trustees, and by and under the advice of their Attorney, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, that upon delivery to them of a deed conveying the usual merchantable title in the Everglades, to the sections of land hereinafter described and now owned by the Southern Sugar Company and its associates, forthwith in exchange therefor, to execute and deliver to the Southern Sugar Company a deed conveying the usual merchantable title in the Everglades, signed by said Trustees to the sections of land hereinafter described.

2. That the lands to be deeded by the Southern Sugar Company and its associates to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are described as follows:

HENDRY COUNTY

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| In Township 44 South, Range 33 East: | Aces |
| Section 14, All | 643.52 |
| Section 22, All | 645.13 |
| In Township 45 South, Range 34 East: | |
| Section 7, All | 646.78 |
| Section 8, All | 645.28 |
| Section 18, All | 646.90 |

PALM BEACH COUNTY

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| In Township 45 South, Range 35 East: | |
| Section 20, All | 640.00 |
| Section 22, East 3.97 Acres of Tract 119 and Tracts 120 to 128, incl. | 48.97 |
| Section 24, All | 640.12 |
| Section 28, Tracts 1 to 46 incl., 49, 51 to 64 incl., 69 to 91 incl., 94 to 98 incl., 101 to 125 incl. | 570.00 |
| Section 30, All | 640.00 |
| Section 32, All | 639.84 |
| In Township 46 South, Range 35 East: | |
| Section 2, All | 640.00 |
| Section 4, All | 640.00 |
| Section 6, All | 640.08 |
| Section 8, All | 640.00 |
| Section 10, All | 640.00 |
| Section 12, All | 639.28 |

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| In Township 45 South, Range 36 East: | |
| All of Sections 23 and 24 lying west of North | |
| New River Canal, except Tracts 3, 6 and 7 | 444.00 |
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| | 10,689.90 |

That the lands to be deeded by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the Southern Sugar Company shall consist of the following:

PALM BEACH COUNTY

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| In Township 43 South, Range 35 East: | Acres |
| Section 30, All | 640.00 |
| In Township 44 South, Range 35 East: | |
| Section 15, S $\frac{1}{2}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{4}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ less Miami Canal R/W | 483.60 |
| Section 27, N $\frac{1}{2}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ | 455.70 |
| Section 35, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ | |
| (Or Lots 1 to 7 inc.) less Miami Canal R/W | 119.61 |
| In Township 44 South, Range 36 East: | |
| Section 7, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ (Less RR | |
| R/W) | 240.00 |
| In Township 42 South, Range 37 East: | |
| Section 11, Lots 1 and 2, Elliot Sub-Division.. | 18.62 |
| In Township 43 South, Range 37 East: | |
| Section 21, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ | |
| and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ | 140.00 |
| In Hiatus Between Townships 43 and 44 South, | |
| Range 37, East: | |
| Blocks 1, 2, 3, and Lots 1 to 6 incl. of Block 4 | 607.29 |
| In Hiatus Between Ranges 36 and 37 East, Town- | |
| ship 44 South: | |
| Lots 3 to 6 incl. | 631.10 |
| In Township 44 South, Range 37 East: | |
| Section 15, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ | 239.58 |
| Section 19, S $\frac{1}{2}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ | 520.00 |
| Section 31, All | 640.00 |
| In Township 42 South, Range 38 East: | |
| Section 1, All | 636.40 |
| Section 3, All | 633.92 |
| Section 5, All | 636.08 |
| Section 9, All | 640.00 |
| Section 15, All | 640.00 |
| Section 17, E $\frac{1}{2}$ | 320.00 |

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| Section 33, All | 640.00 |
| In Township 44 South, Range 38 East: | |
| Section 29, All South and West of Hillsboro Canal | 622.80 |
| Section 32, All | 640.00 |
| Section 33, All South and West of Hillsboro Canal | 545.20 |
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| Total | 10,689.90 |

Also that the following lands of Southern Sugar Company and its associates be deeded to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund:

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| In Township 44 South, Range 37 East: | |
| Section 3, All North of Hillsboro Canal | 359.44 |
| In Township 45 South, Range 38 East: | |
| Section 15, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ | 450.00 |
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| | 809.44 |

And the following lands of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund to be deeded to Southern Sugar Company:
In Township 42 South, Range 38 East:

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| Section 7, E $\frac{1}{2}$ | 305.10 |
| Section 19, All | 610.67 |
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| | 915.67 |

The exchange last above enumerated shall be without reference to Section 4 hereof.

3. That the aforesaid deeds be executed and delivered with all convenient speed.

4. That it is understood and agreed that while deeds shall pass between the parties—the Trustees and the Sugar Company—in the usual form carrying out this exchange of lands, nevertheless it is covenanted and agreed that as part of the consideration for said exchange by the Trustees, shall be the building of another sugar mill in the Everglades, in the vicinity of Canal Point, by the Sugar Company and that the same shall be ready for operation on or before January 1st, 1932, and that said mill shall be of at least 2,500 tons cane capacity per day, and will be thereafter put

into practical operation and kept in practical operation for a period of five years after completion of construction, unavoidable interruptions and interruptions or suspensions through providential causes, excepted, during the customary cane grinding seasons of each of said years.

This covenant shall be deemed and held to be a covenant which shall run with the land conveyed by the Trustees under this resolution.

It is likewise understood and agreed, as a part of the consideration for the conveyance by the Sugar Company to the Trustees, that should the Sugar Company default in performing the covenant hereinbefore set forth, and as a result thereof the Trustees become reinvested with the title to the lands conveyed to the Sugar Company under this exchange of lands, then the Trustees shall be bound to reconvey to the Sugar Company or its assigns the land conveyed to the Trustees by the Sugar Company under this exchange of lands.

This shall also be deemed and held to be a covenant which shall run with the land conveyed by the Sugar Company to the Trustees.

Unless claim in writing for non-performance of covenants is made by the Trustees on or before January 1, 1938, these reciprocal covenants shall expire by limitation.

Resolution was adopted and Mr. McIntosh, Counsel for Trustees, and the attorney for Southern Sugar Company were requested to take the necessary steps to have the transfer of the lands perfected.

Southern Sugar Company having on October 29th and November 5th, 1929, requested the Trustees to allow them to take over the contract of Tatum Land Company, as to a certain portion of the lands in the original purchase, upon a discussion of the subject the Trustees adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It appears that on the 24th day of September, A. D. 1917, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida did accept from the Tatum Land Company, a corporation then doing business under the laws of the State of Florida, having its residence and main office at Miami, Florida, a certain mortgage deed, securing the payment of certain moneys thereunder, the same being a purchase price mortgage upon

lands situate in Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties, and it appearing that the said Tatum Land Company is in default under the terms, covenants and agreements of said mortgage; and

WHEREAS, It has been represented to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund that the Tatum Land Company has consented, or will consent, so far as the lands hereinafter described are concerned, that the Southern Sugar Company acquire title thereto from it and secure releases from the operation of the said mortgage under a separate contract to be entered into between the said Southern Sugar Company and the said Trustees; and

WHEREAS, The said Southern Sugar Company desires to purchase Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Fractional Section 20, Fractional Section 28 and Section 32 of Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, which said lands were included in the mortgage deed hereinabove referred to and for the purchase of said lands the Southern Sugar Company offers to pay the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund the same price for said lands at which they were to be released under the mortgage to said Tatum Land Company; Now, Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, that upon satisfactory proof being exhibited to the Trustees to the effect that the Southern Sugar Company has acquired all rights, title and interest of the Tatum Land Company in and to the aforesaid described lands, that the Trustees forthwith furnish to the said Southern Sugar Company a full and complete abstract of title to said lands above described, and that upon approval of the title to said lands by the attorney of Southern Sugar Company, that the Trustees release from the operation of the aforesaid mortgage the said lands above described upon compliance with a contract to be drawn and executed by the Sugar Company and the Trustees, stating the following terms, conditions, covenants and agreements to be performed by the Southern Sugar Company, to-wit:

FIRST: That the Southern Sugar pay all back taxes.

SECOND: That the release price from the operation of said mortgage shall be approximately \$74,000.00, the exact amount of which shall be stated in the contract to be en-

tered into and shall be determined on the following basis: On acreage of said described lands that is within one mile from Lake Okeechobee, to-wit: All Fractional Section 20 and all Fractional Section 28 and 68 acres in the North-east Quarter of Section 32, shall be released upon the payment of \$100.00 per acre, and all acreage of said described lands that is farther than one mile from said Lake Okeechobee, to-wit: All Section 32, except 68 acres described above, shall be released upon the payment of \$7.00 per acre.

THIRD: That \$10,000.00 cash be paid upon the signing of said contract and that the balance of the release price shall be approximately as follows:

- (a) \$16,000.00 cash one year from contract date.
- (b) \$16,000.00 cash two years from contract date.
- (c) \$16,000.00 cash three years from contract date.
- (d) Balance of release price four years from contract date. All deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum until paid.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 12, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary presented letter from J. N. Lummus, Tax Assessor of Dade County, relative to submerged lands in Biscayne Bay deeded by the Trustees in 1925 by Deed No. 17274-A and held under mortgage.

The Secretary reported that these lands have not been assessed since that time and the Tax Assessor desires instructions in the premises.

Mr. Amos moved that the lands be placed on the insolvency list for this year. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented letter from G. S. Roberts of Fort Myers, Florida, advising that he purchased 40 acres of land in Section 34, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, from S. W. Lawler, when the land he thought he was buying and on which he has made improvements is one mile from his actual purchase in Section 35 owned by the State. Mr. Roberts requests that the Trustees exchange the 40 acres in Section 35, owned by the State on which he has made improvements, for the 40 acres in Section 34 which he actually purchased from Mr. Lawler.

The Trustees directed that the matter be investigated and information secured as to amount of improvements on the State land, and other facts in the case. Action was deferred until a later date.

Advertisement for sale of land on November 5th, applied for by E. P. Green and postponed until this date, was brought up for disposition. No objections being filed or presented, the sale was consummated to Mr. E. P. Green of Bradenton, conveying 4.5 acres of land in Section 10, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, Manatee County.

The Secretary presented letter from Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward of Miami, representing clients, requesting to be advised of the wishes of the Trustees in the matter of certificates held by their clients, issued for non-payment of drainage taxes and since which purchase other certificates have been issued and the land passed into the hands of the Trustees, title vesting in them subject to the prior certificates above mentioned.

The Trustees directed that the matter be referred to Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, for attention and report.

A letter was presented from Hawthorne & Burton of Miami, relative to leasing land in Biscayne Bay on which their client, Mr. Burney, desires to erect a boat works, and offering \$25.00 per acre per year for a 20-year lease.

The matter was ordered held over for further consideration and information.

A resolution was presented from Glades County Board of Commissioners, requesting that additional time be allowed the Lakeport settlers within which to make payment on land, setting forth that these parties had sustained considerable losses on account of high water.

The Secretary was directed to advise the Board of Glades County that the parties would be given all consideration possible.

Glades County Board of County Commissioners sent up a resolution dated November 4th, rescinding former resolution of October 16th, relative to State Road No. 29.

The resolution was accepted and approved, and the Secretary directed to thank Glades County Board for their action.

Mr. T. W. Conley of Okeechobee, who purchased 126.40 acres of land in Section 19, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, in 1925, for which he paid \$30.00 and \$50.00 per acre, and on which he has made two payments, requests the Trustees to allow him to reconvey 31.6 acres of the land and then purchase the reconveyed portion from the Trustees at \$15.00 per acre.

After consideration and in view of the fact that the land was purchased at a very reasonable price, Mr. Mayo moved that Mr. Conley be given an extension of one year on the principal provided the interest was paid. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Conley.

Hull, Landis & Whitehair, attorneys for the City of New Smyrna, made application for a quit-claim deed to a small island in front of upland property of the City, to be used for public purposes.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. G. I. Fullerton of New Smyrna, advising that he would withdraw his application for the island in front of the City of New Smyrna, provided the land was used for the purpose of a yacht club.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted, the Trustees agreed to convey the island to New Smyrna for city purpose only, upon payment of \$10.00—the island to revert to the Trustees if used for other than public purposes.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. A. O. Henderson, relative to contract for sale of land in Volusia County, which was being held pending investigation of a bird sanctuary.

The Trustees directed that information be gotten from the Game Commissioner of Florida as to whether or not this land was being held as a bird reservation, and if not the contract with Mr. Henderson to be forwarded to him.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.... | \$ 3.98 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 2.62 |
| Southern Telephone & Const. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 4.25 |
| T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. | 5.26 |
| The Bradenton Publishing Co., Bradenton, Fla.... | 12.75 |
| Typewriter Service Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 1.50 |
| The Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Fla. ... | 13.50 |
| W. T. Oliver, C. C. C., Punta Gorda, Fla. | 4.35 |
| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. ... | 3.30 |
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| | \$51.51 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 19, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary presented description prepared by Mr. Charles R. Pierce, covering land which the Trustees had agreed to advertise for bids and objections. The Board directed that the Chief Drainage Engineer check the description and forward notice to a Miami newspaper for publication.

The Secretary presented form of Mussel Shell lease to be granted to Messrs. Dickens and Shirey of Wewahitchka, reporting that a cash bond of \$1,000.00 had been received, but calling attention to the fact that Dickens & Shirey desired the lease to run indefinitely. The Trustees directed the Secretary to advise Dickens & Shirey that they would grant a 10-year lease provided a button factory was constructed within 3 years in the vicinity of the territory under lease, and would also agree to extend the lease for an additional period of 5 years at the end of the 10-year lease, if mutually agreeable.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. Vernon Price-Williams, requesting the Trustees to assign oil lease held by him to Coast-to-Coast Finance Corporation. The Trustees agreed to grant the request and the Secretary was directed to advise Mr. Price-Williams to file the necessary papers.

Application was presented from Port Everglades Oil & Gas Company for an oil lease, without any consideration.

The Trustees directed the Secretary to advise said company that lease would be granted upon the same terms and conditions as other oil leases.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 26, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doy'le E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The minutes of the Trustees of November 5th, 12th and 19th, presented and approved.

Messrs. Dickens & Shirey of Wewahitchka presented application for Mussel Lease on Suwannee, Ochlocknee, Choctawhatchee, Yellow and Escambia Rivers, and their tributaries, for a term of three years.

Upon discussion, Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees grant the lease on the above named rivers for a term of three years upon the condition that the lessee will construct and put into operation a button factory at a cost of not less than one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) to be completed within one year, with the privilege of renewing lease. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Dickens requested that two leases be drawn to cover the five rivers. The Trustees decided that it would be more satisfactory to have only one lease on the entire territory, with a minimum royalty on each river of \$25.00 per month. It was so ordered, and the Secretary directed to prepare lease for approval and execution.

Mr. Tom Norfleet of Miami made application to purchase an additional 13.15 acres on the north end of tract purchased by him in Entry No. 18071, both tracts being in Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo to sell the 13.15 acres to Mr. Norfleet at a price of \$50.00 per acre cash. Seconded by Mr. Davis, and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Norfleet asked that he be given about three weeks in which to raise the money, as he had not anticipated paying all cash. The Trustees agreed to allow Mr. Norfleet until January 1, 1930 to close the transaction.

The Secretary presented executed oil lease from Mr. Ben Shepard of the Milrod Company, together with check for \$739.20 as first quarterly payment of taxes on the land covered by lease. The Trustees executed the lease and directed that one copy be forwarded to Mr. Shepard and one copy retained for the Trustees.

The Secretary presented proposed contract between Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and Orange Lake Muck Farms Company, for the sale of certain lands in Orange Lake in Alachua County, and the following contract was executed and Counsel directed to forward to Mr. W. A. Shands for signature by his company:

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, Made and executed in duplicate, this 26th day of November, A. D. 1929, by and between the undersigned TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, under an Act of the General Assembly of said State, entitled "AN ACT to Provide for and Encourage a Liberal System of Internal Improvements in this State," approved January 6, 1855, hereinafter called the VENDORS wherever the context so requires or admits, and ORANGE LAKE MUCK FARMS COMPANY, a corporation under the laws of Florida, whose principal place of business and whose permanent post office address is Gainesville, Florida, hereinafter called the PURCHASER wherever the context so requires or admits.

WITNESSETH:

1. That in consideration of the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), lawful money of the United States to be paid by the Purchaser to the Vendors in the manner hereinafter provided, and of the mutual and reciprocal covenants and conditions of said parties hereto hereinafter contained, the Vendors agree to sell and convey to the Purchaser, by good and sufficient deed, for the price and upon the terms and conditions herein set forth, and the Purchaser agrees to purchase from the Vendors at such price and upon such terms and conditions, the lands in Alachua County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

That part of the bottom of ORANGE LAKE lying in Alachua County, all being unsurveyed land and lying in Township 12 South, and in Range 22 East, described as follows, to-wit:

All of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, except Gov't Lots 9 and 10; all of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12, except Gov't Lots 1 and 6; all of Section 13, except Gov't Lots 1 and 2; all of Section 14, except Gov't Lots 1, 2 and 3; all of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 15, except Gov't Lots 1 and 2; all of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 22, except Gov't Lot 5, and except those parts of Gov't Lots 4 and 6 lying east of the half section line; all of Section 23, except Gov't Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9; and all the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 24, except Gov't Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Containing 2,174.2 acres, more or less, as shown by plat hereto attached.

2. That the Purchaser hereby covenants and agrees to purchase said lands and to pay to the Vendors therefor the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), of which the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) has been paid in cash by the Purchaser to the Vendors before the execution of this contract, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the remainder of which is payable on or before three years after date, in three annual instalments of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) each, payable in one, two and three years, respectively, from date hereof. Said deferred payments shall bear interest thereon at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum from date of this contract until paid, said interest being payable annually.

3. That the Vendors are duly authorized and empowered, and have full power and authority to sell and convey said lands hereinabove described by virtue of that certain Act of the Legislature of Florida, designated as Chapter 13669 and approved June 7, 1929.

4. That it is understood and agreed that said lands hereinabove described are periodically overflowed and too wet for cultivation; that it is the intention of the Purchaser to drain the waters from over the surface of said lands by means of a system of ditches, levees, and spillways, and it is mutually covenanted and agreed by and between the Vendors and the Purchaser, that the Purchaser may at any time, so long as the Purchaser is not in default hereunder, and at any place or places construct upon or across said lands any ditch or ditches, levee or levees, and spillways, of such character, strength and dimensions and so constructed, maintained and operated as to maintain the normal water level of Orange Lake west of the lands herein contracted to be conveyed. That if more than one system of ditches, levees or spillways are to be constructed, then the first unit of such system shall be fully completed entirely across the bottom of said Orange Lake and upon the shores of the same before beginning any drainage work which will enlarge the outlet of Orange Lake or permit the waters from said lake to escape through the existing outlet more rapidly than under existing natural conditions.

5. That upon the execution of this contract the Purchaser shall have the right to enter into, take and retain

possession of the above described property and build and construct any ditches, levees and improvements as hereinabove mentioned, and any other and further improvements as it may desire to make, so long as the Purchaser shall not be in default in respect to any of the payments or covenants of this contract subject, however, to the conditions herein mentioned.

6. That upon the completion of any ditch or ditches, levee or levees, or spillways, or other drainage works, as hereinabove provided in Paragraph 4, which said works shall drain or cause to be drained any substantial part or parts of the above described lands, the Vendors shall, upon request of the Purchaser, convey by their good and sufficient deed all of said lands so drained and not theretofore conveyed to the Purchaser pursuant to this contract, provided that said Purchaser, before or at the time of the execution of said deed of conveyance, shall have paid to the Vendors on account of this contract and the purchase price of the above described lands, in addition to the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00) already paid, an amount or amounts in money which shall equal Five Dollars (\$5.00) per acre for all of said lands so requested to be deeded and conveyed; provided, however, that if the Purchaser elects to exercise his option under this paragraph, the payment or payments made by him in so doing shall apply to such extent as such payments represent that part or all of the annual instalment of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00) as set forth under paragraph Two; and provided further, that upon the payment of the total purchase price of said lands as required by this contract said Vendors shall by their good and sufficient deed of conveyance, convey the entire balance of the above described lands not already conveyed to said Purchaser. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that any conveyance hereunder shall be subject to the conditions that within three years the purchaser shall, upon or across the lands herein contracted to be conveyed, construct and maintain the necessary levee or levees with spillway to insure against any of its operations changing the normal water level of Orange Lake west of the area herein contracted to be conveyed, the location of such levee or levees to be selected by the Purchaser, and such levee or levees and spillway to be of such character, strength and dimensions as will prevent any change in the ordinary water level or levels of Orange

Lake over that part lying west of the tract hereby contracted to be conveyed; and the said Purchaser and its successors and assigns shall not alter or change the normal water level of Orange Lake west of said area, contracted to be conveyed by any constructions, developments or operations whatsoever. For the purpose of this provision the average or normal water level of Orange Lake shall be determined by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, whose decision on such matter shall be final.

7. That the Purchaser shall at all times be responsible for, and protect and save harmless the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, from any and all damage or damages caused or sustained by the erection and construction of any levees or dikes, or improvements hereinabove mentioned, or the construction, maintenance and operation of any works whatsoever, or anything arising under this agreement or any deed issued thereunder. Any deed or deeds of conveyance when made by the Trustees shall be considered a part of this contract and subject to all the conditions of this contract as to the works to be constructed and the regulation of water levels, in such manner as to leave undisturbed all that portion of Orange Lake lying west of the lands herein contracted to be conveyed, and the conditions hereof shall be of continuing effect as to such deed or deeds and shall follow the lands covered by such deed or deeds without reference to ownership.

8. That if the Purchaser shall fail or refuse to make any of the deferred payments on account of the purchase price of the above described lands as hereinabove provided, and such non-payment, failure, refusal or default shall continue for a period of sixty (60) days, or if the Purchaser shall fail within three years from the date hereof to construct across said lands, at any location east of the western boundary of said lands, a levee or levees and spillway or spillways of such character, strength and dimensions as will prevent any change in the ordinary water level or levels of Orange Lake over that part lying west of the tract hereby contracted to be conveyed, then the Vendors may at their election declare this contract terminated and at an end, and in that event this contract shall forthwith and thereby be terminated and forfeited upon thirty (30) days' notice in writing to the Purchaser from the

Vendors of such election, and the Vendors shall thereupon retain and keep as liquidated and stipulated damages, and not as a penalty, all payments and money then or theretofore paid by the Purchaser under and pursuant to this contract, and in such event said Purchaser shall forthwith, upon sixty (60) days' notice in writing from the Vendors, quit and surrender possession of said premises, all and singular, to the Vendors, and the Vendors shall have the right to re-enter and take possession of said lands and all improvements thereon and possess themselves of their former estate therein.

9. The Purchaser will not, without the previous license in writing of the Vendors or their successors in office, assign this contract or the rights thereunder or any part thereof.

10. The obligations and benefits under this contract shall extend to the successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties have executed this instrument in duplicate the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:
JENTYE DEDGE.
F. C. ELLIOT.
As to Trustees of Internal
Improvement Fund.

IRENE R. LONG.
J. R. DRIVER.
As to Orange Lake Muck
Farms Company.

DOYLE C. CARLTON,
Governor.
ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller.
W. V. KNOTT,
Treasurer.
FRED H. DAVIS,
Attorney General.
NATHAN MAYO,
Commisisoner of Agriculture.
As and constituting the Trustees
of the Internal Improvement
Fund of the State of Florida.

ORANGE LAKE MUCK
FARMS COMPANY,
By W. A. SHANDS,
Its President.
ATTEST:
Catherine H. Shands,
Its Secretary.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. A. P. Walters, City Clerk of Hialeah, relative to cancellation of Everglades Drainage District tax certificates against certain lands owned by the city.

The Trustees ordered the matter referred to Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, with direction that he advise Mr. Walters of the law governing these matters.

The Secretary presented letter from Church Properties, Inc., relative to taxes due on land on which the Trustees hold mortgage from R. G. Holgate, purchaser from the Trustees, and setting forth the amount of taxes due for the years 1927, 1928 and 1929.

The Trustees directed that the letter be referred to Mr. Bayless of the Land Department for checking and information.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. A. O. Henderson of Miami, requesting that the Trustees advertise a portion of the land on which he holds contract to purchase. Report being made that it would be necessary to have maps and plats showing location of the land, Trustees directed the Secretary to advise Mr. Henderson that upon receipt of the necessary maps and plats advertisement would be published.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, relative to redemption of Drainage Tax Certificates referred to in letter from Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward, attorneys of Miami, to Commissioner of Agriculture Mayo, in which he advised that lands which had been previously sold for non-payment of drainage taxes, and for which unredeemed tax certificates were outstanding, should not be again advertised and sold for such taxes. Mr. McIntosh suggested that the Trustees either assign the certificates held by them to clients of Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward, or cancel the same upon payment of amount necessary for redemption of such certificates.

The Land Department presented application from Frede Aunapu, to take up the claim of his father, John Aunapu, deceased, and submitting check for the one-fourth cash payment; the land being 75.90 acres in Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, and a price of \$50.00 per acre having been placed on the land.

Mr. Amos moved that the claim of John Aunapu to the above land be assigned to Frede Aunapu and his mother, Liisa Aunapu, and that they be allowed to carry out the arrangement made with John Aunapu. Seconded by Mr. Mayo, and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented telegram from A. J. Dozier of Ritta Farms and Improvement Company, relative to matter which he presented to the Trustees October 29th, requesting adjustment on purchase from the Trustees.

After discussion the Trustees directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Dozier that they would not be justified in making any adjustment on this transaction, as the purchase was made in 1922, and the price for which the land sold was very reasonable, but if so desired, the Trustees would allow Ritta Farms and Improvement Company to reconvey that portion of the land not paid for and cancel mortgage on acreage equivalent to payments made.

The Land Department presented letter from Curley, Fisher and Van Meter, representing Mrs. Alta F. Dwan, requesting the Trustees to deed their client land equal to the amount paid on the purchase of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 19, Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 36 East; said payment being \$375.00 on a basis of \$150.00 per acre.

Mr. Mayo made the motion that the Trustees comply with request of attorneys for Mrs. Dwan, upon condition that all taxes are paid on the land to be conveyed to the State and evidence that no encumbrance is outstanding. Seconded by Attorney General Davis and upon vote motion adopted.

Application was presented from Paul H. Brinson, attorney for the Town of Gulfport, requesting the Trustees to sell 19.85 acres of submerged land lying in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, in front of upland property of the city, and offering \$50.00 per acre.

Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees sell the land to the Town of Gulfport at a price of \$50.00 per acre, upon receipt of evidence that the city owns the upland and that the land will be used for public purposes only. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. J. B. Hodges of Lake City, making offer of \$100 00 for the Trustees' mortgage in the sum of \$350.00; the land being the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 1 South, Range 16 East, Hamilton County, originally sold to Paul Camp August 4, 1926, at a price of \$17.50 per acre. A payment of \$350.00 was made by Mr. Camp on the purchase.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees declined the offer of Mr. Hodges, but submitted the proposition that if Mr. Hodges would pay the principal and interest of the mortgage, the Trustees would foreclose their mortgage and deed the land to his client. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Hodges.

Mr. Bayless of the Land Department presented tax statement from Dade County, giving amount due for drainage taxes on State lands.

The Trustees directed that the taxes be paid before November 30th in order to take advantage of the 4% allowed.

The Trustees requested the Secretary to have the Tax Department segregate the taxes as to Flood Control and Everglades Drainage District on State owned lands in the Everglades Drainage District.

The Trustees having on November 12th agreed to sell submerged land to the City of New Smyrna, the following notice was ordered placed in the DeLand Sun News:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 26, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M. December 31, A. D. 1929, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in VOLUSIA County, Florida:

Commencing at a point in the east line of the right-of-way of the Volusia County Highway, known as the North Causeway, in the City of New Smyrna, Florida, where the meander line bearing North 22 degrees, 45' West, 322' intersects said East line of said right-of-way;

Thence north 51 degrees 10' East along said East line, 930 feet;

Thence south 38 degrees 50' east, 376 feet to the point of beginning;

Thence meandering the shore of North Island south 21 degrees, 10' west, 90 feet;

Thence south 4 degrees 22' east 110 feet to a monument of the U. S. General Land Office Survey marked "A. M. C. T. 17 S. R. 34 E. S.17-1927";

Thence South 13 degrees 03' East, 125 feet;

Thence North 46 degrees 47' East, 69 feet;

Thence North 30 degrees East, 91 feet;

Thence North 25 degrees 25' East, 171 feet;

Thence North 46 degrees 28' East, 148.5 feet;

Thence North 12 degrees 10' East, 80 feet;

Thence South 67 degrees 37' West, 99 feet;

Thence South 80 degrees 13' West, 109 feet;

Thence South 41 degrees 14' West, 133 feet; to the point of beginning.

Containing 1.6 acres.

This notice is given in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ 325.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, Salary and Expense Account | 657.60 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Agent | 233.34 |
| R. W. Ervin, General Utility Man | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |

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| H. L. Shearer, Tax Clerk | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| B. C. Whitfield, Bond Clerk | 50.00 |
| Robert Wynn, Janitor | 40.00 |
| William H. Tilden, Moore Haven, Fla. | 21.50 |
| M. J. Carey, Newton, Iowa | 15.06 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Chief Land Clerk | 300.00 |
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| | \$2,393.33 |

The following bills for Everglades Drainage District taxes on State-owned lands in Everglades Drainage District were approved and ordered paid:

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| Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | \$79,478.06 |
| J. A. Warren, T. C., Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ... | 56,341.87 |
| Bob Simpson, T. C., Dade Co., Miami, Fla. ... | 18,381.74 |
| J. L. Taylor, T. C. Hendry Co., LaBelle, Fla. ... | 5,137.83 |
| J. P. Moore, T. C. Glades Co., Moore Haven, Fla. | 2,482.40 |
| R. H. Alderman, T. C. Okeechobee Co., Okeechobee, Fla. | 2,092.20 |
| F. M. Tyler, T. C. St. Lucie Co., Ft. Pierce, Fla. | 27.01 |
| Bob Simpson, T. C. Dade Co., Miami, Fla. | 545.32 |
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| | \$164,486.43 |

The following bills for Okeechobee Flood Control District taxes on State-owned land in Okeechobee Flood Control District were approved and ordered paid:

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| Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. Palm Beach Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. | \$ 37,537.11 |
| J. A. Warren, T. C. Broward Co., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. | 22,296.06 |
| Bob Simpson, T. C. Dade Co., Miami, Fla. ... | 9,770.80 |
| J. L. Taylor, T. C. Hendry Co., LaBelle, Fla. ... | 1,894.41 |
| J. P. Moore, T. C. Glades Co., Moore Haven, Fla. | 1,077.99 |
| R. H. Alderman, T. C. Okeechobee Co., Okeechobee, Fla. | 967.94 |
| F. M. Tyler, T. C. St. Lucie Co., Ft. Pierce, Fla. | 27.01 |
| Bob Simpson, T. C. Dade Co., Miami, Fla. | 3,791.96 |
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| | \$ 77,363.28 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 3, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of November 26th presented and approved.

Mr. Sidney J. Catts, Jr., of West Palm Beach, with client, L. T. Rutledge, appeared before the Trustees and made application to purchase a portion of 89.18 acres of lake-bottom land in Sections 22 and 23, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, lying north of Torry Island, making an offer of \$50.00 per acre; also made a counter proposition, should the Trustees not desire to sell the land, of renting the land, Mr. Rutledge having planted a crop on the land under the impression that it was a part of the estate of A. C. Burnett.

After discussion, Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees rent the State land being farmed by Mr. Rutledge at the same price he was to pay the Burnett estate, which was \$15.00 an acre or one-fifth of the crop, and that the matter of sale be held over for the full board meeting on the 4th. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted. The Trustees allowed Mr. Rutledge until the meeting on the 4th to decide on what basis he would rent the land in case sale was not made to him.

Mr. Ben Shepard and Mr. F. H. Rand, Jr., of the Miami Real Estate Company of Miami, appeared before the Board and presented the following proposition:

That of the 422-acre tract of submerged land adjoining Virginia Key, sold under Entry No. 17143 and 17144, to J. L. Billingsley as trustee, March 1st, 1924, they desire the Trustees to release from the mortgage a strip through the southern end of the tract, taking in approximately one-fourth of the entire acreage; that it is the intention of the said company to float first mortgage bonds in the amount of \$375,000.00—\$245,000.00 of which issue will be held by a Trust Company for development purposes, and \$36,000.00

of said first mortgage bonds, representing one-fourth of the principal and interest of the State's mortgage, they propose to deposit with the Trustees as added collateral to the mortgage of the Trustees; that the strip to be developed will consist of 160 acres, and all money derived from the sale of this land to be held by the Trust Company until all debts on the land are paid off; that in order to secure a market for the bonds, which are to be sold for not less than par, and as an added inducement the company will give a certain amount of stock in the company to the purchaser of the bonds; that a certain amount of bonds will be exchanged for labor and material; also in the plan for disposing of the bonds, the company agrees to offer to any purchaser of \$5,000.00 of bonds the right at any time within three years to use these bonds at par as cash payment for land in this development at the original price of the land. Mr. Shepard stated that it was necessary that they have evidence in writing to the effect that the Trustees agree to make this release upon the above terms and in order to expedite the matter they submitted a contract drawn by them, setting forth the proposition, for the consideration of the Board.

Attorney General Davis moved that the contract be submitted to Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, for examination and report to the Trustees at the meeting on the 4th, and if satisfactory the Trustees grant the request of Messrs. Shepard and Rand. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees recessed to meet at 3 o'clock P. M.

December 3, 1929, 3 O'clock P. M.

All members present except Governor Carlton.

Mr. C. Bascom Slep and Mr. Francis S. Whitten appeared before the Trustees relative to sale of three islands in Lake Worth containing approximately 8 acres, sold to Islands Incorporated, under Entry No. 17773, dated December 3, 1926, on which approximately \$40,000.00 had been paid. Mr. Slep requested the Trustees to allow Mr. Whitten to reconvey the three islands to the State, in view of the ruling of the War Department prohibiting him from filling in the tracts designated as Tracts 2, 3 and X in Sections 10, 11, 14 and 15, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, 35.12 acres, Palm Beach County, and the Trustees retain the amounts paid as a credit to be applied on lands of the State to be selected by Mr. Whitten.

After discussion and consideration of the matter, the Attorney General moved that the Trustees allow Mr. Whitten to reconvey the land in Entry No. 17773 and give him a credit of the amount paid to be applied on other purchases, selection to be made by July 1st, 1932. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Whitten was requested to address a letter to the Trustees, setting forth the circumstances leading up to the refusal of the War Department to issue permit for filling in the land on which the Trustees could base their action for acceptance of reconveyance and allowance of credit in the amount paid.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 4, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The application of Mr. Sidney J. Catts, Jr., for his client, Mr. L. T. Rutledge, presented to the Trustees December 3rd, for the purchase of a portion of 89.18 acres of lake bottom land in Sections 22 and 23, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, was again presented to the Trustees.

After discussion and upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted, the Trustees agreed to sell 20 acres of land, on which Mr. Rutledge is farming this season, at a price of \$50.00 per acre plus the rental of \$15.00 per acre for this season, the purchaser to furnish survey and description for deed. The proposition was accepted by Mr. Catts for his client.

Mr. Mayo made the motion that the policy of the Trustees, in disposing of lake bottom lands on a basis of \$50.00

per acre, be changed and that hereafter all land owned by the State should be sold according to value of the land at the time of purchase without regard to former price on similar lands. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote unanimously adopted.

Mr. Sidney J. Catts, Jr., advised the Trustees that his client would go back home, have a correct survey made of the lands in his application and would then make an offer for the remainder of the acreage contained in his application.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. T. W. Conley, Jr., of Okeechobee, requesting the Trustees to waive interest due by his client on land in Eagle Bay section, the Trustees having declined to reduce the price from \$30.00 to \$15.00 per acre.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to waive one-half the interest due upon payment of amounts now due on the purchase. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Conley.

The Trustees requested the Secretary to have Mr. Ervin prepare list of certificates covering lands on which the Trustees hold mortgages, for presentation to the Delinquent Tax Adjustment Board.

The Land Department presented letter from J. E. Jenkins, requesting exchange of land with the Trustees. The request was denied.

The Land Department presented letter from Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward, in which request was made for the Trustees to put up an additional \$100.00 on the foreclosure proceedings on lands at Homestead and they put up the balance necessary.

Attorney General Davis moved that the Trustees make available \$100.00 when Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward makes available the balance necessary. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented request from W. T. Carter of Miami, for the purchase of mineral and oil rights on land in Township 55 South, Range 40 East. The Trus-

tees declined the request on the ground that another party held mortgage on the land and it would not be fair to his interest to dispose of the mineral and oil rights to another.

Messrs. Ben Shepard and F. H. Rand, Jr., of Miami appeared before the Trustees relative to proposition submitted at the meeting on the 3rd instant. The Trustees having referred the proposed contract or agreement to release certain lands from mortgage, to Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, for an opinion, asked for report. Mr. McIntosh reported that the agreement was now in proper form.

Mr. Amos moved that the request of Messrs. Shepard and Rand be granted and that the following agreement be executed. Seconded and upon vote adopted:

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, Entered into this 4th day of December, A. D. 1929, by and between the Honorable Doyle E. Carlton, Governor; Honorable Fred H. Davis, Attorney General; Honorable Ernest Amos, Comptroller; Honorable W. V. Knott, Treasurer, and Honorable Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, as and constituting the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as parties of the first part, and F. H. Rand, Jr., and Ben Shepard, of the County of Dade, and State of Florida, whose permanent post office address is Miami, Florida, as parties of the second part;

WITNESSETH:

THAT WHEREAS, Heretofore on March 1, 1924, the Miami Real Estate Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and F. H. Rand, Jr., a single man, and Ben Shepard, Trustee, joined by his wife, did execute their certain mortgage, payable to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund aforesaid, which said mortgage was duly recorded on March 6, 1925, in the public records of Dade County, Florida, in Mortgage Book 308, at page 99, et seq., and which mortgage encumbered certain land situate in the County of Dade, and State of Florida, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

That certain tract of land or shallow bottom situated in Section nine (9) and Section sixteen (16), in Township fifty-four (54) South, Range

forty-two (42) East, in Dade County, Florida, and located as follows:

Beginning at the meander corner on the west boundary of said Section sixteen (16) of the shore of Virginia Key, which said meander corner is nine hundred four (904) feet north of the southwest corner of said Section sixteen (16);

Thence north along the west line of said Section sixteen (16) and the west line of Section nine (9) of same township and range seven thousand three hundred and seventy-six (7,376) feet;

Thence east two thousand (2,000) feet;

Thence south fifty (50) degrees, fifty (50) minutes east three thousand, two hundred thirty-two (3,232) feet;

Thence south nine (9) degrees fifty (50) minutes east one thousand sixty-eight (1,068) feet to the meander corner on the north boundary of said Section sixteen (16) at the shore of Virginia Key, which said meander corner is six hundred twelve (612) feet west of the northeast corner of said Section sixteen (16);

Thence along the western shore of said Virginia Key through said Section sixteen (16) to the meander corner of said Section sixteen (16), the point of beginning first above described, containing four hundred twenty-two (422) acres, more or less.

and which mortgage is hereinafter referred to as the "Mortgage."

AND WHEREAS, the sum total of principal and interest secured by the aforesaid "Mortgage" on the 1st day of February, A. D. 1929, amounted to One Hundred Thirty-six Thousand, Three Hundred Thirteen and 33/100 (\$136,313.33) Dollars, as is stipulated in a certain contract dated February 1, 1929, entered into between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, aforesaid, as parties of the first part, and the Miami Real Estate Company, F. H. Rand, Jr., and Ben Shepard, as Trustee, joined by his wife, reference to which contract is hereby made;

AND WHEREAS, the sum total, principal and interest, secured by the aforesaid "Mortgage" it is agreed will on

December 15, 1929, amount to One Hundred Forty-three Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty-nine and 78/100 (\$143,469.78) Dollars;

AND WHEREAS, the parties of the second part desire to secure the release and partial satisfaction of said "Mortgage" as to all that portion of the property in said "Mortgage" described lying and being in Section sixteen (16), in Township fifty-four (54) South, of Range forty-two (42) East, aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS, the parties of the second part propose to subdivide, develop and improve the land sought to be released, and lying in Section sixteen (16) aforesaid, together with certain other lands, and to plat same according to a plat prepared by F. K. Ashworth, Civil Engineer, of Miami, Dade County, Florida, a copy of which proposed plat has this day been filed with the parties of the first part for identification and which is made a part hereof, the said property so platted to be known as VIRGINIA BEACH, and which said plat the said parties of the second part propose to place of record in the public records of Dade County, Florida;

AND WHEREAS, the parties of the second part further propose to cause to be issued Three Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000), of good and valid first mortgage bonds, hereinafter referred to as the "Bonds," which "Bonds" shall be secured by a trust deed encumbering Blocks one (1), six (6), seven (7), thirteen (13), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), twenty (20), twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26), twenty-seven (27), twenty-eight (28), twenty-nine (29) and thirty (30), of VIRGINIA BEACH as shown upon said plat, and no other property; which "Bonds" shall be dated December 15, 1929, bear interest at the rate of seven (7) per cent per annum, and mature not more than five (5) years from their date, and be duly authenticated by some trust company organized under the laws of the State of Florida named as Trustee in said deed of trust, which trust company is hereinafter referred to as the "Trustee," the said deed of trust securing said bonds, it being further distinctly agreed, constituting a first lien upon the property aforesaid;

AND WHEREAS, the parties of the first part desire to cooperate with the parties of the second part in their proposed plan to subdivide and improve said property which is now unimproved and undeveloped, in order to make same available for business and residential purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises set forth in the preamble hereinabove, and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to each of the parties in hand paid by the other, the said parties of the first part do herein and hereby agree to execute and deliver to the parties of the second part a good and sufficient release from the lien of said "Mortgage" of all that portion of the property hereinabove described and lying and being in Section sixteen (16), in Township fifty-four (54) South, Range forty-two (42) East, aforesaid, which release shall be hereinafter referred to as the "Release."

And the said parties of the second part do herein and hereby agree in consideration of such "Release" to cause to be delivered to the parties of the first part "Bonds" aforesaid in the principal sum of Thirty-six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000), which said "Bonds" it is agreed may and shall be held by the said parties of the first part as additional collateral security to the notes secured by the "Mortgage" aforesaid, but not in payment thereof; and in the event of default in the performance by the mortgagors of the terms and conditions of said "Mortgage" said "Bonds" may be sold by the parties of the first part, at public or private sale, in the same fashion as if same had been originally pledged with the parties of the first part as additional collateral security to the notes secured by said "Mortgage."

It is further understood and agreed that the sum of Two Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$245,000) of said "Bonds" shall, prior to or coincident with the delivery of the "Release" be disposed by the parties of the second part with the "Trustee" for the sole purpose of defraying the cost of the contemplated improvement and development of the property encumbered by the trust deed securing the proposed issue of "Bonds" aforesaid; it being understood that the parties of the second part may, however, from time to time sell and dispose of said "Bonds" so deposited, and may thereupon release same from the custody of said "Trustee"; PROVIDED, HOW-

EVER, that in such event the proceeds from the sale of said "Bonds" shall in lieu thereof be deposited with the "Trustee" for the purpose stated.

The Trust Deed securing the "Bonds" aforesaid shall contain a clause providing for the partial satisfaction and release by the "Trustee" from the lien thereof from time to time of each and every lot encumbered thereby upon the payment to the "Trustee" of a certain sum in accordance with a schedule to be included in and form a part of said trust deed, which schedule shall fix such release price as to each lot; the release price so fixed shall total not less than Four Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000) and shall be fairly distributed over the lots and blocks encumbered by the trust deed aforesaid in proportion to their value; the funds derived by the "Trustee" from the release of said lots shall by the terms of the trust deed be applied by the "Trustee" solely to the payment and retirement of "Bonds" before their maturity, such "Bonds" so retired to be selected by lot in accordance with a provision contained in the trust deed.

In the development of VIRGINIA BEACH it is understood that no material for the fill thereof shall be dredged or taken from the property encumbered by the "Mortgage."

The "Release" aforesaid shall be delivered by the parties of the first part to the parties of the second part on or before February 1, 1930, upon the parties of the second part complying with the terms and conditions of this contract herein made obligatory upon them.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to change or modify in any way whatsoever, except as herein specifically provided, the said "Mortgage" security now held by the said parties of the first part, as shown by the record of said "Mortgage" in the public records of said Dade County, Florida, in Mortgage Book 308, at page 99 et seq., and it is expressly agreed that the mortgage lien of the parties of the first part as thereby shown and stated shall be reserved and retained unimpaired and unchanged, except to the extent of and as herein specifically provided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have set their hands and seals, and caused the seal of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Florida, to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, and the

said F. H. Rand, Jr., and Ben Shepard have set their hands and seals, all in duplicate, this the day and year first above written.

DOYLE E. CARLTON, (SEAL)
Governor.

FRED H. DAVIS, (SEAL)
Attorney General.

ERNEST AMOS, (SEAL)
Comptroller.

W. V. KNOTT, (SEAL)
Treasurer.

NATHAN MAYO, (SEAL)
Commissioner of Agriculture.

(SEAL)

As and constituting the Trustees
of the Internal Improvement
Fund of the State of Florida.

F. H. RAND, JR. (SEAL)
BEN SHEPARD. (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and delivered
by F. H. Rand, Jr., and
Ben Shepard in our pres-
ence:

M. O. BARCO.

JENTYE DEDGE.

State of Florida, }
County of Leon. }

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 4th day of December, A. D. 1929, before me, M. O. Barco, a Notary Public for the State of Florida at large, personally appeared F. H. Rand, Jr., and Ben Shepard, well known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument of writing, and severally acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the same as and for their own free act and deed, and for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and notarial seal, the day and year last above written.

(SEAL)

M. O. BARCO,
Notary Public, State
of Florida at Large.

My commission expires July 10, 1933.

Mr. Ben Shepard of Miami made application for oil and gas lease on all Township 50 South, Range 36 East, except Sections 16 and 25 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 33, containing 21,440 acres, and all of Township 51 South, Range 36 East, containing 22,440 acres.

Mr. Amos moved that the lease be granted to Mr. Shepard on the lands above described, subject to the usual terms and conditions. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. C. Bascom Sloop of Washington, D. C., representing Islands, Inc., of which company Mr. Francis S. Whitten is principal owner, relative to re-conveyance to the State of three small islands in Lake Worth which the War Department refuses to allow Mr. Whitten to fill in, thereby depriving him of the use of the islands, and which Mr. Whitten, on December 3rd, requested the Trustees to allow him to re-convey to the State, holding the payments made as a credit for Mr. Whitten to be applied on other lands to be selected.

Whereupon the following resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Trustees Internal Improvement Fund did on December 3rd, 1926, convey to ISLANDS INCORPORATED those certain islands, shallow banks or submerged flats, lying in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, which said areas are known as Entry No. 17773, containing 35.12 acres, and a partial payment of \$38,199.60 having been made to the Trustees upon said purchase, and it being the purpose of said Islands Incorporated to improve the said islands, submerged land and shallow banks by dredging the adjacent bottoms and filling the said areas; and

WHEREAS, The said Islands Incorporated made application to the Secretary of War of the United States for permission to dredge and fill as above set forth, and the Secretary of War having denied the application of Islands Incorporated for making such improvements as set forth by letter of November 18, 1929, from L. V. Frazier, Lt. Col. Corps of Engineers, District Engineer's Office, Jacksonville, Florida, and by virtue of such denial the said Islands Incorporated are prevented from making use of the property conveyed to them by the said Trustees Internal Improvement Fund; and Islands Incorporated having set forth

the above at a meeting of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund on December 3, 1929, and having submitted a letter to such effect, requesting the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund to permit said Islands, Incorporated to re-deed to them the lands conveyed by the said Trustees on December 3, 1926, and allow Islands Incorporated a credit in the amount paid, to-wit: \$38,199.60, which credit is to be exercised by the selection of other lands of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund; Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund confirm their action taken as of December 3rd, and hereby authorize Islands Incorporated to re-deed to the said Trustees the lands as above described, free of all encumbrances and liens for taxes, and to exercise the credit in the amount of \$38,199.60 by the selection of other lands in the said amount which the Trustees hereby agree to convey when selected, provided such selection shall be made by Islands Incorporated not later than July 1, 1932.

Upon motion the resolution was adopted, and the same was agreed to by Francis S. Whitten on behalf of Islands Incorporated.

The Trustees directed that the three islands to be re-conveyed by Islands Incorporated, be advertised for highest bid and objections as soon as title has returned to the State.

A letter was presented from Atlantic Shell Company of Jacksonville, asking that they be given a hearing before any shell leases were granted in the vicinity of their operations in the St. Johns River.

The Trustees directed that the Atlantic Shell Company be advised that they would be given an opportunity to be heard in the event application was received for shell lease in the territory mentioned.

Mr. Bayless of the Land Department was directed to go to West Palm Beach to appear as a witness in hearings on land selections to be had beginning with December 9th.

The Trustees having on November 19th, 1929, requested the Secretary to prepare description for advertising land applied for by Mr. Charles R. Pierce of Miami, the following notice was placed in the Miami Herald.

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 4, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will receive competitive bids in open session at 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, January 14th, 1930, at Tallahassee, for the following described land in DADE County, Florida:

Those certain islands or shallow banks created by depositing material from dredging operations, lying Southwest of, parallel to, and at a distance of approximately 1,600 feet from the Miami Causeway, or Southwest of and parallel to the Ship Channel extending Northwesterly and Southeasterly approximately 11,000 feet, and are approximately 400 to 1,200 feet wide. The said islands or shallow banks lie Southwest of that part of the Causeway extending from near the Ship Basin near its West end to the Star Island Bridge near its East end. Said islands or shallow banks are located in Sections 4, 5, 6, and 9 of Township 54 South, Range 42 East, in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida. Containing 190 acres, more or less.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same as therein prescribed.

Proposal to purchase and final bid shall be submitted in writing and accompanied by check in an amount not less than one-fourth of the purchase price.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Financial statement for the month of November, 1929, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER, 1929

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| Balance in Fund Nov. 1, 1929 .. | \$158,532.27 | |
| From land sales under Chap. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Chap. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 7,719.25 | |
| From sale of sand, shell and gravel | 586.10 | |
| From Board of Commissioners Everglades Drainage District, account payment \$100,000 note with accrued interest at 6%: | | |
| Comptroller's Warrant No. 37374.. | \$60,000.00 | |
| Comptroller's Warrant No. 37374-A | 30,000.00 | |
| Comptroller's Warrant No. 37374-B | 10,000.00 | |
| Comptroller's Warrant No. 35120.. | 2,000.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 102,000.00 |
| From sale of Minutes | 1.50 | |
| From gas and oil leases | 3,179.05 | |
| From land leases | 551.00 | |
| Refund on costs paid in ejectment suit | 2.20 | |
| From land sales (\$204.40) less 25% to State School Fund (\$51.09) | 153.31 | |
| | <hr/> | \$272,724.68 |
| Less disbursements | 240,221.79 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 32,502.89 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and cash items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in banks | 31,502.89 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 32,502.89 |

BALANCES IN BANKS DECEMBER 1, 1929

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | \$ 6,665.12 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 7,888.57 |

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| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 3,765.97 |
| American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla. | 7,585.79 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 1,859.80 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 1,183.12 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 436.42 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 1,118.10 |
| Capital City Bank, special account | 1,000.00 |

\$ 31,502.89

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date | Check | In Favor of— | Amount |
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| 1929 | No. | | |
| Nov. 6 | 7942 | Board of Commrs. Everglades Dr. Dist. | \$ 60,000.00 |
| | 7943 | Board of Comm'rs Everglades Dr. Dist. | 30,000.00 |
| | 7944 | Board of Commr's Everglades Dr. Dist. | 10,000.00 |
| 13 | 7945 | Western Union Telegraph Co.... | 3.78 |
| | 7946 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. | 2.62 |
| | 7947 | Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | 4.25 |
| | 7948 | T. J. Appleyard, Inc. | 5.26 |
| | 7949 | Bradenton Publishing Co. | 12.75 |
| | 7950 | Typewriter Service Co. | 1.50 |
| | 7951 | Palm Beach Post | 13.50 |
| | 7952 | W. T. Oliver, C. C. C. | 4.35 |
| | 7953 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 3.30 |
| | 7954 | Marvin C. McIntosh | 56.60 |
| 20 | 7955 | Wallis Engineering Company .. | 117.92 |
| | 7956 | R. C. Baker, Sheriff | 30.00 |
| 30 | 7957 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | 7958 | F. C. Elliot | 325.00 |
| | 7959 | A. R. Richardson | 657.60 |
| | 7960 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 7961 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 7962 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 7963 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 7964 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 7965 | H. L. Shearer | 50.00 |
| | 7966 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |

| Date | Check | In favor of: | Amount |
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| 1929 | No. | | |
| Nov. 30, | 7967 | B. C. Whitfield | 50.00 |
| | 7968 | Robert Wynn | 40.00 |
| | 7969 | William H. Tilden | 21.50 |
| | 7970 | M. J. Carey | 15.06 |
| | 7971 | Okeechobee Flood Control Dist. 1929 Taxes | 6,571.32 |
| | 7972 | Everglades Drainage Dist. 1929 Taxes | 63,941.11 |
| | 7973 | Okeechobee Flood Control Dist. 1929 Taxes | 30,000.00 |
| | 7974 | Okeechobee Flood Control Dist. 1929 Taxes | 10,000.00 |
| | 7975 | Okeechobee Flood Control Dist. 1929 Taxes | 9,000.00 |
| | 7976 | Okeechobee Flood Control Dist. 1929 Taxes | 10,000.00 |
| | 7977 | Okeechobee Flood Control Dist. 1929 Taxes | 7,000.00 |
| | 7978 | Okeechobee Flood Control Dist. 1929 Taxes | 1,000.00 |
| | | | \$240,221.79 |

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Alice M. Hayden, P. O. Box 1132, West Palm Beach, Fla. | \$ 134.00 |
| Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward, Seybold Bldg., Miami, Fla. | 100.00 |
| \$ 234.00 | |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 10, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of December 3rd and 4th, presented and approved.

In connection with the reconveyance by Islands, Incorporated, of three small islands, as authorized by resolution of December 4th, Mr. Amos moved that the Land Department make note of the fact that the one-fourth due the State School Fund from the sale of this land has already been so transferred from funds received as first payment on original purchase. Motion seconded and unanimously adopted.

Mr. E. L. Stapp of the firm Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward, presented the matter of taxes due on 340 acres of land in Dade County, which had been subdivided into lots and blocks and on which drainage taxes for the years 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929 have not been paid. He advised that the land was now back on the books as acreage and requested that his client be allowed to pay the four years taxes on an acreage basis as of the year 1929.

Mr. Knott moved that Mr. Stapp be allowed to pay the drainage taxes for the years 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929 on the land referred to on the 1929 tax basis, plus the cost of certificates. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. E. L. Stapp advised the Trustees that he had several matters relating to tax adjustments which he desired to present for consideration by the Trustees, as follows:

1st. Request from the owner of 6,000 acres of land in Broward County for the reduction of taxes due, said lands having been sold for 1926 taxes and no subsequent taxes having been paid, the estimated amount of drainage taxes being approximately \$35,000.00; and

2nd. Petition of Southern Bank & Trust Company, owners of 42,000 acres of land in Township 49, Ranges 36 to 39, Broward County, requesting to be allowed to redeem certificates sold the State for amount of face of certificates and waive the interest; and

3rd. Request of Mr. F. C. Allen, President of Select Securities, Inc., who purchased drainage tax certificates in 1926 for 1925 drainage taxes, but has paid no taxes for the years 1927 and 1928, certificates for the past two years having been sold to the State, would like to arrive at some basis for handling the matter. Mr. Allen's proposition is

that he will either pay the taxes due the Trustees, without interest, and buy the land in, or if the Trustees desire to purchase his certificates, will sell them at the face value plus 8% interest allowed by law.

After discussion, the Trustees advised Mr. Stapp that they would take the three propositions under consideration and see what could be done with reference to adjustment and advise him when decision is made.

The Land Department presented letter from Curley, Fisher & Van Meter, following action of the Trustees on November 26th, with reference to request of Mrs. Alta F. Dwan, Entry No. 17879, advising that she did not care to re-deed three-fourths of the land in said Entry, the entire acreage being only 9.95 acres, but asked that the price be reduced.

The Trustees considered that the price paid for the land was in line with other prices and declined to reduce the price.

The Trustees having advertised tax land for sale on December 3rd, upon application of Brown Company, and the sale having been postponed until this date, bids were called for. Bid of Brown Company in the amount of all taxes, interest and penalties, plus \$1.00 per acre and cost of advertising, being the only bid received, was accepted. Deeds were ordered issued to Brown Company for the following land:

$E\frac{1}{2}$ of $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ (North and East of Hillsboro Canal), Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, 9.2 acres; and

Tract 16, Section 21; Tract 12, Section 33, Township 46 South, Range 39 East, containing 80 acres.

Mr. Amos made a motion that the Secretary file a general request for adjustment of taxes due by the State with each County Delinquent Tax Adjustment Board where the Trustees are due taxes and follow the matter up for final disposition. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Mayo advised the Trustees that Mr. J. B. Hodges of Lake City had called on him relative to land purchased by Paul D. Camp in Hamilton County, which land a client of

Mr. Hodge's desired to purchase from Mr. Camp. There being two judgments against the land and the Trustees' mortgage being long past due, Mr. Mayo moved that the mortgage be foreclosed and after title has become perfected in the State, Mr. Hodges be advised that the Trustees would entertain a proposition to sell the land. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:
F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 17, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees for December 10th, presented and approved.

Mr. W. D. O'Donnell, representing Amelia Corporation, appeared before the Trustees relative to foreclosing mortgage in Sections 26, 27, 28, 33 and 34, Township 55 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, and advised the Trustees that he would pay all expenses of the suit and have his attorney handle the matter.

The Trustees agreed to allow Mr. O'Donnell to institute foreclosure proceedings on the said mortgage and directed that his attorney take the matter up with Mr. McIntosh, Counsel for the Board.

Mr. George V. Green of Jacksonville, president of Standard Dredging Company, requested the Trustees to reinstate his permits for dredging shell in St. Johns River and North River and allow him to make new bond.

The Trustees having agreed to allow Atlantic Shell Company an opportunity to be heard in case of application for permit in St. Johns River near their operations, Mr. Green

was advised that unless some legal objection was presented, permit would be granted. The Secretary was directed to communicate with Atlantic Shell Company and ascertain the nature of their objections to shell permits in St. Johns River.

The Secretary presented request from Mr. C. M. Johnson of Fort Myers, formerly employed by the Board of Commissioners and Trustees as fire warden for Everglades Drainage District, making claim for additional compensation for services as fire warden under the 1925 Act of the Legislature, creating a Board of Fire Control.

Upon consideration of the claim, the Trustees directed the Secretary to advise Mr. Johnson that they had no authority to pay such claim.

The Secretary presented the matter of advertisement of submerged islands and shallow banks in Biscayne Bay, applied for by Mr. Charles R. Pierce, to be sold on January 14th, 1930, subject to objections and competitive bids, and called attention to the fact that the Legislature of 1927 has set aside this area, with other areas, for the City of Miami.

Upon discussion of the subject, Mr. Davis moved that the advertisement be discontinued and the land withdrawn from sale by the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted. The Secretary was directed to notify the Miami Herald to discontinue the advertisement, and also advise Mr. Charles R. Pierce, applicant, of the action of the Trustees.

The Secretary called to the attention of the Trustees the matters presented by Mr. E. L. Stapp on December 10th, relative to tax adjustments, and consideration of the same was ordered postponed until the next meeting of the Trustees.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. R. J. Tygert of Fort Myers, relative to action of the Trustees October 15th, requesting the Trustees to retain only \$125.00 and refund to him the balance of the cash payment of \$952.50.

The Trustees declined to grant this request and directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Tygert that they would stand by action of October 15th and would allow him until January 1st to accept one of the propositions made.

The Land Department presented letter from Allandale Company with request that they be allowed to reconvey three-fourths of the land in their Entry No. 17652 and secure deed to the one-fourth represented by the cash payment.

Mr. Davis moved that Allandale Company be allowed to reconvey the three-fourths acreage as requested, upon payment of all taxes and furnishing abstract, and the Trustees issue deed to land paid for. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. B. A. Bales of Moore Haven, stating that his client, Mr. VanDeVelde, had purchased the claim of one of the Lakeport settlers, Mr. M. D. Johnson, and asked that his claim be recognized by the Trustees.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the request was granted and the Land Department directed to make note of such claim.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | \$ 3.80 |
| J. L. Barber, C. C. C., Okeechobee, Fla. | 4.80 |
| Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 8.25 |
| DeLand Sun News, DeLand, Fla. | 18.00 |
| The Miami Herald, Miami, Fla. | 9.00 |
| Chas. F. Dohrer, Box 331, R. F. D., Miami, Fla.... | 5.15 |
| F. E. Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. (Expense account) | 58.29 |
| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla... | 8.63 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ... | 1.68 |
| The Southern Telephone & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 4.25 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned. \$121.85

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:
F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 30, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ | 325.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent | | 623.50 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | | 229.16 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | | 233.34 |
| R. W. Ervin, Gen. Utility Man | | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | | 75.00 |
| H. L. Shearer, Tax Clerk | | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | | 83.33 |
| B. C. Whitfield, Bond Clerk | | 50.00 |
| | \$ | 1,982.67 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,

Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 31, 1929.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Minutes of the Trustees for December 17th, presented and approved.

The Trustees having on November 12th agreed to sell to the City of New Smyrna 1.6 acres of submerged land in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, adjacent to property owned by the city, and advertisement for objections having been published as required by law, and no objections presented or filed, the land was sold to the City of New Smyrna at a price of \$10.00 to be used for public purposes only. Deed was ordered issued.

Mr. J. B. Conyers of Fort Myers made an offer of \$50.00 per acre for a small island near Fort Myers in Section 2, Township 46, South Range 22 East; Lee County, containing approximately 4 acres.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees accepted the offer of Mr. Conyers of \$50.00 per acre cash for the island as above described, subject to advertisement for objections as required by law.

Mr. H. J. Capenton of Sarasota made an offer of \$50.00 per acre for submerged land adjacent to his upland near Nokomis, being 1.32 acres in Section 3, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County.

The Trustees declined the offer of Mr. Capenton, but directed the Land Department to advise him that they would sell this land at the same price asked for other submerged land adjacent to upland—\$100.00 per acre cash, subject to advertisement for objections as required by law.

Mr. James Ball of the Wallis Engineering Company appeared before the Trustees and presented map showing land, 20 acres of which the Trustees agreed on December 4th to sell to L. T. Rutledge at a price of \$50.00 per acre, plus \$15.00 per acre rental, and as the property was divided by the highway, Mr. Ball requested the Trustees to indicate the location of the 20 acres.

Mr. Knott made the motion that the acreage to be deeded to Mr. Rutledge, of approximately 20 acres, be taken from the east side of the road. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. James Ball of the Wallis Engineering Company made application to lease for a term of three years, beginning with July 1, 1930, all of Pelican Bay in Sections 24, 25, and 36, Township 42 South, Range 37, lying north and west of Pelican River and not heretofore covered by deed from the Trustees, offering \$3,500.00 per annum as rental to be paid one-half January 1st and one-half May 1st of each year, the said lease not to be dependent upon construction of a levee by the State or Federal Government; Wallis Engineering Company also requests the right to purchase this land at the expiration of said lease at a rate of \$100.00 per acre for the first 300 acres and \$75.00 per acre for the remainder.

Attorney General Davis moved that the application be received and that action thereon be held over for a full meeting. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Ball was requested to submit a proposed form of lease and proposition to purchase.

The Trustees having received an offer of \$200.00 from Paul C. Taylor of Miami, for client Par Properties, Inc., for lands, title which is vested in the Trustees for non-payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes, agreed to advertise the lands for the highest bid, as required by law, and the following notice was placed in the Miami Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 31, 1929.

NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of Section 1175, Revised General Statutes of Florida, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will on Tuesday, February 11, 1930, 10 o'clock A. M., at Tallahassee, offer for sale the following described lands lying and being in DADE County, Florida:

Lots 2 and 3 of Dorn Brothers Subdivision of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 54 South, Range 40 East.

Bids will be received therefor at Tallahassee, Florida, until 10 o'clock A. M. on date of sale.

Terms: Cash.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,

Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh presented letter from Mr. W. H. Jackson of Tampa, with reference to equity of the State in bankruptcy of the estate of Lloyd-Skinner Development Company, on which the Trustees held mortgage, and advised that the property sold, free of all liens, for the sum of \$100.00 and enclosed check in that amount payable to the Trustees. The Trustees directed that the check be accepted and deposited.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, reported that Southern Sugar Company is cultivating approximately 450 acres of State land in Sections 14, 15, 16, 22 and 23, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, between the meander line of said sections and Everglades Drainage District Levee.

Mr. Davis moved that a letter be directed to Southern Sugar Company, making claim for \$10.00 per acre per annum rental for the land owned by the State. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees authorized Mr. Richardson to trade in his old Ford car on a new car and have title vested in the Trustees as heretofore, at no cost to the Trustees.

Upon application from Tomasello Lumber Company of Orlando, the Trustees agreed to sell the timber on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 32 South, Range 34 East, Osceola County, for a consideration of \$200.00.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:

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| W. A. Lewis, C. C. C., Hamilton County, Jasper, Fla., filing fee in foreclosure suit against Paul D. Camp, et al. | \$20.00 |
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Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:
F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

TRUSTEES' MINUTES FOR 1930

Tallahassee, Florida, January 7, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present :

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of December 31, 1929, were presented and approved.

The matter of assessing lands on which the Trustees hold mortgage was taken up, and after discussion Mr. Davis moved that the Tax Assessors be advised to make notation opposite assessment of lands on which the Trustees hold mortgage, that such assessment was made subject to mortgage claim of the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Mr. James Ball of Wallis Engineering Company requested the Trustees to take action on the matter presented at the meeting on December 31st, 1929, relative to leasing lands in Pelican Bay for a period of three years and the right to purchase at the expiration of said lease.

Counsel for the Trustees not having had opportunity to examine form of lease, Mr. Knott moved that the matter be taken under consideration. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Vernon Price-Williams appeared before the Trustees relative to securing oil lease on State lands as follows:

- Township 54 South, Ranges 29 and 30 East;
- Townships 56, 57 and 58 South, Range 34 East;
- Townships 48 and 49 South, Range 35 East;
- Townships 56, 57 and 58 South, Range 35 East;
- Townships 56 and 57 South, Range 36 East.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant the oil lease requested upon the usual terms

and conditions and upon payment of five cents (5c) per acre on all lands outside Everglades Drainage District in addition to taxes.

Mr. F. C. Elliot presented memorandum and recommended certain changes in the oil lease form as to Section One and an additional Section 25. The Trustees approved the changes and directed that they be made applicable to all leases in effect and to be included in all future leases.

The application of Mr. George V. Green of Jacksonville, president of Standard Dredging Company, requesting the Trustees to reinstate his permit for dredging shell in St. Johns and North River and allow him to make new bond, came up for discussion.

The Trustees agreed that as this request involved the reinstatement of a lease to Standard Dredging Company, which lease was cancelled January 31, 1929, at the request of Standard Dredging Company, the same would not come within the purview of the request of Atlantic Shell Company to be heard in case of the issuance of new leases within this territory. Whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The shell lease granted to Standard Dredging Company under date of October 18, 1927, was cancelled as of January 31, 1929, at the request of Standard Dredging Company; and

WHEREAS, Standard Dredging Company now requests that this lease be reinstated and that they be allowed to furnish new bond in the form of a \$500.00 Liberty Bond; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the lease of Standard Dredging Company, dated October 18, 1927, and cancelled January 31, 1929, be reinstated as of February 1, 1930, and to expire on the date as set forth in original lease, and that the \$500.00 Liberty Bond be accepted as the new bond.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, having reported on the value of land purchased by Mr. G. S. Roberts of Fort Myers from Rev. S. W. Lawler, and also the land on which Mr. Roberts has made improvement, thinking he was on the land purchased from Mr. Lawler, the Trustees decided

that they would not make the exchange as requested. Whereupon, Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees sell the land on which Mr. Roberts has made improvements at a price of \$25.00 per acre. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, presented letter from Mr. J. E. Beardsley relative to land purchased from T. J. Champion on which land there exists a reservation for boulevard right-of-way. Mr. Beardsley advises that the road has been built on other land than that reserved and requests that the reservation be released to the present owners of the property.

Mr. Knott moved that the Land Department make investigation and report as to the present status of the reserved right-of-way.

Mr. Mayo made the motion that all funds now or hereafter coming to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be segregated and kept in separate accounts; those receipts coming from within Everglades Drainage District to be kept in one fund, and receipts coming from without the District to be in another fund, and that receipts from outside the District be not expended within Everglades Drainage District except upon special order of the Trustees; also that the motion apply to funds now in the treasury to the credit of the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. C. F. Dodson of Jacksonville made an offer of \$10.00 per acre for the following land:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 24
South, Range 27 East;

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, Township 23
South, Range 29 East;

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, Township 22
South, Range 28 East;

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 23
South, Range 28 East;

in orange County.

Mr. Davis moved that the offer of Mr. Dodson be accepted and the lands sold to him at \$10.00 per acre. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Frances S. Whitten of Miami submitted a letter to the Trustees, requesting that they agree to sponsor a bill at the next session of the Legislature for the return to Islands Incorporated of the \$38,199.60 credit held by the Trustees, should he be unable to locate desirable land suitable for his purpose. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Under resolution of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund under date of December 4th, 1929, it was recited that the said Trustees did on December 3rd, 1926, convey to ISLANDS INCORPORATED those certain islands, shallow banks or submerged flats, lying in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, which said areas are known as Entry No. 17,773, containing 35.12 acres, and that a partial payment of \$38,199.60 had been made to the Trustees upon said purchase; and

WHEREAS, said resolution recites that the said ISLANDS INCORPORATED made application to the Secretary of War of the United States, for permission to dredge and fill said lands and that the Secretary of War denied the said application of Islands Incorporated for making such improvements, and that the said Islands, Incorporated are prevented from making use of the property conveyed to them by the said Trustees; and

WHEREAS, by said resolution it was resolved that the Trustees authorize Islands Incorporated to re-deed to the said Trustees the lands as above described free of all encumbrances and liens of taxes and to exercise the credit in the amount of \$38,199.60 by the selection of other lands in said amount, which the Trustees agreed to convey when selected, provided, such selection should be made by Islands Incorporated not later than July 1st, 1932; and

WHEREAS, by letter addressed to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, under date of January 6, 1930, Mr. Francis S. Whitten, representing Islands, Incorporated, advised that he had carefully examined the list of all lands now in the possession of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, and finds no lands suitable for subdivision purposes and requests the Trustees to pass a resolution agreeing that in case he found no lands suitable for

the purposes of Islands Incorporated before the convening of the next Legislature, that the Trustees would sponsor and support a Legislative Act at the next session of the State Legislature to return to Islands Incorporated the sum of \$38,199.60, subject to the provisions that this payment will not take precedence over any payments due and payable by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for taxes and current expenses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, in consideration of the premises, agree that, in case Francis S. Whitten, representing Islands Incorporated finds no lands suitable for their purposes before the convening of the next Legislature, in accordance with their above mentioned resolution of December 4th, 1929, they will, in accordance with the above request, sponsor and support a Legislative Act at the next session of the State Legislature to return to Islands incorporated the sum of \$38,199.60, subject to the provisions that this payment will not take precedence over any payment due and payable by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for taxes and current expenses.

Financial Statement for the month of December, 1929, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER, 1929

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| Balance in Fund December 1, 1929 | \$ 32,502.89 |
| From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 1,375.35 |
| From sale of sand, shell and gravel | 511.16 |
| From sale of minutes | 1.50 |
| Forfeit by L. C. Hagler <i>in re</i> land matter; see minutes of Board 4-19-27 | 199.65 |
| Receipts on account of Trustees' Certificate | 1.50 |
| Forfeit by R. J. Tygert <i>in re</i> land matter; see minutes of Board 12-17-1929 | 476.25 |

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| Receipts on account squatter's claims and lease | 1.00 | |
| From land sales (\$1,242.43) less 25% to State School Fund (\$310.60) | 931.83 | |
| | | \$ 36,001.13 |
| Less Disbursements | 2,658.52 | |
| Balance on hand January 1, 1930 | | \$ 33,342.61 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and Cash Items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in Banks | 32,342.61 | |
| | | \$ 33,342.61 |

BALANCES IN BANKS JANUARY 1, 1930

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | \$ 6,665.12 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 8,314.47 |
| Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 3,628.84 |
| American National Bank, Pensa- cola, Fla. | 7,585.79 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 1,859.80 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 1,732.57 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 436.42 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 1,119.60 |
| Capital City Bank—Special Ac- count | 1,000.00 |

\$ 32,342.61

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date | Check No. | In Favor of: | Amount |
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| 1929 | | | |
| Dec. 6, | 7979 | Alice M. Hayden | \$ 134.00 |
| | 7980 | Stapp, Gourley, Vining & Ward | 100.00 |

| Date | Check | In favor of: | Amount |
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| 1929 | No. | | |
| Dec. 19, | 7981 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 3.80 |
| | 7982 | J. L. Barber, C. C. C. | 4.80 |
| | 7983 | Post Publishing Co. | 8.25 |
| | 7984 | DeLand Sun-News | 18.00 |
| | 7985 | Miami Herald | 9.00 |
| | 7986 | Chas. H. Doliver | 5.15 |
| | 7987 | F. E. Bayless | 58.29 |
| | 7988 | Western Union Telegraph Co. | 8.63 |
| | 7989 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. .. | 1.68 |
| | 7990 | Southern Telephone & Con- struction Co. | 4.25 |
| 30, | 7991 | F. C. Elliot | 325.00 |
| | 7992 | A. R. Richardson | 623.50 |
| | 7993 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 7994 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 7995 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 7996 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 7997 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 7998 | H. L. Shearer | 50.00 |
| | 7999 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 8000 | B. C. Whitfield | 50.00 |
| | 8001 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | | | \$ 2,658.52 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 7, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education met in joint session on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

And—

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

W. M. Igou, Secretary of State,
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 W. S. Cawthon, Supt. of Public Instruction.

Mr. Francis S. Whitten of Miami presented to the joint Boards a letter in reference to certain property in Dade County, Florida. After a discussion of the subject matter of Mr. Whitten's letter, Mr. Davis moved that the request and proposal of Mr. Whitten be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Igou and upon vote adopted by both Boards. Whereupon, Counsel for the Trustees, acting also for the State Board of Education, was directed to draft an agreement embodying the necessary data set forth in Mr. Whitten's letter, together with such other matter as may be required to cover the facts in the case and as a lease and purchase agreement between the Trustees and the State Board of Education with Islands Incorporated, as represented by Mr. Whitten.

Proposed agreement between Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education, with Islands Incorporated having been prepared, same was presented to the above Boards at joint meeting for examination. Upon consideration of the agreement as drawn, Mr. Davis moved that the same be executed by both Boards, and that the agreement and letter from Mr. Whitten be copied into the minutes of both Boards. Seconded by Mr. Mayo, adopted, and agreement duly executed and delivered.

“Tallahassee, Florida, January 7, 1930.

To the Trustees of the Internal
 Improvement Fund, and
 The State Board of Education,
 Tallahassee, Florida.

Gentlemen:

In 1919 I acquired through purchase from the Wayne Realty Company, for the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, a deed conveying a line of title from W. H. Gleason, original patentee of the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., for approximately eighty-three (83) acres of land lying in Section Nineteen (19), Township Fifty-three (53) South, Range Forty-two (42) East, and described in the deed as the North Half of Lot One, and all of Lot Two.

This title ran back nearly fifty years, and had been attacked on various points both in Washington and in the local courts, but in each case the Department of the Interior sustained the title in Gleason, and in bankruptcy proceedings in the local courts Gleason was allowed to retain this property as his homestead. When I purchased the property I had the title examined by Shutts & Bowen of Miami, Florida, who pronounced the title a good marketable title.

About one year later, while I was actively engaged in filling this property, Charles R. Pierce and John M. Sutton purporting to represent one Reid, but really acting for themselves, filed an application for this land under the Forest Lieu Selection Act, alleging that the land was wild, unoccupied and non-mineral. At about the same time John H. Murrell, special appointee of the Board of Education, and who also owned an interest in the so-called Hampton Claim, filed a School Board application for this land. Both of these claims were filed while I was developing the property for a subdivision, at an expense of about fifty-five thousand dollars.

The matter came before the Department of the Interior and four decisions were handed down in my favor by the Solicitor of the Land Department and the Secretary of the Interior. The Secretary finally announced his intention of issuing a supplementary patent confirming my title. My opponents took the case into the courts and a decision was handed down by Justice Hitz of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in 1924, which decreed that the Secretary had erred; that the alleged line of title I had acquired was defective; that the land in question actually belonged to the United States Government, and that full legal force and effect should be given to the Reid or Sutton application by the Department.

A long legal battle resulted through a lack of understanding on the part of the courts of some of the points involved, with the result that it was not until four years later—March, 1928—that the Department of the Interior was able to hold a hearing in Miami, Florida, to determine the exact facts of the case. At this hearing I fully vindicated my contentions for preferential rights and was supported in this by an opinion recently forwarded to the Department of the Interior by the Registrar at Gainesville.

Again Pierce and Sutton attempted to get the matter into the courts and were able to delay matters until the

late fall of 1929 through the filing of applications asking for injunctions.

These legal battles, and the expense incident thereto, have resulted in an expenditure by me of upwards of eighty thousand dollars.

The whole matter is now before the Department for adjudication. In order to close up this situation at an early date, I have asked the Department to delay sixty days in its consideration of the case while I endeavor to arrange a compromise through the purchase of the claims of the various litigants—not because of any belief that they have any rights, but solely to get possession of the property while there is yet time to reestablish the trend to the Northeast Section of Miami, for if something is not done along this line at an early date I believe that the former value of this property will be forever lost.

I desire to make the following proposition to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund:

I will use my best efforts to have the Department of the Interior at Washington issue a patent under the Swamp Land Act to the Trustees for the North Half of Lot One, and for all of Lot Two hereinbefore described, and containing approximately eighty-three acres. If the Department of the Interior refuses to patent said land under the Swamp Land Act, it may agree to deed it to the State Board of Education.

I request that the Trustees and State Board of Education enter into an agreement at this meeting, agreeing to lease the property to my appointee, Islands Incorporated, a Florida corporation, address, Calumet Building, Miami, Florida, for a period of six years from the date of the issuance of patent, at two dollars and fifty cents an acre per year, with an option to purchase it at any time during that period for the sum of two thousand dollars. I believe that this lease is a fair one based on the present low market value of the property, which is due to its undeveloped condition and lack of availability for any purpose except that of a development as a subdivision. This development will require large sums to be spent to make the property available for the market, which market does not now exist, but which must be created.

It should be noted that in case I am not able to quiet this title, litigation may continue for years to come.

It is my desire that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education execute with me an agreement for lease and an option to purchase the lands hereinbefore referred to.

With the hope that you will see the fairness of my proposition, and will cooperate in cleaning up this tangle, I have the honor to be

Very obediently yours,
FRANCIS S. WHITTEN."

AGREEMENT

TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT
FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND STATE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA, TO ISLANDS INCORPORATED.

THIS AGREEMENT made this 7th day of January,
A. D. 1930, by and between

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor of the State of Florida,
Ernest Amos, Comptroller of said State,
W. V. Knott, Treasurer of said State,
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General of said State, and
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture of said State,

As and constituting the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, parties of the first part, and

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor of the State of Florida,
W. M. Igou, Secretary of State of said State,
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General of said State,
W. V. Knott, Treasurer of said State, and
W. S. Cawthon, State Superintendent of Public Instruction of said State,

As and constituting the State Board of Education of the State of Florida, parties of the second part, and ISLANDS INCORPORATED, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, whose permanent postoffice address is Calumet Building, Miami, Florida, party of the third part.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, by letter under date of January 7th, 1930, to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and to the State Board of Education, parties of the First and Sec-

ond part above mentioned, Francis S. Whitten, representing Islands Incorporated, sets forth in said letter that he is the purchaser of the lands hereinafter described from a person purporting to have had valid title thereto, and that in addition to the purchase price he has expended large sums of money in the improvement of said lands; and

WHEREAS, It appears that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund did on the 16th day of May, 1884, file application for patent under the Swamp and Overflowed Land Grant Act, which application has not at this date been finally passed upon; and

WHEREAS, It appears that the State Board of Education of Florida, through its agent, had filed application for patent under the School Indemnity Act, which application has not been finally passed upon, and that by reason of the foregoing each of the parties hereto claim an equity or certain rights in said lands; and

WHEREAS, said Francis S. Whitten, representing Islands Inc., has indicated his purpose to use his best efforts to assist in securing patent to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under the Swamp Land Grant Act covering said lands, and in the event of failure to secure patent to all said lands that he will use his best efforts to assist in securing patent to the State Board of Education to such part of said lands claimed by the State Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, In consideration of the premises and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and One Dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid to the State Board of Education by Islands Incorporated, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and in consideration of the following mutual covenants and conditions, the parties of the First part and the parties of the Second part agree to lease to the party of the Third part, as their respective interests may appear, for the period beginning at the date of issuance of patent to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and/or to the State Board of Education, and ending Six (6) years from said date for an annual rental of Two Dollars Fifty Cents (\$2.50) per acre, the following described land:

The North Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of Lot One (1) and all of Lot Two (2), in Section Nineteen (19), Township Fifty-three (53) South, Range Forty-two

(42) East, lying and being in Dade County, State of Florida, and containing Eighty-Three (83) acres, more or less.

It is further agreed that at any time within six years from the date when said lands may be patented to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and/or to the State Board of Education, the party of the Third part may purchase said lands for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) and the parties of the First part and the parties of the Second part agree, upon such application, after patent of said lands, to convey by quit-claim deed to the party of the Third part the above described lands for the said sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

This agreement is conditioned upon patent being issued for the above lands to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and/or to the State Board of Education by January 15th, 1940, otherwise to become null and void and of no effect.

It is further agreed that the provisions of this agreement shall apply to the parties of the First part and to the parties of the Second part, and their successors in office, and to the party of the Third part and to its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said Trustees have hereunto; and to two other instruments of like tenor and date, subscribed their names and affixed their seals and have caused the seal of THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA to be affixed, and all members of the State Board of Education have subscribed their names and affixed their seals and have caused the seal of THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA to be affixed, and ISLANDS INCORPORATED has executed the same by its proper officers thereunto duly authorized the date and year above first written.

DOYLE E. CARLTON, (SEAL)
Governor,

ERNEST AMOS, (SEAL)
Comptroller.

W. V. KNOTT, (SEAL)
Treasurer.

FRED H. DAVIS, (SEAL)
Attorney General.

(SEAL)
ATTEST:
F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

NATHAN MAYO, (SEAL)
 Commissioner of Agriculture.
 As and constituting the Trustees
 of the Internal Improvement
 Fund of the State of Florida.

DOYLE E. CARLTON, (SEAL)
 Governor.

W. M. IGOU, (SEAL)
 Secretary of State.

(SEAL)
 ATTEST: FRED H. DAVIS, (SEAL)
 Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, (SEAL)
 Commissioner of
 Agriculture. W. V. KNOTT, (SEAL)
 Treasurer.

W. S. CAWTHON, (SEAL)
 State Superintendent
 of Public Instruction.

As and constituting the State
 Board of Education.

ISLANDS INCORPORATED,
 By FRANCIS S. WHITTEN,
 Its President.
 (SEAL)

ATTEST: Olive Eden,
 Its Secretary.

Upon motion the Joint Boards adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
 Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:
 F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 11, 1930.

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this
 day in the office of the Governor, Capitol building:

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustes met for the purpose of considering the re-
 quest of Mr. J. H. Peeples of Moore Haven, that a right-

of-way be granted by the Trustees through lands owned by them for State Road No. 29, authorized to be constructed at the 1929 session of the Legislature.

Upon discussion of the subject, the following RESOLUTION was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, by Chapter 13846, Acts of the Legislature, Regular Session, 1929, the State Road Department was authorized and directed to construct a certain road, being a part of State Road No. 29, along the northwest shores of Lake Okeechobee from Indian Prairie Canal to connect with an existing road along the shores of the lake extending from the City of Okeechobee to the Kissimmee River; and

WHEREAS, the location of the said road as determined by the State Road Department will pass over, along and through certain lands owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and to the end that the State Road Department may have proper right-of-way through the lands owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement fund; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida hereby set aside from lands owned by the said Trustees, a strip along said road location, and they hereby agree to grant to the said State Road Department, upon a proper description, to be furnished by said State Road Department, a right-of-way through such lands as the said Trustees own unencumbered, for the purpose of said road, said right-of-way grant to be under the usual conditions and covenants which the Trustees prescribe in the premises in reference to drainage, flood control, and the reclamation of the land.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 14, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present :

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. Vernon Price-Williams of Miami, requesting permit to construct pipe lines for gas and oil up the Caloosahatchee Canal to Lake Okeechobee, thence around the shore of the lake to Miami Canal, thence down Miami Canal and also along South New River and Dania Canals.

After discussion, Mr. Knott moved that permit for the construction of pipe lines as above be granted to Mr. Price-Williams under certain conditions and requirements. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented letter from Southern Sugar Company asking for extension on payment of \$4,399.13, with 6% interest, due December 14, 1929, allowing them to pay 50% of the amount February 1st 1930, and 50% March 1st, 1930.

Mr. Davis moved that the extension be granted provided the payments were made as above set forth. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Mr. L. C. Komer of Canal Point made an offer of \$10.00 per acre for Tract 3 of Section 34, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, Glades County, containing 53.97 acres.

The offer was declined and the Land Department directed to so advise Mr. Komer.

The Secretary was authorized to employ assistance in compiling certain tax information to be used in conjunction with audit being made of Everglades Drainage District.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. J. B. Conyers of Fort Myers, requesting that amount paid by him for surveys—\$90.00—be credited on the purchase price of an island containing approximately 4 acres, in Lee County, which the Trustees had agreed to sell to him at \$50.00 per acre cash.

The request was denied and the Land Department directed to so advise Mr. Conyers.

Mr. Bayless of the Land Department reported that Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, had transmitted to him letter from Mr. J. E. Beardsley, relative to reservation made for boulevard right-of-way in Section 28, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, along land purchased from the Trustees by T. J. Champion and sold by him to Mr. Beardsley. Mr. Beardsley requests that the Trustees release the reservation to the present owners of the land as the road has been located on other land and right-of-way above referred to will not be used.

Mr. Bayless was directed to ascertain if the original purchaser paid for the land reserved for the road, and report to the Board.

The Land Department presented request from H. E. Hobson of El Jobean for examination of an island in Myakka River which he desired to purchase.

It was ordered that Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, make an examination of the island and report to the Board.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla..\$ | .68 |
| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 1.07 |
| The Southern Telephone & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 4.25 |
| Artercraft Printers, Tallahassee, Fla. | 53.50 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla. ... | 5.85 |
| Wallis Engineering Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 30.00 |
| W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla..... | 10.00 |
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| | \$ 105.35 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 29, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer | \$ 325.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent—Salary and Ex- pense Account | 471.64 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Chief Land Clerk | 300.00 |
| R. W. Ervin, Gen. Utility Man | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| H. L. Shearer, Tax Clerk | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| B. C. Whitfield, Bond Clerk | 50.00 |
| Robert Wynn, Janitor | 40.00 |
| Samuel D. Jordan, C. C. C., DeLand, Fla..... | 1.75 |
| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 46.20 |
| F. P. Jackson, Tax Clerk, Tallahassee, Fla.... | 64.82 |
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| | \$ 2,283.59 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 6, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Elliot reported that certificated land held by the Trustees in Everglades Drainage District would be assessed for the 1930 taxes unless the Tax Assessors were instructed to not assess such lands.

Mr. Knott moved that Mr. Elliot have such list of certificated lands prepared and forwarded to the Tax Assessors of the several counties in the Everglades Drainage District, directing that these lands be left off the tax roll and reported as errors at the end of the year. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Chief Drainage Engineer was authorized to employ additional help to assist in getting out the necessary lists.

The Trustees authorized Mr. Elliot to purchase a Ditto machine for getting out necessary forms, etc.

Financial Statement for the month of January, 1930, was presented and ordered placed of record.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY, 1930

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| Balance in Fund January 1, 1930 | \$ 33,342.61 | |
| From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 3,516.19 | |
| From sale of sand, shell and gravel | 456.53 | |
| From land leases | 500.00 | |
| Interest due 12-31-1929 on Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage Dis- District 6% Bonds | 330.00 | |
| From redemption of Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District Bonds matured | 1,000.00 | |
| From oil leases | 716.48 | |
| To adjust error in reconciling Florida National Bank (Jax) December, 1929, statement ... | 20.00 | |
| Interest on deposits for quarter ending 12-31-29 | 900.46 | |
| Reimbursement on account of ad- vertising | 18.00 | |
| From land sales (\$753.78) less 25% to State School Fund (\$188.43) | 565.35 | |
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| | \$ 41,365.62 | |
| Less Disbursements | 6,746.21 | |
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| Balance on hand February 1, 1930 | | \$ 34,619.41 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and Cash Items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in Banks | 33,619.41 | |
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| | | \$ 34,619.41 |

BALANCES IN BANKS FEBRUARY 1, 1930

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | \$ 4,598.36 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 4,053.48 |
| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 9,614.20 |
| American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla. | 7,674.36 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 1,925.77 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 3,145.00 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 474.69 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 1,133.55 |
| Capital City Bank—Special Account | 1,000.00 |
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| | \$ 33,619.41 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date 1930 | Check No. | In Favor of: | Amount |
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| Jan. 2, | 8002 | W. A. Lewis | \$ 20.00 |
| 15, | 8003 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. ... | .68 |
| | 8004 | Western Union Telegraph Co. | 1.07 |
| | 8005 | Southern Telephone Constr. Co. | 4.25 |
| | 8006 | Artercraft Printers | 53.50 |
| | 8007 | M. C. McIntosh | 5.85 |
| | 8008 | Wallis Engineering Co. | 30.00 |
| | 8009 | W. H. May, Postmaster | 10.00 |
| 17, | 8010 | W. V. Knott, St. Tr., for Bob Simpson | 4,337.28 |
| 31, | 8011 | F. C. Elliot | 325.00 |
| | 8012 | A. R. Richardson | 471.64 |
| | 8013 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 8014 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 8015 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | 8016 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 8017 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 8018 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 8019 | H. L. Shearer | 50.00 |

| Date | Check | In favor of: | Amount |
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| 1930 | No. | | |
| Jan. 31, | 8020 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 8021 | B. C. Whitfield | 50.00 |
| | 8022 | Robert Wynn | 40.00 |
| | 8023 | Samuel D. Jordan, C. C. C. ... | 1.75 |
| | 8024 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C..... | 46.20 |
| | 8025 | F. P. Jackson | 64.82 |
| | | | \$ 6,746.21 |

Mr. Elliot advised the Trustees that Messrs. Hall, Pentland & Keller, Certified Public Accountants, who had been employed by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to make an audit of Everglades Drainage District, had encountered the following situation:

That drainage tax certificates held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, redemption of certificates, whether through the Clerk of the Court or through the Trustees, or the sale of certificated lands, were the basis upon which the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District were interested parties; that the Trustees had a large equity in such certificates and Everglades Drainage District also had an equity in a large portion of such certificates; that in order to determine the interest of the Trustees and of the Drainage Board in such certificates it would be necessary to make computations on all of these certificates: First, for determining the total amount represented at this date by such certificates; Second, for determining the amount involved in such certificates as the interest of the Trustees and of the Drainage Board, respectively, and Third, the moneys already having accrued to the Drainage Board through such certificates.

The third item requires an audit as between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Everglades Drainage District on account of such certificates.

Upon a discussion of the subject the Secretary was authorized to employ such additional assistance as was necessary to a complete listing of such certificates, together with making computations thereon and to turn over such lists and computations to Messrs. Hall, Pentland & Keller in connection with their audit for Everglades Drainage District, and that Messrs. Hall, Pentland & Kel-

ler be authorized to supervise the making of the lists and computations on such certificates and an accounting thereon as might be necessary as between the two Boards.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 11, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of Miami requested the Trustees to allow him to apply his credit of \$40,000.00 on the payment of certain lands in Township 42 South, Range 37 East, and Township 43 South, Range 36 East, containing approximately 385 acres.

After discussion, the members present signified their willingness to allow Mr. Horobin to take up his credit of \$40,000.00 in lands at the price placed on the lands by the State, the acreage to amount to between 255 and 260 acres, upon condition that Mr. Horobin pay the back taxes due on lands reconveyed by him to the State, amounting to approximately \$3,000.00, and also pay the 1930 taxes on the lands to be deeded to him. The above subject to the approval of the other members of the Trustees.

Mr. C. P. Weidling and Mr. L. J. Ullian of Fort Lauderdale appeared before the Trustees and requested an oil lease on approximately 30,000 acres of land in Broward County upon the usual terms and conditions, except in two instances: That the company have until November 1, 1930, to make payment of the first year's taxes on the land, or in lieu of such taxes to take an eighth interest in a well now being drilled by said company in Broward County; that the well now being drilled be considered as the first well required by the Trustees in leases of this kind.

Mr. Weidling submitted the following information as to the well:

Drilled to a depth of 3,010 feet;

Approximately \$35,000 cash already spent on development of the well, with stock sold to Broward County citizens amounting to around \$100,000;

Cost of completing well estimated at between \$35,000 and \$50,000;

Well located on a fifty (50) foot lot owned by the company;

Well already encased.

Mr. Amos stated that, with the consent of the other members of the Board he would be willing to give the said company every consideration possible. The two other members present agreed with Mr. Amos, and the matter was ordered held over for a full meeting of the Trustees.

Mr. W. T. Wallis, Jr., representing Brown Company of Portland, Maine, advised the Trustees that the last payment by Brown Company on land purchased from the State would be due in June and that before correct description could be ascertained for deed, a survey would have to be made to determine the township lines.

Upon inquiry it was ascertained that in cases of this kind the State and the adjacent owner paid for the survey in proportion to ownership.

Mr. Davis moved that the past practice of the Trustees be followed in this instance. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. W. T. Wallis, Jr., on behalf of Brown Company, made a tentative offer for advance payment of Brown Company's note due in June, subject to acceptance by Brown Company, upon condition that interest from date of payment to maturity date be waived and all petroleum and phosphate rights in the lands be granted to said company.

The matter was ordered held for a full board meeting.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,

Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 17, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Elliot reported that a Federal hearing on Lone Cabbage Island would be held at Little Rock, Arkansas, during the week of February 17th, at which Government witnesses whose testimony will be very valuable, will be heard, and desired to know if Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, should attend the hearing and take testimony given by Government Agents.

After discussion, Mr. Davis moved that Mr. Richardson be directed to go to Little Rock to attend said hearing as the representative of the State. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The matter presented to the Trustees February 11th by W. T. Wallis, Jr., for Brown Company, with reference to advance payment of note due in June, was again considered.

Upon discussion, motion was made, seconded and adopted, directing the Secretary to advise Mr. Wallis that the Trustees had decided to not accept the tentative offer made by him.

Mr. Bert R. Chaplin of Miami made application to purchase the tax certificates held by the Trustees on 70 acres of land in Section 1, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, making an offer of \$177.24, which is the amount necessary to pay taxes and costs on the said land.

The Trustees having adopted the policy, in the case of other than the original owner, of requiring the payment of a certain amount plus taxes and costs, Mr. Davis moved that the Secretary advise Mr. Chaplin that the Trustees would accept an offer of taxes and cost plus \$5.00 per acre. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. J. B. Jeffries, of South Florida conservancy District, requesting proxy

from the Trustees to vote the State's acreage at a meeting for the election of a Supervisor, Mr. Jeffries being a candidate to succeed himself.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, it was decided that the Trustees would not issue proxy at this time, but would hold the matter over for further consideration.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees owned a large number of Drainage Tax Certificates and that if the land covered by such certificates were assessed, the Trustees would have to pay the taxes thereon.

After discussion, Mr. Knott moved that the Secretary forward list of certificated lands held by the Trustees to the Tax Assessors of the several counties in the Everglades Drainage District and instruct them to not assess such lands. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees recessed to meet at 3 o'clock P. M.

3 O'clock P. M.

The Secretary reported that the list of lands owned by the Trustees within Everglades Drainage District had been prepared and was now ready to be certified to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District for transmittal to the Tax Assessors. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 1593, Compiled General Laws of Florida, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida are required to ascertain and certify the assessed value of lands of the Internal Improvement Fund within Everglades Drainage District to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, and the said Trustees having ascertained the assessed valuation of said lands; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the assessed value of lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as ascertained by the said Trustees for the year 1930 be and the same are hereby certified to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District as set forth on the attached lists, which said lists are identified by the signa-

ture of the Governor and attested by the Secretary under the seal of said Trustees.

Mr. Elliot presented amendment to form of oil lease which had been gone over by Mr. McIntosh and himself and recommended by them.

Mr. Amos moved that the oil lease form be amended as suggested by Mr. Elliot as to all future leases and that stipulations containing the amendment be attached to all former leases if acceptable to lessee. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented application from Judge H. B. Phillips of South Jacksonville, for his client, Dr. L. E. Bransford, to purchase 10 acres of land on Alligator Key, requesting the Trustees to make a price thereon.

Mr. Mayo made a motion that the Trustees sell the land at a price of \$100.00 per acre, in line with other land of that character. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted. The Land Department was directed to so advise Judge Phillips.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, stated that with reference to exchange of lands with Southern Sugar Company, he had received letter from Doggett, Christy & Doggett, attorneys for said company, agreeing to accept in lieu of abstract the statement of the Commissioner of Agriculture with reference to lands that had not been conveyed by the Trustees, but that they desired abstracts with reference to all lands that had been at any time conveyed.

Upon suggestion of Mr. Knott, Mr. McIntosh was directed to secure from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County, in which the lands are located, a certificate as to each parcel of land as shown by the records in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. E. L. Stapp of Miami, relative to reconveyance of Section 18, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, Dade County, to the Trustees by Stavinar Investment Company.

Upon discussion of the contents of the letter, the Trustees directed the Land Office to write Mr. Stapp requesting that he obtain deed from Biscayne Corporation to the Trustees, covering the land being reconveyed by Stavinar

Investment Company; that plat be revoked insofar as it affects the area to be reconveyed to the Trustees, and that permission be given to the Trustees to date the deed December 29, 1929, instead of January, 1930, in order to eliminate 1930 taxes; also Mr. Stapp to have the city and county authorities send statement covering all delinquent taxes on lands.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to take up with the Tax Adjustment Board of Dade County, the matter of adjustment of past due taxes on the above land.

Letter was received from Southern Sugar Company requesting additional extension of time on payment of note due December 14, 1929.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to the extension as requested—payment of one-half the amount of note to be made March 1st, 1930, and balance April 1st, 1930.

The Land Department presented letter from W. W. Lydell of Jacksonville, making an offer of \$5.00 on behalf of his client, Charlotte Watson, colored, for quit-claim deed to Lot 14, Section 10, Township 2 South, Range 25 East—40 acres—in Duval County, and advising that his client had paid taxes on the land for 40 years, having acquired title through tax deed. Original purchaser, William E. Jackson.

It being ascertained that the records in the Land Office disclose an error in the transfer of the lot, Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees issue quit-claim deed to the said Charlotte Watson for the sum of \$5.00. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Tom Conely of Okeechobee, on behalf of his client, W. M. Vickers, requested the Trustees to reduce the price on land purchased in the Eagle Bay section.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined to make any reduction as the original price made the settlers was below the value of the land.

Mr. C. A. Leitner of Okeechobee requested the Trustees to refund \$300.00 deposited with the Trustees in 1925 as first payment on land in Eagle Bay Section, as survey had not been made and he did not care to purchase the land.

After discussion, the Trustees decided to not refund the money, but directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Leitner that a representative of the State would be in that vicinity in the near future to take up the matter of survey. It was so ordered.

The Trustees directed that Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, go to Okeechobee and make an effort to see parties having deposits on Eagle Bay Land and notify them that survey would be made and deeds issued to them.

The Land Department submitted letter from Mr. Gillespie Dunlop of Bronson, Florida, in which he advises that his client has paid taxes on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 12 South, Range 17 East—40 acres—in Levy County, since 1881, and has just learned that the Trustees have an equity in the land. Mr. Dunlop desires to know at what price the Trustees will sell their interest in the land.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to ascertain what Mr. Dunlop's client will offer the Trustees.

A letter was presented from Mr. St. Elmo W. Acosta, Park Commissioner of Jacksonville, with reference to the City of Jacksonville acquiring certain islands in the St. Johns River for park purposes.

The matter was ordered held over for further consideration.

The Land Department presented an offer from J. H. Anderson of \$8.00 per acre for the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 5, Range 15, Suwannee County—80.22 acres.

Action was deferred pending investigation of the value of the land.

A letter was presented from Mr. A. L. Vertommen, requesting the Trustees to not deed a portion of Section 16 Township 42 South, Range 27 East, for which he had made application, to Pelican Lake Farms, Inc., as he had an agreement with the said company to purchase the land from the Trustees and had made a deposit with the company, which deposit had been returned to him after the agreement had been reached between the Trustees and the farmers.

The Land Department was directed to take the matter up with W. G. Smith, President of Pelican Lake Farms, Inc., for information on the subject.

Application was received from Hull, Landis and Whitehair of DeLand for the purchase by the City of New Smyrna of a small island in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, containing 15.8 acres, adjoining property of the city, for which an offer of \$10.00 per acre was made.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, the Trustees accepted the offer of the City of New Smyrna for the said island, upon condition that the property be used for public purposes only. Whereupon the following advertisement for objections was ordered placed in the DeLand Sun-News:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 17, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at Ten o'clock A. M., Tuesday, April 1st, 1930, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged lands in Volusia County, Florida:

Starting from an iron pin in the old Stone Wharf on north line Cavedo Grant,

Thence South 11 degrees 13' East for a distance of 680 feet;

Thence North 87 degrees 40' East for a distance of 375.5 feet to a stake which stake is the point of beginning.

Thence South 17 degrees 33' East for a distance of 660.5 feet;

Thence South 24 degrees 53' East for a distance of 680 feet;

Thence South 30 degrees 50' East for a distance of 646 feet;

Thence South 47 degrees 30' East for a distance of 402.7 feet;

Thence North 7 degrees 36' West for a distance of 500 feet;

Thence North 24 degrees 57' West for a distance of 218 feet;

Thence North 32 degrees 27' West for a distance of 215 feet;

Thence North 25 degrees 30' West for a distance of 315 feet;

Thence North 26 degrees 23' West for a distance of 330 feet;

Thence North 25 degrees 33' West for a distance of 312 feet to U. S. Government channel marker;

Thence North 53 degrees 00' West for a distance of 532 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 15.8 acres.

Lying and being in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, County of Volusia, State of Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062, Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objection may have an opportunity to present same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

By order of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,

Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Mr. Gregor McLean of Clearwater, Florida, on behalf of his client, Eugene L. Pierce, requested the Trustees to accept \$101.25, being amount of note due July 3, 1929, in payment of said note.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees accepted the amount of \$101.25 in full settlement of said note dated July 3, 1929.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. N. W. Kellar, Secretary of South Hastings Drainage District, advising that the District held tax certificate amounting to \$74.37 on lands owned by the Trustees in Section 20, Township 11 South, Range 28 East—40 acres—and requested to be advised if the Trustees desired to redeem the certificate.

The Land Department was directed to ascertain the value of the land and report to the Trustees before action was taken.

The matter presented to the Trustees on January 14th, relative to request of J. E. Beardsley for release of boulevard right-of-way on land in Section 28, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, originally purchased by T. J. Champion, was again brought up for consideration. The Land Department reported that Mr. Champion had been given credit on his purchase for the right-of-way at the rate of \$100.00 per acre.

In view of the foregoing, Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees release the right-of-way to adjacent owners upon payment of \$100.00 per acre. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The offer of Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of \$100.00 for an island in Biscayne Bay was declined and the Land Department directed to so advise Mr. Horobin.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 18, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Comptroller at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller. .
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. J. Locke Kelly of Clearwater appeared before the Trustees relative to certain submerged land in Pinellas County, purchased by Dunedin Syndicate from the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund. Mr. Kelly presented a letter setting forth a statement in reference to the lands purchased by the above company, with request that the submerged lands in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 15, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, be released from the mortgage.

The Trustees, after discussing the matter, agreed to release the submerged lands in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 15, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, from the mortgage—the bal-

ance of the land contained in the purchase to be continued in the mortgage as security for the purchase of the said lands.

Mr. N. R. Boniske of Jacksonville appeared before the Trustees relative to Entry No. 17,566 containing 108.73 acres of land on Long Key, dated March 4, 1926, for which he agreed to pay \$450.00 per acre on which a cash payment of one-fourth was made. Mr. Boniske stated that he would be unable to complete payment under the original agreement, and requested the Trustees to deed him one-fourth of the land at the purchase price, which amount had been paid, allow him to re-deed the three-fourths to the Trustees and he would then make an offer to purchase from the Trustees the reconveyed balance of three-fourth for the sum of \$4,077.38 cash.

After discussing the matter, the Trustees agreed to deed to Mr. Boniske 27.18 acres, being one-fourth of the total of 108.73, accept Mr. Boniske's deed for the balance of three-fourths, being 81.55 acres, and then deed to Mr. Boniske the said 81.55 acres for the sum of 4,077.38 cash.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:
F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 25, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The minutes of the Trustees of January 7th, 11th, 14th, 29th, and February 6th, 11th, 17th, and 18th, 1930, were presented and approved.

Mr. Elliot presented a bill for the construction of five (5) bridges across Levee Canal in Palm Beach County.

The Trustees on September 10, 1929, having agreed to pay \$75.00 toward the construction of each of the bridges,

upon motion, seconded and adopted, approved the bill and ordered payment thereof.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on the 11th instant, two lots in Dorn Brothers Subdivision, and sale having been postponed until this date, Mr. Knott moved that the original owner be advised that sale would be made of the two lots if he did not care to exercise his option to redeem from outstanding taxes. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Hon. W. M. Igou, accompanied by Mr. P. B. Alsobrook, of Leesburg, presented letter from Lake Griffin Pulp & Grass Company, making application for exclusive permit for a period of 99 years to cut sawgrass from all overflowed lands owned by the State.

After discussion, Mr. Mayo moved that the proposition be taken under advisement. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented request of Ola C. Tallman, purchaser of tax deed from the Trustees, for release of right-of-way reservation for canal purposes.

Mr. Mayo moved that the request be granted, in view of the fact that it was a small tract of land and would not be needed by the Drainage Board for right-of-way purposes. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. B. F. Camp, Jr., of Jacksonville appeared before the Trustees in behalf of his brother, Paul D. Camp, with reference to his mortgage to the Trustees in the sum of \$350.00 and submitted that the lands had been bought during the boom period at boom prices, and in view of that fact requested the Trustees to accept \$200.00 in payment of said mortgage.

Consideration of the proposition was deferred until next meeting of the Trustees.

The proposition submitted by Mr. Thos. H. Horobin on February 11th, was again brought to the attention of the Trustees. Upon motion, duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to allow Mr. Horobin to use his credit of approximately \$40,000.00 in payment of lands of the State located in Township 42 South, Range 37 East, and Town-

ship 43 South, Range 36 East—269.46 acres, which he desires to purchase. Mr. Horobin to pay the back taxes on the Homestead property, reconveyed to the State, and also pay the drainage taxes for the year 1930 on the lands to be deeded to him.

The Land Department submitted an offer from Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of \$1,000.00 for a small island in Biscayne Bay.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Knott, the offer was declined.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to advise Mr. J. H. Anderson that they would accept \$10.00 per acre for the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 15 East, Suwannee County, for which Mr. Anderson had offered \$8.00 per acre.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, stated that J. B. Hailey, defendant in an ejectment suit recently pending in Palm Beach County, had sent up \$300.00 as first payment on the purchase of 24 acres of reclaimed land in Lake Okeechobee occupied by him. Mr. McIntosh suggested, that in view of the fact that the upland owner adjacent to the land being purchased by Mr. Hailey had only made the one-fourth cash payment on his land, and not being a resident of Palm Beach County, that in lieu of securing written consent from the upland owner, an advertisement be published calling for objections to the sale, and if no objections, sale be consummated to Mr. Hailey.

Mr. McIntosh also suggested that as the lands occupied by Mr. Hailey were irregular in shape, some portions being separated from the meander line by only a small margin, that it would be well to convey a regular shape tract using the meander line in that vicinity as one of the boundaries.

After consideration, the suggestions of Mr. McIntosh were directed to be carried out; also that the purchaser be required to furnish survey with description satisfactory to the Trustees, unless a proper description can be prepared without further survey.

By letter of February 12th, Mr. Ben Shepard of Miami requested the Trustees to modify a contract entered into between himself and the Trustees in reference to certain

submerged lands in Section 16, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, which had been previously sold to F. H. Rand, Jr., and Associates. The Trustees had entered into an agreement dated December 4th, 1929, with F. H. Rand, Jr., and Ben Shepard in reference to the above property. The changes in the above contract as requested by Mr. Shepard relate to the different arrangement of area on which bonds are to be issued and the issuing of an increased amount of bonds on this, together with other area.

After discussion of the subject the Trustees were of the opinion that it would be advisable to enter into a new contract providing for the changes or modifications requested by Mr. Shepard. The contract having been referred to Mr. McIntosh, who reported same was in proper form, the Trustees ordered its execution by both parties and when so executed to take the place of the agreement of December 4th.

Upon the execution of the new agreement, the agreement of December 4th, 1929, will become rescinded and cancelled. Whereupon, the Trustees directed that upon completion of the contract and its execution, the same be placed of record in the minutes.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliott, Chief Drainage Engineer | \$ 325.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent | 333.34 |
| Marvin C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Chief Land Clerk | 300.00 |
| R. W. Ervin, Gen. Utility Man | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| H. L. Shearer, Tax Clerk | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| B. C. Whitfield, Bond Clerk | 50.00 |
| F. P. Jackson, Extra Office Assistant | 175.00 |
| C. K. Allen, Extra Office Assistant | 69.64 |
| J. B. Shuman, Extra Office Assistant | 91.07 |
| D. B. Pinkston, Extra Office Assistant | 75.00 |
| Jessie Wilson, Stenographer | 82.50 |
| Mrs. Bertha W. Bohler, Stenographer | 82.50 |
| The Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla..... | 7.50 |
| M. S. H. Kneale, Coral Gables, Fla. | 3.26 |
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| | \$ 2,578.98 |

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliott, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 4, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

The Minutes of the Trustees for February 25th, 1930, were presented and approved.

Mr. Elliot reported that the lists of lands owned by the State in Okeechobee Flood Control District were ready to be certified to the said District. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted, and the Secretary directed to forward the said lists to Okeechobee Flood Control District:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 13711, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1929, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida are required to ascertain and certify the assessed value of lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund within Okeechobee Flood Control District to the Board of Commissioners of said Okeechobee Flood Control District, and the said Trustees having ascertained the assessed value of said lands; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the assessed value of the lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as assessed by the said Trustees for the year 1930 be and the same are hereby certified to the Board of Commissioners of Okeechobee Flood Control District as set forth on the attached lists, which said lists are identified by the Signature of the Governor and attested by the Secretary under the seal of the said Trustees.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. T. W. Conely of Okeechobee making an offer of \$50.00, plus taxes, costs and penalties on lands in South Okeechobee, title to which has vested in the Trustees for non-payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes.

Action was deferred for further consideration, and the Secretary was directed to so advise Mr. Conely.

Mr. C. M. Todd of Canal Point made an offer of \$200.00 per acre for Tract 25, Section 24, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, 4.57 acres in the Town of Pahokee.

The offer was declined by the Trustees and the Land Department directed to so advise Mr. Todd.

Mr. Geo. I. Fullerton of New Smyrna made application in behalf of his clients, Zelia Frances Bouchelle and Zelia Wilson Sweet, for 8.3 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland in Volusia County, offering \$100.00 per acre for the same.

Upon motion of Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Amos, the Trustees agreed to sell the land to Mr. Fullerton's clients at the price of \$100.00 per acre, subject to advertisement for objections.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. J. E. Beardsley with further reference to boulevard right-of-way on land purchased from the State by T. J. Champion, requesting that the action of February 17th be reconsidered.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees decided to let their action of February 17th stand, wherein it was agreed to release the right-of-way at the rate of \$100.00 per acre.

The Land Department presented application from General Industries, Inc., for an oil lease on approximately 23,500 acres of land in Dade County, in Townships 53 and 54, Range 37 and Township 55, Range 38.

The Trustees agreed to grant the lease to said company, upon the usual terms and conditions, and directed that same be prepared for execution.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, reported that he had gone into the matter of past due mortgage held by the Trustees on land sold to Mr. Paul D. Camp, which mortgage the Trustees had instructed him to foreclose, and as foreclosure proceedings had been instituted he thought it best to pro-

ceed with the suit. The Trustees directed Counsel to continue the case to conclusion.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, was authorized to purchase bookcases for his office and have necessary repairs made to other cases in the office.

Mr. Carl P. Weidling and Mr. L. J. Ullian of Fort Lauderdale, appeared before the Trustees relative to request of February 11th, 1930, for oil lease on approximately 30,000 acres of State land in Broward County.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant oil lease to Mr. L. J. Ullian upon the usual terms and conditions, except that the Trustees will allow the payment of the 1930 taxes to be made not later than November 1st, 1930, instead of in advance, and in lieu of the advance payment of taxes, the Trustees to have a one-eighth interest in the oil well now being drilled by the company on their own land in Broward County, located on Lot 25, Block 56, Croissant Park, a subdivision of Section 16, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Fort Lauderdale; also that the well being drilled to be considered as the first well required by the Trustees in oil leases.

Mr. F. C. Elliot and Mr. M. C. McIntosh reported to the Trustees relative to request presented February 25th by Mr. P. B. Alsobrook, representing Lake Griffin Pulp and Grass Company, for a permit to take saw-grass from State lands.

After discussion it was decided that the attorney for the company be requested to confer with Mr. Elliot and Mr. McIntosh and draft a form of lease to be presented to the Trustees for action.

Hon. W. M. Igou presented telegram from Mr. Alsobrook requesting the Trustees to take action at as early date as possible. Whereupon, the Trustees expressed themselves as willing to grant a permit to the said company for a term of two years to take saw-grass without charge from a designated area of approximately 30,000 acres, upon condition that a paper mill be constructed in the territory by the expiration of two years; that if the mill is constructed as above the Company shall be entitled to an extension of 10 years; that the raw material not be shipped from the State but shall be made into the finished product within the State, and that additional permits will be granted to cover units of 25,000 acres for each additional mill constructed.

Financial Statement for the month of February, 1930,
was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY, 1930

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| Balance in Fund February 1, 1930 | \$ 34,619.41 |
| From Land Sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 3,585.74 |
| Sales of sand, shell and gravel ... | 602.92 |
| Receipts on account of oil leases.. | 938.29 |
| From land sales (\$210.00) less 25% to State School Fund (\$52.50) | 157.50 |
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| | \$ 39,903.86 |
| Less disbursements | 2,980.44 |
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| Balance on hand March 1, 1930.. | \$ 36,923.42 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and cash items | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Balances in banks | 35,923.42 |
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| | \$ 36,923.42 |

BALANCES IN BANKS MARCH 1, 1930

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | \$ 4,196.90 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 4,053.48 |
| Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 12,275.04 |
| American National Bank, Pensa- cola, Fla. | 7,674.36 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 1,925.77 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 3,189.63 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 474.69 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 1,133.55 |
| Capital City Bank, special account | 1,000.00 |
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| | \$ 35,923.42 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date | Check 1930 No. | In Favor of— | Amount |
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| Feb. 17 | 8026 | Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | \$ 4.25 |
| | 8027 | Western Union Telegraph Co. . . . | 2.15 |
| | 8028 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. | 1.94 |
| | 8029 | T. J. Appleyard, Inc. | 8.27 |
| | 8030 | H. & W. B. Drew Company | 22.00 |
| | 8031 | Everglades Publishing Co. | 2.00 |
| | 8032 | Miami Publishing Co. | 10.01 |
| | 8033 | Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. | 7.99 |
| | 8034 | A. R. Richardson | 213.96 |
| | 8035 | F. E. Bayless | 41.32 |
| | 8036 | F. C. Elliot | 20.00 |
| | 8037 | E. B. Leatherman | 17.39 |
| | 8038 | M. C. McIntosh | 50.18 |
| 28 | 8039 | F. C. Elliot | 325.00 |
| | 8040 | A. R. Richardson | 333.34 |
| | 8041 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 8042 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 8043 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | 8044 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 8045 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 8046 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 8047 | H. L. Shearer | 50.00 |
| | 8048 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 8049 | B. C. Whitfield | 50.00 |
| | 8050 | F. P. Jackson | 175.00 |
| | 8051 | C. K. Allen | 69.64 |
| | 8052 | J. B. Shuman | 91.07 |
| | 8053 | D. B. Pinkston | 75.00 |
| | 8054 | Jessie Wilson | 82.50 |
| | 8055 | Mrs. Bertha W. Bohler | 82.50 |
| | 8056 | The Everglades News | 7.50 |
| | 8057 | M. S. H. Kneale | 3.26 |
| | | | \$2,980.44 |

Mr. Gillespie Dunlop of Bronson, who on February 17th made application to purchase the Trustees' claim in 40 acres of land in Section 18, Township 12, Range 17, Levy County, on which his client has paid taxes since 1881, made an offer of 50 cents per acre for the Trustees' interest.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the offer was declined.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of Miami submitted an amended offer of \$2,500.00 for a small island off Biscayne Point of 160 acres. The Trustees agreed to advertise the island for objections and highest bid.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 18, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. F. Dean Duff of Clewiston, asking to have proxies issued to Mr. R. Y. Patterson to vote the ownership of the Trustees at a land owners meeting to be held April 4th, for the purpose of electing Supervisors for the District.

The Trustees decided not to issue their proxies for the meeting of Pahokee Drainage District on April 4th, and directed the Secretary to so advise Mr. Duff.

Notice of application from Dickens and Shirey for assignment of their Shell Leases to Southern Pearl Shell Company, was presented.

After discussion, Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees secure financial statement from Southern Pearl Shell Company and also that a condition of the assignment be that they not be used as the basis of a stock-selling scheme. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, requested authority from the Trustees to redeem Certificate in the amount of \$17.30 against land in Section 8, Township 1 South, Range 16

East, Hamilton County, sold to Paul D. Camp and on which the Trustees have instituted foreclosure proceedings.

The request was granted and check ordered issued in payment of said certificate.

Mr. Elliot reported that Mr. Fred Van deVelde, purchaser of Tract 2 of Section 7, Township 40 South, Range 33 East, had been unable to get correct survey of his land and offered to pay all expenses of helpers, etc., if the Trustees would have one of their engineers run the correct lines, and that he had instructed Fred A. Flanders, Assistant Engineer at Moore Haven, to attend to this work.

Mr. Knott moved that the action of Mr. Elliot be approved as it was necessary to have these lines run. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented request for refund to E. T. Harwood of Chicago for taxes for the years 1924 and 1927, on the ground that these lands were exempt from taxation.

The Trustees directed that refund check be issued to Mr. Harwood.

The Land Department presented bid from J. B. Hillis of Tampa of \$5.00 per acre for 200 acres of land in Sections 4 and 10, Township 33 South, Range 20 East, Manatee County.

The offer was declined by the Trustees.

The Trustees having declined the offer of Mr. C. M. Todd of Canal Point of \$200.00 per acre for Tract 25, Section 24, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County. The Land Department presented letter from Mr. Todd, setting forth in detail the facts leading up to his application.

Action on the request was withheld and Mr. Richardson was directed to make investigation.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. W. G. Smith, President of Pelican Lake Farms, Inc., relative to complaint received from Mr. A. L. Vertommen as to action of Pelican Lake Farms; said letter having been referred to Mr. Smith by the Trustees.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to send Mr. Vertommen copy of letter from Mr. Smith.

Request of Mr. T. W. Conely of Okeechobee for refund to his client, C. A. Leitner, of \$300.00 deposit on Eagle Bay land, was held until Mr. Richardson had an opportunity to make investigation.

Mr. A. H. Ramsey of Miami requested the Trustees to allow him to re deed three-fourths of his original purchase, being Lots 8 and 9 of Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, and secure deed from the Trustees to one-fourth of the land for which cash payment was made.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant Mr. Ramsey's request, upon condition that the land to be deeded to the Trustees is free of any encumbrances.

Mr. T. W. Conely of Okeechobee, on behalf of his client, Mrs. W. M. Vickers, requested the Trustees to deed one-fourth of the land contained in her purchase of Section 36, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, and allow her to re deed three-fourths to the Trustees and cancel mortgage and notes on the land.

The Trustees granted the request upon condition that the land re deeded be free from all encumbrances.

The Trustees authorized the payment of South Hastings Drainage District taxes on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 11 South, Range 28 East, amounting to \$74.37, being the face of the Certificate against the land—penalties and costs not to be paid by the Trustees.

The Trustees agreed to permit Mr. Francis S. Whitten of Miami to apply his credit upon oil leases to the extent of the acreage lease price representing the payments for taxes in accordance with the standard form of lease, but not to apply such credit to any royalties which may result from encountering oil in commercial quantities upon lands of the Trustees, the said credits having been allowed by resolutions dated December 4, 1929, and January 7, 1930.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. R. A. Henderson, Jr., filing objection in behalf of his client to the application of the State for Government surveys in Caloosahatchee River on the ground that he owned the

land, but advised that if the Trustees would agree to sell their equity in the land to his client at a nominal price, when patent is issued to the State, that objections to the survey would be withdrawn.

Upon discussion of the matter, the Trustees declined to recognize the objections of Mr. Henderson's client and decided not to place any price on the land at this time.

Mr. A. R. Richardson presented letter from the Land Department at Gainesville, advising that it would be necessary to have record of testimony in Lone Cabbage Island case within thirty days, or the Department would be justified in recommending that the claim of the State be rejected.

The Trustees directed that in order to waive default of the claim, that cost of testimony be paid by the State, and then take the matter up with Mr. Charles R. Pierce, who it was understood was to stand the cost of this testimony.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. J. Stockton Bryan, representing the Burnette Estate, relative to a tract of land which the Trustees agreed to sell to Mr. F. L. Rutledge at a price of \$50.00 per acre plus \$15.00 per acre as rental, Mr. Rutledge having made a deposit on the purchase and offered \$50.00 per acre for the land, claiming that it is adjacent to the Burnette property.

The Trustees having agreed to sell a portion of this land to Mr. Rutledge, the Land Department was directed to advise him that if he did not send up balance of the first payment, representing rental on the land, by April 1st, the deposit would be returned and the transaction cancelled.

The Trustees having agreed to advertise a tract of submerged land off Biscayne Point, Dade County, for objections and highest bid, upon application of Mr. Thos. H. Horobin, the following advertisement was placed in the Miami Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 18, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will receive competitive bids in open session, at 10 o'clock A. M., April 22nd, A. D. 1930, at Tallahassee, Florida, for the

following described submerged land in DADE County, Florida:

Begin at the Northeast corner of Section Four (4) Township Fifty-three (53) South, Range Forty-two (42) East;

Run South 3907 feet along the section line between Sections Three (3) and Four (4), of aforesaid Township and Range;

Thence West 2800 feet;

Thence North 26 degrees 15 minutes East, 4400 feet, more or less, to the North line of Section Four (4);

Thence East along the section line to the point of beginning;

Containing approximately 160 acres, more or less, and lying and being in Section 4, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, State of Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same as therein prescribed.

Terms: Cash, or one-fourth cash and balance in one, two and three years, with six per cent interest on deferred payments.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,

ATTEST:

Governor.

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

The Blackhawk Company, holders of a permit from the State on certain acreage in the Lake Okeechobee section used for a hunting preserve, make application for a supplemental permit to extend their fences out to the 14 or 15 foot contour of the lake in order to protect the feeding ground for game.

Upon motion of Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted, the Trustees agreed to issue Supplemental Permit to Blackhawk Company for the sum of \$250.00 a year, to extend their fences out into the lake, upon condition that they do not prohibit fishing on the lake.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla...\$ | 1.66 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. . . | .63 |
| Southern Tele. & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla.... | 6.30 |
| Arterraft Printers, Tallahassee, Fla. | 15.25 |
| T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. | 47.00 |
| J. F. Garner, C. C. C., Fort Myers, Fla. | 2.00 |
| Alice J. Mornihan, Sarasota, Fla. | 4.50 |
| DeLand Sun News, DeLand, Fla. | 23.23 |
| Wallis Engineering Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. . . | 100.06 |
| Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, Fla. | 375.00 |
| Ditto, Incorporated, Chicago, Ill. | 331.22 |
| A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. (Expense Ac- count) | 581.25 |
| J. B. Shuman, Tallahassee, Fla. | 10.71 |
| C. K. Allen, Tallahassee, Fla. | 10.71 |
| D. B. Pinkston, Tallahassee, Fla. | 10.71 |
| W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. | 15.25 |
| W. A. Lewis, C. C. C., Jasper, Fla. | 17.30 |
| Charles S. Hartley, Little Rock, Ark. | 23.40 |
| Ross C. Sawyer, C. C. C., Key West, Fla. | 18.85 |
| N. W. Keller, Secretary, So. Hastings Drainage District, Palatka, Fla. | 74.37 |
| | \$1,669.40 |

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees ad-
journed.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 24, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on
this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The minutes of the Trustees for March 4th and 18th,
presented and approved.

The Secretary presented letters from Mr. A. O. Henderson of New Smyrna, relative to right-of-way from Dixie Highway to Halifax River, and also as to the State granting franchise for construction of a toll bridge.

The Trustees directed that the matter be held over for further investigation and report from the Chief Drainage Engineer.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. W. M. Buford of Clewiston, making application to lease certain land at Miami Lock—about 50' x 100 feet for a term of four years, for the purpose of erecting a store building.

After discussion the Trustees directed the Secretary to ascertain from Mr. Buford what offer he will make for the lease.

The Secretary presented letter from Ed Van deVelde requesting to be advised if the Trustees would offer for sale certificates outstanding against the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 40 South, Range 33 East—100 acres—which land was sold to J. H. Whidden in Entry No. 16770 June 26, 1919, and on which the Trustees still hold mortgage.

After consideration, the Trustees declined to sell the certificates for the amount of taxes and costs.

Mr. John Cheney of Fort Lauderdale made application to purchase Drainage Tax Certificate No. 76, held by the Trustees, on 10 acres of land in Tract 28, Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County.

The Trustees directed the Secretary to write Mr. Cheney and request that he make an offer for the land, at which time they will take action.

The Secretary presented letter from Messrs. Dickens & Shirey relative to assignment of their shell leases to Southern Pearl Shell Company.

Mr. Amos moved that before assignment was made that the Trustees request a financial statement from Southern Pearl Shell Company, and also that the Secretary incorporate in the form of assignment a condition to prevent these leases being used as the basis of a stock-selling scheme. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Application was received from Mr. Willard Utley of West Palm Beach, Florida, for estate of B. D. Martin, to purchase 12 acres of land in Section 12, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, for the sum of \$90.98, which amount represents drainage taxes and cost due on the land, title to the land having vested in the Trustees on account of non-payment of drainage taxes.

The offer was declined and the Secretary directed to advise Mr. Utley that they would be glad to have him submit his best bid on the land.

The Land Department presented letter from Kearley, Fisher, Van Meter and Chapman, attorneys of West Palm Beach, making application to purchase lake bottom land in front of their upland in Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, containing 6.21 acres, and offering \$50.00 per acre for the land.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to sell the above land to the upland owners at the price of \$50.00 per acre.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, reported that he had just completed an inspection trip in company with a Government Agent, for the purpose of making selection of certain swamp land to be patented to the State.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented telegram from Mr. John G. Baker of Orlando, in which he agreed to pay expenses of the Land Agent if the Trustees would authorize him to make investigation of Cape Haze property, in Charlotte County, which Mr. Baker is interested in purchasing.

The Trustees directed Mr. Richardson to make the trip and present statement of his expenses to Mr. Baker for payment.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliott, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ 300.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent | 333.34 |
| Marvin C. McIntosh, Counsel (Salary and Expense Account) | 255.47 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 333.34 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Chief Land Clerk | 300.00 |

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| R. W. Ervin, Gen. Utility Man | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| H. L. Shearer, Tax Clerk | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| B. C. Whitfield, Bond Clerk | 50.00 |
| Robert Wynn, Janitor | 40.00 |
| F. P. Jackson, Extra Office Assistant..... | 196.87 |
| C. K. Allen, Extra Office Assistant | 168.75 |
| J. B. Shuman, Extra Office Assistant | 168.75 |
| D. B. Pinkston, Extra Office Assistant | 168.75 |
| Jessie Wilson, Extra Office Assistant | 153.48 |
| Mrs. B. H. Bohler, Extra Stenographer | 95.00 |
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| | \$ 2,985.42 |

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
March 25, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met for the purpose of considering proposed Permit or lease of lands from which to cut saw-grass. Mr. P. B. Alsbrook, representing Lake Griffin Pulp & Grass Company, requested certain modifications in the action of the Trustees on the above subject set forth in Minutes dated March 4th, 1930.

Upon consideration of the subject the Trustees agreed they would grant a permit to the said Company for a term of two years to take saw-grass, without charge, from a designated area at the rate of 30,000 acres for each One Hundred ton daily mill capacity, upon condition

that a mill or mills of an aggregate capacity of not less than One Hundred tons daily be constructed within the State of Florida by the expiration of two years.

That when such mill or mills have been constructed, the Company shall be entitled to an extension of ten years at the above acreage rate and mill capacity.

That raw material be not shipped from the State, but made into a finished pulp within the State.

That additional permits will be granted at the above acreage rate as additional mill or mills or additional capacity to any mill or mills is provided.

That at the expiration of such Ten-year period additional periods will be granted as mill operations proceeds, the Company to designate areas to be set aside for the taking of saw grass from time to time, provided that after the first ten-year period there shall be a charge per acre to be agreed upon by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Company.

That upon such areas so selected the Trustees agree to grant no permits except to the Company as above.

Lease shall not be the basis of any stock-selling scheme or represent a value or asset for the sale of stock.

That the permit shall contain the usual conditions required by the Trustees for the protection of the land and the rights of the Trustees.

The Trustees directed that permit be drawn, embodying the above conditions, and presented to the Board for consideration.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,

Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 1, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Minutes of the Trustees of March 24th and 25th, 1930, were presented and approved.

Mr. Tom Norfleet of Miami appeared before the Trustees in reference to an oil and gas lease executed by the Trustees in his favor covering certain marginal lands in the bottom of Lake Okeechobee. Mr. Norfleet stated that he had been endeavoring to interest parties in drilling wells and prospecting for oil but that the time within which he was to make payment had elapsed before he had been successful in starting a well. Mr. Norfleet further stated that owing to the strip of land around his lease on the shore side for a distance of 400 feet, more or less, between the limits of his lease boundaries and the Lake Okeechobee levee, having been reserved by the Trustees from the said lease he was confronted with difficulties in interesting parties where this open space existed. He requested that the Trustees extend the boundaries of his lease to the levee, or levee canal, and that a reservation be made that he shall not drill within one-fourth mile of such boundary. Mr. Norfleet also requested that the terms of payment be extended so that a payment would be due in quarterly instalments, the first instalment to become due three months after date.

Upon consideration, the Trustees agreed to extend the boundaries of Mr. Norfleet's lease as requested, with the reservation that no drilling be done within one-fourth mile of the levee or levee canal, and also agreed to grant extension in the matter of payments as above requested. The Trustees directed that a new lease be prepared covering the above changes.

Mr. W. G. Blanchard of Coral Gables, representing Mr. Francis S. Whitten of Miami, appeared before the Trustees and submitted brief covering suggestions for surveying and modification of instructions for surveying land along the southwest coast of Monroe County, which information discloses the development of a hiatus three miles wide from North to South, extending from the Gulf of Mexico to the Monroe-Dade county line. Mr. Blanchard also made application on behalf of Mr. Whitten for a gas and oil lease on this hiatus and requested that the first year's taxes be deducted from his credit with the Trustees.

The Trustees directed that the information as to surveys

and modification of instructions for surveying be referred to the Attorney General and Counsel for Trustees for examination and report of their findings with recommendations.

Mr. Blanchard was advised that he would be notified of the action of the Trustees.

Mr. W. G. Blanchard, representing Mr. Francis S. Whitten, made application for gas and oil lease on 5,440 acres of Trustees land in Townships 56, 57, 58 and 59, Range 31, and also made application for oil and gas lease on 7,680 acres of land owned by the State Board of Education, being School Sections 16 in Townships 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60 in Range 32; Townships 57, 58, 59 and 60 in Range 33, and Townships 59 and 60 in Range 34, and requested that the amount of taxes required by the Trustees be deducted out of Mr. Whitten's credit with the Trustees.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to lease the above described lands to Mr. Whitten upon the usual terms and conditions and allow him to apply his credit on the payment of taxes.

Mr. Amos reported that the committee appointed to make settlement with Mr. John M. Sutton had failed to reach an agreement. Mr. Knott moved that the committee act until settlement was effected. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented letter from Dickens & Shirey, giving information relative to financial condition of Southern Pearl Shell Company, to which company Dickens and Shirey are desirous of making assignment of their Mussel leases. Mr. Dickens appeared before the Trustees and requested that his application for assignment of leases to the above company be granted.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees agree to the assignment upon condition that the Southern Pearl Shell Company will not use the said Mussel Leases as a basis for any stock-selling scheme or represent a value or assets for the sale of stock. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted. Agreed to by Dickens and Shirey.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin made application for a permit to

remove fill material from the bottoms of approximately 80 acres of submerged land in Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, to be used in building up submerged land purchased from the State in that vicinity.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to issue permit to Mr. Horobin to take fill material from the above described land under the usual terms and conditions, in view of the fact that Mr. Horobin has purchased a large acreage in that vicinity.

Mr. Thomas H. Horobin of Miami appeared before the Trustees relative to purchase of Lot 4, Section 31, Township 42 South, Range 37 East—9.67 acres, which he failed to include in his request of February 11th—final action taken February 25th, and asked to be given ninety (90) days within which to close the transaction, making an offer of \$200.00 per acre for the land.

Mr. Mayo moved that the land be sold to Mr. Horobin at the price of \$200.00 per acre and have ninety days within which to make payment, in order that he may secure a purchaser for the land and be in position to pay taxes on land being reconveyed to the State. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Thomas H. Horobin advised the Trustees that Trails Land Company had reconveyed to the State all lands in Entry No. 17262 except the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 21, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, on which the Trustees hold mortgage, and that he would like to make a proposition to reconvey one-half of the above land, pay all taxes thereon which have been unpaid for five years, foreclose the State's mortgage, paying all costs of foreclosure, in consideration of which the Trustees deed him one-half of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 21.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees accepted the proposition of Mr. Horobin as above.

The Secretary presented letter from General Industries, Inc., of Jacksonville, requesting extension for accepting and executing oil lease granted them by the Trustees March 4th.

Mr. Amos moved that the said company be granted thirty (30) days within which to accept and execute the lease. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary submitted report of counsel on the matter of granting oil leases on lands in the Indian Reservation, which opinion is to the effect that it would not be proper to grant leases on such lands.

Upon consideration the Trustees declined to grant any oil leases on the Indian Reservation.

The Land Department presented an offer from R. M. Jones of \$25.00 per acre for land in Section 34, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, and 9.6 acres in hiatus between Townships 53-54 South, Range 37 East, Dade County, plus 25 cents per acre for release of oil rights.

The Trustees declined the offer.

The Trustees having on March 4th declined the offer of 50c per acre from Mr. Gillespie Dunlop of Bronson, representing his client, for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 12, Range 17, the Land Department submitted a supplemental offer from Mr. Dunlop of \$1.25 per acre for the said land.

The offer was declined by the Trustees, and the Land Department directed to advise Mr. Dunlop that they would issue quit-claim deed to his client for the consideration of \$3.00 per acre.

The Land Department presented application from H. O. Sebring to purchase a strip of land approximately 200 feet square at Canal Point, between the railroad and the lake, for the purpose of erecting a grain elevator.

The Trustees agreed to issue deed to the strip of land above described, at a price of \$250.00, upon erection of said grain elevator; the land to revert to the Trustees if and when not used for the above purpose. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Sebring and request that he furnish correct description of the land applied for.

The Trustees having on February 17th ordered advertised for sale on this date 15.8 acres of land in Volusia County applied for by the City of New Smyrna, to be used for public purposes, and the city having offered to pay \$10.00 per acre for the land, and no objections being filed or presented, the sale was consummated to the City of New Smyrna for the price of \$10.00 per acre and deed ordered issued.

The application of St. Elmo W. Acosta, Park Commissioner of Jacksonville, for islands in St. Johns River to be deeded to the City of Jacksonville for park purposes, was again called to the attention of the Trustees, and upon motion, seconded and adopted, the request was denied.

Mr. W. F. Hampton of Gainesville appeared before the Trustees and stated that he was the heir, or represented the heirs, of the late B. F. Hampton of Gainesville, who formerly had contract as selecting agent for the State Board of Education and who had filed School Indemnity Selection on Lone Cabbage Island—Lot 6, Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Lake Worth. The State also having filed Swamp Land selection on Lone Cabbage Island and in 1921 having sold this island with surrounding sovereignty lands to G. W. Bingham, Mr Hampton stated that should the Swamp Selection fail and he obtain title to Lone Cabbage Island by virtue of School Indemnity selection, that if the Trustees would deed the surrounding sovereignty lands to him he would assume the liability or refund which would be due Mr. Bingham from the Trustees, in case title from the Trustees to Mr. Bingham failed.

The matter was referred to Messrs Knott and Davis, who compose a committee to investigate the status of the B. F. Hampton contract as Selecting Agent for the State Board of Education.

Financial statement for the month of March, 1930, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH, 1930

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| Balance in Fund March 1, 1930 ..\$ | 36,923.42 |
| Sale of Minutes | 3.00 |
| Sale of sand, shell and gravel | 809.32 |
| Oil leases | 5,621.72 |
| From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 3,045.26 |
| Refund on account overpayment Everglades Drainage District taxes on Trustees' lands | 2,030.95 |
| Receipts on account Mussel Shell lease | 75.00 |
| Sale of blueprint map | 1.00 |

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| Supplies sold by shop at West Palm Beach | \$ 16.25 | |
| From land sales (\$3,164.88) less 25% to State School Fund (\$791.21) | 2,373.67 | |
| | | \$ 50,899.86 |
| Less disbursements | 4,654.82 | |
| Balance on hand April 1, 1930.... | | \$ 46,245.04 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and cash items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in banks | 45,245.04 | |
| | | \$ 46,245.04 |

BALANCES IN BANKS APRIL 1, 1930

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | \$ 4,196.90 | |
| Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 4,053.48 | |
| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 19,440.18 | |
| American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla. | 7,674.36 | |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 1,925.77 | |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 5,346.11 | |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 474.69 | |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 1,135.55 | |
| Capital City Bank, special account | 1,000.00 | |
| | | \$ 45,245.04 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date | Check | In Favor of— | Amount |
|---------|-------|----------------------------------|------------|
| 1930 | No. | | |
| Mar. 18 | 8058 | A. R. Richardson | \$ 581.25 |
| | 8059 | Western Union Telegraph Company | 1.66 |
| | 8060 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Company. | .63 |
| | 8061 | Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | 6.30 |
| | 8062 | Arterraft Printers | 15.25 |
| | 8063 | T. J. Appleyard, Inc. | 47.00 |
| | 8064 | F. J. Garner, C. C. C. | 2.00 |
| | 8065 | Alice J. Mornihan | 4.50 |
| | 8066 | DeLand Sun-News | 23.23 |
| | 8067 | Wallis Engineering Co. | 100.06 |
| | 8068 | Palm Beach County | 375.00 |
| | 8069 | Ditto, Inc. | 331.22 |
| | 8070 | J. B. Shuman | 10.71 |
| | 8071 | C. K. Allen | 10.71 |
| | 8072 | D. B. Pinkston | 10.71 |
| | 8073 | Cancelled ..... | ..... |
| | 8074 | W. A. Lewis, C. C. C. | 17.30 |
| | 8075 | W. H. May, P. M. | 15.25 |
| | 8076 | Charles S. Harley | 23.40 |
| | 8077 | Ross C. Sawyer | 18.85 |
| 21 | 8078 | N. W. Keller, Secretary | 74.37 |
| 30 | 8079 | F. C. Elliot | 300.00 |
| 31 | 8080 | A. R. Richardson | 333.34 |
| | 8081 | Marvin C. McIntosh | 255.47 |
| | 8082 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 8083 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | 8084 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 8085 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 8086 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 8087 | H. L. Shearer | 50.00 |
| | 8088 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 8089 | B. C. Whitfield | 50.00 |
| | 8090 | Robert Wynn | 40.00 |
| | 8091 | F. P. Jackson | 196.87 |
| | 8092 | C. K. Allen | 168.75 |
| | 8093 | J. B. Shuman | 168.75 |
| | 8094 | D. B. Pinkston | 168.75 |
| | 8095 | Jessie Wilson | 153.48 |
| | 8096 | Mrs. B. H. Bohler | 95.00 |
| | | Total | \$4,654.82 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.

April 8, 1930

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of April 1st, presented and approved.

The Secretary presented application from Florida Power and Light Company for a right-of-way to extend electric current transmission lines with poles across land owned by the Trustees in Section 26, Township 50 South, Range 41 East—Broward County, on the south side of South New River Canal out past Davie.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant the right-of-way requested by the Florida Power & Light Company under the usual terms and conditions and the permit was ordered executed.

The Secretary presented request from C. Salvatore in reference to lease on lands in Pelican Bay and requesting extension of the lease as he has been unable to plant a crop owing to unusually heavy spring rains. The Trustees requested the Land Agent to make investigation of this condition on his next trip down the State, and report his recommendations.

The application of Mr. A. O. Henderson of New Smyrna for right-of-way and franchise for the construction of a toll bridge was held over until report from Counsel and the Chief Drainage Engineer was received.

Mr. P. B. Alsobrook of Leesburg appeared before the Trustees in reference to lease of lands owned by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund for the purpose of cutting saw-grass therefrom for making paper pulp. A preliminary draft of conditions had been previously worked out between Mr. Alsobrook and the Trustees and an amended draft was presented by Mr. Alsobrook for consideration.

Upon consideration of the amended draft the Trustees and Mr. Alsobrook agreed upon certain modifications to both of the previous drafts as a final basis for the preparation of the lease.

Mr. Alsobrook requested that he be furnished a copy of the Minutes and a copy of the memorandum as agreed upon, and that he be given sufficient time in which to discuss the matter further with his associates and for joining with the Trustees in the drafting of the final agreement, which was agreed to. It was considered that thirty days would be sufficient time for the above.

The Secretary presented application from J. Olsen & Son of Jacksonville for shell lease near the mouth of the St. Johns River in Sisters Creek, Pepper Creek and Pablo Creek.

Mr. Pat Kelly of Jacksonville being present objected to the granting of the lease and requested that his Company have an opportunity to be heard before lease was issued.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees deferred action of the above application until Tuesday, April 15th, at which time hearing would be given all parties interested. The Trustees directed that Mr. Olsen and Mr. Kelly be notified of the hearing.

Mr. W. G. Blanchard appeared before the Trustees on behalf of himself and Mr. Francis S. Whitten and requested that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund grant to him and associates a petroleum and gas lease for the lands covered by the waters of the Gulf of Mexico extending from the shore line to the 12 foot contour below mean low tide, from Cape Romano to Cape Sable. Mr. Blanchard stated that the applicants were owners of nearly all of the upland adjoining the Gulf. He further stated that his proposition is to pay \$10,000.00 for the Lease, at the rate of \$1,000.00 cash and the payment of \$1,000.00

each six months thereafter until paid, or if satisfactory with Mr. Whitten, would like to have the option of deducting the payments from the credit Mr. Whitten has with the Trustees.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to give a lease on the above described bottoms, the islands excepted, for a consideration of \$10,000.00. Payments to be made, \$1,000.00 in cash upon execution of the Lease and thereafter \$1,000.00 at the end of each six months until the full amount of \$10,000.00 shall have been paid. The life of the permit to run for Five (5) years and to be otherwise in conformity with the standard form of lease, except that time for beginning the first well shall be not later than One Year from date of Lease and the Well to be completed in not more than three (3) years from the date of the Lease; that wells are to be bored at the rate of One Well for each thirty (30) thousand acres of land leased. A further consideration is the usual royalty of one-eighth of petroleum and one-tenth gas discovered and saved from the leased premises. Also that no well shall be drilled nearer than one-fourth mile from the shore without the consent of the upland owner; that nothing contained in the lease shall interfere with the rights of any upland owner; that operations under the lease shall be carried on in such a manner as to interfere in no way with navigation or with fishing, or with the full enjoyment of the use of the waters by the public.

The Secretary presented telegram from Mr. Vernon Price-Williams, making application for oil lease on School Section 16, Township 57 South, Range 37 East—Dade County, on same conditions as carried in Lease of September 23, 1929.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined to grant the lease on the ground that the form of lease had been changed since that date.

Mr. C. F. Dodson of Jacksonville came before the Trustees relative to land purchases in Palm Beach County on which he has made payment of \$9,799.70, stating that in 1929 he reconveyed to the State lands covered by Entries No. 17425 and No. 17426—Sections 10 and 22 in Township 47 South, Range 40 East. Mr. Dodson requests that the Trustees accept the above payment in full settlement of

Entry No. 17113 covering block 2, Township 44 South, Ranges 36 and 37, on which there is due \$10,935.00 with interest, basing his request on the ground that the price paid for the land is more than it is worth and that he will also have to pay back taxes amounting to \$4,000.00 on Entries 17425 and 17426 and \$2,900.00 on Entry 17113 to clear the title of the land.

The Trustees referred the matter to the Land Department to check up and report the status of the above purchases.

Mr. R. M. Jones of Jacksonville appeared before the Trustees and made application to reconvey a fourth section of land in Newman's survey, purchased at a price of from \$175 to \$700 per acre in 1925, pay all taxes due on the land and allow him a credit of the payments made to be applied on other land to be selected in another section of the State, or if the Trustees would agree to refund a part of the payment they would prefer that.

Upon motion the matter was referred to the Land Department to check up as to status of the purchase and report to the Trustees.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. J. Locke Kelley of Clearwater, requesting that release agreed to by the Trustees February 18th, 1930, be executed and forwarded to him at the earliest possible date.

The land to be released being approximately one-tenth of the acreage, and payments amounting to one-fourth of the purchase price having been paid, the Trustees directed that the release be executed and forwarded to Mr. Kelly as soon as possible.

Mr. R. J. Green of Detroit, Michigan, made application to exchange 80 acres of land near Crescent City for land of equal value in the southern part of the State.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the application was denied.

The Land Department presented the matter of Rev. G. S. Roberts of Fort Myers, relative to error in location of land sold Mr. Roberts by Rev. S. W. Lawler, Mr. Roberts having taken possession of and made improvements on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 39 South, Range

39 East, Glades County, which is about a mile distant from the land actually purchased from Mr. Lawler.

In view of the fact that Mr. Roberts made the improvements thinking he was on his land, the Trustees agreed to execute a quit-claim deed to him for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, for the sum of \$250.00 cash.

The Trustees directed the Land Office to write Mr. Roberts and explain the situation and advise that it was through no error on the part of the Trustees that he had possession of the wrong piece of property; that the land was originally sold to Mr. Lawler at Tallahassee and pointed out to him on a map showing the property and that there could not have been any doubt as to the location of the land as the selection was made from the map and deed issued in accordance therewith.

Mr. H. L. Cummins of Jacksonville made application to purchase 93.6 acres of land in Lot 1 of hiatus between Townships 53 and 54 South, Range 37 East, Dade County, making an offer of \$30.25 per acre for the land with the petroleum rights included; also an offer of \$25.25 per acre for approximately 300 acres of land in Section 34, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, with petroleum rights included.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the offers above were declined.

McGowan-Forshee Lumber Company submitted an offer of \$250.00 for the timber on 80 acres of land in S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 33, Range 21, Manatee County.

The Trustees requested the Land Agent to make investigation of the timber on the said land and make report to the board, at which time action would be taken.

The Land Department reported that South Florida Conservancy District was listing for sale outstanding certificates on several parcels of land on which the Trustees hold mortgage.

The Trustees decided to take no action in the matter as they did not care to take up the certificates.

The Trustees having agreed to advertise for objections

land in Volusia County, upon application of Geo. I. Fullerton for his clients Zelia Wilson Sweet and Zelia Frances Bouchelle, the following notice was ordered placed in the DeLand Sun-News:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 8, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at Ten o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 20th, A. D. 1930, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in VOLUSIA County, Florida:

Commencing at the Old Stone Wharf,
 Thence North 34 degrees 30' West 748 feet;
 Thence North 22 degrees 45' West 1,252 feet;
 Thence North 16 degrees 45' West 600 feet;
 Thence North 22 degrees 45' West 152 feet to
 the North line of Lot "L" of J. D. Sheldon's Sub-
 division in the City of New Smyrna, Florida;

Thence North 64 degrees 44' East 431 feet to
 the point of beginning, thence continuing North
 64 degrees 44' East, 255 feet to the shore line of
 the Indian River; thence meandering the shore
 line as follows:

North 16 degrees 34' East 255 feet;
 Thence South 50 degrees 16' West 101 feet;
 Thence South 47 degrees 10' West 198 feet;
 Thence South 27 degrees 42' West 176 feet; to
 the point of beginning.

Containing 0.83 acres, more or less.
 Volusia County, State of Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062, Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
 Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliott, Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ 4.87 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla... | 2.64 |
| The Southern Tel. & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 4.25 |
| Railway Express Agency, Tallahassee, Fla.... | .50 |
| T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. | 3.50 |
| Grant Furniture Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 45.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. | 159.91 |
| Gaylord Brothers, Jacksonville, Fla. | .75 |
| Fred E. Fenno, West Palm Beach, Fla. | 203.27 |
| Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 15.82 |
| C. K. Allen, Tallahassee, Fla. | 39.80 |
| Jessie Wilson, Tallahassee, Fla. | 34.26 |
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| | \$ 514.57 |

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliott, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 15, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees for April 8th were presented and approved.

Pursuant to notice from the Trustees that hearing would be had on this date on the granting of shell lease in St. Johns River to Olson & Son of Jacksonville, Mr. Pat Kelly of Jacksonville, representing Atlantic Shell Company and Standard Dredging Company, appeared before the Trustees and objected to the issuance of the lease on the ground that his companies had expended large sums of money on equip-

ment and machinery for dredging shell, and if other leases are granted in that territory the supply will not be sufficient to make it profitable for anyone, and requested that the Trustees do not grant a lease to Olson & Son, or any other party, to dredge for shell in that section.

Mr. Mayo moved that the matter be held in abeyance and that Mr. Richardson be directed to make investigation and report to the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented application for oil and gas leases from A. J. Ryan, S. V. M. Ray, and W. V. Blackwell, covering lands in Township 52, Range 37; Township 52, Range 38; Township 53, Range 38, and between Townships 53 and 54, Range 38, and between Townships 53 and 54, Range 39, Dade County, some of the lands being applied for by all three of the above parties.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant leases to the above parties and directed that the area applied for by all three of the applicants be divided as equitably as possible.

The Secretary presented request from Mr. Ben Shepard of Miami that oil lease dated March 1st, 1930, issued in the name of Ben Shepard, be changed to Ben Shepard of Miami for and on behalf of Dorlim Company, Inc.

The Trustees agreed to grant the request and the change in name was authorized.

Application was presented from L. E. Lewis of Coral Gables for an oil and gas lease within boundaries from Pahokee southwardly and westwardly along the shores of Lake Okeechobee to Observation Island and from the shore line extending out into the lake to a water depth of 6.5 feet at elevation 15.

The Trustees deferred action on this application for a full membership to be present.

Mr. L. E. Lewis of Coral Gables made application for oil and gas lease on Trustees' lands on which taxes are 8 to 10 cents.

The Trustees directed that Mr. Lewis be furnished list of lands in tax rate zone from 8 to 10 cents.

The application of W. G. Blanchard for oil and gas lease on unsurveyed hiatus lands in Monroe County was deferred for further information and report.

The matter submitted by Mr. R. M. Jones April 8th, for permission to reconvey 778 acres of land in Newman's Survey, purchased in 1925, upon which payment of \$95,189.00 was made, and request that the one-fourth payment be allowed to stand as a credit and a partial refund, was again considered.

The Trustees declined to make any refund on the ground that they had no such authority, but agreed to allow Mr. Jones to reconvey three-fourths of the land purchased, retaining one-fourth represented by the cash payment, and then sell him the reconveyed three-fourths at a price of \$100.00, in consideration of the fact that the land was sold at a high price. The Land Office was directed to advise Mr. Jones of this proposition.

The Land Department reported on the matter presented to the Trustees April 8th by C. F. Dodson, which was a proposition to assign his credit of \$9,799.70 in settlement of mortgage held by the State on Entry No. 17113, being a purchase of James A. Dew, Inc., Mr. Dodson having taken over sales contract of Mr. Dew on this entry.

The matter was ordered held over for the entire membership to be present.

The Land Department presented letter from Mrs. F. W. Stengel of Rockville, Conn., requesting the Trustees to make investigation of Lots 1 and 2 of Section 22, Township 45 South, Range 41 East on Captiva Island, Charlotte County, which she was interested in purchasing, so that the character of the land might be ascertained.

The Trustees ordered that the matter be referred to Mr. Richardson, Field Agent, to make investigation and report.

Mr. W. G. Blanchard came before the Trustees again in reference to oil lease on coastal lands from Cape Romano to Cape Sable, advising that he was sure he could secure letters from upland owners giving consent for his Company to drill for oil in front of their uplands and requesting that lease be executed so that he might make the first payment before leaving.

The Trustees agreed to have lease executed and held pending receipt of letters from Mr. Barron Collier, Capt. McDougald and Model Land Company, giving permission for drilling in front of their uplands. Upon receipt of these letters lease to be delivered to Mr. Blanchard.

The Secretary presented letter from R. G. Holgate advising that he was assigning oil lease executed to him to another party which was accepted by the Trustees.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| J. B. Shuman, Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ 71.12 |
| W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. | 10.00 |
| | \$81.12 |

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
April 16, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Land Department presented letter from J. M. Johns of Wausau, making an offer of \$200.00 for approximately 40 acres of land in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 1 North, Range 13 West, Washington County.

Action on the application was deferred for investigation and report from the Land Agent as to value of the land and timber thereon.

Milam, McIlvaine & Milam, Attorneys of Jacksonville, representing Mr. John V. Daniels, submitted an offer of \$200.00 for 1.86 acres of land in Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 29 East, Duval County, near Mayport, this

being a small tract of land omitted from the sale of November 13, 1928, which a survey has developed is within the tract desired by Mr. Daniels.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to sell the 1.86 acres to Mr. Daniels at a price of \$200.00 subject to advertisement for objections as required by law.

Mr. R. M. Jones came before the Trustees with reference to proposition submitted April 8th and 15th, relative to re-conveyance of 778 acres of land in Newman's Survey and request for credit of \$95,189.00—being cash payment—on other lands of the State to be selected.

Upon discussion of the proposition, the Trustees advised Mr. Jones that they would not be justified in allowing this credit, but suggested that if he would make selection of State Lands on which a considerable portion of the credit might be applied and present same to the Trustees, they would try to work out some plan to make adjustment.

Mr. W. G. Blanchard of Coral Gables appeared before the Trustees, on behalf of himself and Mr. Francis S. Whitten, submitting application for petroleum and gas lease on hiatus supposed to exist between Townships 55 and 61, Monroe County, and offering \$625.00 cash and \$625.00 each Ninety days thereafter, for a continuing option for oil and gas lease on any lands which might be developed by a survey when and if made; the first well to be commenced within six months after determination of the hiatus by survey.

Upon consideration of the proposition and the indefiniteness of survey the Trustess declined to make the lease, but agreed to receive the application and file for further investigation.

The Land Agent was directed to write Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, Member of Congress from the Fourth District of Florida, asking that she take up the matter of survey of this section with the proper department at Washington.

Mr. B. J. Brown of Miami, representing Bayshore Oil Company, Inc., of Miami, made application for Oil and Gas Leases covering certain bay bottoms in Pensacola, Choctawhatchee Bay, St. Andrews Bay and St. Joseph's Bay, in the Northwestern part of the State, and on 27,000

acres of land in Collier and Hendry Counties, in the Southern part of the State; commencement of the first well to be within Ninety (90) days, and one well in each of the above named Bays within a period of three years, otherwise lease to be cancelled as to territory on which well is not commenced within that period. The lease in Collier and Hendry Counties to be on the usual terms and conditions.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant Two leases to Mr. Brown's company covering Pensacola, Choctawhatchee, St. Andrews and St. Joseph's Bays for a term of Five years with an annual payment of \$500.00 on each Lease, and the area in Collier and Hendry Counties to be another lease, subject to the usual terms and conditions of the standard lease form. The Chief Drainage Engineer and Land Agent were requested to work out details of the leases.

The Land Department presented letter from H. L. Cummins of Jacksonville, offering \$30.25 per acre for Lot 1, between Townships 53/54 South, Range 37 East—Dade County, together with Oil and Mineral rights in said lands.

The Trustees accepted the offer of \$30.00 per acre for Lot 1, between Townships 53/54, Range 37, but declined to sell the oil and mineral rights.

The Land Department presented letter from H. L. Cummins offering \$25.25 per acre for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 51 South, Range 41 East—Dade County, together with oil and mineral rights in said land.

The Trustees declined the offer for the above lands and mineral and oil rights, but agreed to sell the land only at a price of \$40.00 per acre. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Cummins.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that from this date all applications for release of mineral and oil reservations on lands sold by the Trustees, be presented to the board for action on each individual case, thereby rescinding former action authorizing the Land Department to issue releases of such rights upon payment of 25 cents per acre.

The Trustees having on February 25, 1930, agreed to sell land in Palm Beach County to J. B. Hainey, and Mr. Hainey having furnished proper description for advertising, the Trustees ordered the following Notice placed in the Everglades News:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 16, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 27th, A. D. 1930, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land:

Beginning at the meander corner No. 16 which is the meander corner between Fractional Sections 25 and 36, of Township 43 South in Range 36 East, thence along the meander of said Section 25 as surveyed by Otis A. Hardin in the year 1916, run North 4 degrees 12' East, a distance of 1,914.38 feet to a point of beginning;

From point of beginning continuing thence along the said meander line North 4 degrees 12' East, a distance of 1,084.00 feet to meander corner No. 15;

Thence continuing along the said meander line North 30 degrees 36' West, a distance of 273.00 feet;

Thence West a distance of 692.30 feet to a point 100.00 feet due East of the center line of the Okeechobee South Shore Levee as at present located;

Thence Southerly (approximately South forty-four Minutes West) 100.00 feet East of and parallel to the center line of said levee, a distance of 1,315.80 feet;

Thence East a distance of 769.00 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning described above;

Containing 24.00 acres, more or less, and lying and being in Palm Beach County, State of Florida, and within the projected limits of Section 25 of Township 43 South, Range 36 East.

This notice is published in order that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same on date of sale.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 22, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of April 15th and 16th were presented and approved.

The Secretary presented letter from Serviced Laboratories, Inc., of Chicago, Illinois, requesting the Trustees to not dispose of saw-grass adjacent to Lake Griffin as their company had purchased the paper mill located at Leesburg and in all probability they would need all grass in that section for their operations.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees ordered that the matter be held over for further consideration.

A letter was presented from Mr. Harley Watson, asking for an appointment with the Trustees on April 29th, for himself and Mr. A. J. Dozier.

The Trustees directed that Mr. Watson be advised that April 29th was the date of the regular meeting of the Trustees and that he and Mr. Dozier could be heard on that date.

The Trustees having advertised for competitive bids on

this date for 160 acres of submerged land in Section 4, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, bids were called for.

No bids being presented and objection of Miller and McKay, in behalf of Indian Creek Golf Club, having been filed, the Trustees directed that sale be deferred.

Mr. W. G. Blanchard of Coral Gables appeared before the Trustees and stated that he had filed with Mr. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer, letter from Capt. D. A. McDougald, giving his consent for Mr. Blanchard to drill for oil in front of property of his Company; also that he would endeavor to have other letters from interested land owners presented to the Board as soon as possible. The Trustees directed that the matter be held *in statu quo* pending receipt of said letters.

Mr. W. G. Blanchard again presented application for oil and gas lease on hiatus supposed to exist in the southern part of Monroe County, making the same proposition as presented to the Trustees April 16th.

The Trustees reaffirmed their action of the 16th to hold the matter for further consideration.

The Secretary presented application from Mr. Robert G. Holgate of Miami for oil and gas lease on Sections 16 in Townships 53 and 55 South, Range 36 East.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the application was denied.

Certain applications having been received and presented to the Trustees for petroleum and gas leases on lands owned by the Trustees, in whom is also vested authority to lease petroleum and gas rights on lands of the State Board of Education, after discussion of the subject the Trustees ordered the discontinuance until further instructions of all petroleum and gas leases, except upon applications as had been allowed prior to April 22nd, 1930.

The Secretary presented letter from East Coast Oil & Natural Gas Company of Miami, advising that they had started spudding the first oil or gas well in Section 12, Township 58 South, Range 37 East, 806½ feet north of the highway.

The Trustees directed that the letter be acknowledged and filed.

The Secretary presented letter transmitted by Secretary of State R. A. Gray from M. H. Guise, Superintendent of Florida Humus Company of Zellwood, Florida, requesting the State Government to do certain drainage work in Lake Apopka drainage system.

After discussion the Trustees decided that they had no authority to do any drainage work and neither had the Everglades Drainage District any such jurisdiction. The Secretary was requested to so advise Mr. Guise.

Letter was presented from L. J. Ullian of Fort Lauderdale, advising that he had assigned oil and gas lease granted him by the Trustees on lands in Broward County to Port Everglades Gas & Oil Company.

The Trustees accepted the assignment and requested the Secretary to so advise Mr. Ullian.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. Ben Shepard of Miami, requesting extension of six months for commencing work on first oil well on lands under lease to Ben Shepard for Milrod Company, Dated November 26, 1929. The Trustees agreed to grant the extension of six months to Mr. Shepard for commencement on oil well and directed that he be so advised.

The Land Department presented application from E. D. Harris to reconvey land purchased from the Trustees, known as English Island, for which he paid \$50.00 an acre, and apply the payment of \$202.13 as first payment on lake bottom land adjoining his upland, the rate per acre for lake bottom land to be \$50.00 per acre.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the application was denied.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. R. A. Henderson of Fort Myers, advising that he had furnished survey of land on which he made a deposit in 1925, and requesting that deed be issued immediately.

The survey having been referred to Mr. Richardson for checking, the Trustees directed that deed be issued as soon as the survey is approved.

Letter was presented from Mr. A. C. Plage of Atlanta, requesting the Trustees to allow him to reconvey one-half

of the land purchased by him under Entry No. 17419, being the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 18 South, Range 28 East, Lake County, and issue deed to him for the remainder, cancelling mortgage and notes held by the Trustees.

The Land Department having advised that Mr. Plage had made payments equal to one-half of the purchase, the Trustees agreed to allow the reconveyance of one-half of the land and deed the balance to Mr. Plage upon the condition that all taxes are paid and no outstanding indebtedness on the reconveyed portion.

The Land Department presented an offer from J. O. Hillis of Tampa of \$10.00 per acre for the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 33 South, Range 20 East, Manatee County.

Upon motion the offer was declined.

Mr. N. R. Boniske of Jacksonville, on behalf of Mr. R. M. Jones, of General Industries, Inc., made an offer on an unsurveyed hiatus between Ranges 36 and 37 East, Townships 53, 54 and 55, his company to make survey for determining location of hiatus. Upon being advised of the extent of survey to be made to correctly locate the hiatus, Mr. Boniske withdrew the offer.

Dr. J. B. Game, Sr., of Tallahassee, appeared before the Trustees and made application to purchase a small tract of land in front of Shell Island in the Wakulla River, near St. Marks, containing approximately 2 acres; also applied to purchase a sand flat beyond St. Marks lighthouse containing approximately 63 acres, and requested the Trustees to set a price on the land.

Mr. Knott moved that the application be received and the matter be referred to Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, for report as to the value of the land and proper description. Motion seconded and adopted.

Mr. C. F. Dodson of Jacksonville appeared before the Trustees relative to proposition made at previous meeting to exchange credits he has with the Trustees for release of mortgage on 194 acres of land in Entry No. 17113.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the proposition was

taken under advisement and held for further consideration.

With reference to granting extension for beginning first well on lands under lease from the Trustees, it was ordered that each application be acted upon individually.

The Trustees having agreed to sell 1.86 acres of land in Duval County to Mr. J. V. Daniels, subject to advertisement for objections, the following notice was ordered placed in the Florida Times-Union:

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 27, 1930, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in Duval County, Florida:

For a point of beginning to the description of the land herein conveyed, commence at the Northeast corner of Section 19, Township 1 South, Range 29 East, run

Thence South 1 degree 3' East along the Eastern boundary of said Section 19, as extended across the St. Johns River 5,287.92 feet to the Southeast corner of said Section 19 (which point is in the St. Johns River);

Thence continue South 1 degree 3' East along the Eastern boundary of Section 30, 102.9 feet to an 8" x 8" concrete post with brass cap marked "U. S. Property Line" situated in said East line of Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 29 East;

Thence run South 65 degrees 55' 15" West, 957.2 feet to the Northwest corner of a tract of land conveyed to the U. S. Government by the State of Florida by deed dated February 26, 1929;

Thence run South 72 degrees 28' West 360 feet along high water mark of the St. Johns River;

Thence South 55 degrees 35' West, 675 feet along high water mark of the St. Johns River;

Thence South 46 degrees 12' 15" West, 539.3 feet along high water mark of the St. Johns River

to point of beginning (which point is the North-west corner of tract of land conveyed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to John V. Daniels by Deed No. 18016, bearing date of July 18, 1929).

From the said above described point of beginning, run South 46 degrees 12' 15" West, 286.45 feet along high water mark of the St. Johns River;

Thence South 61 degrees 24' 30" East, 334.86 feet;

Thence North 71 degrees 5' 30" East, 235 feet;

Thence North 47 degrees 38' West, 419 feet to point of beginning.

Containing 1.866 acres, more or less, lying and being in Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 29 East, Duval County, State of Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objection to said sale may have an opportunity to present same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Minutes of the Trustees of April 22nd were presented and approved.

Messrs. Watson and Dozier of Ritta Farms Development Company appeared before the Trustees and requested that they be allowed to reconvey one-half of the land in Entry No. 17233 covering lands in Township 43 South, Range 35 East, on which has been paid \$20,687.50 principal representing one-half of the purchase price, and the Trustees issue to said Company deed for the other half of the land. Mr. Watson advised that a portion of this land had been sold, but payments had not been kept up and foreclosure proceedings would have to be instituted before the Company would be in position to reconvey the land to the State.

After discussion, the Trustees signified their willingness to accept reconveyance of a portion of the land, free of all taxes and liens, and issue deed to the above Company for an area represented by the payments made. The Trustees suggested that Messrs. Watson and Dozier proceed to foreclose on the mortgages and get the land in shape to be reconveyed, and then make a concrete proposition to the Trustees.

Mr. Harley Watson requested the Trustees to exchange the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, purchased by him in 1919 under Entry No. 16729 which is paid for in full, for land owned by the State on the South side of the lake as his land is not suitable for cultivation, being under water the greater part of each year, and offering to take less acreage in exchange.

The Trustees advised Mr. Watson that it was not their policy to make exchanges of land and that they only did so when it was for the purpose of blocking up holdings of a company and in consideration of certain improvements being made that would justify the exchange.

Mr. Watson stated that it would be agreeable to him if the Trustees would accept this half Section 23 and allow additional credit of land in the transaction with Ritta Farms Development Company.

The Trustees advised Mr. Watson that they would do the best they could in the adjustment of these matters, but suggested that the foreclosure of lands in Entry No. 17233 be perfected and then make application for the adjustments desired.

Mr. C. F. Dodson appeared before the Trustees relative

to proposition presented to them at former meetings. Mr. Dodson stated that if the Trustees did not feel that they would be justified in accepting the \$9,799.70 credit in payment of mortgage held on Entry No. 17113, that it would be agreeable to him to allow another credit of approximately \$8,000.00 he has with the State to apply on clearing up this mortgage, in so far as necessary to make up the difference.

The Trustees advised Mr. Dodson that upon return of the Governor and Attorney General the matter would be considered and finally disposed of and he would be notified.

Mr. Pat Kelly, attorney, Mr. Geo. V. Green, President of Standard Dredging Company, and Mr. J. A. Banks, President of Atlantic Shell Company, appeared before the Trustees and made application for an exclusive lease for a period of thirteen years to dredge and mine shell in the St. Johns River, stating that their present leases would expire October of this year and that before carrying out any plans for enlargement of plants and other improvements they desired assurance that their leases would be renewed.

After discussion Mr. Mayo moved that the matter be held in *statu quo* for a full membership of the Board and that Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, be directed to make investigation of the territory this week and report. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted. The Trustees agreed that if possible, action would be taken within the next ten days.

Mr. W. T. Wallis, Jr., appeared before the Trustees in reference to lands purchased by Brown Company and called the Trustees attention to the date of the next payment which is June 6, 1930; stating that with this payment the completion of all payments due the Trustees by Brown Company will have been made upon their purchase. Mr. Wallis stated that Brown Company was much interested in the development of their lands and that since the Trustees are the next largest owners of lands in that locality his Company wished to discuss with the Trustees at a proper time the matter of completing the drainage to their holdings and nearby holdings of the Trustees, and that the attitude of the Trustees in joining in these drainage developments would determine to a great extent the policy the above company would

pursue in completing the drainage for the lands owned by them.

Mr. Wallis also asked the Trustees to assist the Brown Company in the matter of blocking up their lands in order that their holdings might be as nearly a solid body as practicable.

The Trustees stated that they would gladly assist in every way consistent.

Mr. Wallis also asked if the Trustees would be willing to apply against the interest payment from Brown Company upon their next note any credits which might be secured from persons having such credit with the Trustees.

The Trustees reached no definite decision on this point but agreed to advise Mr. Wallis at a later date.

The Secretary presented a letter from Mr. E. L. Stapp of Miami, making an offer of \$42,000.00 for the Trustees equity in certain drainage tax certificates covering 41,562 acres of land in Township 49 South, Ranges 37, 38 and 39 East—Broward County, and also offered \$8,000.00 for the Trustees deed covering 2,745 acres in Sections 31, 32 and 33, Township 49 South, Range 41 East, and Sections 3, 4, and 5 in Township 50 South, Range 41 East.

The above offers being approximately 75 per cent of the amount necessary to redeem the land, upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined to accept on the ground that they had no authority to allow redemption for less than taxes, penalties and costs. The Secretary was directed to advise Mr. Stapp of the action.

Mr. Amos presented telegram from Mr. G. W. Bingham of West Palm Beach, requesting the Trustees to release the oil rights to his client on land purchased by him from the State.

The matter was ordered held for a full membership to take action.

The Secretary submitted an offer from Mr. Walter Laski of \$100.00 for Tract 28, Section 25, Township 50, South Range 41—4.5 acres in Broward County, plus any cost attached to the sale.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees accepted the offer of Mr. Laski and directed that the land be advertised for sale.

An offer of \$484.50 was presented from Mr. John M. Sutton to redeem drainage certificates on land in Everglades Drainage District, which was the amount necessary to redeem the land.

The matter was referred to Counsel for the Trustees for an opinion as to authority of the Trustees in the premises.

The Trustees recessed the meeting to re-convene at 4:30 P. M.

4:30 P. M.

The Trustees met pursuant to recessed meeting of the morning with the same members present and also Governor Doyle E. Carlton.

Mr. J. M. Goodwin of Ft. Lauderdale made application to purchase at tax sale Tract 7 of Block 84, Section 5, Township 48, Range 42, and Tracts 37, 58 and 60 of Block 86, Section 7, Township 48, Range 42, Palm Beach County, and offered \$355.00 for the land.

The Trustees ordered that the land be advertised for the highest bid.

Mr. John Scott made an offer of \$25.00 for Certificates held by the Trustees on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 55, Range 40—10 acres.

The offer was declined by the Trustees.

Messrs. Wiseheart & Gay of Miami submitted an offer of \$107.70 to redeem Drainage Tax Certificates held by the Trustees on Tract 17, Section 30, Township 50, Range 41—20.73 acres, which is the amount necessary to redeem the land.

The offer was declined by the Trustees.

The Land Department advised that Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, had reported on the application of Chas. M. Todd to purchase Tract 25, Section 24, Township 42, Range 36, with recommendation that Mr. Todd be allowed to purchase at the price offered—\$200.00 per acre, owing to the fact that this land was a claim of his mother's who was unable to make payment at the time other settlers in that section took up their claims.

Upon motion, the Trustees agreed to allow Mr. Todd to purchase the above tract at a price of \$200.00 per acre.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, reported that he had made investigation of conditions in North Eagle Bay section and found that circumstances were such that he would recommend refunding the cash payments made by applicants as the cost to the Trustees for making the survey would not be justified by sales in that area for some time to come.

The Trustees directed that refunds be made of the amounts deposited by settlers in that section.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. Tom Conely, Jr., of Okeechobee, requesting the Trustees to take action on his application to purchase Lot 6, Block 20, South Okeechobee, for which he made an offer of \$50.00 plus all taxes, penalties and costs.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to sell the said Lot 6 to Mr. Conely at a price of \$50.00 plus taxes and all costs, subject to advertisement as required by law.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ 350.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Field Agent—Salary and Expenses | 558.04 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Chief Land Clerk | 300.00 |
| R. W. Ervin, Gen. Utility Man | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| H. L. Shearer, Tax Clerk | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| B. C. Whitfield, Bond Clerk | 50.00 |
| F. P. Jackson, Extra Help | 193.45 |
| D. B. Pinkston, Extra Help | 165.90 |
| Board of Commissioners Ev. Dr. District, Refund | 17.52 |
| Fred E. Fenno, Clerk, West Palm Beach, Fla. | 2.00 |
| Miami Herald Publishing Co., Miami, Fla..... | 36.58 |
| W. H. May, P. M., Tallahassee, Fla. | 67.16 |
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| | \$ 2,724.82 |

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

Attest:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 6, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The minutes of the Trustees of April 29th were presented and approved.

Mr. Carl P. Weidling of Fort Lauderdale and Mr. Lathero of Miami, attorneys for Normandy Beach Properties Corporation, requested the Trustees to issue to their company quit-claim deed for approximately 225 acres of land in Sections 3 and 10, Township 43 South, Range 42 East, in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, as they had bulk-headed and filled in the land on the assumption that it belonged to them under riparian rights. However, upon examination of title it had developed that the Trustees have an equity in the land.

After discussion, the Trustees agreed to issue quit-claim deed to Normandy Beach Properties Corporation upon payment of \$500.00, and the matter was referred to the Attorney General for handling the legal features of the Transaction.

Messrs. Kennedy and Trueman of Milton submitted an offer to the Trustees of \$10.00 per acre for swamp and overflowed lands in Sections 25, 35, and 36, Township 2 North, Range 28 West, and Sections 2 and 3 in Township 1 North, Range 28 West, approximately 377 acres.

Upon considering the proposition, the Trustees agreed to advertise the land for highest bids and objections, provided Messrs. Kennedy and Trueman would agree to bid

not less than \$10.00 an acre on date of sale, which was agreed to. The land was ordered advertised as soon as description could be obtained.

Mr. Pat Kelly, attorney, Mr. Geo. V. Green, president of Standard Dredging Company, and Mr. J. A. Banks, president of Atlantic Shell Company, also Mr. B. D. Olson and his attorney, H. W. Thompson, appeared before the Trustees relative to application for shell leases in the St. Johns River and in certain creeks adjacent thereto.

The application of Messrs. Green and Banks for exclusive leases on the St. Johns River from Clapboards Creek to the ocean was objected to by Mr. Olson on the ground that he did not think the State should give any one an exclusive lease on the shell beds in the river. The application of Mr. Olson for shell lease in Sister's Creek, Pepper Creek and Pablo Creek was objected to by Messrs. Kelly, Green and Banks on the ground that there was not sufficient shell to make it profitable for another company to engage in dredging operations.

After hearing objections and discussions from all parties, Mr. Davis moved that the Trustees overrule all objections.

Applications for leases being before the Board, the Trustees agreed to extend the exclusive leases of Standard Dredging Company and Atlantic Shell Company, expiring October 18, 1930, to June 15, 1932, and in addition grant exclusive leases to said companies on the area in the St. Johns River from Clapboards Creek to the ocean, not contained in leases above referred to. Said new leases to be dated May 6, 1930, and terminate June 15, 1932, after which date the price of five (5) cents per ton, which is equivalent by measurement to one cubic yard, and the payment of \$25.00 per month minimum royalty on each lease, will be subject to modification by the Trustees; leases to be exclusive conditioned upon continued operation by the lessee.

The Trustees also agreed to issue shell leases to J. A. Olson & Son, Standard Dredging Company and Atlantic Shell Company on the following creeks:

Sisters Creek, Pepper Creek and Pablo Creek, upon the usual terms and conditions; prices to be five cents (5c) per ton, which is equivalent to one cubic yard, and a minimum monthly royalty of \$25.00; said prices to be effective until June 15, 1932, expiration date of said leases, and

thereafter prices to be subject to modification by the Trustees.

The action of the Trustees was agreed to by Messrs. Kelly, Green, Banks and Olson, and leases were ordered prepared for execution by all parties.

Mr. C. F. Dodson, having submitted proposition April 29th* requesting the Trustees to allow him to use credits he has with the State to cancel mortgage against Entry No. 17113, which Entry was assigned to him by Jas. A. Dew, original purchaser, asked that action be taken today if possible.

After discussion and upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to allow Mr. Dodson to use his credits to release mortgage outstanding against Entry No. 17113 in payment of both principal and interest.

The Secretary reported that the Trustees had not paid Sub-Drainage District taxes on their lands, and that the Tax Collectors were preparing advertisements for delinquent tax sale.

The order of the Trustees was that Sub-drainage District taxes on Trustees' lands be paid immediately, and that the Secretary advise the various Tax Collectors to withhold advertisement of such lands.

The Secretary was authorized to purchase sheets and photographic copies of Coast and Geodetic Surveys from San Carlos Bay to Cape Sable.

Request was presented from Mr. Tom Norfleet that his oil lease be dated April 29th instead of April 1st as his first lease expired April 29th.

The Trustees granted the request of Mr. Norfleet and directed that the said lease be dated April 29, 1930.

The Land Department presented application from Baynes & Rowe, of West Palm Beach, on behalf of client C. E. Thomas, to purchase Lots 2 and 3, of Section 25, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, at a price of \$150.00 per acre.

The offer was declined by the Trustees.

The Land Department presented letter from W. T. Wal-

lis, Jr., representing Brown Company, advising that they were in position to secure certain credits of individuals held by the State at a discount, and requested that Brown Company be allowed to use such credits in payment of interest on note due the Trustees by Brown Company June 6, 1930, and offering to allow the Trustees a percentage of the discounts.

The matter was ordered held for further consideration, and the Land Department directed to advise Mr. Wallis that if his company would agree to allow the Trustees 12½ per cent of the discounts on the said credits, the matter would be submitted at the next meeting for consideration.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, submitted report on the value of land applied for by Dr. J. B. Game, Sr., in the Wakulla River and near St. Marks Lighthouse.

Upon consideration of the report, the Trustees agreed to issue quit-claim deed to Dr. Game to the submerged island of approximately 2 acres in the Wakulla River at a price of \$40.00 per acre, plus cost of survey, and to the sand flat about two miles southwesterly from St. Marks Lighthouse, containing approximately 63 acres, at a price of \$5.00 per acre plus cost of survey.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. Julian Randolph requesting the Trustees to advise if they would sell land adjacent to Florida East Coast Railway Company's land, which is adjacent to his property.

The Land Department was directed to advise Mr. Randolph that if he would submit his best bid on the land, the Trustees would be glad to consider same and advise him of their action.

The Land Department reported that several applications had been received for release of oil rights on lands purchased from the State.

The Trustees directed that the applications be held for further consideration.

The following bill was presented and approved:

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| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla., expense | |
| account | \$55.20 |

Financial Statement for the month of April, 1930, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL, 1930

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| Balance in Fund April 1, 1930 . . . | \$ 46,245.04 | |
| Receipts on account of oil leases . . | 5,801.48 | |
| From Land Sales under Ch. 9131, Acts 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 5,254.14 | |
| Sale of Sand, Shell and Gravel . . | 397.19 | |
| Refund on account of Check 8033 reported lost; Stop payment order and charged back to Bank | 7.99 | |
| Reimbursement to Trustees account investigation Cape Haze property by A. R. Richardson | 64.05 | |
| Interest deposits quarter ending 3-31-1930 | 271.73 | |
| Land Sales (\$1,178.42) less 25% to State School Fund (294.60) | 883.82 | |
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| | \$58,925.44 | |
| Less Disbursements | 3,320.51 | |
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| Balance on hand May 1, 1930 . . . | | \$ 55,604.93 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and cash items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in banks | 54,604.93 | |
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| | | \$ 55,604.93 |

BALANCES IN BANKS MAY 1, 1930

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | \$ 4,637.34 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 4,092.42 |
| Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 28,005.80 |
| American National Bank, Pensa- cola, Fla. | 7,731.13 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 1,940.15 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 5,577.92 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 478.24 |

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| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 1,141.93 |
| Capital City Bank, special account | 1,000.00 |

\$ 54,604.93

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date 1930 | Check No. | In Favor of— | Amount |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Apr. 9 | 8097 | Western Union Telegraph Co. | \$ 4.87 |
| | 8098 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. | 2.64 |
| | 8099 | Southern Tele. & Constr. Co. | 4.25 |
| | 8100 | Railway Express Agency | .50 |
| | 8101 | T. J. Appleyard, Inc. | 3.50 |
| | 8102 | Grant Furniture Company | 45.00 |
| | 8103 | A. R. Richardson | 159.91 |
| | 8104 | Gaylord Brothers | .75 |
| | 8105 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 203.27 |
| | 8106 | Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. | 15.82 |
| | 8107 | C. K. Allen | 39.80 |
| | 8108 | Jessie Wilson | 34.26 |
| Apr. 16 | 8109 | J. B. Shuman | 71.12 |
| | 8110 | W. H. May, Postmaster | 10.00 |
| 30 | 8111 | F. C. Elliot | 350.00 |
| | 8112 | A. R. Richardson | 558.04 |
| | 8113 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 8114 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 8115 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | 8116 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 8117 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 8118 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 8119 | H. L. Shearer | 50.00 |
| | 8120 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 8121 | B. C. Whitfield | 50.00 |
| | 8122 | F. P. Jackson | 193.45 |
| | 8123 | D. B. Pinkston | 165.00 |
| | 8124 | Bd. Commrs. Everglades Dr. Dist. | 17.52 |
| | 8125 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 2.00 |
| | 8126 | Miami Herald Publishing Co. | 36.58 |
| | 8127 | W. H. May, Postmaster | 67.16 |
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| | | | \$3,320.51 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 9, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary advised that he had instructed the Tax Collectors of the several counties of the Everglades Drainage District to withhold from advertisement in the year 1930 lands covered by Everglades Drainage District tax certificates held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund unredeemed for the years 1914 to 1929, inclusive, and that certain Tax Collectors had taken the position that since these lands had been extended upon the tax roll, and since taxes had not been paid upon said lands for 1929, that it was proposed to advertise such lands at tax sale in 1930.

Upon discussion of the subject and examination of an opinion from the Special Counsel for Trustees, expressed in a letter of August 2nd, 1929, in which the Attorney General concurred, the Trustees adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by law are the holders of certain Everglades Drainage District Tax Certificates for the years 1914 to 1929, inclusive, which said Drainage Tax Certificates are unredeemed and subject to redemption; and

WHEREAS, Section 1539 of the Compiled General Laws of Florida, 1927, provides that "No lands which have previously been sold for non-payment of such tax or assessment and for which unredeemed tax certificates are out-

standing shall be again advertised and sold for the non-payment of such tax"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund confirm their instructions as of May 8, 1930, to the Tax Collectors to withhold from advertisement at tax sale in 1930, for the 1929 or prior taxes, all lands covered by Everglades Drainage District tax certificates remaining unredeemed as of the above date held by the said Trustees, lists of which lands were furnished each Tax Collector for counties having lands within Everglades Drainage District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tax Collectors of the several counties having lands within Everglades Drainage District be and they are hereby directed to account for such lands, where the same have been extended upon the tax roll, by reporting same as ERRORS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in the event lands covered by unredeemed Everglades Drainage District Tax Certificates held by the Trustees be advertised, that the said Trustees will not pay the cost of such advertisement or sale, or any other expense connected therewith.

The Trustees directed the Secretary to write the Tax Collectors of counties having lands in Everglades Drainage District, confirming their instructions of May 8th and indicating the position which the Trustees take in reference to such unredeemed Everglades Drainage District tax certificates, furnishing the said Tax Collectors with a copy of the foregoing resolution, and also to advise the newspapers selected for advertisement of Everglades Drainage District tax sale that the Trustees would not pay for advertisement of lands covered by unredeemed Everglades Drainage District tax certificates held by the said Trustees.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Sub-Drainage District Taxes.

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| Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach .. | \$ 34,028.77 |
| Bob Simpson, T. C., Miami, Fla. | 4,002.61 |
| J. A. Warren, T. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. | 4,232.43 |
| Everglades Drainage District, Tallahassee, Fla. | 614.22 |
| J. P. Moore, T. C., Moore Haven, Fla. | 2,855.12 |

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| Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 941.64 |
| Ralph B. Johnson, T. C., Bradenton, Fla. | 1,339.83 |
| J. A. Warren, T. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. | 2.45 |
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| | \$ 48,017.07 |

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees, adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliott, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 20, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of May 6th were presented and approved.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. W. T. Wallis (as information to the Trustees) containing abstract of record from Palm Beach County showing that warranty deed had been given by Benjamin Pinner and wife, Sallie E., to F. Peter Hermann and Morey Dunn, to certain submerged lands belonging to the State and surrounding an island in Lake Worth, which island is known as Government Lot 5, Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, the consideration being \$30,000.00.

The matter was referred to Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, for whatever action was necessary.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date land in Volusia County applied for by Geo. I. Fullerton of New Smyrna, on behalf of his clients Zelia Wilson Sweet and Zelia Frances Bouchelle, called for objections, if any.

The City of New Smyrna having written objections to

the sale of the said land, Mr. Jas. G. Mahorner, of the firm of Hull, Landis & Whitehair, and Mr. Farris, City Manager, personally presented the objections of the City, and urged the Trustees to refuse to sell the land to the applicants, as the sale would interfere with plans of the City for beautifying the river front, and also that the clients of Mr. Fullerton has no claim on the land as upland owners.

Mr. Farris stated that on behalf of the City he was at liberty to make a bid for the land at whatever price the Trustees thought satisfactory and would submit a written application.

Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees withhold the land from sale and not make any disposition at this time. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Mahorner and Mr. Farris were advised that they would be notified before any sale was made of the said land.

Mr. Jas. G. Mahorner, representing the City of New Smyrna, made application to purchase .5 of an acre of submerged land in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, to be used for public purposes and agreed to pay \$10.00 for the land, plus cost of advertising.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to sell the land to the City of New Smyrna for the price of \$10.00, plus cost of advertising, on condition that the land be used for public purposes only, and the following notice was ordered placed in the DeLand Sun-News:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 20, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at ten o'clock A. M., Tuesday, June 24th, A. D. 1930, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in VOLUSIA County, Florida:

Starting at a point which point is an iron pin in the old Stone Wharf on North Line Cavedo Grant in New Smyrna, Florida,

- Thence North 34 degrees 30' West 748 feet;
- Thence North 22 degrees 45' West, 1,252 feet;
- Thence North 16 degrees 45' West 600 feet;

Thence North 22 degrees 45' West 970 feet;
 Thence North 51 degrees 10' East 710 feet;
 Thence North 38 degrees 50' East 420 feet, to
 the point of beginning,

Thence South 15 degrees East for a distance of
 127 feet;

Thence South 45 degrees West for a distance of
 103 feet;

Thence North 57 degrees West for a distance of
 100 feet;

Thence North 9 degrees East for a distance of
 115 feet;

Thence North 75 degrees 30' East for a distance
 of 110 feet to the point of beginning.

Lying and being in Township 17 South, Range
 34 East, County of Volusia, State of Florida.

Containing .5 of an acre.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062
 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida that any per-
 son or persons who may have objections to said sale may
 have an opportunity to present same on date of sale as
 therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
 Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Mr. W. E. Sexton and Mr. C. D. S. Clarkson of Vero
 Beach appeared before the Trustees and made application
 to purchase approximately 450 acres of submerged islands
 and shallow flats in Indian River near Vero Beach, in
 Township 32 South, Ranges 39 and 40, and in Township
 33 South, Range 40 East; the land to be used for develop-
 ment purposes.

Mr. Knott moved that if the applicants would make a bid
 of \$25.00 per acre, the Trustees have Mr. Richardson,
 Land Agent, make investigation of the land and report to
 the Board. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Sexton agreed to make the \$25.00 per acre bid,
 whereupon the Trustees directed Mr. Richardson to make
 investigation of the above land this week if possible and

report, at which time Mr. Sexton and Mr. Clarkson would be advised.

The Secretary presented telegram to the Attorney General from R. M. Denham, making application to purchase land near the Isle of Normandy in Dade County.

Upon investigation, it was ascertained that this land was sold to Normandy Beach Properties Corporation. The Secretary was directed to advise Mr. Denham that the land had been sold.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Amos presented letters from Mr. L. V. Trueman of Milton relative to proposition made the Trustees by Messrs. Kennedy and Trueman at the meeting May 6th. Mr. Trueman advised that his people would like to have a little time to investigate and also have some assurance that they could secure title to the land after the investigation. After discussion the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Messrs. Kennedy and Trueman appeared before the Trustees on May 6th, and made application to purchase certain submerged lands in Santa Rosa County, agreeing to bid not less than \$10.00 per acre when advertised for highest bid; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trueman has advised that the parties interested in the land are not willing to incur the expense of making investigations unless allowed ninety (90) days within which to make such investigation and also given some assurance that they will receive title to the land when advertised for sale; and

WHEREAS, It is requested that the Trustees agree to sell the land to Messrs. Kennedy and Trueman at the highest prevailing price on date of sale; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trustees do hereby agree to give to Messrs. Kennedy and Trueman refusal to purchase the swamp and overflowed lands in Sections 25, 35 and 36, in Township 2 North, Range 28 West, and Sections 2 and 3 in Township 1 North, Range 28 West—approximately 377 acres—at the highest prevailing price offered after advertisement for bids.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. W. M. Buford

offering \$100.00 per annum for lease on tract of land on the east side of Miami Canal on which to erect a store.

The Trustees agreed to issue lease to Mr. Buford for a strip of land 50' x 100' near the Miami lock for a period of four years at a price of \$100.00 per annum.

Mr. R. G. Johnson of West Palm Beach appeared before the Trustees and stated that he and associates had purchased six sections of sawgrass land in Township 53, Range 37, on which they paid \$20,000.00, that they are unable to pay the balance due on the land or pay any of the taxes which were outstanding since 1925, and requested the Trustees to allow them to reconvey the said land and use the \$20,000.00 payment to secure an oil lease on the six sections. Mr. Johnson advised that he would stand the cost of foreclosure on second mortgages against the land and put the title back in the State subject to the taxes.

The amount of taxes not being available, Mr. Mayo requested Mr. Johnson to furnish his office with a statement of taxes outstanding against the land. Whereupon the Trustees agreed to issue oil lease to Mr. Johnson, on the standard form of lease, and accept the \$20,000.00 as payment therefor upon condition that Mr. Johnson foreclose mortgages, at no cost to the Trustees, and puts the title back in the State, which was agreed to by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, reported that he had made an inspection of the area on which the Trustees have land leases and recommends that in cases where the land had been unsuitable for farming during the past season on account of high water that the Trustees credit the lessees with first payment on leases commencing July 1, 1930, and ending June 30, 1931.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees carry out the recommendations of the Land Agent as to the leases. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Davis brought up the matter of selling tax certificate lands for taxes to other than the original owners, and suggested that some plan be worked out whereby the Trustees could put some of these lands on the market and realize something on them.

After discussing the matter the Trustees requested the Secretary to work out some plan that would be feasible in disposing of these certificated lands held by the Trustees.

The Secretary presented request from N. R. Boniske of Jacksonville for extension to July 1st in which to make payment of amount due on oil lease granted his company.

The Secretary was directed to advise Mr. Boniske by wire that he would be given until Monday, May 26th, in which to make payment, otherwise the lease would be cancelled.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, reported that foreclosure proceedings in the case of Paul D. Camp had been completed and master's deed to the land had been transmitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary presented telegram from Mr. P. B. Alsobrook of Leesburg requesting the Trustees to give them until the first meeting in June to come before the board relative to permit for taking sawgrass from State land.

The Secretary was directed to advise Mr. Alsobrook that there would probably be no meeting on the 3rd of June, but he could be present at the meeting to be held June 10th.

Mr. Elliot stated that Mr. Keller, the auditor in charge of auditing the records of the Drainage Board, desired to be advised if the Trustees wanted a balance sheet statement of the Trustees' accounts as it had been necessary to go over the accounts of the Trustees in making the Drainage Board audit, which statement would include tax certificates, mortgages and leases, at an approximate cost of \$200.00.

The Trustees agreed that it would not be necessary at this time to incur the additional expense as the work could be done by the regular force in the Land Office and Secretary's office, and it was so ordered.

Mr. Elliot reported that Mr. Keller, Auditor, had recommended a certain type of machine for handling the tax certificate work of the Trustees, which machine would cost approximately \$2,000.00 but would save the Trustees the time of four men.

Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees do not purchase the machine at this time. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary stated that the matter referred to him to be taken up with the Secretary of the Interior in Washington in reference to the selection of certain lands by the

Trustees in exchange for certain lands owned by the State requested by the United States to be exchanged in blocking up certain Forest Reserves, was being handled by correspondence since the contemplated trip to Washington which he was to make had not been made.

The Trustees directed that proper papers be prepared and a form of bill drafted to be transmitted to the Senators and Representatives in Congress, suggesting that such bill be passed by the Congress authorizing and allowing such selections without the necessity of hearings thereon.

Mr. Knott presented the matter of purchase of two tracts of land in the Everglades several years ago, at which time he was not a member of the Board, and stated that he would be glad if the Trustees would allow him to reconvey one of such tracts and apply the payments made upon same to the payment of the other tract and make adjustment of any differences.

Upon motion the matter was referred to Mr. Richardson for investigation and report. Seconded and adopted.

The Land Department presented applications for the release of oil and mineral reservation on land purchased from the State by the following parties:

- Benjamin Axleroad, Miami, Fla.
- R. F. Lyons Iron Works, Inc., Tampa, Fla.
- Myrtle O. Staines Waters, Detroit, Michigan.
- O. W. Calkins, Miami, Fla.
- Kathryn Shields, Miami, Fla.
- Carl T. Hoffman, Miami, Fla.
- H. H. Cool, Miami, Fla.
- L. W. Crow, Miami, Fla.
- J. W. Rice Co., Dayton, Ohio.

The Trustees agreed to allow release of the oil and mineral reservations to the above parties at a price of Fifty (50) cents per acre, and the Land Department was directed to so advise.

The Land Department presented notice that H. A. Vivian and Trails Land Company held individual certificates on lands on which the Trustees have mortgages and had applied to the Clerk of the Court for tax deeds.

The Trustees directed that the Land Department check

up and ascertain the amount of tax certificates outstanding against the lands and report at the next meeting.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla... | \$ 4.40 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla..... | 1.39 |
| Southern Tel. & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla..... | 4.25 |
| T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. | 15.45 |
| Railway Express Agency, Tallahassee, Fla. | 2.18 |
| Tallahassee Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla.... | 1.50 |
| F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee, Fla. (Reimbursement)... | 32.40 |
| Dale B. Brown, C. C. C., Bunnell, Fla..... | 1.00 |
| The Tax Holding Corporation, Miami, Fla. | 51.50 |
| J. P. Moore, Tax Collector, Moore Haven Fla. | 10.70 |
| J. L. Taylor, Tax Collector, LaBelle, Fla. | 18.14 |
| Roy A. O'Bannon, Tax Collector, West Palm Beach, Fla. | 66.03 |
| A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. | 114.83 |
| Miami Oil Land Company, Box 445, Miami, Fla. ... | 5.09 |
| Miami Florida Oil Company, Miami, Fla. | 1.02 |
| Coast to Coast Investment Co., Miami, Fla. | .68 |
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| | \$330.56 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 27, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The minutes of the Trustees of May 9th and 20th were presented and approved.

Mr. F. C. B. LeGro of Miami appeared before the Trus-

tees and submitted a proposition for adjustment of a certain mortgage No. 17274-B, from himself and wife, under date of December 14, 1926, to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on lands sold in 1925 to Gamble & Gamble, Inc., and/or Venetian Islands, Inc. Mr. LeGro stated that upon failure of Venetian Islands, Inc., to carry out a certain contract with Dade County he took over a certain portion of the land sold to Gamble & Gamble Inc., and/or Venetian Islands, Inc., and executed therefor his mortgage, No. 17274-B, above mentioned; that conditions and land values have changed since the date of purchase; that he now requests the Trustees to allow him to reconvey to the Trustees title to the lands covered by said mortgage No. 17274-B free of all encumbrances, and thereupon the Trustees to advertise and resell to said F. C. B. LeGro, or a company to be designated by him, the said lands at a price of \$100.00 per acre cash to be hereafter paid, it being understood that any expense incident to the clearing up of the title shall be borne by F. C. B. LeGro.

Upon consideration of the matter, the Trustees agreed to accept the proposition of Mr. LeGro if carried out with dispatch and within one year from date. Whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trustees hereby authorize a contract to be prepared and entered into on the part of the Trustees and F. C. B. LeGro that either by foreclosure or other means the Trustees shall become vested of title to all that land now covered by Mortgage No. 17274-B, comprising 103.97 acres of land in Sections 8 and 9, in Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida; that immediately the Trustees become in possession of title they hereby agree to advertise the land so repossessed and sell to F. C. B. LeGro, or company to be designated by him, for a cash price of \$100.00 per acre; said deed of conveyance shall be the regular form of grant, bargain and sell deed given by the Trustees, including all oil and mineral rights and rights to dredge surrounding and adjacent bay bottoms for the purpose of obtaining such material as may be necessary, proper or needful for filling the said land purchased; said dredging operations to be subject to the control and regulation of the Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That F. C. B. LeGro

is hereby authorized to take whatever steps may be necessary in behalf of the Trustees to secure unto the State title, free and clear of all encumbrances, it being understood that all expenses of the proceedings, either legal or otherwise necessary to accomplish this purpose are to be borne by F. C. B. LeGro, the Trustees to be in no way liable for any expense attached thereto.

Mr. F. C. B. LeGro of Miami appeared before the Trustees relative to purchase in 1925 by Gamble & Gamble, for North Venetian Island Company, of land in North Biscayne Bay, Entry No. 17274-A, stating that the said company had allowed title to the land to become involved, many parcels having been sold under contract. Mr. LeGro advised that the North Venetian Island Company had been unable to carry out their contracts and that he is taking over the transaction and desires to make the following proposition to the Trustees:

The writer has been actively engaged since the failure of the North Venetian Island Company after the period of 1925 and the storm in 1926, in contacting these contract holders and creditors with a view of working out a proposition which contemplates taking care of these people who have put their money into the project and have received nothing for it. It now appears that in order to successfully accomplish the proposition at which the writer is endeavoring to arrive, it is necessary that the title to this land be cleared of all outstanding claims; that it be vested in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and that the Trustees agree to sell it, immediately the title has been cleared, to the writer or a company to be designated by him at the price of \$100.00 per acre and accepting in payment therefor a five year mortgage bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum payable annually. Said sale to include the right and privilege to dredge the surrounding bay bottoms for the purpose of securing material to properly develop the lands conveyed and also to include full oil and mineral rights. It is understood and agreed that the writer shall be authorized and instructed to secure the services of competent attor-

neys to proceed with the foreclosure of the existing mortgage on this property and to take any other steps necessary to clear the title so that the Trustees can sell and convey as heretofore set out, and that all of such work and expense incurred to the clearing of this transaction shall be borne by the writer and the State shall be put to no expense whatsoever in this transaction.

It is now respectfully requested that the Board pass a proper resolution authorizing a contract to be entered into between the Board of the Internal Improvement Fund and the writer, or a company to be designated by him, covering all the terms and conditions necessary to be complied with to properly and fully consummate this transaction.

After discussion, Mr. Davis moved that the proposition be tentatively accepted, subject to being carried out with reasonable dispatch, and the agreement of the Trustees to be evidenced by a resolution to be prepared by Mr. LeGro subject to approval and adoption by the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote carried.

Mr. LeGro was requested to have his attorney prepare the proper papers and forward to the Trustees for consideration.

The Land Department reported that \$207.02 was the amount necessary to redeem individual tax certificate against Section 20, Township 54, Range 36, purchased by H. A. Vivian under Entry No. 17304, on which land the Trustees hold mortgage.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Knott and adopted, the Trustees directed that the certificate be redeemed and that steps be taken to have Mr. Vivian reimburse the Trustees for this certificate or deed the land back to the State at once in order that the land may be taken off the tax books. The Land Department was directed to take the matter up with Mr. Vivian.

The Land Department reported that \$103.13 was the amount necessary to redeem individual tax certificate against N $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 54, Range 35, purchased by Trails Land Company under Entry No. 17262-A, B, C, D, on which land the Trustees hold mortgage.

Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees redeem the tax certifi-

cate and make an effort to collect the amount from Trails Land Company, or if they fail to do that, get title to the land back in the State. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted. The Land Department was directed to take the necessary steps to carry out the above.

The Land Department reported that in August, 1928, W. G. Blanchard agreed to purchase Lots 14 and 15, Section 32, Township 50, Range 41, depositing \$1,000.00 as first payment; that deed was executed but not delivered as Mr. Blanchard failed to execute the mortgage; that the land went on the tax books and drainage taxes are now due in the amount of \$158.88.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees directed that the taxes be paid, and that Mr. Blanchard be notified that if he does not reimburse the Trustees the amount of the taxes, his purchase will be cancelled and the payment of \$1,000.00 retained as forfeit.

Request was presented from Shutts & Bowen for release of oil and mineral reservation on Entry No. 16896.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to execute release upon payment of 50c per acre.

The Land Department presented letter from Benjamin Axleroad of Miami, protesting to the price of 50 cents per acre for release of oil and mineral reservation on his land.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined to reduce the price from 50 cents to 25 cents.

The Land Department presented bid of \$100.00 from the City of New Smyrna for .83 of an acre of submerged land adjoining property of the city. The said land having been advertised for objections on the 20th instant, upon application of clients of Mr. Geo. I. Fullerton, and objections being filed by the City of New Smyrna to the sale, the Trustees deferred action and directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Fullerton of the bid received from the city.

Upon application of J. B. Hainey, the Trustees advertised for sale on this date 24 acres of land in Section 25, Township 43, Range 36, Palm Beach County. Objection was presented by Wallis Engineering Company on the

ground that he has submitted a bid of \$50.00 per acre on June 3, 1929, and was advised that the Trustees did not care to dispose of this land pending definite location for Lake Okeechobee levee.

Mr. Davis moved that in view of the objection and of the action of the Trustees, that the land be withheld from sale. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

J. V. Daniels of Mayport having applied for 1.866 acres of land in Section 30, Township 1, Range 29, Duval County, offering \$200.00, the Trustees advertised same for sale on this date. No objections being filed or presented, the sale was consummated to Mr. Daniels and deed ordered issued.

The Trustees having agreed to advertise certain tax certificate lands for sale, upon application of Walter Laski and J. M. Goodwin, the following notice was ordered placed in the Ft. Lauderdale Daily News:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 27, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of Section 1175, Revised General Statutes of Florida, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will receive competitive bids at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, July 1st, A. D. 1930, at Tallahassee, on the following described land in BROWARD County, Florida:

Tract 7, Block 84, Palm Beach Farms Co., Plat 3, Section 5, Township 48, Range 42;

Tracts 37, 58 and 60, Block 86, Palm Beach Farms Co., Plat 3, Section 7, Township 48, Range 42;

Tract 28 (less east 4.5 acres), Section 25, Township 50, Range 41—10 acres.

Bids will be received therefor at Tallahassee, Florida, until 10 o'clock A. M., on date of sale.

Terms: Cash.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,

Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ 325.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Field Agent | 333.34 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Chief Land Clerk | 300.00 |
| R. W. Ervin, General Utility Man | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| H. L. Shearer, Tax Clerk | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| B. C. Whitfield, Bond Clerk | 50.00 |
| F. P. Jackson, Extra Help | 175.00 |
| D. B. Pinkston, Extra Help | 175.00 |
| E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C., Miami, Fla..... | 310.15 |
| DeLand Sun-News, DeLand, Fla. | 14.23 |
| Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | .90 |
| The Palm Beach Times, West Palm Beach, Fla. | 6.50 |
| J. A. Warren, T. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. | 158.88 |
| S. V. M. Ray, Miami, Fla. | 80.80 |
| Robert Wynn, Janitor | 40.00 |
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| | \$ 2,953.97 |

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

West Palm Beach, Florida, June 6, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date at the El Verano Hotel, West Palm Beach.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The final payment being due on this date by Brown Company of Portland, Maine, upon the purchase of certain lands from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the said Brown Company tendered payment in the amount of 117,811.20, principal and interest due June 6, 1930. Statement of the above purchase is as follows:

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| Entry No. 17115—Brown Company of Portland, Maine. | |
| 33,280 acres at \$12.00 per acre—Total | \$339,360.00 |
| Cash payment | 33,280.00 |
| \$33,280.00 due June 6, 1924; paid June 6, 1924 | 33,280.00 |
| \$33,280.00 due June 6, 1925; paid June 4, 1925 | 33,280.00 |
| \$33,280.00 due June 6, 1926; paid June 4, 1926 | 33,280.00 |
| \$44,373.35 due June 6, 1927; paid June 6, 1927 | 44,373.35 |
| \$55,466.67 due June 6, 1928; paid Jan. 10, 1928 (\$1,978.29 interest to date) | 57,444.96 |
| \$66,560.00 due June 6, 1929; paid June 4, 1929 (\$7,987.20 interest to date.) | 74,547.20 |
| \$99,840.00 due June 6, 1930; paid June 6, 1930 | \$99,840.00 |
| Interest due June 6, 1930; 3 years at 6% | 17,871.20 |
| | 117,811.20 |

The Trustees directed the Secretary to deposit the foregoing amount with Central Farmers Trust Company and accept deposit slip therefor.

The Trustees ordered that the Secretary of State be notified that the said Brown Company have complied with all conditions of their agreement with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund relating to the purchase of lands described in their deed, which said agreement and deed was deposited in escrow with the Secretary of State by letter from the State Treasurer dated August 28, 1923, and that such notification to the Secretary of State shall be his authority to release the said deed to Brown Company of Portland, Maine, and to surrender escrow agreement relating thereto to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Brown Company of Portland, Maine, requested the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to convey to them the oil and mineral rights on Everglades lands sold by the Trustees to Brown Company, deed for which was this day duly received.

The Trustees agreed that in consideration of the said pur-

chase and the payment this day made in full to them by the said Brown Company for the lands above referred to, to convey to Brown Company all of the right, title and interest of the said Trustees in and to the oil and mineral rights reserved in their deed dated June 6, 1923, for a consideration of Three Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars (\$3,328.00) cash. The foregoing was accepted by Brown Company and payment in cash was thereupon made. Upon request of Brown Company, deed was ordered mailed to W. T. Wallis, Jr., Postoffice Box 1862, West Palm Beach, Florida.

The Secretary advised that in examining the accounts of the Trustees as they related to payments made to the State School Fund on account of one-fourth proceeds from land sales that he had found an overpayment by the Trustees, through checks for which credits had not been allowed, amounting in round figures to \$40,000.00, and also that through refunds necessary to be made by the Trustees on account of land sales in the amount of approximately \$137,000.00, there resulted overpayments in one-fourth of this sum made by the Trustees to the State School Fund; that within the next few days a statement would be submitted showing in detail the status of such accounts.

The Trustees ordered that beginning with this date the State Treasurer withhold from deposit to the credit of the State School Fund the usual 25 per cent, pending the completing of the statement of account in detail and the reconciliation of correct amounts due the State School Fund by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The Trustees further ordered that copy of this action be furnished the State Treasurer and that a notation be made upon each remittance to the State Treasurer indicating the full amount of remittances to be deposited to the credit of the Trustees until the overpaid amount by the Trustees to the School Fund shall have been accounted for.

The Trustees upon request of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District agreed to loan Everglades Drainage District the sum of \$101,166.67 with which to take up and pay the principal and unpaid interest on a certain note executed by Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District dated December 31, 1929, in favor of Central Farmers Trust Company of West Palm Beach, Florida, which said note together with part interest stands

unpaid. The condition of the loan from the said Trustees to the said Board to be that the said Board will pledge to the payment of the said note proceeds from drainage taxes, or if the said note stands unpaid after November 1, 1930, to be receivable in payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes upon lands owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Upon consideration of the foregoing it was the decision of the Trustees to loan the sum of \$101,166.67 to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District by the payment by the said Trustees of the amount aforesaid to Central Farmers Trust Company, accompanied by the surrender of the said note held by Central Farmers Trust Company to the said Trustees, and the cancellation by the Trustees of the note upon the execution by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District of a note in the amount aforesaid under the terms and conditions above described. The note to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum until November 1, 1930.

Mr. J. E. Beardsley of Clewiston requested the Trustees to release to him the right-of-way through the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 28, Township 43, Range 35, in lieu of right-of-way reserved at the time of the original sale from the Trustees to Mr. Champion.

The Trustees took the matter under advisement.

Mr. C. E. Thomas appeared before the Trustees and offered \$150.00 per acre for lands on Ritta Island, being Lots 2 and 3, Section 25, Township 43, Range 35, 19.24 acres, and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ less 1 acre in SW corner of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Deed No. 17868, in Section 26, Township 43, Range 35, 39 acres; purchase to be subject to the lease now on this land.

The offer was accepted, subject to claim or rights of Mr. John M. Sutton, former Selecting Agent for the Trustees, and also the lease for farming.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 10, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present :

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Messrs. P. B. Alsobrook and C. E. Duncan, representing Lake Griffin Pulp and Paper Corporation, appeared before the Trustees relative to conditions of permit for cutting grass from land owned by the Trustees, and presented certain amendments to the draft submitted April 8th. Mr. Duncan requested that a change be made in the conditions of the permit in order that the corporation might exhibit the lease as evidence that they had permission from the State to cut saw-grass in sufficient quantities to justify the erection of a mill.

Mr. Amos suggested that a letter from the Trustees would be sufficient, which was agreed to.

The Secretary presented letter from Serviced Laboratories, Inc., of Chicago, requesting that the Trustees do not give exclusive lease to any company for cutting saw-grass in the State as they had purchased the Leesburg Paper Company's mill on Lake Griffin and would not like to be excluded from obtaining sawgrass. Another letter was presented from Mr. R. F. Maguire of Orlando, objecting to exclusive lease being given Lake Griffin Pulp & Paper Corporation, on the ground that Serviced Laboratories should be protected.

After discussion and consideration of the proposition, Mr. Amos moved that Serviced Laboratories be requested to designate the territory from which they desired to cut sawgrass and when they expected to put their mill into operation; also that the Attorney General, Mr. Elliot and Mr. McIntosh proceed with arrangements for perfecting permit to Lake Griffin Pulp & Paper Corporation, to be submitted to the Trustees as soon as prepared. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of Miami appeared before the Trustees and requested that lease granted him for taking fill material from certain territory in Biscayne Bay be

changed in order that he might use the fill material on other than his own land, and also that the date of expiration of permit be extended.

After discussion the Trustees refused to allow Mr. Horobin to take fill material and deposit same on land other than his own property, but agreed to change date of lease to read one year from July 1st, 1930. Accepted by Mr. Horobin.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of Miami requested the Trustees to reconsider sale of land applied for by him and advertised for objections April 22nd, which sale was deferred on account of objections filed.

The Trustees agreed to have hearing on the sale and objections June 17th, and directed that interested parties be notified.

Dr. F. Peter Herman of West Palm Beach appeared before the Trustees and asked that he be given carte blanche privilege, as attorney for the owner of adjoining lands on Pinner Island, to fill certain submerged land in Lake Worth which the War Department will allow filled and when so filled to agree to sell the said land to him at \$100.00 per acre.

Upon motion of Attorney General Davis, seconded and adopted, Dr. Herman was requested to make his proposition in writing, which would be gone into by a committee and then presented to the full Board for action.

Dr. F. Peter Herman of West Palm Beach made an offer of \$15,000.00 for the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 10, and all of Section 22 in Township 44 South, Range 43 East, a portion of which land was reconveyed to the State by Francis S. Whitten as the War Department refused permission to fill or bulkhead the land.

After discussion, Attorney General Davis moved that Dr. Herman submit his proposition in writing to the Trustees for examination by a committee and consideration by the full Board. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Biscayne Trust Company made application to purchase certain drainage tax certificates held by the Trustees. The Secretary reported that the certificates including in-

terest, penalties and all costs amount to approximately \$2,145.56, subject to final check.

Mr. Amos moved that the offer be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented letter from Knight, Thompson & Turner of Tampa, attorneys for American Cyanamid Company of Brewster, Florida, requesting that pursuant to agreement between the Trustees and the said company May 24th, 1929, the Trustees in executing quit-claim deed to the land, include therein all reservations which are usually withheld by the Trustees, form of deed desired being submitted with request.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees referred the matter to Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, for report as to whether deed is in proper form and ready for execution by the Trustees.

The Secretary presented draft of Resolution from F. C. B. LeGro of Miami, pursuant to Minutes of the Trustees of May 27th.

The Attorney General and Counsel for the Trustees having reported that the Resolution was in conformity with action of the board on the above date, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this Board is the owner and holder of a mortgage given by Gamble and Gamble, Inc., covering land in North Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida, which mortgage is dated April 27, 1926, and is recorded among the public records of said county in Mortgage Book 718 at page 478, and which mortgage is badly in default by reason of the non-payment of principal and interest, and

WHEREAS, The land embraced in the said mortgage has been encumbered by reason of the existence of outstanding agreements for deed covering portions of the said real estate and given by North Venetian Islands Company, the present record title holder, and also by reason of the existence of judgments against the said company because of its failure to perform the said agreements for deed, and

WHEREAS, Mr. F. C. B. LeGro of Miami, Florida, appeared before this board at its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 27th, 1930, and stated that he had, since the failure

of the North Venetian Islands Company in 1926, been actively engaged in interviewing the contract holders and creditors of the said company in an effort to care for them, and that in order to accomplish anything worthwhile for the said contract holders and creditors, it is necessary that the title to the said land be cleared of all outstanding claims and re-vested in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and Mr. LeGro formally made to the board the proposition to purchase the land now embraced in said mortgage at a price of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per acre, payable on or before five (5) years, evidenced by a promissory note bearing interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum, payable annually, and secured by a first mortgage on the real estate, which proposition was conditioned upon the reacquisition of the title by the Trustees through foreclosure proceedings or otherwise, and to handle said reacquisition with all reasonable dispatch and without expense to the Trustees or to the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon consideration, and upon motion duly made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Amos, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That F. C. B. LeGro is hereby authorized to take whatever steps may be necessary on behalf of the Trustees to secure unto them with all reasonable dispatch, title to the land now embraced in the said mortgage given by Gamble and Gamble, Inc., which mortgage is dated April 27, 1926, and is recorded among the public records of Dade County, Florida, in Mortgage Book 718 at page 478, free and clear of all encumbrances, it being understood that all expense of the proceedings, either legal or otherwise, necessary to accomplish this purpose are to be borne by F. C. B. LeGro, the Trustees to be in no way liable for any expense attached thereto.

2. That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, immediately upon acquiring title to the said land, will cause said land to be advertised and will sell the same to F. C. B. LeGro, or a company to be designated by him, at a price of one hundred dollars (\$100) per acre, and accept in payment therefor a note or notes evidencing the purchase price and payable on or before five (5) years from the date of such sale, together with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum, payable annually, this indebtedness to be secured

by a first mortgage covering the said land and in a form acceptable to the Trustees.

3. That the conveyance of said land shall include all oil and mineral rights and rights to dredge surrounding and adjacent bay bottom for the purpose of obtaining such material as may be necessary or proper or needful for filling the said land purchased, said dredging operations to be subject to the control and regulation of the Trustees.

Report was presented from Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, on investigation of land in Indian River near Vero Beach, applied for by W. E. Sexton and C. D. S. Clarkson, with an offer of \$25.00 per acre.

Upon consideration of the report the Trustees agreed to sell the land to Messrs. Sexton and Clarkson at a price of \$25.00 per acre, and directed that the same be advertised for objections as required by law.

The Secretary presented letter from Lt. Col. L. V. Frazier, U. S. Engineer Office, Jacksonville, requesting that the Trustees not sell lands adjacent to the improved channel of the St. Johns River, without first advising the War Department of the location of the lands in order that they may have opportunity to indicate whether or not such sale will interfere with dredging operations.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees directed that Lt. Col. Frazier be notified of application for purchase of any land in the St. Johns River before disposition is made of same.

The Land Department presented application from the City of Jacksonville for the purchase of land in the St. Johns River at Lawrence Point or Memorial Park, offering \$50.00 per acre for same.

The Trustees directed that the United States Engineer be notified of the application before action is taken.

The Land Department presented application from Chas. S. Douglas for the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Tract 18, Section 20, Township 50 South, Range 41 East—10.37 acres in Newman's survey, with an offer of \$50.00 per acre; Mr. Douglas being the owner of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the above tract.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees accepted the offer of Mr. Douglas and directed that deed be issued.

The Land Department reported that \$1,875 in cashier's checks, representing deposits made by the following settlers in North Eagle Bay section, could not be collected, the bank having closed before checks were collected:

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| R. E. Hamrick | \$ 300.00 |
| W. A. Lawson | 75.00 |
| C. A. Leitner | 300.00 |
| T. D. Hux | 1,125.00 |
| W. E. Raulerson | 75.00 |
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| | \$1,875.00 |

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees directed that deposits be refunded to the above parties.

The Trustees having on May 27, 1930, been advised that individual tax certificate in the amount of \$158.88 was outstanding against lands which W. G. Blanchard had agreed to purchase but had failed to execute mortgage, and the Trustees having decided to retain as forfeit \$1,000.00 deposit, the Land Department presented letter from Mr. Blanchard requesting that the Trustees allow him to be heard in the premises. The Trustees agreed to hear Mr. Blanchard at the first meeting in July and directed the Land Office to so advise him.

The Land Department presented letter from Stephen Seymoore of Crystal River asking to be advised if the Trustees will entertain application for permit to remove cedar stumps along the coast in Citrus County. The Trustees directed the Land Department to request Mr. Seymoore to make his best offer for the purchase of the cedar stumps.

The Land Department presented statement of \$165.07, representing delinquent taxes on Tract 17, Section 30, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, purchased by W. G. Austin, August 14, 1925, and advised that the Department had been unable to get in touch with Mr. Austin by letter.

The Trustees directed that the taxes be paid and that the mortgage be foreclosed and title to the land returned to the State.

The Land Department submitted application from the

Government for permission to deposit spoil material on State land in Townships 40 and 41 South, Range 42 East, Palm Beach County for the purpose of improving the intracoastal waterway.

The Trustees ordered that the matter be referred to Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, for investigation and report.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Everglades Drainage District, Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ 3,345.09 |
| Railway Express Agency, Tallahassee, Fla. | 5.86 |
| T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. | 18.20 |
| The Southern Telephone & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 6.35 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 1.71 |
| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 16.28 |
| A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. | 175.83 |
| The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla. | 2.63 |
| The Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, Fla. | 21.75 |
| The Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla. | 15.00 |
| Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 3,484.25 |
| E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C., Miami, Fla. | 1.56 |
| Central Farmers Trust Company, West Palm Beach, Fla., purchase of note of Drainage Board | 101,166.67 |
| | <u>\$108,261.18</u> |

Financial statement for the month of May was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY, 1930

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| Balance in Fund May 1, 1930 . . . \$ | 55,604.93 |
| Receipts on account oil and gas leases | 2,874.61 |
| Sale of sand, shell and gravel | 744.93 |
| From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 14,277.21 |
| Refund of taxes on Trustees' lands: Dade Co. . . . \$.51 | |
| Hendry Co. | 27.13 |
| | <u>27.64</u> |

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| From land sales (\$2,025.47) less 25% to State School Fund (506.36) | 1,519.11 | |
| | | \$ 75,048.43 |
| Less Disbursements | 50,886.87 | |
| Balance on hand June 1, 1930... | | \$ 24,161.56 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and Cash Items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balance in Banks | 23,161.56 | |
| | | \$ 24,161.56 |

BALANCES IN BANKS JUNE 1, 1930

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | \$ 845.48 | |
| Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 1,360.80 | |
| Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 7,399.26 | |
| American National Bank, Pensa- cola, Fla. | 3,498.70 | |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 1,940.15 | |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 5,122.00 | |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 478.24 | |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 1,516.93 | |
| Capital City Bank, Special Ac- count | 1,000.00 | |
| | | \$ 23,161.56 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date 1930 | Check No. | In Favor of: | Amount |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| May 7, | 8128 | M. C. McIntosh | \$ 55.20 |
| 10, | 8129 | Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. | 34,028.77 |
| | 8130 | Bob Simpson, T. C. | 4,002.61 |
| | 8131 | J. A. Warren, T. C. | 4,232.43 |

| Date 1930 | Check No. | In favor of: | Amount |
|--------------|--------------|--|--------------|
| May | 8132 | Everglades Drainage District. | \$ 614.22 |
| | 8133 | J. P. Moore, T. C. | 2,855.12 |
| 17, | 8134 | Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. | 941.64 |
| | 8135 | Ralph B. Johnson, T. C. | 1,339.83 |
| | 8136 | J. A. Warren, T. C. | 2.45 |
| 20, | 8137 | Western Union Telegraph Co. | 4.40 |
| | 8138 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. | 1.39 |
| | 8139 | Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | 4.25 |
| | 8140 | T. J. Appleyard, Inc. | 15.45 |
| | 8141 | Railway Express Co. | 2.18 |
| | 8142 | Tallahassee Office Supply Co. | 1.50 |
| | 8143 | F. C. Elliot | 32.40 |
| | 8144 | Dale B. Brown, C. C. C. | 1.00 |
| | 8145 | The Tax Holding Corporation | 51.50 |
| | 8146 | J. P. Moore, T. C. | 10.70 |
| | 8147 | J. L. Taylor, T. C. | 18.14 |
| | 8148 | Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. | 66.03 |
| | 8149 | A. R. Richardson | 114.83 |
| | 8150 | Miami Oil Land Co. | 5.09 |
| | 8151 | Miami Florida Oil Co. | 1.02 |
| | 8152 | Coast to Coast Investment Co. | .68 |
| 31, | 8153 | F. C. Elliot | 325.00 |
| | 8154 | A. R. Richardson | 333.34 |
| | 8155 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 8156 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 8157 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | 8158 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 8159 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 8160 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 8161 | H. L. Shearer | 50.00 |
| | 8162 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 8163 | B. C. Whitfield | 50.00 |
| | 8164 | F. P. Jackson | 175.00 |
| | 8165 | D. B. Pinkston | 175.00 |
| | 8166 | DeLand Sun-News | 14.23 |
| | 8167 | Palm Beach Times | 6.50 |
| | 8168 | S. V. M. Ray | 80.80 |
| | 8169 | Robert Wynn | 40.00 |
| | | | \$ 50,886.87 |

The following statement of accounts between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State School Fund was submitted by the Secretary and ordered placed of record:

CORRECTED FIGURES FOR SETTLEMENT BETWEEN TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

| | Total Land Sales | 25% Due School Fund | Amount Paid |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Feb. 5 to Aug. 31 1908 | \$ 33,299.75 | \$ 8,324.94 | \$ 8,324.94 |
| Aug. 31 to Dec. 31, 1908 | 88,494.62 | 22,123.65 | 22,123.40 |
| All of 1909 | 177,212.02 | 44,303.01 | 9,680.42 |
| All of 1910 | 169,861.00 | 42,465.25 | 77,087.38 |
| All of 1911 | 145,289.64 | 36,322.41 | 28,000.00 |
| All of 1912 | 93,304.27 | 23,326.07 | 5,000.00 |
| All of 1913 | 65,581.97 | 16,395.49 | |
| All of 1914 | 119,167.60 | 29,791.90 | |
| All of 1915 | 96,716.54 | 24,179.13 | |
| Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 1916 | 16,160.85 | 4,040.21 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$1,005,088.26 | \$251,272.06 | \$150,216.14 |
| Balance due Aug. 31, 1916 | | | \$101,055.92 |
| Less 25% reimbursed to counties under Ch. 6972, Acts 1915 | | | 3,746.15 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$ 97,309.77 |
| Sales Sept. 1, 1916, to Jan 1, 1921 | \$1,008,703.16 | | \$252,175.79 |
| Plus Balance due August 31, 1916 | | | 97,309.77 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Total due Jan. 1, 1921 | | | \$349,485.56 |
| Paid as follows | | | |
| Jan. 17, 1920 | \$ 100,000.00 | | |
| June 22, 1920 | 100,000.00 | | |
| Dec. 28, 1920 | 50,000.00 | | |
| Jan. 18, 1921 | 120,000.00 | | |

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Aug. 26, 1921 | 10,000.00 | |
| Nov. 28, 1921 | 11,485.56 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Paid | \$ 391,485.56 | |
| Overpayment | 42,000.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$ 349,485.56 | \$349,485.56 |

Since January, 1921, the 25% payments have been made monthly direct to the School Fund as the sales were made.

FIGURES USED AS BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT

Amount paid as shown in Audit embraced in Minutes of Trustees December 29, 1916, Vol. 11, page 385:

| Year | Paid to School Fund |
|---|------------------------|
| 1908 | \$ 8,324.94 |
| 1908 | 22,123.40 |
| 1909 | 9,680.42 |
| 1910 | 52,087.38 |
| 1911 | 11,000.00 |
| 1912 | 5,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | \$108,216.14 |
| Total amount due School Fund Aug. 31, 1916. | \$251,272.06 |
| Less payments above | 108,216.14 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$143,055.92 |
| Less 25% to Counties | 3,746.15 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance | \$139,309.77 |

The above figures were used as basis for settlement. However the total sum paid of \$108,216.14 is incorrect as it does not include four payments amounting to \$42,000.00, the vouchers not appearing in the original minutes, although they appear in the Financial Statements of the Trustees, also in Receipts to the State School Fund as evidenced by State Treasurer's Receipts, which are as follows:

| Date | Voucher No. | Treasurer's Receipt No. | Amount |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Oct. 19, 1910 | 2445 | 4233 | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Oct. 29, 1910 | 2447 | 4345 | 10,000.00 |
| Jan. 17, 1911 | 2511 | 392 | 9,000.00 |
| Aug. 14, 1911 | 2636 | 3789 | 8,000.00 |
| Total | | | \$ 42,000.00 |

The detailed statement of payments disclosed by the Trustees' records and confirmed by State Treasurer's receipts is as follows:

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL FUND

| Date | Voucher No. | Treasurer's Receipt No. | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Nov. 17, 1908..... | 1804 | .... | \$ 8,324.94 |
| Jan. 23, 1909..... | 1863 | .... | 22,123.40 |
| Feb. 8, 1909..... | 1882 | .... | 3,225.17 |
| Mar. 3, 1909..... | 1914 | .... | 6,455.25 |
| Aug. 30, 1910..... | 2398 | .... | 5,000.00 |
| Sept. 19, 1910..... | 2419 | .... | 10,000.00 |
| Oct. 19, 1910..... | 2445 | 4233 | 15,000.00 |
| Oct. 29, 1910..... | 2447 | 4345 | 10,000.00 |
| Nov. 29, 1910..... | 2471 | .... | 2,000.00 |
| Dec. 2, 1910..... | 2484 | .... | 15,000.00 |
| Dec. 23, 1910..... | 2495 | .... | 20,087.38 |
| Jan. 17, 1911..... | 2511 | 392 | 9,000.00 |
| July 12, 1911..... | 2623 | .... | 6,000.00 |
| Aug. 14, 1911..... | 2636 | 3789 | 8,000.00 |
| Oct. 3, 1911..... | 2653 | .... | 5,000.00 |
| Feb. 13, 1912..... | 2721 | .... | 5,000.00 |
| Total 1908 to 1916, inclusive | | | \$150,216.14 |

A resolution adopted December 29, 1916, by the Trustees admitting indebtedness to School Board as above. However, disbursement record shows 150,216.14 paid instead of \$108,216.14, difference of \$42,000.00.

Refunds made on land sales, 25% of which had been previously paid to State School Fund and which amount the Trustees should withhold from future sales:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Vol. 16, Page 239—Kretex Realty Co., 11/10/25 | \$ 14,400.00 |
| Vol. 16, Page 352—J. A. Colee, 3/2/26..... | 3,937.50 |
| Vol. 16, Page 353—F. M. Valz, 3/20/26..... | 22,080.00 |
| Vol. 16, Page 382—F. F. Pulver, 3/31/26..... | 743.75 |
| Vol. 16, Page 482—D. Z. Filer, 7/13/26..... | 2,988.00 |
| Vol. 16, Page 482—F. F. Pulver, 9/15/26.... | 24,344.00 |
| Vol. 16, Page 593—W. H. Nobles, 12/22/26... | 8,125.00 |
| Vol. 16, Page 596—L. S. Harvard, 12/22/26... | 16,000.00 |
| Vol. 16, Page 597—Kretex Realty Co., 12/29/26 | 3,405.18 |
| Vol. 17, Page 176—New Realty Co., 1/21/28... | 34,888.00 |
| Vol. 17, Page 193—J. B. Evans, 2/14/28..... | 192.37 |
| Vol. 17, Page 389—J. L. Kilgore, 12/5/28..... | 5,889.78 |

Total\$136,993.58

25% of the above amount to be withheld.....\$ 34,248.39

To which should be added amounts previously
overpaid 42,000.00

Total overpayment\$ 76,248.39

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.

June 16, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The Trustees having on May 20th, 1930, agreed to grant oil lease to Mr. R. G. Johnson of West Palm Beach on lands in Township 53 South, Range 37 East, and allow him to use the Twenty Thousand Dollar (\$20,000.00) payment made on the purchase of land in payment for the lease, on condition that Mr. Johnson foreclose all mortgages and put title to the lands back in the State without any expense whatever to the Trustees (land to be deeded sub-

ject to taxes), Mr. Johnson appeared before the Board and requested that oil lease be executed to him at once as it would take several months to get the foreclosure suits closed out and land deeded to the Trustees. Mr. Johnson also requested that the Trustees allow two years within which to drill the first well.

Mr. Davis moved that the Trustees execute oil lease to Mr. Johnson on above described land, allowing two years within which to drill the first well, on condition that Mr. Johnson enter into contract with the Trustees to foreclose the mortgage and put the land back in the State without any expense to the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted. Mr. Johnson accepted the action of the Trustees and was requested to take the matter up with Counsel as to preparation of contract.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

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Mr. Charles G. Hannoek and Mr. Sullivan, representing Tatum Ocean Park Company, appeared before the Trustees and objected to the issuance of permit to Thos. H. Horobin, passed on June 10th, for dredging fill material from a certain territory in Biscayne Bay, on the ground that it was the only material available to fill their property, and as it was the policy of the Board to reserve sufficient material adjacent to proposed development, they did not think it would be fair to deprive them of the only material in the vicinity of their lands and grant it to another party whose land lies at some distance from the said material.

Mr. Thomas H. Horobin was present and stated that permit was granted him April 1st, 1930, but owing to error had to be corrected and was only issued June 10th; that this material was selected as it was the nearest available to his land, all material adjacent to his property having been taken by other parties; that all he wanted was sufficient to fill his land and if other material near his land could be located it would be satisfactory to him, but he did not think he should be deprived of territory under his permit and not allotted other in its place.

After discussion, Mr. Davis moved that the matter be referred to Mr. Elliot and Mr. Richardson and that Mr. Richardson make an investigation to ascertain if sufficient material could be located for both parties. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Horobin requested that the Trustees do not issue permit to other parties to take the fill material from the territory covered by his permit until and unless other territory is assigned to him from which he can obtain material sufficient for his needs. It was agreed that no permit would be given until amicable adjustment could be made for both parties.

Mr. Horobin asked if a date could be set when Mr. Richardson would be in Miami, if so interested parties could meet him and territory might be agreed upon at that time, if satisfactory with the Trustees to handle the matter in this manner.

The Trustees agreed that if satisfactory with Mr. Elliot and Mr. Richardson, that June 20th would be set as the date for Mr. Richardson to be in Miami and if locations could be agreed upon, it would be agreeable to the Trustees.

The Trustees having notified interested parties that hearing would be held on land advertised for sale April 22nd, 1930, and sale deferred on account of objections filed, the Secretary presented telegrams and letters from John G. McKay, Attorney for Indian Creek Golf Club, on the ground that it would injure their property from the standpoint of obstructing the view, and in other ways; F. C. B. LeGro, on the ground that the area to be sold was included in the agreement between the Trustees and his Company from which to obtain fill material; and Tatum Ocean Park Company, on the ground that it will obstruct the view from their development, and also since

the Island is not to be developed in the near future it would be unwise to tie up bay bottom property in that manner.

Mr. Horobin, applicant for the land, advised that the Island in question was at least 2 miles from the Tatum property, over one-fourth mile from Indian Creek Golf Club property, and that the island itself would not contain 160 acres, but owing to scarcity of fill material he had made application for sufficient area from which to secure the required material.

After discussion and owing to the fact that some of the objectors could not be present on account of conditions growing out of the closing of Bank of Bay Biscayne, the Trustees further deferred action on the matter and requested Mr. Richardson to make investigation on his next trip to that section.

In the course of discussion as to whether or not material for fill existed in Biscayne Bay which would be available to adjacent property owners, it was stated by Mr. Hannoek that the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of what is called Normandy Isles had not been improved; that it still existed as a mangrove marsh and swamp and as far as he knew the State still held title to it.

Upon consulting records of the Trustees it was shown that on May 6th, 1930, Mr. Carl P. Weidling and Mr. Lathero requested the Trustees to make quit-claim deed to Normandy Beach Properties Corporation, representing that both islands had been bulkheaded and filled; that improvements had been made on the same; that the Company believed they were the owners of the islands by reason of bulkheading and improving them under Act of the Legislature of 1921 providing therefor; that the Company had interested parties in building a hotel and solarium with other improvements, but that the interested parties desired to remove any question as to title by securing from the Trustees quit-claim deed to the land.

Under that representation the Trustees quit-claimed to the said Normandy Beach Properties Corporation the State's right, title and interest in both of said islands.

It appears that if the information now before the board is correct, the North Island has not been bulkheaded or improved in any way but exists in its original condition; that they made a conveyance thereto under a misapprehension on their part and a misrepresentation by the parties seeking its conveyance.

Whereupon, the Trustees instructed Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, to make investigation of both islands and report to them the condition of the same with reference to improvements and no improvements thereon.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees ordered that if it was found that the islands were not improved or bulkheaded as represented that steps be taken to have the deed from the Trustees set aside and to recover the said property.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. W. E. Sexton of Vero Beach asking to be advised of progress of sale of land in Indian River, applied for by himself and Mr. Clarkson. Mr. Elliot stated that Mr. Sexton had advised him that he could purchase credits other parties had with the Trustees and if this would be agreeable to the Trustees he would be glad to apply said credits on the purchase of the Indian River land.

The Trustees directed Mr. Elliot to advise Mr. Sexton that they did not care to accept the credits mentioned in payment of land and also advise of date of sale.

The Secretary presented two leases from the Trustees to Dickens and Shirey, together with bonds and approval of assignments of said leases, for execution by the Trustees. It was also requested that cash bond filed some time ago be released and surety bond filed with the Secretary be accepted in lieu thereof.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees executed the leases and assignments and directed that cash bond in the sum of \$1,000.00 be returned to Messrs. Dickens and Shirey and surety bonds accepted.

The Secretary presented telegram from Mr. M. D. Carmichael stating that Dr. F. Peter Herman requested that no further action be taken on matter presented by him to the Trustees June 10th.

The Trustees agreed to take no further action in the premises and directed that Dr. Herman be so advised.

The Secretary reported that pursuant to Minutes of June 6th, 1930, check in the sum of \$101,166.67 had been forwarded to Central Farmers Trust Company of West Palm Beach, to purchase note of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District in the sum of \$100,000.00

principal and unpaid interest \$1,166.67 and that said note of the Board had been received.

Note from the Drainage Board having been executed by the Governor and Secretary, the Trustees directed that note received from Central Farmers Trust Company be cancelled and filed, and that note from the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in the sum of \$101,166.67 be deposited with the State Treasurer.

The Trustees recessed to meet at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

The Trustees met after recess with the same members present.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of Miami made an offer of \$5,000.00 for an island about one-half mile south of Bird Key in Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Biscayne Bay.

The Trustees advised Mr. Horobin that they would have Mr. Richardson investigate the land and report, at which time action would be taken.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. John M. Sutton requesting payment of a portion of the amount due him by the Trustees on land selections as a serious illness made it necessary for him to secure some funds.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees directed that check for \$500.00 be forwarded to Mr. Sutton.

Mr. Elliot presented matter of application for oil lease from B. J. Brown, representing Bayshore Oil Company, and advised that Mr. Brown requested that areas designated 1 and 2 be combined in one lease; that areas 3 and 4 make up a second lease, with one well to be drilled under each lease, for which two leases the company will pay \$500.00 annually, and that the acreage in Collier and Hendry Counties be included in a third lease at the acreage rate of five cents per acre taxes. Mr. Brown also desires permission to drill the first well, which is to be started within ninety (90) days, on land adjacent to territory covered by first mentioned two leases at a distance of not more than one mile, but to be considered as the first well to be drilled under the lease terms.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to the above requests on condition that the lease state that

the well to be drilled on adjacent land is to be considered as the well from which the Trustees will receive the one-eighth royalty.

Mr. A. R. Richardson reported that Hillsboro Sand and Gravel Company and Asa E. Maige had defaulted on their leases and that the Capital City Sand and Gravel Company's lease had expired and they were still dredging sand but had failed to make application for new lease. Mr. Richardson recommended that the bonds of Hillsboro Sand and Gravel Company and Asa E. Maige be called upon to settle amounts due, and that Capital City Sand and Gravel Company be required to make payment for shell taken since expiration of lease, and also apply for new lease or discontinue dredging in the territory.

The Trustees directed that the matters be referred to Counsel for the Trustees to take such steps as necessary to collect amounts due and protect the Trustees' interests.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented application from Kinzie Brothers Steamship Company for renewal of their lease.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, it was ordered that the lease be renewed and expiration date run with that of Standard Dredging Company and Atlantic Shell Company of Jacksonville.

Mr. A. R. Richardson advised the Trustees that Dr. Gunter, State Geologist, had a request from a party in Tampa for an investigation of lands in Townships 1 and 2 North, Range 28 West, applied for May 6th by Messrs. Trueman and Kennedy of Milton, in order to ascertain the character of the soil, the said party having become interested in the land through Messrs. Trueman and Kennedy.

Attorney General Davis stated that he would be willing for the prospective purchaser to make the investigation and upon sale of the land to deduct the cost of such investigation from the purchase price. This being agreeable to all members of the board, it was ordered that Mr. Richardson take the matter up with Dr. Gunter and ascertain if the arrangement will be satisfactory.

The Trustees having agreed to advertise for objections certain lands in Indian River County, applied for by

Messrs. Sexton and Clarkson, the following Notice but with more detailed land description was ordered placed in the Vero Beach Press-Journal:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 17, 1930.

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at Ten o'Clock A. M., Tuesday, July 29th, A. D. 1930, at Tallahassee to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in INDIAN RIVER County, Florida:

TOWNSHIP 32 South, Range 39 East:

In Section 2: Tract 1, 0.19 acres, more or less; Tract 2, 0.30 acres; more or less; Tract 3, 0.86 acres, more or less;

In Section 11: Tract 4, 29.02 acres, more or less;

In Sections 1 and 12: Tract 5, 76.58 acres, more or less;

In Section 12: Tract 6, 1.95 acres, more or less;

Tract 7, 1.95 acres, more or less;

Tract 8, 4.44 acres, more or less;

Tract 9, 48.41 acres, more or less;

Tract 11, 2.25 acres, more or less;

In Section 13; Tract 10, 9.66 acres, more or less;

In Section 24: Tract 12, 5.18 acres, more or less;

Tract 13, 9.76 acres, more or less;

In Section 29: Tract 15, 11.82 acres, more or less;

TOWNSHIP 32 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST:
In Section 25, and

TOWNSHIP 32 SOUTH, RANGE 40 EAST:
In Section 30: Tract 17, 208.08 acres, more or less;

TOWNSHIP 32 SOUTH, RANGE 40 EAST:

In Section 19: Tract 14, 3.82 acres, more or less;

Tract 16, 2.07 acres, more or less;

In Section 30: Tract 18, 13.44 acres, more or less;

Tract 19, 0.45 acres, more or less;

Tract 20, 0.63 acres, more or less;

Tract 21, 28.65 acres, more or less;

In Section 31: Tract 22, 26.00 acres, more or less;

Tract 23, 5.43 acres, more or less;

Tracts 1 to 23, inclusive, containing 491.66 acres, more or less, and lying and being in Indian River County, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C., Fort Lauderdale, Fla. | \$ 165.07 |
| C. A. Leitner, Okeechobee, Fla. | 300.00 |
| The Hunter Press | 59.97 |
| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach | 1.80 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, Tallahassee, Fla. | 186.22 |

\$ 713.06

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.

June 24, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of May 27th, June 6th, 10th and 17th, presented and approved.

Mr. Pentland of the Auditing firm of Hall, Pentland and Keller appeared before the Trustees and brought up the matter of making an audit for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and stated that it would require considerable time to complete the same.

After discussion of the matter the Trustees decided that they would not authorize Mr. Pentland to make the audit at this time but that in anticipation of having an audit made at some future date, either by Mr. Pentland's firm or some other company, they instructed the Secretary to begin the assembling of data and to locate all available information in order that the same might be at hand if and when the Trustees decided to have a complete audit of their accounts.

Mr. Robert Pentland also brought up the matter of putting in a system of bookkeeping for the Trustees similar to the set-up installed for the Drainage Board.

After discussion, Mr. Davis moved that Hall, Pentland and Keller be employed to put in the system of bookkeeping for the Trustees at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented drafts of resolutions and notes anticipating the securing of \$300,000.00 to be loaned to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to take up bond maturities and interest coming due July 1st, 1930. The forms of notes were approved by the Trustees and were executed by all members except the Governor, in order that the same might be used in securing a loan; the signatures of the Governor and the Secretary

to be attached later. Whereupon the Trustees adopted the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District at regular session in West Palm Beach on June 6, 1930, adopted an official resolution as follows:

Resolution

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Everglades Drainage Board to meet its bonded indebtedness on July 1st, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are not on hand for that purpose,

BE IT RESOLVED that a special committee consisting of Governor Carlton, Chairman; Mr. Knott, Mr. Mayo, Mr. Amos and Mr. Davis be appointed to make arrangements which in their opinion are justified, to procure funds to make the necessary payments when they fall due on July 1st.

and

WHEREAS, the Committee as above of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District have requested the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to join the said Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District in the signing of a note or notes, or that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund alone sign a note or notes as may be necessary to procure funds to be paid over to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District for the purpose of paying interest and maturing principal of bonds of Everglades Drainage District due July 1st, next; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Trustees to assist Everglades Drainage District in procuring funds with which to make such bond interest and principal payments, provided such assistance from the Trustees or the signing of a note or notes by said Trustees be accompanied by the giving of satisfactory security from the Drainage Board to the Trustees covering any and all obligation which the said Trustees may incur in connection with or on behalf of Everglades Drainage District; Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees hereby authorize the issuance of its note or notes, or the joining in the

signing of a note or notes with the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, in a sum or sums aggregating not in excess of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) and that the proceeds of said note or notes in either case be turned over to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to be applied exclusively to the payment of interest and maturing principal on bonds of Everglades Drainage District due July 1st, 1930, and that for the aforesaid purpose the Trustees hereby authorize the pledging and hypothecating of so much of the assets of the said Trustees as may be necessary as collateral guaranteeing the repayment of any loan or loans made through said note to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, or through any note or notes executed jointly by the said Trustees and the said Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the execution of said note or notes by the said Trustees, or the joint execution of the same with the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, and the turning over of the money procured through such means, be conditioned upon the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District executing a note in the aggregate sum so borrowed in favor of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, together with authority for renewals thereof, all in form satisfactory to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and the adopting by the said Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District of a proper resolution authorizing the execution of said note and acknowledging its indebtedness to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as a legal, valid, just and necessary obligation of said Board, in which resolution shall be incorporated a copy of the note; and that the said Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District reimburse the Trustees for all proper expenses incurred by the Trustees in securing, or endeavoring to secure, money for the said Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based upon the foregoing as the premises, the Trustees further adopt an additional resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District of the State of Florida have requested

the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to join with them in signing a note or notes, or that the Trustees themselves execute a note or notes, for borrowing not in excess of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) which said amount is to be turned over to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District for the necessary uses of the said Board, and.

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are authorized by Section 1416 and 1418, Compiled General Laws of Florida, to borrow money and to issue their promissory notes therefor, and by Section 1419 Compiled General Laws of Florida, the said Trustees are authorized to make loans to the Board of Drainage Commissioners of this State, to whom the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District are successors, and

WHEREAS, The Attorney General of the State of Florida has under date of June 24th, 1930, rendered his opinion in writing to the said Trustees that the foregoing laws are valid and are applicable to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in reference to borrowing money by the said Trustees and the loan of money by the said Trustees, and that the Trustees may borrow money on note or notes signed by them or by joining in a note or notes with the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, and for such purpose may pledge and hypothecate the assets of said Trustees, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida execute a note or notes, or join with the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District in executing a note or notes for securing a loan not to exceed THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00), and that in either case for the purpose aforesaid the said Trustees will pledge and hypothecate so much of the assets of the said Trustees as may be necessary for the repayment of principal and interest of said loan in full by them, which said assets consist of:

Lands owned and held by the said Trustees.

Proceeds of lands consisting of moneys held by the said Trustees and of mortgages securing the payment of moneys to the said Trustees.

Leases on lands or for substances on or under such lands.

Repayments to the said Trustees of loans made by the said Trustees to the State of Florida, which said repayments are authorized by Acts of the Legislature of Florida, and
Other resources and assets.

The said Trustees hereby authorize the hypothecating and pledging of said resources and assets of the said Trustees toward securing a loan as aforesaid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Governor of Florida as Chairman of said Trustees shall sign said note or notes for the said Trustees and that the Secretary of the said Trustees shall attest the same and affix thereto the seal of the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, or that said note or notes may be signed by each member of said Trustees and attested by the Secretary, and that said note or notes when so executed shall represent legal, valid and just obligations of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date .5 of an acre of submerged land in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, applied for by the City of New Smyrna, objections were called for.

No objections being filed or presented, the sale of the above described land was consummated to the City of New Smyrna at a price of \$10.00, the land to be used for public purposes only. Deed was ordered executed upon payment of \$10.00 and cost of advertising.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ 325.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Field Agent | 333.34 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Chief Land Clerk | 300.00 |
| R. W. Ervin, General Utility Man | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| H. L. Shearer, Tax Clerk | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| B. C. Whitfield, Bond Clerk | 50.00 |
| F. P. Jackson, Extra Help | 175.00 |
| D. B. Pinkston, Extra Help | 175.00 |

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| E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C., Miami, Fla | \$ 1.00 |
| J. M. Sutton, Washington, D. C. | 400.00 |
| W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla..... | 10.00 |
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| | \$2,753.51 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Jacksonville, Florida, June 28, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District met on this date at the Mayflower Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida. The meeting was upon the call of the Governor in reference to loan of \$300,000, arrangements for which had been made by Governor Carlton and Mr. F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary.

Those present were:

For Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,
Ernest Amos, Comptroller, Acting Chairman,
W. V. Knott, Treasurer,
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

For Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District,
Marcus A. Milam, Vice-Chairman,
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,
W. V. Knott, Treasurer,
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture,
D. Graham Copeland,
Ralph A. Horton,
C. E. Simmons.

Mr. Elliot stated that a meeting of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund had been held in Jacksonville on June 20th, 1930, for the purpose of borrowing from Florida banks the sum of \$300,000, which said sum when borrowed, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund proposed to loan Everglades Drainage District for meeting bond obligations of the District falling due July 1st, 1930, but that the Trustees were not successful in securing a loan from Florida banks, and that when it was disclosed that

the Trustees would not be successful in Jacksonville, the Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary had communicated with Spitzer, Rorick and Company by telephone at Toledo, Ohio, and requested Spitzer, Rorick and Company to arrange a meeting between the Trustees and a bank or banks in New York City for the purpose of securing a loan, if possible, in the amount of \$300,000.00; that Mr. Rorick had advised the Secretary of the Trustees to come to New York on the following week, and stated that in his opinion, the Trustees would be able to secure a loan from a New York bank or banks.

The above telephone conversation was reported to the Governor at the above meeting and it was decided that the Governor and the Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary would visit New York during the week beginning June 22nd.

Pursuant to above arrangements, Governor Carlton and Mr. Elliot proceeded to New York and met Mr. Rorick at his office on Thursday morning. Mr. Rorick had made an appointment with the Chase National Bank and accompanied the Governor and the Secretary to the bank, where a conference was held with Mr. Cooper, President of the Chase National Bank; Mr. Ewer, Vice President; and Mr. Smith, Attorney. After a full explanation of what the Trustees proposed and the presentation of statements showing the resources of the said Trustees and of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, and an outline of the manner in which the Trustees proposed to secure a loan and in turn loan such amount to Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, the general features of such a loan with such arrangements were agreed upon and matter of details was left to be worked out in the preparation of the papers.

The general arrangement consisted of a RESOLUTION previously adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund authorizing the borrowing of not in excess of \$300,000; the execution of a note to the above end by the said Trustees; the assignment by the Trustees to the Bank of their interest in \$550,000 owed the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by the State of Florida; the execution of a note by Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the endorsement of such note by the said Trustees, which said note together with

\$550,000 above referred to, should constitute collateral pledged by the Trustees in said note to said bank; also a RESOLUTION to be adopted simultaneously with the execution of the note from the Drainage Board to the Trustees, all of which were to be forwarded with the exception of the two RESOLUTIONS referred to, to the Chase National Bank with a letter of instruction to apply the proceeds of the said loan to the payment of Everglades Drainage District bond interest and maturing principal falling due July 1st.

The note from the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund serves two purposes:

1. To secure re-payment by the Drainage Board to the Trustees for the full amount of the loan made by the said Trustees to the said Board.
2. To be attached to and applied as collateral in the note from the Trustees to the bank.

In this manner the note from the Drainage Board to the Trustees becomes a part of the consideration for loan from the bank to the Trustees.

Upon explanation as above the following was read by the Secretary:

Letter from the Committee consisting of the Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General, State Treasurer and Commissioner of Agriculture.

Two RESOLUTIONS previously adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Proposed RESOLUTION to be adopted by Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

Proposed note to be executed by Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The above papers were carefully examined by the Trustees and by the Drainage Board. Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, for the Trustees that the Trustees execute the note to the bank, the assignment to the bank, and the endorsement of the note from Everglades Drainage District to the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Knott and unanimously adopted. Whereupon the foregoing papers were executed by Mr. Amos, Mr. Knott and Mr. Mayo.

Upon motion of Mr. Copeland on behalf of Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously adopted, the said Board

adopted the following Resolution, which contains copy of note from Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Everglades Drainage District is without sufficient funds to pay interest on its outstanding bonds due July 1st, 1930, in the amount of \$272,202.50 and principal of said bonds maturing on above date in the amount of \$125,000.00 and it being essential in the judgment of Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to secure money with which to pay the foregoing obligations of the said District; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District held at West Palm Beach on June 6th, 1930, the said Board did appoint a Committee consisting of the Governor, Comptroller, State Treasurer, Attorney General, and Commissioner of Agriculture, and vested the said Committee with complete authority to make such arrangements as they deem advisable and necessary for procuring money for the purpose above described, and the Committee has advised that they have made every effort to procure money from Florida Banks and through banks outside of this State, but that they are unable to secure the necessary amount as a loan to Everglades Drainage District, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund did consent under certain conditions set forth in two Resolutions of said Trustees dated June 24, 1930, copies of which are hereinafter set forth, to execute a note or notes on their own account for securing a loan not to exceed \$300,000.00, the proceeds of which are for Everglades Drainage District to be applied exclusively to the payment of principal and interest of Everglades Drainage District bonds on July 1st next, and in the execution of the said note it was necessary that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund pledge certain assets and resources of the said Trustees and also to hypothecate a certain note from Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to said Trustees or their order, to the repayment of money so borrowed for Everglades Drainage District, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Commissioners

of Everglades Drainage District confirm the action of the Committee as above in arrangements made by them with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for procuring \$300,000.00 for Everglades Drainage District and that the action of the said Committee in so doing be the action of the entire Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District execute a note to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in the form, style and amount set forth in a note as follows:

NOTE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EVERGLADES
DRAINAGE DISTRICT

TO

TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT
FUND

\$300,000.00

Tallahassee, Florida, June 28, 1930.

PURSUANT to authority vested in the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District under provisions of Sections 1552 and 1554, Compiled General Laws of Florida, and other sections relating to Everglades Drainage District, the said Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District acknowledges itself indebted to and hereby promises to pay to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida or order on or before six (6) months from date, the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00), with interest thereon at 6 per cent (6%) per annum until paid.

To this note and any renewal or renewals hereof the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District hereby pledges the full faith and credit of Everglades Drainage District to pay the same out of

- (a) Proceeds from Everglades Drainage District taxes and/or
- (b) Proceeds of Everglades Drainage District tax certificates held or which may be held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and/or
- (c) In consideration of the said sum as the prepayment

of Everglades Drainage District taxes by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund upon lands owned by them within said District; to issue tax receipt or receipts to the said Trustees on November 1st, 1930, and thereafter as taxes upon said lands may be due and the amount thereof ascertained, till the said sum shall have been liquidated, and/or

- (d) As further pledge of the full faith and credit of the District there is hereby ordered to be delivered to said Trustees all Everglades Drainage District Bonds which will be surrendered as maturing on July 1st, 1930, together with all interest coupons due upon Everglades Drainage District bonds on said date, said bonds and said coupons to be held by the Trustees and to be surrendered by them to the said Board as and when and in like amount as the said Board may repay or may liquidate the principal and interest of this note, and the said coupons and said bonds so held by the said Trustees shall continue a valid obligation of the said Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and of the said Everglades Drainage District as prior to their maturity date until surrendered by said Trustees, and/or
- (e) In addition to the foregoing the said Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, in acknowledgment of the said sum and the full validity of the obligation of the said Board to the said Trustees, agrees that if any and/or all of the foregoing as enumerated under (a), (b), (c) and (d) are for any reason insufficient or inadequate to repay to the said Trustees the amount represented by this note, together with interest thereon, the said Board pledges to the said Trustees any and all other additional assets which the said Board may now have or which they may hereafter have, to the full liquidation of the indebtedness of the said Board to the said Trustees.

It is a further condition of this note that in the event the same is not paid in full at the due date, the said Board and the said Trustees agree that any renewal or renewals of all or any part hereof shall be upon the same express terms, conditions and pledges as are stipulated herein.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT:

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor and Chairman.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller.

W. V. KNOTT,
Treasurer.

FRED H. DAVIS,
Attorney General.

NATHAN MAYO,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

MARCUS A. MILAM,
Vice-Chairman.

D. GRAHAM COPELAND.

RALPH A. HORTON.

W. H. LAIR.

C. E. SIMMONS.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

On the Back of the said Note is the following:

“Endorsed by Trustees of the Internal Improvement
Fund of the State of Florida.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller.

W. V. KNOTT,
Treasurer.

FRED H. DAVIS,
Attorney General.

NATHAN MAYO,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

As and composing the Trustees
of the Internal Improvement Fund of the
State of Florida.”

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a note as above
executed by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades
Drainage District to said Trustees or their order, shall

represent a legal, valid, just and necessary obligation of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, to the repayment of which the said Board pledges the full faith and credit of Everglades Drainage District, all as set forth in said note.

The Board authorized the execution of the note from the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. Whereupon, the note from the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund was executed by the members of the said Board present.

The Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District then approved of all of the transactions made by the Committee of the Drainage Board first above described and adopted said action of the Committee as the action of the entire Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

Mr. Davis, Attorney General, being absent as member of the Trustees and also of the Drainage Board, and Dr. Lair being absent as member of the Drainage Board, and the bank having requested that all signatures appear upon papers to be executed, it was decided to have Mr. Simmons personally convey all of the papers to Dr. Lair and to Mr. Davis for their respective signatures and to transmit the same by air mail to the Chase National Bank at New York upon execution of the said papers. Governor Carlton was not present at the meeting but had previously signed all papers requiring his signature. The notes partially executed by the Trustees, referred to in minutes of the Trustees June 24th, were not used and were ordered destroyed.

Since the sum of \$300,000.00 provided for through the above arrangements is not sufficient to meet the total amount of \$397,202.50, being bond interest and principal due July 1st, the Secretary stated that it would be necessary for him to make arrangements for an additional amount of nearly \$100,000.00 at Tallahassee to be forwarded to the Chase National Bank to make up the total amount required.

The Secretary also stated that while the arrangement made for July 1st next would take care of the District's needs for that time, yet it is essential that other things be done, among which is the passage of satisfactory legislation

at the next session of the Legislature in order that the District may be assisted in future arrangements. He stated that this feature of the situation was discussed with Mr. Rorick and that, in Mr. Rorick's judgment also, it is absolutely essential to have certain defects corrected in the existing law and to have additional legislation favorable to the District.

It was also the sense of the Trustees and of the Drainage Board that collection of moneys on account of Everglades Drainage District taxes should be vigorously proceeded with, including not only the collection of current year's taxes, but the enforcement of payments on delinquent taxes represented by delinquent tax certificates, and that steps should be immediately taken to advertise and sell lands delinquent in Everglades Drainage District taxes.

Resolutions from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund referred to in the foregoing resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District are set forth in the Minutes of the Trustees under date of June 24th.

The Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District direct that there be inserted in these Minutes notation that the said papers as they relate to the Trustees may be found in the Trustees' records as of June 24th and June 28th, 1930.

The Trustees instructed the Secretary to embody in the Minutes, in so far as they relate to the Trustees, complete copies of the note from the Trustees to Chase National Bank of New York City, together with copy of assignment to the said bank, which said note and assignment are as follows:

NOTE

New York, June 28, 1930.

\$300,000.

On or before six months after date, for value received, we the undersigned promise to pay to THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, or order, at its banking office, Pine Street, Corner of Nassau, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, New York, in funds current at the New York Clearing House, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS with interest at the

rate of six per cent. per annum, having deposited with the Bank as collateral security for the payment of this note and of all sums which the undersigned shall at any time be liable to pay hereunder and of all other liabilities of the undersigned to the Bank, whether absolute or contingent, due or not due, or which may hereafter be contracted or existing, whether incurred directly or indirectly, by the undersigned to the Bank, including as well promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other evidences of indebtedness, made, endorsed, or accepted by the undersigned and purchased or owned by the Bank, the following property, viz:

Note of Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District of the State of Florida to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for \$300,000; also assignment of \$550,000; being balance of amount due by State of Florida to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, payment of which is provided by Chapter 12428, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1927.

The undersigned hereby agree to deposit with the Bank forthwith upon demand such additional collateral security as the Bank may from time to time demand; and also hereby give to the Bank a lien for the amount of this note and of all liabilities aforesaid, upon all property and securities of the undersigned and all right, title, and interest of the undersigned in or to any property or securities, which have or shall come into the possession or custody of the Bank in any way for safekeeping or any purpose whatever, whether the Bank shall accept it for the purpose for which it is delivered or not, upon any and all proceeds of said property and securities and every part thereof, and also upon every balance of deposit account which the undersigned may at any time have with the Bank; and all remittances and property shall be deemed to be in the possession and custody of the Bank when actually in the possession or custody of, or in transit to, it or any agent thereof.

On the non-performance of any of the obligations of the undersigned hereunder or upon any default under any of the instruments evidencing any of said liabilities, or if at any time the market value of the securities left in the possession of the Bank as security for the payment hereof shall, in the judgment of the Bank, decline to such extent

as to make the equity therein insufficient, then the Bank is hereby authorized, at any time or times, to sell, in one or more sales, assign and deliver the whole or any part of the said securities and property (whether or not the same consists in whole or in part of negotiable instruments or choses in action or undivided interests in property) or any substitutes therefor, or any additions thereto or any other property or securities of the undersigned or the right, title or interest of the undersigned in or to any property or securities, which have or shall come into the possession or custody of the Bank in any way for safekeeping or any purpose whatever as aforesaid, at any broker's board or at public or private sale, at the option of the Bank, with or without demand for payment or for additional collateral security or for other performance and without regard to any such demand, if made, and without advertisement or notice of intention to sell or of time or place of sale or otherwise, all of which are hereby expressly waived; and the Bank may be the purchaser of any or all property so sold and hold the same thereafter in its own right absolutely free from any claim or right of redemption on the part of the undersigned, which is hereby expressly waived and released.

The Bank is hereby authorized, in its discretion, whether this note or any of said other liabilities be due or not, in its name or in the name of the undersigned or otherwise, to demand, sue for, collect and/or receive any money or property at any time due, payable or receivable upon or on account of or in exchange for, or make any compromise or settlement it deems desirable with reference to, and/or otherwise realize upon, with or without suit, any of said property and securities, and, in so far as said property and securities shall consist of negotiable instruments and/or any chose or choses in action, the said Bank may extend the time of payment of any such instrument or chose in action as to other parties liable thereon, without thereby incurring responsibility to or discharging or otherwise affecting any liability of the undersigned; and the undersigned hereby waive presentation, protest, and notice of non-acceptance and/or of non-payment of any such negotiable instrument to which the undersigned may be a party.

The undersigned will pay all expense of every kind of the enforcement of his note, or of any of the rights hereunder, and hereby agree to pay to the Bank on demand the amount of any and all such expense incurred by it.

The Bank is authorized at any time and from time to time, at its option, to appropriate and apply any or all of the net cash receipts from any of said property and securities, and/or any or all of any balance of deposit account of the undersigned with the Bank and/or any or all monies now or hereafter in the hands of the Bank and belonging to the undersigned, to the payment in whole or in part of this note or of any of the said liabilities or any of said expense, returning the surplus, if any, to the undersigned or whoever may be entitled thereto; and notwithstanding the holding by the Bank of said security for the payment of this note and said other liabilities, or any sale, exchange, enforcement, collection of, realization upon, or compromise, or settlement, actual or attempted, with reference to any of said property and security, the undersigned shall be and remain liable for the payment in full, principal and interest, of this note and of all said other liabilities, including any expense as aforesaid, except only to the extent that the same or any thereof shall be reduced by payment, or actual application thereon by the Bank of security or the proceeds thereof.

If at any time the collateral held by the Bank as security for the payment of this note shall be unsatisfactory to the Bank, and the undersigned shall not on demand forthwith furnish such further security or make such payment on account as shall be satisfactory to the Bank, or if any sum payable under this note or any of said other liabilities for principal, interest, or otherwise, be not paid when due, or if the undersigned shall be in default hereunder for any matter or thing, or if the undersigned, or any endorser or guarantor of this note, or any maker, endorser or guarantor of any of said security, shall become insolvent (however such insolvency may be evidenced) or make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or if a petition in bankruptcy shall be filed against, or a voluntary petition in bankruptcy shall be filed by or if a receiver shall be appointed of the property or assets, or any thereof, of the undersigned or any such maker or endorser or guarantor, thereupon this note and/or any or all of said other liabilities shall, unless the Bank shall otherwise elect, be forthwith due and payable. The Bank may pledge any of said security (either alone or with other) to the United States or to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in its own right or as agent of the United States, to secure deposits or

other obligations of the Bank of any amounts whatever. Upon the transfer of this note, the Bank may transfer any or all of said security and shall be thereafter fully discharged from all liability and responsibility with respect to the security so transferred and the transferee vested with all the powers and rights of the Bank hereunder with respect to such security so transferred, but with respect to any security not so transferred, the Bank shall retain all rights and powers hereby given. No delay on the part of any holder hereof in exercising any power or right hereunder shall operate as a waiver of any power or right; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any power or right hereunder preclude other or further exercise thereof, or the exercise of any other power or right. The rights and remedies herein expressly specified are cumulative and not exclusive of any other rights or remedies which any holder hereof may otherwise have, or would have by the law of pledge or lien, without said specification.

DOYLE E. CARLTON

Governor of Florida.

ERNEST AMOS

Comptroller.

FRED H. DAVIS

Attorney General.

W. V. KNOTT

State Treasurer.

NATHAN MAYO

Commissioner of Agriculture.

As and composing the Trustees of the
Internal Improvement Fund of the
State of Florida.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

and on the back of the said note is the following:

IN CONSIDERATION of One Dollar (\$1.00), receipt of which is acknowledged, and of the credit given or discount, loan or extension of time made by or upon the within note, which the undersigned _____ requested, the undersigned _____ hereby unconditionally guarantee to THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, New York, its successors and

assigns, and every subsequent holder of said note, irrespective of the genuineness, validity, regularity or enforceability thereof, or of the obligation evidenced thereby, or of any collateral therefor, or of the existence or extent of any such collateral, and irrespective of any other circumstance, that all sums stated therein to be payable thereunder shall be promptly paid in full when due, in accordance with the provisions thereof, at maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, and, in case of extension of time or payment in whole or in part, all said sums shall be promptly paid when due according to such extension or extensions at maturity, by acceleration or otherwise; and hereby consent that from time to time, without notice to the undersigned, payment of any sums payable under said note, or of any of the collateral therefor, may be extended in whole or in part or any of said collateral be exchanged, surrendered or otherwise dealt with as the holder of the within note may determine, and that any of the acts mentioned in said note may be done; and hereby waive presentment, demand of payment from the maker, protest and notice of non-payment or protest or of any exchange, sale, or other handling of collateral.

ASSIGNMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT: Doyle E. Carlton, Governor; Fred H. Davis, Attorney General; Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture; W. V. Knott, State Treasurer; Ernest Amos, State Comptroller, as and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, in consideration of \$300,000.00 paid to said Trustees by the Chase National Bank of New York and for the purpose of securing the payment of said \$300,000.00., according to the tenor and effect of one certain promissory note of even date herewith for said sum of money,

DO HEREBY ASSIGN, transfer and set over unto the said Chase National Bank of New York, its successors, that certain obligation of the State of Florida to the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida as provided by Chapter 12428, Laws of Florida 1927, the balance due on said obligation being \$550,000.00

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Said Trustees have hereunto affixed their signatures and caused the seal of the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the

State of Florida to be affixed thereto this, the 28th day of June, A. D. 1930.

DOYLE E. CARLTON
Governor,
FRED H. DAVIS
Attorney General.
NATHAN MAYO
Commissioner of Agriculture.
W. V. KNOTT
State Treasurer.
ERNEST AMOS
State Comptroller.

ATTEST:

F. C. ELLIOT
Secretary.

There being no further business to come before the meeting at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 1, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of June 24th were presented and approved.

Mr. Elliot stated that Mr. R. A. Gray, Secretary of State, had requested him to submit application of F. B. Jones for purchase of land in Lake County.

Upon order the matter was held over for further information.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date, subject to competitive bids, tax certificate lands in Sections 5 and 7, Township 48 South, Range 42 East, and in Section

25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, the following being the best and highest bids were accepted:

To J. M. Goodwin: Tract 7, Block 84, Palm Beach Farms Co., Plat 3, Section 5, Township 48, Range 42;

Tracts 37, 58 and 60, Block 86, Palm Beach Farms Co., Plat 3, Section 7, Township 48, Range 42.

To Walter Laski: Tract 28 (less East 4.5 acres), Section 25, Township 50, Range 41—10 acres.

Deeds were ordered issued to the above parties.

Mr. Elliot reported that Mr. Guyte P. McCord, representing Dickens and Shirey, had completed execution of all papers in connection with shell leases, and everything completed except the return of a \$1,000 cash bond for which surety bond had been substituted. However, royalties amounting to \$615.00 were now due the Trustees on the leases. The Secretary was directed to ascertain from Messrs. Dickens and Shirey if it would be satisfactory to deduct the amount of \$615.00 and refund to them the balance of the \$1,000 cash bond.

The Land Department presented report from Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, on request from the War Department to deposit spoil on State lands in Townships 40 and 41, Range 42, Palm Beach County, the purpose of the work to be the improving of Intra-Coastal Waterway in that section.

Mr. Richardson having reported that the depositing of the material would in no way injure the land, the Trustees directed that the War Department be notified that there would be no objection to placing the spoil on State land.

The Secretary requested that the Trustees have a special meeting in the near future to dispose of certain matters held over for further consideration, and also that no action be taken on credits held by the Trustees until such meeting could be held. This was agreed to by the Trustees and so ordered.

The Land Department presented offer of \$8.00 per acre for Lots 3, 6, and 7 of Section 21, Township 30, Range 27, 108.62 acres in Polk County.

Upon motion seconded and duly adopted the offer was rejected.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented letter from Fred A. Smith of Gasparilla, advising that there was a piece of land in Gasparilla Bay, near Placida, Charlotte County, which he believed was owned by the State, and on which a large house had been erected. Mr. Smith makes application to occupy the house and act as custodian of the property without salary, if found to be State land.

It was ordered that Mr. Richardson make the necessary investigation to determine whether the property is owned by the Trustees.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| J. M. Sutton, Washington, D. C. | \$100.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. | 289.90 |
| H. G. VanCloster, Kansas City, Mo. | 7.57 |
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| | \$397.47 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 8, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary presented letter from Messrs. Fullerton and Gillespie of New Smyrna, requesting that no further action be taken in the sale of a small tract of submerged land at New Smyrna, applied for by their clients and objected to by the City of New Smyrna, until Mr. Murray Sams could appear before the Board, which would be some time in August or September.

The Trustees ordered that no further action be taken until Mr. Sams can be present, and the Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Fullerton.

The Secretary presented letter from L. C. Gollatz of Ritta, manager of property owned by J. P. Johnson, ob-

jecting to the leasing of land on Miami Canal to Mr. W. M. Buford on which to erect a store, stating that he already has a store in that vicinity and that there is not sufficient business for two.

The Trustees having closed the transaction with Mr. Buford for leasing the land, declined to take any action in the matter.

The Secretary presented letter from Spitzer, Rorick & Company, complimenting the Trustees on securing funds with which to assist the Drainage Board in meeting bond interest and maturity payments July 1st. The letter was ordered filed.

The Land Department presented letter from Boozer & Boozer of West Palm Beach, in behalf of client W. N. Turner, stating that he is due the State on Entry No. 17555 \$607.29 principal and \$108.00 interest and being unable to pay both principal and interest at this time requests that the Trustees waive the interest and accept the amount of \$607.29 in full settlement of the account.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the matter was held for further consideration.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. C. Perry Snell of St. Petersburg, representing Snell Isle, Inc., stating that his note in the amount of \$4,000.00 principal and \$720.00 interest was due June 18th, that he is unable to pay the principal at this time, and requesting the Trustees to allow him to pay the interest now and extend the note for one year.

Mr. Mayo moved that Mr. Snell be allowed to pay the interest due on his note and grant an extension of one year on the principal payment. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. James A. Ball, of Wallis Engineering Company, representing C. E. Thomas, requesting that notes given by him in the purchase of Everglades land be advanced in date one year, owing to the fact that the land is leased out this season and he cannot get possession.

After consideration, the request was denied and the Land Department directed to so advise Mr. Ball.

A letter was presented from H. M. McNatt of Odessa, Florida, offering \$500.00 cash, or \$12.50 per acre, for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 33 South, Range 20 East—40 acres in Manatee County.

The Trustees directed that Mr. Richardson be requested to make investigation and report on this land before action is taken on the offer.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, reported that he had secured certificates from the Clerk of the Court of Palm Beach County, in lieu of abstracts, on lands which Southern Sugar Company had requested in exchange for lands owned by them.

In view of the present status of Southern Sugar Company the Trustees ordered that this matter be held in abeyance.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, reported that the Supreme Court had reversed the decision of the lower court in the ejectment suit of R. E. Raulerson and that in the new trial to be had it would be advisable to have certain elevation surveys made to be used as evidence. The Chief Drainage Engineer stated that the Engineers at West Palm Beach could make these surveys, whereupon, it was ordered that the matter of surveys be referred to Mr. Elliot.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla.. | \$ 9.00 |
| W. V. Blackwell, Secretary Southern Dr. District, Miami, Fla. | 174.00 |
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| | \$183.00 |

Financial Statement for the month of June, 1930, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, JUNE, 1930

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|---|--------------|
| Balance in Fund June 1, 1930.. | \$ 24,161.56 |
| From sale of minutes | 1.50 |
| Receipts on account of oil leases | 541.48 |
| From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 3,378.29 |

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| Refund on account of overpayment of taxes on Trustees' lands in Palm Beach County..\$ | 3.52 | |
| From land sales (Certificate No. 17115) | 117,811.20 | |
| Receipts on account of shell lease | 396.05 | |
| Sale of sand, shell and gravel... | 817.87 | |
| From various land sales | 2,101.07 | |
| Sale of map | 1.00 | |
| Refund by U. S. Dept. of Geodetic surveys | 8.00 | |
| From land sales (\$387.30) less 25% to State School Fund (96.83) | 290.47 | |
| | <u>\$149,512.01</u> | |
| Less Disbursements | 112,197.68 | |
| Balance on hand July 1, 1930.... | | \$ 37,314.33 |

RECAPITULATION

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Cash and Cash Items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in Banks | 36,314.33 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$ 37,314.33 |

BALANCES IN BANKS JULY 1, 1930

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Florida | \$ 845.48 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Florida | 1,360.80 |
| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Florida | 6,494.05 |
| American National Bank, Pensacola, Florida | 3,498.70 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Florida | 1,940.15 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Florida | 6,002.02 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Florida | 478.24 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Florida | 1,516.93 |

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| Central Farmers Tr. Co., West Palm Beach, Florida | \$ 13,177.96 |
| Capital City Bank, Special Ac- count | 1,000.00 |

\$36,314.33

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date 1930 | Check No. | In Favor of: | Amount |
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| June 2, | 8170 | E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C....\$ | 310.15 |
| | 8171 | Roy A O'Bannon, T. C. | .90 |
| | 8172 | J. A. Warren, T. C. | 158.88 |
| 11, | 8173 | Everglades Drainage District | 3,345.09 |
| | 8174 | Railway Express Co. | 5.86 |
| | 8175 | T. J. Appleyard, Inc. | 18.20 |
| | 8176 | Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | 6.35 |
| | 8177 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. .. | 1.71 |
| | 8178 | Western Union Telegraph Co. | 16.28 |
| | 8179 | A. R. Richardson | 175.83 |
| | 8180 | H. & W. B. Drew Co. | 2.63 |
| | 8181 | Florida Times-Union | 21.75 |
| | 8182 | Everglades News | 15.00 |
| | 8183 | Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. | 3,484.25 |
| | 8184 | E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C.... | 1.56 |
| | 8185 | Central Farmers Trust Co., West Palm Beach | 101,166.67 |
| 18, | 8186 | Frank A Bryan, C. C. C.... | 165.07 |
| | 8187 | C. A. Leitner | 300.00 |
| | 8188 | The Hunter Press | 59.97 |
| | 8189 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 1.80 |
| | 8190 | A. R. Richardson | 186.22 |
| 30, | 8191 | F. C. Elliot | 325.00 |
| | 8192 | A. R. Richardson | 333.34 |
| | 8193 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 8194 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 8195 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | 8196 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 8197 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 8198 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 8199 | H. L. Shearer | 50.00 |
| | 8200 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 8201 | B. C. Whitfield | 50.00 |

| Date 1930 | Check No. | In Favor of | Amount |
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| June 30, | 8202 | F. P. Jackson | \$ 175.00 |
| | 8203 | D. B. Pinkston | 175.00 |
| | 8204 | E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C... | 1.00 |
| | 8205 | J. M. Sutton | 400.00 |
| | 8206 | W. H. May, Postmaster | 10.00 |
| | | | \$112,197.68 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,

ATTEST:

Governor-Chairman.

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 12, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees had before them for consideration the matter of oil lease which had been prepared for execution, covering certain land under purchase between G. W. Bingham and Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

After further study of conditions of the proposed lease, the Trustees decided not to execute the same but to hold the subject over for consideration by the Board when all members can be present. The reason for further study of the lease was that it contained a provision that the Trustees would pay all delinquent taxes on lands held by Mr. Bingham for the past five years, with the probability of paying for the next five years, and the Trustees were of the opinion that the amount of these taxes would not justify them in entering into the transaction.

Report of Mr. Richardson on proposed conveyance by Mr. Knott to the Trustees of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 2, Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, was submitted. Mr. Richardson reported favorably on said exchange and Mr. Knott was therefore allowed the privilege of conveying the above property and receiving a credit of \$1,625.75, \$1,068.00

of which was to be applied to Mortgage No. 17558 and the balance of said credit to be used by Mr. Knott in other purchases of State land. Mr. Richardson recommended that as this land was adjacent to the Miami Canal it would be to the interest of the Trustees to control same.

The Land Department presented offer from Mr. W. V. Knott of \$20.00 per acre for Lot 6, Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 22 East—9.80 acres in Lee County.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees accepted the offer of \$20.00 per acre and directed that deed be issued to Mr. Knott and purchase price charged against credit he has with the Trustees.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
July 15, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of June 16th, and 28th and July 1st, 8th and 12th, were presented and approved.

Mr. W. Terry Gibson of West Palm Beach, Attorney for Lake Worth Inlet District, appeared before the Trustees and made application to acquire certain submerged lands in Lake Worth adjacent to the channel of the Inlet District, in order that the Inlet District can control the land and construct jetties and other works to prevent sand filling in the channel. Mr. Gibson presented maps and data on the subject for consideration by the Board.

After discussion, Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees take the proposition under advisement until a full Board can be present and that Mr. Elliot go further into the

matter and make report as to action of the Trustees in similar cases and former action of the Trustees on disposition of Lake Worth submerged lands. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees having sold certain land on Ritta Island to C. E. Thomas, Entry No. 18097, and Mr. John M. Sutton having 10% interest in the land owing to selection by him, it was directed that check in the amount of \$218.40 be issued in favor of John M. Sutton to cover his said interest.

The Secretary presented request from E. B. Leatherman, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, for cancellation of Certificate No. 3658, Sale of August 5, 1927, on 20 acres of land in Section 12, Township 57 South, Range 38 East—Dade County, on account of original owner being disabled by paralysis. The Trustees having no authority to cancel certificates as above, declined to make the cancellation.

The Trustees ordered refund check for \$8.68 issued to Penny & Sumner of Miami on account of Certificate No. 1560, Sale of August 1, 1927, having already been redeemed.

Refund check was ordered issued in the amount of \$21.41 to S. W. Bollinger, on account of paying 1929 drainage taxes twice.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. . . \$ | .76 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. . . | 1.52 |
| Railway Express Agency, Tallahassee, Fla. | .40 |
| Southern Telephone & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Florida. | 5.20 |
| Midyette Insurance Agency, Tallahassee, Fla. . . | 4.00 |
| The Tallahassee Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Florida | 6.25 |
| Haynes & Ratliff, Sanford Fla. | 6.55 |
| Paul Barcus, Waycross, Ga. | 23.60 |
| Ft. Lauderdale News, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. | 9.00 |
| Penny & Sumner, Miami Fla. | 8.68 |
| S. W. Bollinger, Lake Worth, Fla. | 21.41 |
| John M. Sutton, Washington, D. C. | 218.40 |
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| | \$ 305.77 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 22, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Minutes of the Trustees of July 15th, 1930, presented and approved.

Mr. F. C. B. LeGro of Miami came before the Trustees relative to resolution of June 10, 1930, whereby Mr. LeGro was authorized to foreclose certain mortgage on lands sold to Venetian Islands. Whereupon the following resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, on the 10th day of June, 1930, passed and adopted the resolution by which it authorized F. C. B. LeGro of Miami, Florida, to proceed to foreclose on behalf of the Trustees a certain mortgage held and owned by the Trustees covering certain real estate located in the bottom of Biscayne Bay in the County of Dade, State of Florida, reference to which resolution for all of the further particulars therein contained is here specifically made; and

WHEREAS, The said F. C. B. LeGro has now appeared before the Trustees again in meeting assembled and considered further with the Trustees the subject matter of the said resolution and has brought to the attention of the Trustees the fact that the mortgage to be foreclosed, recorded among the public records of Dade County, Florida, in Mortgage Book 718 at page 478, does not embrace all of the land which the said F. C. B. LeGro wishes the Trustees

to re-acquire and sell to him, but that the remaining portion of the said land is embraced in a further mortgage also held and owned by the Trustees, made by North Venetian Islands Company on the 14th day of April, 1926, and recorded among the public records of Dade County, Florida, in Mortgage Book 713, at page 540; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund still stand ready to effect the agreement and undertaking set forth in the said resolution and to consider the agreement as embracing the foreclosure of both of the mortgages and the sale of substantially all of the real estate covered by them, a more definite description being hereinafter given, and is ready to enter into a written memorandum agreement with the said F. C. B. LeGro covering said subject matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon consideration, and upon motion duly made by Mr. Davis, and seconded by Mr. Mayo, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That F. C. B. LeGro is hereby authorized to take whatever steps may be necessary on behalf of the Trustees to secure unto them with all reasonable dispatch, title to the real estate embraced in both of the said mortgages and not heretofore released, one mortgage having been given by Gamble and Gamble, Inc., dated the 27th day of April, 1926, and recorded among the public records of Dade County, Florida, in Mortgage Book 718 at page 478, and the other having been given by North Venetian Islands Company, dated the 14th day of April, 1926, and recorded among the public records of Dade County, Florida, in Mortgage Book 713 at page 540, free and clear of all encumbrances, it being understood that all expenses of the proceedings, either legal or otherwise, necessary to accomplish this purpose shall be borne by F. C. B. LeGro, the Trustees to be in no way liable for any expense attached thereto.

2. That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, immediately upon acquiring the title to the said land will cause the said land to be advertised and will sell to the said F. C. B. LeGro, or a company to be designated by him, all the real estate now embraced in both of the mortgages and lying South of the south line of the right-of-way heretofore conveyed by the said F. C. B. LeGro and others to the County of Dade, State of Florida, for the construction of a causeway across Biscayne Bay and

known as the 79th Street Causeway, and also sell and convey in lieu of that portion of the real estate now embraced in the mortgages lying north of the said right-of-way, a tract of land described as follows, to-wit:

In locating a point for beginning the description of the said tract of land, commence at the Northwest corner of Section 9, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, and run South 1 degree, 37 minutes, 8 seconds East, along the section line between Sections 8 and 9, 2351.65 feet to the said point of beginning, which point is also the point of beginning for the description of a tract of land embraced in a warranty deed from North Venetian Islands Company to F. C. B. LeGro, which deed appears among the public records of Dade County, Florida, in Deed Book 1031 at page 424:

Thence run North 88 degrees 41 minutes 24 seconds East, along the Northern boundary line of the land embraced in the said deed, 1060 feet to the Northeast corner of the land embraced in said deed; thence run North 28 degrees 12 minutes 27 seconds East, 944.96 feet;

Thence run North 1 degree 37 minutes 8 seconds West, parallel to the Western boundary line of said Section 9, 2967.11 feet to the point of curve of a circular curve;

Thence run along said circular curve to the left a distance of 989.60 feet (said curve having a radius of 630 feet and a central angle of 90 degrees) to the point of tangent of said curve;

Thence run South 88 degrees 22 minutes 52 seconds West, on a tangent to said circular curve a distance of 740 feet to the point of curve of a second circular curve;

Thence run along said curve to the left a distance of 989.60 feet (said curve having a radius of 630 feet and a central angle of 90 degrees) to the point of tangent of said curve;

Thence run South 1 degree 37 minutes 8 seconds East, parallel to the Western boundary line of said Section 9 (extended North) 2967.11 feet;

Thence run South 31 degrees 37 minutes 8 seconds East, 940.02 feet to the point of beginning, said tract containing 189.94 acres, more or less.

3. That the price of the said real estate shall be One

Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per acre to be evidenced by a note or notes payable on or before Five (5) years from the date of such sale, together with interest thereon at the rate of Six (6) per cent per annum, payable annually, this indebtedness to be secured by a first mortgage covering the said land in form acceptable to the Trustees.

4. That the conveyance of the said land shall include all oil and mineral rights and the right to dredge surrounding and adjacent bay bottoms for the purpose of obtaining such dirt and material as may be necessary, proper or needful for filling the said land purchased to a minimum elevation of six (6) feet above the level of the water at low tide, any such dredging operations to be subject to the control and regulation of the Trustees.

5. That the mortgage to be taken by the Trustees as aforesaid, among other provisions, shall contain a provision to the effect that from time to time upon request by the mortgagor, the Trustees will release any substantial contiguous portion of the real estate then embraced in the mortgage upon the payment of One Hundred twenty-five dollars (125.00) per acre, which shall be credited upon said mortgage indebtedness.

6. That a contract embodying the agreement made by and between the Trustees and the said F. C. B. LeGro be forthwith prepared and executed in accordance with the terms of this resolution.

The said Contract referred to in Paragraph 6 of the foregoing Resolution, was executed and delivered to Mr. LeGro.

Mr. F. C. B. LeGro, of Miami advised the Trustees that in foreclosing Mortgage No. 17274-B, the cost of clearing up title will be rather expensive, and requests the Trustees to amend their Resolution of May 27th, 1930, by passing a resolution allowing him to release from the said mortgage certain portions of the land upon payment of \$100.00 per acre cash.

After discussion, the following Resolution was presented and adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under date of May 27th, 1930, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund passed a resolution providing for the sale to F. C. B. LeGro, or company to be designated by him, all of that submerged land in Biscayne Bay covered in Mortgage No. 17274-B to the Trustees of

the Internal Improvement Fund, provided the said F. C. B. LeGro would first re-invest title in the Trustees; and

WHEREAS, in order that title may be re-invested in the Trustees it is first necessary to clear up several outstanding obligations now on this property, which will be rather expensive, and which Mr. LeGro is unable to do unless and until he can consummate the sale of a portion of the land and give clear title thereto; Now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund hereby agree to release certain lands covered by said mortgage to be designated by F. C. B. LeGro, for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per acre, executing therefor a partial release of the mortgage and crediting the amount so paid on the mortgage indebtedness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the said F. C. B. LeGro reconveying to the Trustees all lands covered by Mortgage No. 17274-B, except paid for and released as above, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will thereupon re-advertise and sell to F. C. B. LeGro the land so re-conveyed, at the price of \$100.00 per acre, together with release of all oil and mineral rights as contemplated under the Resolution of May 27, 1930.

Mr. Francis S. Whitten of Miami appeared before the Trustees and requested that a resolution be adopted allowing him to use his credit allowed December 4, 1929, in payment for lands, oil leases and drainage taxes.

Upon a discussion of the proposition the Trustees advised Mr. Whitten they could not pass such resolution as requested, but had appointed Mr. Elliot and Mr. McIntosh a committee to confer with him and see if some basis for settlement of the entire credit might not be worked out.

Mr. Elliot presented a report of credits allowed by the Trustees, account of reconveyance of lands, and advised that a credit was allowed Mr. Francis S. Whitten, disposition of which is still pending; credit allowed C. F. Dodson, which has been disposed of; and tentative arrangements for credit to Mr. R. M. Jones of Jacksonville, which has not been finally disposed of.

Mr. Elliot recommends that the latter credit of R. M. Jones be denied as it has been pending for some months; also that the Trustees adopt a rule of allowing a credit or

refund only in cases where the Trustees are unable to deliver good and sufficient title, or for some other equally good reason where there has been failure on the part of the Trustees to carry out sales contract, or some essential condition connected therewith.

Mr. Davis moved that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be adopted as the policy of the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Governor Carlton asked if the attitude of the Trustees had changed as to granting oil leases?

It was the action of the Trustees that in cases where a disposition was shown to actually bore for oil that leases be granted and that applicants be advised of this action.

In connection with oil leases, Mr. Elliot was requested to examine the standard form heretofore used and make modifications where advisable, and also beginning with this date a charge of \$2.00 be made for recording each assignment of oil lease, or portion thereof.

Mr. Mayo moved that oil lease applied for by Mr. Whitten and Mr. Blanchard, covering lands along the lower coast of Monroe and Collier Counties be executed and delivered to Mr. Blanchard upon a clause being inserted therein to the effect that all rights and interests of upland owners shall be protected; also that another oil lease formerly granted Mr. Blanchard, covering 13,120 acres in Monroe County, be executed and delivered. Motion seconded and adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. Jas. A. Ball, Jr., of Wallis Engineering Company, requesting to be advised of the amount necessary to redeem certificate held by the Trustees on Lot 11, Tract 11, Section 13, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, originally owned by T. J. Zimmerman, as he was considering purchasing title of Mr. Zimmerman. The Trustees directed that the matter be handled by Mr. Elliot in the usual manner.

Mr. Elliot reported that he had received letter from Lake Griffin Pulp and Paper Corporation requesting to be advised when lease would be forwarded, and that in accordance with instructions of the Board he had notified Serviced Laboratories, Inc., of the action taken June 10th, but had received no reply as yet.

The Trustees agreed to wait one week and if no reply was received, lease to Lake Griffin Pulp and Paper Corporation would be executed.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Florida Power & Light Company for right-of-way for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining transmission lines over land owned by the State or in which they have an interest along the Hillsborough Canal. Five (5) easements were presented, covering the above request.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant the easements and the same were executed by all members.

The Land Department presented letter from Boozer and Boozer, attorneys of West Palm Beach, held over from July 8th meeting, in which letter request was made to waive interest due on Entry No. 17555 in the amount of \$108.00 upon payment of principal—\$607.29. The Trustees declined to waive the interest as requested.

Report was received from Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, on lands applied for by H. M. McNatt of Odessa, Florida, in which he advises that \$500.00 is a fair price for the 40 acres of land in Manatee County.

The Trustees accepted the offer of Mr. McNatt of \$500.00 cash and directed the Land Department to so advise him.

McGowan-Forshee Lumber Company having applied to purchase timber from the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 33, Range 21, Manatee County, and the matter having been referred to Mr. Richardson for investigation, report was received that \$325.00 would be a fair price for the timber.

The Trustees agreed to accept \$325.00 for the timber on lands in Manatee County as above described and directed that applicant be so advised.

The Land Department presented offer from C. G. Hall of Frostproof of \$12.50 per acre for Lots 3, 6, and 7 of Section 21, Township 30 South, Range 27 East—108.62 acres in Polk County.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded and adopted, the offer was declined.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, advised the Trustees that C. H. Galloway had made inquiry as to connecting certain lakes and creeks in Orange and Sumter Counties.

It was the order of the Trustees that Mr. Richardson make investigation as to the nature of the proposition.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh reported that he had taken up with the Bond Company the matter of sand and shell lease of Asa E. Maige and that said company would pay the amounts due by Mr. Maige provided the Trustees would cancel the lease and release the Bond Company from further obligation.

The Trustees directed Mr. McIntosh to advise said Bond Company that upon payment of amounts due on the Asa E. Maige lease same would be cancelled and the bondsmen released from obligation.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh reported as to Capital City Sand and Gravel Company and Hillsboro Sand and Shell Company, whose leases have expired, but the companies are in arrears in payments to the Trustees.

Mr. McIntosh was directed to take the necessary steps to collect amounts due and protect the interest of the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. Lloyd S. Malone of Tampa, requesting to be advised whether or not the State or Federal Government has authority to grant oil lease in Old Tampa Bay to a ten foot depth of water. The matter was held for further information.

Mr. Bayless, Land Clerk, brought up the matter of assessing certain lands in Palm Beach County and stated that since the boundaries of Palm Beach County include all of Lake Okeechobee, except a small section near Eagle Bay, the Tax Assessor of Palm Beach County desires to know whether taxes should be assessed in the name of Palm Beach County against all lands subject to taxes below the meander line of the lake.

The Attorney General was of the opinion that the lands around the margin of the lake, below the meander line, should be assessed in the county adjacent to which the lands were located without reference to whether or not the lake was entirely within Palm Beach County or not.

Mr. A. R. Richardson submitted report on tract of land in Charlotte County, near Placida, on which property is located a large building which Mr. Fred A. Smith of Gasparilla advised was State or Government land according to his information. Mr. Richardson advised that the records in the Land Office disclose that this land was deeded in Deed No. 13101, May 13, 1885 to Florida Southern Railway Company. The report was ordered filed and the Land Department requested to advise Mr. Smith of the above information.

Mr. A. R. Richardson reported that a survey of property applied for by Dr. J. B. Game, Sr., in Wakulla River and near St. Marks light house, shows an acreage of 175 acres instead of 64 acres as first estimated, and that Dr. Game makes an offer of \$500.00 for the entire acreage.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees decided to stand by the price placed on the land—\$5.00 per acre.

Upon motion, duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 23, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present :

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Francis S. Whitten of Miami having appeared before the Trustees on the 22nd instant, relative to credit he holds with the State, and the Trustees having appointed Mr. Elliot and Mr. McIntosh as a committee to confer with Mr. Whitten and try and work out some plan whereby the credit might be applied, Mr. Elliot reported that they had tried to arrive at a basis for using the credit, but on such short notice Mr. Whitten was unable to select lands to take up the entire amount; however, he had made selection of

certain lands on which he desired oil lease and had a plan that would take up considerable of the balance of the credit, but it would be necessary for him to return to Miami before the plans could be perfected.

Mr. Elliot read the recommendations of the committee, which were in conformity to former resolutions passed by the Trustees December 4, 1929, and January 7, 1930, and the only difference was that the credit could be applied in payment of oil leases and in payment of land purchased from the State only by Islands Inc., or in its name and could be applied only so long as title remains in Islands Incorporated.

The recommendations submitted were objected to by the Governor and Mr. Mayo on the ground that it tied the Trustees up more than the original resolutions and would put Mr. Whitten in a position to hold the Trustees up to the extent of applying this credit in almost any manner he saw fit. Mr. Mayo was of the opinion that this action was supposed to have taken the place of former resolutions.

After considerable discussion Mr. Davis moved that the report of the Committee be accepted and approved and that the credit be applied as set forth in the memorandum presented. Seconded by Mr. Knott and adopted. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that the credit granted to Islands Incorporated, in accordance with certain agreements in resolution form, dated December 4, 1929, and January 7, 1930, between said Trustees and said Islands Incorporated, may be used as cash in the purchase by it of lands from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund or in liquidation of any obligation arising from such transaction, provided the title is taken by Islands Incorporated and so long as title is retained by Islands Incorporated, except that this credit may be applied on any of the oil leases now outstanding, whether in the name of Islands Incorporated or otherwise, and to any oil lease or leases which may be granted to Islands Incorporated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice from Islands Incorporated, signed by its President or Vice-President, authorizing the application of an amount of the credit on any purchase or lease by Islands Incorporated will

be full authority for the Trustees to accept same in payment for items hereinbefore mentioned.

The foregoing resolution shall be construed as in accordance and consistent with those certain agreements in resolution form above referred to.

The Governor stated that he had no objection to allowing the credits on oil leases, but he thought Mr. Whitten was being given more than the resolutions contemplated and as it did not take the place of former resolutions, he saw no benefit to the Trustees in entering into it.

The Trustees authorized drawing of an oil lease requested by Mr. Francis S. Whitten, covering certain territory along the lower Gulf Coast of Florida as previously applied for by Mr. Whitten, lease to be issued in the name of W. G. Blanchard. Payment for said lease to be Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) in advance for two years and Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) each year thereafter until the full amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) is paid. Term of lease to be five years.

Also authorized the drawing of an oil lease in favor of W. G. Blanchard covering certain water bottoms north of Florida East Coast Railway and extending from a point near Key West on the west to Longitude 81 degrees 13 minutes West, to be more particularly described in lease, consideration of which is to be \$2,000.00 in advance for two years, and \$1,000.00 each year thereafter—a total period of five years with a total payment of \$5,000.00.

The amounts as above to be applied against the credit which Islands Incorporated has with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The Trustees also agreed that Mr. Whitten would be permitted to apply so much of the credits of Islands Incorporated upon the lease of East Coast Oil and Gas Company as may be necessary to pay the instalments upon said lease from time to time.

Mr. Whitten advised that he did not want to be put in the position of being compelled to use his credit in taking up oil leases; that as everyone knew the oil proposition was a gamble and might die out any moment and he would be left with something he could not use, and that he did not care to be hamstrung in any such manner. He asked that the Trustees pass no resolution that will in any way interfere with the original agreements with the Trustees.

Further discussion was had as to original purchase, out

of which the credit was allowed, and the attitude of the Board in the premises.

Mr. Whitten stated that owing to the viewpoint of some of the members it would be best for him to withdraw the whole proposition and retire; that his dealings heretofore with the Trustees had been very agreeable and he wanted them to continue so and did not want anything to come up that would in any way create an unfriendly attitude. Mr. Whitten expressed his regret for any unpleasantness and thanked the Board for their consideration.

Upon motion, duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 29, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date, subject to objections, certain tracts of land in Indian River County, applied for by Mr. W. E. Sexton and Mr. C. D. S. Clarkson, objections were called for.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. Martin Kelly, president of Gem-Kay Development Corporation, objecting to the sale of Tracts 12, 13 and 15 on the ground that they owned all the East Half of Section 24, east of Indian River and any disposition made by the State would be detrimental to their development.

Mr. Davis moved that the three tracts objected to as above be withheld from sale until Mr. Kelly could be advised of the conditions of sale of the land to Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, from which company Mr. Kelly came into possession of the land. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

There being no objections to the remainder of the land advertised, sale was consummated to applicants and deeds

ordered issued to Frederick S. Ruth and other parties to be designated by Mr. Sexton. Terms to be one-fourth cash and balance in one, two and three years with 6% interest on deferred payments.

Judge Frederick L. Hemming, who also represented Mr. Ruth in the above sale, requested that permit be granted for using fill material from adjoining bottoms, subject to permit from the War Department.

The Trustees directed that such permit be issued.

The Land Department presented letter from W. V. Blackwell, Secretary of Southern Drainage District, advising that \$2,787.70 sub-drainage district taxes was due on lands owned by the State.

Upon investigation it was found that there was some question as to the boundaries of Southern Drainage District taking in the land so taxed, and the Trustees decided to hold the matter over for further consideration.

The Land Department presented letter from William Bloom of Pahokee, requesting the Trustees to waive one year's interest due, conditioned upon the payment of principal amounting to \$2,170.00 being anticipated.

The Trustees agreed to waive the interest due by Mr. Bloom on condition that principal payment is anticipated and check in above amount forwarded at once.

The Trustees having refused the offer of \$12.50 per acre made by C. G. Hall of Frostproof, Florida, on lands in Polk County, the Land Department presented second letter from Mr. Hall asking the Trustees to put a price on the land.

Upon report from the Land Agent, the Trustees agreed to accept \$20.00 per acre for the land and directed the Land Department to so advise Mr. Hall.

The Land Office presented letter from Hon. Theo. D. Levins, Tax Collector of Calhoun County, advising that in his purchase of land in the Dead Lakes it has developed that 4 acres are outside the meander line and in order to get title to the 4 acres he will pay the Trustees \$50.00 for same.

The Trustees declined to make sale of the above land as it is unsurveyed, and directed the Land Office to so advise Mr. Levins.

The Land Office presented offer of \$150.00 from James Pitts for timber on 80 acres of land in Walton County. The matter was held over for further information.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from James M. Owens, Tax Assessor of Palm Beach County, requesting the Trustees to adopt a resolution authorizing the Tax Assessors to omit extension of taxes on lands in Everglades Drainage District on which the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund hold certificates in order that the tax rolls can be gotten out in proper form.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees adopted the following resolution and directed Mr. Elliot to furnish each Tax Assessor with certified copy of same:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it appears that in certain counties wholly or partially within the Everglades Drainage District, Everglades Drainage District taxes for the year 1929 were assessed on lands against which the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida hold Everglades Drainage District tax certificates; and

WHEREAS, regardless of the age of such tax certificates, whether two or more years, absolute title to such lands does not by statute vest in the Trustees, for the reason that the statute provides for redemption by the owner or bona fide successor in title to the owner; and

WHEREAS, taxes for subsequent years continue to run against such drainage tax certificates regardless of assessment and are due and payable upon the redemption or sale of any such tax certificates; and

WHEREAS, the interest of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, as well as the owners of lands in the Everglades Drainage District, and all creditors of the said Board or the said Trustees with reference to taxes on such lands, are fully protected by the provisions of the statute making subsequent taxes a lien against said land and requiring payment of same upon redemption or purchase of such tax certificates; and

WHEREAS, the assessment and sale of such lands entail additional costs which are prejudicial to the interests of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund

of the State of Florida, original owners of said lands, as well as creditors of said Board and said Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tax Collector of each county wholly or partially within the Everglades Drainage District be directed not to sell for 1929 Everglades Drainage District taxes any lands against which the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund hold drainage tax certificates, regardless of whether such tax certificates are two or more years old, and that such Tax Collectors be directed to account for such lands by entering the same as errors on their Error and Insolvency lists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tax Assessor for each and every county wholly or partially within the Everglades Drainage District be directed not to extend on the 1930 and subsequent tax rolls the Everglades Drainage District taxes against such lands.

Mr. Elliot presented application from F. M. Daly of Coral Gables for oil lease on lands in Sections 19 and 20, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, and also requested information as to purchase of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, between Townships 54/55, Ranges 37 and 38.

The Trustees agreed to grant oil lease to Mr. Daly and requested that the Land Department furnish information as to purchase of the land referred to.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. Frank A. Bryan, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Broward County, in which he requested the Trustees to assist him in straightening out redemption of certificate held by the Trustees. Mr. Bryan explains that a check was given him last September for redemption of a certain drainage tax certificate, the check was misplaced and the entire matter lost sight of until June of this year when original owner stopped payment on first check and issued duplicate. Mr. Bryan requests that the redemption be allowed as of September, 1929.

Upon a discussion of the matter the Trustees agreed to allow Mr. Bryan to submit a supplemental report to September, 1929, report and take care of the matter in that way. It was so ordered.

Mr. Elliot advised that one of the subjects which had come up in connection with the audit recently made of the

Drainage Board was that of Drainage Tax Certificates. He advised that the practice had been for the Trustees to pay the clerical and other costs in connection with these certificates, but that while, as a result of the provisions of law, the Trustees were required to look after Everglades Drainage District tax certificates bid in in their name by Tax Collectors, yet the taxes represented by these certificates were a lien for Everglades Drainage District and that business connected therewith was attended to by the Trustees for and on behalf of the Drainage Board. He suggested that by reason of this fact the expense of handling these certificates should be borne by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and not by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

After discussion the Trustees agreed that the expense in connection with drainage tax certificates held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund should properly be borne by Everglades Drainage District and directed that the amount of such expense be ascertained, that a statement of same be prepared and a bill rendered Everglades Drainage District for such part as the Trustees had not received reimbursement for, and that hereafter all expense connected with Everglades Drainage District be borne by the said Everglades Drainage District.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ 325.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Field Agent | 492.07 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Chief Land Clerk | 300.00 |
| R. W. Ervin, General Utility Man | 233.34 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| H. L. Shearer, Tax Clerk | 50.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| B. C. Whitfield, Bond Clerk | 50.00 |
| F. P. Jackson, Extra Help | 175.00 |
| D. B. Pinkston, Extra Help | 175.00 |
| Robert Wynn, Janitor | 40.00 |
| Fred E. Fejno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 1.85 |

\$2,543.09

Mr. Tom Norfleet of Miami appeared before the Trustees and requested that he be given an extension of six months on his oil lease and that the payment of \$10,000 be contingent upon discovering paying production of oil.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant an extension of six months to Judge Norfleet on oil lease, in view of certain services rendered in promoting the oil business in Florida, but declined to change the condition of payment of \$10,000.00.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 5, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of July 22nd, 23rd, and 29th, 1930, presented and approved.

A discussion was had as to assignment of oil leases in small tracts and the expense to the Trustees in handling such assignments.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed that in addition to the charge of \$2.00 for recording assignments, heretofore fixed by the Trustees, that a minimum annual charge on sub-leases would be \$5.00 each and that such charge would cover cases where the amount of annual taxes is less than the sum of \$5.00; also that a minimum annual charge of \$25.00 be made for each oil lease where the acreage tax is less than \$25.00.

The Trustees having on July 15th referred to Mr. Elliot for report a proposition submitted by Mr. W. Terry Gibson, attorney for Lake Worth Inlet District, had the matter up for consideration on this date. Mr. Gibson being present

explained the project to the Trustees as follows: That Lake Worth Inlet Commissioners are desirous of obtaining from the State certain submerged land in Lake Worth lying immediately south of the channel and a small area to the north of the channel, to be used for the improvement of the district and to prevent erosion and washing of mud and silt into the channel; that it would be agreeable to the Inlet District to have the land deeded for public purposes only and in the event of any proposed sale to private individuals or corporations, that the matter be submitted to the Trustees for consent and as to terms and conditions of sale.

Mr. Elliot reported that the only other similar case was that of land granted to the City of Miami for an airport, the difference being that the Miami transaction was handled by the City authorities while the Lake Worth Inlet proposition will be handled by a private corporation, and the Trustees owning land in the said Inlet District have paid taxes on their lands, which is not the case with Miami sale. Also that the City of Miami paid the Trustees the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) per acre for the land which represented the interest the State School Fund had in the land.

Upon a discussion of the proposition, Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees agree to sell the said submerged land to Lake Worth Inlet District, subject to advertisement for objections, on the same basis as in the case of the City of Miami, deed to contain the provision that the land be used for public purposes only, and in the event of proposed sale of any portion thereof, the Inlet Board to submit the same to the Trustees for action as to terms and conditions of sale.

Motion seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Gibson asked that he be permitted to submit the proposition to the Inlet Commissioners for approval before acceptance, which was granted. Mr. Gibson was requested to furnish plats and description of land for advertisement, which he agreed to do.

Messrs. Walter P. Fuller and J. L. Shallcross, representing Gulf Tidewater Oil Company, came before the Trustees and made application for three oil leases on bay bottom land as follows:

Manatee County—3600 acres in Sarasota Bay; Pinellas County—3000 acres in Lake Butler, and 700 acres in Boca Ceiga Bay, agreeing to dig a well on each of said tracts, but requesting that they be allowed to bore first well on upland

adjacent to the lake bottom lands of the State, a distance not exceeding 2000 feet.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees decided to take the applications under advisement for thirty days.

The Trustees adopted a motion that all applications for oil leases on lake bottoms and bay bottoms be held up for a period of thirty (30) days for further consideration.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from L. S. Malone of Tampa, making application for oil lease in Old Tampa Bay, but the application not being complete as to description no action was taken at this time.

The Land Office reported that it had been advised by the Florida National Bank of Jacksonville that \$9,379.00 draft drawn on F. C. B. LeGro through a Miami bank, to take up releases of land under mortgage, had not been paid and the time limit had expired, however, that Mr. LeGro had written the office that the matter was held up pending a meeting of the County Commissioners of Dade County, which would be held during the next week.

The Trustees directed that the bank be requested to hold the draft for another week and advise Mr. LeGro of this action.

The Land Office presented letter from Mr. J. O. Hillis of Tampa offering \$20.00 an acre for the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 33 South, Range 20 East, 80 acres, and \$25.00 per acre for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 33 South, Range 20 East, 80 acres, all in Manatee County.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees make Mr. Hillis a counter proposition to accept \$25.00 an acre for the entire acreage. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. F. G. Jones of Kissimmee submitted an offer of \$10.00 per acre for the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 21, Range 26—Lake County.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined the offer and directed that Mr. Jones be so advised.

The matter of Southern Drainage District taxes assessed against State land was again presented by the Land Office, with the explanation that the matter was held over from last meeting.

In view of the fact that the records show some irregularity in the boundaries of Southern Drainage District and question as to whether the lands assessed are really in the District, Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees decline to pay the taxes and advise Southern Drainage District that this action was taken pending investigation as to the status of the boundaries of the District. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Land Office reported that Judge W. E. Walsh of Miami was in the office on Monday and stated that his client, Dr. Joseph H. Adams, had entered into negotiations for the purchase of 21.01 acres of submerged land from Normandy Beach Properties Corporation for a consideration of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) and had deposited with a Miami bank as option a check in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), said area being a portion of 244 acres of sovereignty land quit-claimed by the Trustees to Normandy Beach Properties Corporation for a consideration of \$500.00; that upon investigation it had developed that the said Corporation could not deliver title which would be passed on affirmatively by an abstract and guaranty company, and in view of this situation Dr. Adams had called off the transaction and entered suit to collect the \$10,000.00 option, and is requesting the Trustees to ascertain whether this quit-claim deed had been issued upon correct information to the Trustees; that if the deed had been issued upon incorrect information he desired the Trustees to advise him as he wished to allege that fact in bill of complaint on behalf of his client, Dr. Adams.

After discussion of the subject, the Trustees directed Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, to take up the matter with Judge Walsh and furnish any additional information that might be material.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of Miami came before the Trustees and submitted several matters which he desired the Trustees to pass upon.

The Trustees requested Mr. Horobin to submit his propositions in writing and confer with Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless, who will then make report to the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot reported that Mr. B. H. Dickens had made payments on his shell leases to July 1, 1930, and that his

cash bond in the sum of \$1,000 should be ordered released to him by the State Treasurer, upon receipt of letter from the Secretary's office requesting return of the bond. Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees requested Mr. Knott to release the said bond of Dickens and Shirey upon receipt of letter from Mr. Elliot as above.

Financial Statement for the month of July, 1930, was received and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY, 1930

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| Balance in Fund July 1, 1930... | \$ 37,314.33 | |
| From Land Sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 9,075.91 | |
| From various land sales | 7,353.56 | |
| Receipts on account of oil leases | 636.94 | |
| From sale of sand and gravel.... | 407.50 | |
| From royalties on shell | 819.36 | |
| Refund on account Adv. sovereignty lands | 16.50 | |
| Refund by Tax Col. Dade County account of overpayment drainage district taxes | 8.70 | |
| Interest on deposits for quarter ending June 30 | 205.23 | |
| Interest due June 30, 1930, on Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District 5% bonds | 300.00 | |
| | <u>\$ 56,138.03</u> | |
| Less Disbursements | 3,329.32 | |
| Balance on hand August 1, 1930 | | \$ 52,808.71 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and cash items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in banks | 51,808.71 | |
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BALANCES IN BANKS AUGUST 1, 1930

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | \$ 1,270.84 |
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| Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | \$ 1,374.45 |
| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 18,664.53 |
| American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla. | 4,692.01 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 1,949.82 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 8,070.60 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 483.02 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 4,437.78 |
| Central Farmers Tr. Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 9,865.66 |
| Capital City Bank, special account | 1,000.00 |

\$ 51,808.71

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date | Check | In Favor of— | Amount |
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| 1930 | No. | | |
| July | 1 | 8207 J. M. Sutton | \$ 100.00 |
| | | 8208 A. R. Richardson | 189.90 |
| | | 8209 H. G. VanCloster | 7.57 |
| | 8 | 8210 Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 9.00 |
| | | 8211 W. V. Blackwell, Secty. | 174.00 |
| | 15 | 8212 Western Union Telegraph Co.... | .75 |
| | | 8213 Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. | 1.52 |
| | | 8214 Railway Express Agency | .40 |
| | | 8215 Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | 5.20 |
| | | 8216 Midyette's Insurance Agency... | 4.00 |
| | | 8217 Tallahassee Office Supply Co. ... | 6.25 |
| | | 8218 Haynes & Ratliff | 6.55 |
| | | 8219 Paul Barcus | 23.60 |
| | | 8220 Fort Lauderdale News | 9.00 |
| | | 8221 Penny & Sumner | 8.68 |
| | | 8222 S. W. Bollinger | 21.41 |
| | | 8223 John M. Sutton | 218.40 |
| | 31 | 8224 F. C. Elliot | 325.00 |
| | | 8225 A. R. Richardson | 492.07 |
| | | 8226 M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | | 8227 F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | | 8228 C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |

| Date 1930 | Check No. | In favor of: | Amount |
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| July 31, | 8229 | R. W. Ervin | \$ 233.34 |
| | 8230 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 8231 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 8232 | H. L. Shearer | 50.00 |
| | 8233 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 8234 | B. C. Whitfield | 50.00 |
| | 8235 | F. P. Jackson | 175.00 |
| | 8236 | D. B. Pinkston | 175.00 |
| | 8237 | Robert Wynn | 40.00 |
| | 8238 | Fred E. Femmo, C. C. C. | 1.85 |
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| | | | \$3,329.32 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
August 12, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Minutes of the Trustees of August 5th, 1930 were presented and approved.

Mr. Elliot presented application of Mr. Francis S. Whitten, for Oil Lease on lands in Buttonwood Sound, Blackwater Sound, Barnes Sound, Card Sound and in Biscayne Bay South of the line running East from Blackpoint to the Northern end of Sands Key.

The Trustees agreed to grant Oil Lease to Mr. Whitten on the above areas and requested Mr. Elliot and Mr. Richardson to work out the acreage and consideration for the lease.

Mr. Elliot presented a letter from West Coast Bridge and Tunnel Company of St. Petersburg, Florida, requesting that check in the amount of \$2,500.00, which had been forwarded to the Trustees, be returned as they were not in position to go through with the transaction at this time, but desired the Trustees to reserve for them the land applied for and which the Trustees agreed to sell them September 24, 1929.

After discussion, Mr. Knott moved that the Trustees return the check of \$2,500.00 and advise West Coast Bridge and Tunnel Company that they cannot reserve the said land, but that the said Company may renew their application at any time and the same will be given consideration. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees having on August 5th referred to Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless matters presented by Mr. Thos. H. Horobin, had up for consideration report on the above proposition and action was taken as follows:

1. Request for a refund, or allowing of credit for expenditures incurred in digging canal on the Park View land, the acreage of which was cut down on account of interference by the Coast Guard and the Federal Government, was denied, the Trustees taking the position that there had been no failure on their part in carrying out the contract.

2. The offer of \$500.00 for the State's title to land on Biscayne Point which had been filled and bulkheaded was accepted upon condition that Mr. Horobin furnish abstract showing proof of title.

3. The Trustees agreed to issue quit-claim of oil and mineral on land owned by Mr. Horobin on Biscayne Point for a consideration of 50 cents an acre.

4. Offer of \$100.00 per acre for land adjacent to Biscayne Point was refused by the Trustees, but they agreed to advertise the land for highest bid and objections provided Mr. Horobin would agree to bid not less than \$350.00 per acre on date of sale. Mr. Horobin to furnish the Trustees with plat showing area desired.

5. No action was taken on application for permit to dredge fill material between Biscayne Point and Normandy Isles as this matter had been referred to Mr. Richardson for report as to location of material suitable for Mr. Horobin's purpose.

Mr. Marvin C. McIntosh, Counsel, stated that at the meeting of the Trustees on August 5th, Mr. Horobin had advised that pursuant to agreement with the Trustees he had started foreclosure proceedings against Trails Land Company but had been notified by attorney for said Company that they were taking the matter up with the Trustees looking toward settlement. Mr. McIntosh advises that Attorney for Trails Land Company has not communicated with the Trustees and desires to know if it is satisfactory to notify Counsel for Mr. Horobin to proceed with foreclosure suit.

Mr. Amos moved that Mr. McIntosh be requested to take whatever steps are necessary to carry out agreement between the Trustees and Mr. Horobin. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Bayless of the Land Department presented request from Charles S. Douglass for extension of One year on payments due, upon condition that Interest and \$943.00 on the principal is paid, leaving a balance of \$2,000.00 due on Entry No. 17,300.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant extension of One year upon receipt of payments as above.

Mr. W. T. Wallis, Jr., and Jas. E. Hawkins requested extension of One Year on Two notes in the amount of \$946.75 each, upon payment of interest due on said notes.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant extension of One year on Entry No. 18038, provided interest is paid on both Notes and a payment on the principal of \$46.75 on each note.

The Land Department presented request from Bryant & Pittman, Attorneys of West Palm Beach, representing San Marco Corporation, purchasers of land under Entry No. 17921, for extension of One year on two Notes for \$372.50 each, provided interest is paid to date.

The Trustees agreed to grant extension of One year, upon payment of Interest and \$72.50 on each of the said notes.

Mr. Bayless of the Land Department submitted letter from Judge W. E. Walsh of Miami, asking for an engagement with the Trustees for his client Dr. Adams between the 18th and 21st of August.

The Trustees directed Mr. Bayless to advise Judge Walsh that they would be glad to hear Dr. Adams on Tuesday, August 19th.

The Land Department presented application from Wideman and Wideman, of West Palm Beach, for their client Francis P. Bolton, to purchase submerged land in Lake Worth offering \$100.00 per acre for same.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded and adopted, the matter was held over for a full board meeting.

Mr. Bayless reported that the Trustees hold \$3,187.23 mortgage on land in Broward County on which Mr. Jas. H. Bright has purchased State and County tax deed and Mr. Bright has advised that he has made improvements on the land and does not care to dispose of his tax deed.

The Trustees directed that Mr. Bayless ascertain from Mr. Bright the extent of his improvements and at what price he will sell his equity in the land. In the event he does not care to sell, the Trustees will foreclose mortgage.

Mr. Bayless reported with reference to objection filed by Gem-Kay Development Corporation to the sale of certain submerged land in Indian River, advertised to be sold July 29th. Mr. Bayless stated that Gem-Kay Development Corporation claimed title to all lands in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 24, Township 32 South, Range 39 East, east of Indian River; that the records in the Land Office disclose that this land was selected by the State and patented to the State by the United States Government; that sale was made to Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company of approximately 60 acres, which takes in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 24, Township 32, Range 39 and that Gem-Kay Development Corporation is successor in title thereto.

In view of the foregoing report, the Trustees, upon motion, seconded and adopted, agreed to sustain the objections of Gem-Kay Development Corporation and decline to sell the land.

The Land Office presented letter from H. D. Stuart, applicant to purchase land in the Lake Port section, requesting that the Trustees refund \$661.79 deposited as first payment on land, stating that he wants to purchase the land as soon as surveyed and will send up the money when deed is ready.

After discussion, the Trustees agreed that survey should be made and a pro rata share of the cost charged to each purchaser. The Land Office was directed to so advise all parties having deposits with the Trustees and ascertain if they desire to carry out the purchase or have the money refunded and vacate the land.

Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, reported that the Capital City Sand and Gravel Company had advised that check was in the mail to close up account with the Trustees.

Mr. McIntosh reported that in the case of Asa E. Maige sand lease, the Surety Company was ready to make payment of amounts due under the lease and suggested that a resolution be adopted cancelling the lease and releasing the Surety Company from further obligation. Whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund on the 21st day of May, A. D. 1928, did grant and sell to Asa E. Maige of the County of Leon, State of Florida, the right, leave, license and permit to dredge and take sand for commercial purposes from a certain locality in Ochlocknee River adjacent and next to Lots 1 and 3 in Section 23, Township 1 North, Range 2 West, and the said Trustees did on July 24th, A. D. 1928, execute their lease and permit to the said Asa E. Maige for dredging and taking sand in said locality; and

WHEREAS, the above grant and sale of sand to the said Asa E. Maige and the said lease and permit from the Trustees to said Asa E. Maige provided for the payment by the said Asa E. Maige to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund the sum of FIVE CENTS (5c) per cubic yard for all sand taken by him from said territory, accountings and payments to be made at the end of each calendar month, and it being specifically provided that the said Asa E. Maige should pay to the said Trustees the sum of FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$15.00) each month whether that amount of sand should be taken or not; and

WHEREAS, the said lease and permit provides that the same shall run for a period of Five (5) years from the 1st day of June, A. D. 1928, but special provision is contained in paragraph 7 of said lease and permit, that should the

lessee fail to live up to and carry out any of the terms and conditions of the lease and permit, that then and in that event the Trustees shall have the right to cancel the same and to stop the further taking of sand thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the said Asa E. Maige has continued operations and the taking of sand at the said locality and has failed for many months to account to and pay over to the Trustees the amount due by him to said Trustees under said lease and permit, and has failed particularly to account to and pay the Trustees for the months of August, 1928, and January, August, September, October, November and December, 1929, and January, February, March, April, May and June, 1930, and is now due the Trustees under the said lease and permit the minimum amount of \$15.00 per month for said months, making an aggregate amount of \$195.00 now due and payable by him to the Trustees, and the said Asa E. Maige continues to neglect and fail to make said payments, notwithstanding many requests for payment from the Trustees or their agents; and

WHEREAS, the said lease and permit is secured by a bond under date of May 21st, 1928, from the said Asa E. Maige, as Principal, and the Maryland Casualty Company, as Surety; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Casualty Company through its agent, Mr. Charles H. Vogts of 510 Blount Building, Pensacola, Florida, has agreed to reimburse the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund in the above sum of \$195.00 now due by the said Asa E. Maige, to the said Trustees, on the condition that the said Trustees cancel the said lease and permit and release the said Maryland Casualty Company from further obligation under said bond; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the said above lease and permit from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to Asa E. Maige of the County of Leon, State of Florida, in consideration of the premises and under authority of the terms and provisions of said lease, be and the same is hereby cancelled as of this date, and the Secretary is directed to so advise the said Asa E. Maige.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon payment of the said amount of \$195.00 to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund by the Maryland Casualty Company that the said Maryland Casualty Company be released from all

liability and obligation under said bond, and that the Governor or a majority of the Trustees be authorized to execute such a release to the said Maryland Casualty Company and subrogate said Maryland Casualty Company in and to all rights, claims, actions, etc., that they have or might have against said Asa E. Maige arising out of the said lease and permit.

The following Release and Subrogation was ordered executed and delivered to Maryland Casualty Company upon receipt of \$195.00:

RELEASE AND SUBROGATION

BE IT KNOWN that on this 12th day of August, A. D. 1930, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and the State of Florida, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE & NO/100 DOLLARS (\$195.00) cash this day paid it, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged in full from the Maryland Casualty Company, hereby agree to release and do release and discharge the said Maryland Casualty Company from any and all liability that said Maryland Casualty Company has or may have by virtue of its certain indemnity bond of date May 21st, 1928, with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida as Obligee, and Asa E. Maige of the County of Leon, State of Florida, as Principal therein.

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred Ninety-five and No/100 Dollars (\$195.00) paid to the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as above described, said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida hereby agree to subrogate and do subrogate said Maryland Casualty Company in and to all rights, claims, actions, etc., that they have or might have against said Asa E. Maige arising out of the said contract, lease and permit entered into by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and Asa E. Maige, on the 24th day of July, A. D. 1928, whereby the said Asa E. Maige acquired lease for a certain consideration to mine, dredge and remove sand from the waters and bottoms of Ocklocknee River, adjacent and next to Lots 1 and 3, in Section 23, Township 1 North, Range 2

West, in Leon County, State of Florida, up to the sum of One Hundred Ninety-five and No/100 Dollars (\$195.00).

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller.

W. V. KNOTT,
Treasurer.

FRED H. DAVIS,
Attorney General.

NATHAN MAYO,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

As and constituting the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA, }
COUNTY OF LEON. }

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared Doyle E. Carlton, Governor of the State of Florida; Ernest Amos, Comptroller of said State; W. V. Knott, Treasurer of said State; Fred H. Davis, Attorney General of said State; and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture of said State, as and constituting the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, who being well known to me and known to be the persons therein described, acknowledged that they executed and signed the above and foregoing release and subrogation for the reasons and purposes therein contained, and that as such officers they are authorized so to do.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of August, A. D. 1930.

M. O. BARCO,
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.
My commission expires July 10, 1933.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ 1.39 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | .39 |
| Southern Telephone & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 4.25 |

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| H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla. | \$.40 |
| T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. | 9.00 |
| Tallahassee Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla.... | 1.00 |
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Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
August 19, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of August 12th, were presented and approved.

Mr. Paul H. Brinson, Attorney of St. Petersburg and Mr. Webb, Mayor of the town of Gulfport, came before the Trustees and made application to purchase certain submerged land adjacent to other city property for the town of Gulfport, to be used for public purposes only.

After discussion, and upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to sell the said land to the town of Gulfport for a consideration of \$10.00 per acre, plus cost of advertising, upon advertisement as required by law, the land to be deeded to the City for public purposes only. The proposition was accepted by Messrs. Brinson and Webb for the town of Gulfport, and the following advertisement was ordered placed in the Clearwater Sun & Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 19, 1930.

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Flor-

ida will hold a meeting at 10 o'Clock A. M., Tuesday, September 23rd, A. D. 1930, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged lands in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Beginning at a point where the West line of Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, intersects the Government Meander Line of Boca Ceiga Bay in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, the same being 3,861.0 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Section 33;

Thence South 595 feet;

Thence South 30 degrees 45' East 465.45 feet;

Thence South 79 degrees 43' East 274.41 feet;

Thence North 20 degrees 25' 30" East 873.95 feet;

Thence South 60 degrees 03' East 230.81 feet;

Thence North 68 degrees 58' East 391.06 feet;

Thence East 120 feet to the South east corner of Water Lot No. 6;

Thence North 80 degrees 47' 16" East 256.10 feet;

Thence North 00 degrees 32' East 285.56 feet to the Government Meander Line;

Thence West 20 feet on and along the Government Meander Line;

Thence South 00 degrees 32' West to the Southeast corner of Block "I" of Boca Ceiga Park Subdivision;

Thence West in a straight line a total distance of 918.6 feet as follows;

First, 353.6 feet along the South boundary of Block "I", then 100 feet across Davis Boulevard, then 205 feet along the South boundary of Block "J", then 60 feet across Sunset Avenue; then 200 feet along the South boundary of Block "K" to the Southwest corner of Block "K"; thence North 7,863 feet to the Government Meander Line; thence on and along the Government Meander Line in a Westerly course to the point of beginning, excepting and excluding Water Lots Nos. Four (4), Five (5), and Six (6), as shown on this plat. Said property containing, after the above exceptions, 19.85 acres, more or less; all lying and being in Section 33, Township 31 South,

Range 16 East, County of Pinellas, State of Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to the said sale may have an opportunity of presenting same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

By Order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Mr. W. Terry Gibson, Attorney for Lake Worth Inlet District, and Capt. A. S. Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Inlet Commissioners, came before the Trustees relative to proposition submitted by Mr. Gibson on August 5th. Mr. Anderson requested the Trustees to deed outright a certain strip of approximately Three (3) acres adjoining the Channel on the East side, South of the cut, omitting the reservation "for public purposes", as improvements contemplated by the Commissioners might not be considered for public purposes.

Upon consideration, Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees sell the said strip of approximately three acres, adjacent to the channel to Lake Worth Inlet Commissioners for a consideration of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per acre. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Capt. A. S. Anderson, representing Lake Worth Inlet Commissioners, brought up the question of possible sale of certain portions of land to be deeded to the Inlet Commissioners at a price of \$10.00 per acre, passed on by the Trustees August 5th, and stated that the Commissioners would like to be in position to make sale of this land if necessary and have it agreed with the Trustees to divide the net proceeds of sale.

No action was taken on this subject, the Trustees deciding that this question could be settled in the event of sale.

Capt. A. S. Anderson also presented a proposition to purchase from the Trustees a certain area in Lake Worth

to be developed into a yacht basin of about 500 x 1,000 feet, for the convenience of pleasure boats coming to West Palm Beach and Palm Beach, and also for an easement for control purposes of an area around the yacht basin, which additional area would contain about 30 or 35 acres; the said land to be deeded to the Lake Worth Inlet Commissioners under certain conditions. Mr. Anderson advised that they had resolutions from the City Commission of West Palm Beach and Chamber of Commerce, approving and endorsing the project.

Mr. Mayo moved that the matter be held over until the return of the two absent members, and in the meantime Capt. Anderson and Mr. Gibson furnish the Trustees with resolutions from the different civic organizations and women's clubs of the two towns in order that the Trustees may have the information before them when the proposition is considered. Seconded and upon vote adopted. Maps and plats, together with resolutions presented were filed with the Land Department.

The Land Department presented letter from A. B. and C. C. Small, attorneys for Dade County, requesting release of oil and mineral reservations on land on which 79th Street causeway is located.

The Trustees agreed to release the oil and mineral rights as above to Dade County without cost. Deed was ordered executed to the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County.

Mr. Elliot submitted telegram from Messrs. Robert G. Holgate and Vernon Price-Williams, requesting extension on quarterly payment due July 14, 1930, on oil lease to Pelican Oil Land Company.

Mr. Mayo moved that the extension be granted until September 1st, 1930. Motion seconded and adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented offer from Paddock & Motter, Inc., of West Palm Beach, to purchase 35 acres of land in Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 42 East, Palm Beach County, Certificates Nos. 3632 and 3633, sale of July 4, 1927, being held by the Trustees for non-payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes.

The matter was held in abeyance pending report from Mr. Elliot as to the location and value of the said land;

the amount bid—\$280.72—covering only the actual taxes, penalties and costs.

Mr. Elliot presented request from L. E. Heisler, right-of-way agent for Palm Beach County, for permission for the United States Engineers to deposit on State land spoil material dredged from Florida East Coast Canal.

The Trustees directed that permit be issued as requested, upon being approved by Mr. Elliot.

Mr. Elliot submitted letter from Mr. Morey Dunn, explaining why a certain stenographer was employed to take testimony in a land hearing held at West Palm Beach. The Trustees directed that the letter be acknowledged and filed.

Mr. Elliot presented letter addressed to Governor Carlton from Mr. Thos. J. Peters of Miami, requesting the Trustees to rent State land to farmers in the Everglades for a nominal rental of say twenty-five cents per acre per season. Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the matter was referred to Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Bayless reported that land in Palm Beach County included in exchange with Southern Sugar Company was conveyed to the Trustees in August, 1928, by the said company, and in 1929 the land was assessed for two year's taxes, 1928 taxes having been omitted. Mr. Bayless requested to be advised if the Trustees desired Counsel to file claim with the Receiver of Southern Sugar Company for the amount of 1928 taxes.

After discussion, it was decided that Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, take the matter up with Mr. J. L. Doggett, Attorney for Southern Sugar Company, with a view to collecting the taxes and upon failure claim to be filed with the Receiver.

Mr. Bayless advised that letter had been received from Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of Miami, requesting the Trustees to reconsider his application for credit on his Park View property, and, if allowed, he desired the credit applied on rental of land around Lake Okeechobee.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined to reconsider granting credit and directed that the

rental of lake bottom land be referred to Mr. Richardson to be taken up with Mr. Horobin.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
August 26, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. George and Mr. Moore, representing Lake Jackson Sand Company of Tallahassee, Florida, appeared before the Trustees relative securing sand lease in Ochlocknee River.

Upon a discussion of the proposed lease it was agreed that, because of the limited operations of the above Company a minimum monthly Royalty of \$10.00 be charged, with additional payment of 5 cents per cubic yard for all sand taken in excess of \$10.00 value at the 5 cents rate. Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, was instructed to prepare lease upon being furnished with information relative location from which sand would be taken, proper bond to be furnished by applicants.

Judge Walsh of Miami, together with his client Dr. Joseph H. Adams and Engineer Thomas, appeared before the Board in reference to purchasing submerged lands in Biscayne Bay. Judge Walsh explained that Dr. Adams was now the owner of a certain tract in Biscayne Bay, Section 9, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, recently purchased by Mr. F. C. B. LeGro from the Trustees; that Dr. Adams wished to purchase an additional tract of approximately 50 acres adjoining for the purpose of erecting a solarium or sun ray institution.

Dr. Adams set forth in detail the use to which the lands,

when filled would be put; that there would be erected substantial and attractive buildings which would be an asset to that locality as well as serving as a health institution. He suggested that account of the philanthropic purpose the Trustees might feel justified in naming a price that might not be justified were it a matter of private gain. A price of \$50.00 was suggested as being the maximum which Dr. Adams would pay for the tract.

Mr. Amos inquired if a quit claim deed from the Trustees would be satisfactory, to which Dr. Adams replied that he desired all the coverage possible; that since he anticipated an expenditure of not less than a million dollars during the first year, he would not be justified in making such expenditure except on condition that a satisfactory title might be secured, and desired warranty deed.

Mr. Davis suggested that a clause be inserted in deed, in case of sale, that the land so sold be used only for the purposes of the solarium, all as set forth by Dr. Adams which was agreed to by the applicant.

After a discussion it was agreed to take the matter under advisement and defer action for a full meeting of the Board, the Trustees to make a reservation in favor of Dr. Adams in order that land would not be sold to others. Special Counsel of the Trustees was directed to investigate the validity of the rights of the Trustees to the land in question, and report his findings.

Dr. Adams suggested that he appear again before the Trustees on September 8th, at which time a full membership of the Board was expected to be present. Which met with the Board's approval.

The Secretary presented request from Mr. Vernon Price-Williams of Miami for addition of clause to an oil lease in his favor, dated July 30th, 1929, said clause being as follows:

"It is understood and agreed that Lessee has the right to use seismograph, torsion balance and other methods for testing for oil, gas or sulphur.

It is understood and agreed that Lessee shall have the right to mine and produce sulphur and the royalty shall be fifty cents per ton for all sulphur mined and produced".

Which was agreed to by the Trustees.

Also, Mr. Price-Williams requested that the Trustees extend time of payment on above lease until October 1st, which was agreed to, but is to be considered as final extension.

Mr. T. G. Futch of Leesburg, Florida, appeared before the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on behalf of his client, the Lake Griffin Pulp and Paper Corporation, relative a certain proposed saw grass lease on State lands, consummation of which lease had been pending since February 23, 1930.

A discussion was had of certain changes and additions desired by the corporation to the form that had been previously prepared. Mr. Futch stated that he had discussed these changes with Mr. Elliot and both were in agreement as to certain modifications which he wished to present to the Trustees for their consideration. To the draft of lease as previously prepared the Company desired a clause added making the same exclusive for a period of three years, and, conditioned upon the Company carrying out all of the things provided to be done by them as set forth in the lease, an additional period of seven years was to be granted. The seven years additional period to be conditioned specifically upon the erection of a mill or mills of not less than fifty ton daily pulp capacity and a continuous operation of such mill or mills. Also, that in the event of sale of any land subject to the lease under selection approved by the Trustees, that such sale be subject to the lease in order that the lessee might be protected in the securing of saw grass from any areas which may be sold.

Upon a discussion of the suggested modifications, the Trustees agreed to redraft the lease to embody the same.

Mr. Elliot stated, that in accordance with instruction from the Trustees at a previous meeting, he had written the Serviced Laboratories of Chicago, objectors to issuance of above lease, requesting information as to proposed operations by their company, but that he had received no reply to his letter; that no specific objections had ever been raised to the issuance of the lease by the above company, but that such objections had been presented in a general and vague way.

Mr. Davis moved the conditions of lease to Lake Griffin Pulp and Paper Corporation as discussed be tentatively agreed upon, subject to approval of Governor Carlton and

Mr. Knott, who were not present. Seconded by Mr. Amos and agreed to by Mr. Mayo. Mr. Futch stated he had the day before taken up with Mr. Knott the conditions of the proposed lease, and Mr. Knott expressed himself in agreement with such conditions, provided they met with the approval of the other members.

The Trustees directed that following the usual practice, the lease be drawn and forwarded to Lake Griffin Pulp and Paper Corporation for execution in duplicate and for furnishing bond; that the lease when executed by the Corporation, together with bond, be returned to the Trustees for final acceptance and execution by them.

Upon motion duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned for lunch, business to be resumed at 3:00 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Secretary presented a letter from Mr. Fred E. Fenno, Clerk of Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, relative to status of lands held under Everglades Drainage District tax certificates by the Trustees, and the policy to be followed where State and County tax certificates were held by an individual and such individual desired to also purchase Everglades Drainage District tax certificates covering the same lands.

A discussion was had as to relative values of tax certificates and to what extent they should be recognized as a claim against lands, title to which had vested in the Trustees account of non-payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes.

Mr. Davis moved that the Trustees recognize State and County tax certificates, and that holder of such certificates be entitled to cancellation of Everglades Drainage District tax certificates upon payment of all costs accruing thereon. Seconded by Mr. Amos and unanimously adopted. Mr. McIntosh, Counsel for Trustees, was instructed to prepare a RESOLUTION covering the above, copy to be forwarded to each Tax Collector of counties having lands within Everglades Drainage District.

Mr. Elliot presented application of Paddock and Motter of West Palm Beach to purchase from the Trustees approximately 35 acres held under tax certificates, said lands being in Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 42 East.

A price of \$280.72 was offered, being amount necessary for redemption of Everglades Drainage District tax certificates. Mr. Elliot explained that account of the location of the above lands, they were many times more valuable than the price offered, and recommended that the bid be not accepted. A discussion followed, whereupon it was moved by Mr. Davis that the lands be not sold to Paddock and Motter for the price offered, but that they be advertised for sale to the highest bidder. Seconded and adopted. Mr. Elliot was instructed to prepare advertisement and have it inserted in a newspaper, all in accordance with the practice of the Trustees under similar conditions.

Requests from C. S. Moore and L. I. Maloy, both of Pahokee, Florida, were presented, asking that Trustees sign waivers releasing their crops from mortgage in order that these parties might secure a loan from the Federal Government. Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent for Trustees, stated that on former occasions when the Trustees had so released crops and permitted first claim to be assigned to the Federal Government, the Trustees had been unable to collect anything whatever as rental on their lands, and it would, therefore, appear as unfair to the Trustees to further permit this practice to continue. Upon a discussion of the matter, Mr. Davis moved that no more waivers be signed by the Trustees because the Trustees through this procedure receive no revenue from leased lands. Seconded and unanimously adopted.

The Secretary presented a letter from Waldo E. Sexton and C. D. S. Clarkson on behalf of F. S. Ruth, New York City, making application to purchase the following lands in or bordering Indian River, being in Section 35, Township 31 South, Range 39 East:

Tracts 24, 25, 26 and 27 as shown on blue print forwarded by them, and Lots 6 and 7, totaling approximately 471.97 Acres.

Offer was made of \$25.00 per acre, being price paid formerly by Mr. Ruth for similar lands, one-fourth cash balance in 1, 2 and 3 years, with interest at 6%.

Mr. Elliot stated that he had written to the above parties inquiring as to owner of land adjacent to tract 24. That the State had filed swamp land selections recently covering Lots 6 and 7, but that until patent shall have been

issued to the Trustees by the Federal Government the Trustees cannot issue deed to cover. That inquiry was made if Mr. Ruth would care to enter into a contract to purchase if and when fee simple title vests in the Trustees. Mr. Elliot further stated that he had received reply to his letter stating Mr. Ruth was the upland owner of all tracts for which application had been made to purchase and that he would be glad to consider entering into contract for purchasing Lots 6 and 7 when patent shall have been issued thereto.

After a discussion it was agreed that Tracts 24, 25, 26 and 27 should be advertised for objections; that the Trustees would enter into contract for the sale of Lots 6 and 7 upon payment of one-fourth cash, deed to be prepared upon issuing of Patent by the Federal Government. In case Patent is not issued, deposit made on Lots 6 and 7 to be returned to Mr. Ruth. Mr. Elliot was instructed to advise Mr. Sexton and Mr. Clarkson of the Trustees' action in the premises.

Letter from Mr. R. G. Johnson of Pahokee, Florida, was presented relative certain land transactions had by himself and Mr. G. W. Bingham with the Trustees. Mr. Johnson desired to make an adjustment in order to clear up to some extent the existing indebtedness to the Trustees. Mr. Davis moved that the matter be deferred for final action pending a full Board meeting, which was agreed to.

Letter of August 22nd from Mr. Francis S. Whitten, President, Islands Incorporated, Miami, was presented, relative purchase of Islands 2 and 3 in Lake Worth, the same to apply on credit of Mr. Whitten with the Trustees. It was decided that the matter should be taken up when full membership was present, and action was deferred until such time.

Letter of August 11th from Mr. Francis S. Whitten of Miami was presented in which request was made for extension of boundaries of lease in connection with Key West locality, such extension to be to approximately the 12 foot contour around the Keys. Mr. Whitten stated he desired to sink his first well in or near Key West. A discussion followed, it being expressed that such a lease would probably lead to serious objections from residents

of the Keys. Mr. Davis moved that extension of boundaries of lease be not granted. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and agreed to by Mr. Amos.

Mr. Richardson presented letter from Mr. N. R. Boniske of General Industries, Incorporated, relative extension of time in taking up oil and gas lease on a certain tract of approximately 20,000 acres formerly selected by him. It appears to have been Mr. Boniske's understanding that he had three months in which to execute lease on the above, which three months would expire September 1st, 1930. Mr. Mayo moved that an extension of 30 days, or until October 1st, be granted Mr. Boniske for executing the above lease, which was seconded and adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. L. J. Ullian, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for extension of time in which to make payment on his oil and gas lease. An agreement had been entered into between the Trustees and Mr. Ullian that on November 1st the first payment of approximately \$6,000.00 would be made for the lease of approximately 25,000 acres for oil and gas purposes. Mr. Ullian requested extension of time of payment until March 1st, 1931. Mr. Elliot stated that Mr. Ullian had made no payment whatsoever to date on lease. Upon a discussion, it was agreed that extension would be made until March 1st for payment of one-half of the amount agreed upon, but conditioned upon payment of the other half on November 1st. Mr. Elliot was instructed to so advise Mr. Ullian.

Upon motion by Mr. Mayo, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 29, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. R. G. Johnson of Pahokee, Florida, appeared before the Trustees in reference to certain land transactions in the Everglades in which he was interested. Mr. Johnson requested the Trustees to permit him to deed back to them 3,840 acres of land in Township 53 South, Range 37 East, for which he had made partial payment amounting to \$20,000.00, Mr. Johnson agreeing to pay all taxes on the lands down to date of reconveyance, and that the Trustees permit him to apply the \$20,000 as payment against other lands which he had purchased.

After discussion of the subject the Trustees were of the opinion that since there are a large number of land purchases for which they hold mortgages now delinquent in payment of part principal and interest, that they should ascertain whether or not they would be able to carry out the same kind of arrangements with any and all others similarly situated who might make application to the Trustees for so doing. If such could be carried out, the Trustees were of the opinion that the conditions should be substantially as follows:

FIRST: That on the land to be reconveyed to the Trustees on which credit is to be allowed, the person in whose name the same was purchased, or the present holder, should pay up all back taxes and liens of every description against land so to be reconveyed; that such payment of taxes should not be out of the sum paid to the Trustees on account of the purchase.

SECOND: That all lands to which such credit is to be applied shall be lands heretofore purchased by the same party from the Trustees; that upon such land the holder shall pay up to date all back taxes of every nature whatsoever; that when such shall have been done, the Trustees will apply the credit in the following order:

- (a) To the payment of all interest on principal and interest on interest to date.
- (b) Any residue remaining after the above to be applied to the payment of principal.

In the event the payment of interest and principal does not absorb all of the credit due, the Trustees will in no case make refund in cash, but will either, first: accept only so much land to be redeeded as may be necessary to clear the account of other lands, or second: permit party to the transaction to select other lands at prices agreed upon till such surplus is absorbed: that the price at which the lands

were sold shall prevail in all arrangements entered into as above.

The Trustees directed that all cases be investigated and a report submitted to them in reference to what could be done along the general line above described.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.

August 30, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Messrs. C. E. Harris and F. P. Lyons, of Tampa, Florida, appeared before the Trustees relative securing lands for oil and gas purposes in Old Tampa Bay.

Mr. Lyons stated that they were now drilling a well in that locality that gave promise of developing oil and submitted samples as evidence of their findings. He stated that Mr. Harris owned lands in Section 29, Township 29 South, Range 18 East, having a frontage on Tampa Bay of approximately 1,000 feet; that it was their desire to purchase at a nominal sum a considerable area in the bay in order that their oil rights might be secured thereto.

Upon a discussion of the subject the Trustees agreed as follows:

To grant an option at the rate of \$1.00 per acre for a term of one year on the lands, or shallow bottoms, fronting Mr. Harris' holdings out to the 3 foot contour, that should Mr. Harris desire to purchase the bottoms within the option period, a price of \$100.00 per acre would be made, one-fourth cash, balance in one, two and three years, with interest at 6%; That an oil lease would be granted at the rate of 5 cents per acre per annum on the

bay bottoms to the 10 foot contour over an area extending from the corners of the tract under option, in all directions not interfering with rights of other land owners.

The Trustees explained to Mr. Harris and Mr. Lyons that option as above is granted because of the existence of a well already drilled by them and because of their intention to actively proceed with the location of oil; that the Trustees feel it is justified to encourage the finding of oil in Florida.

Mr. Elliot was instructed to confer with Mr. Harris and Mr. Lyons relative location and extent of boundaries covering the above option and lease, and make any arrangements necessary for the consummation of the transaction.

Upon motion duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
September 3rd, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of Trustees meetings of August 26th, 29th and 30th were presented by the Secretary, and upon motion of the Governor, approved.

The Secretary presented letter from Whitfield, Beckett, Wright & Whitfield, Attorneys of Orlando, Florida, in which it was set forth that a client of theirs desired to secure a lease for the purpose of prospecting for minerals on State lands, and requesting information as to procedure in the premises. Information was also requested as to amount per ton required to be paid to the Trustees for minerals that might be found and removed.

Upon a discussion of the matter, it was suggested that the values of minerals be investigated and some definite policy adopted by the Trustees as to prices therefor, which

prices would vary according to the value of the minerals mined. Mr. Elliot was directed to prepare a report to be submitted to the Trustees on this subject and to advise Messrs. Whitfield, Beckett, Wright and Whitfield that action was withheld pending such report.

The Secretary presented application of Fred T. Sumner of St. Petersburg for oil and gas lease on 100,000 acres of Gulf shore bottoms north of Hog Island, for which he offered 1 cent per acre per annum.

Account of the great size of the tract desired and the small price offered therefor, the Trustees declined to grant the lease and the Secretary was instructed to so advise Mr. Sumner.

The Secretary presented application from Judge Rivers H. Buford on behalf of Suwannee Petroleum Corporation of Levy County, Florida, for oil and gas lease on an area described in his letter of September 1st, extending northward, southward and eastward along the shore line from Cedar Keys, containing approximately 62,000 acres.

A discussion followed in which it was stated that Suwannee Petroleum Corporation is at the present time drilling an oil well in the Cedar Keys locality; that account of such well being in process of active development at this time, the lease be granted under the usual conditions and subject to the price per acre heretofore paid for similar lands; that the existing well be accepted as one of the wells required to be drilled under the standard form of lease.

Mr. Elliot was instructed to prepare oil and gas lease for approval and execution by the Trustees.

Secretary Elliot presented application of John Watson for oil and gas lease on a certain tract of submerged lands in Tampa Bay. It was stated that the price of lease on lands of this character has been heretofore at the rate of 5 cents per acre per annum.

Upon discussion, it was deemed advisable to withhold issuing additional oil and gas leases on Tampa Bay Bottoms until further action by the Trustees.

Special Counsel for the Trustees presented opinion relative authority of the Trustees to sell certain types of land, which opinion was accepted by the Trustees and ordered filed.

The above opinion was requested account of application of Judge W. E. Walsh on behalf of his client Dr. Joseph H. Adams, both of Miami, to purchase a certain submerged tract of land in Biscayne Bay.

Mr. Elliot was instructed to transmit to Judge Walsh copy of Mr. McIntosh's opinion with suggestion that his client have investigation made as to character of the land in question and submit to the Trustees proper proof on which sale might be based.

Mr. Bayless of the Land Department presented letter from Mr. R. D. Robinson relative Trustees Entries Numbers 18041 and 18043 in which request was made for extension of one year on said entries. Mr. Bayless stated that Mr. Robinson had made payment of interest in the amount of \$105.12, which is payment of interest for one year.

Extension of time was granted as requested.

The Trustees instructed the Land Department to ascertain from Mr. James H. Bright the total amount of improvements put on tract 17, Section 30, in Township 50 South, Range 41 East. Mr. Bright reported that the improvements would amount to approximately \$525.00, but in addition to this he had received a tax deed covering State and County taxes which cost \$165.07 and tax deed covering Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District taxes in the neighborhood of \$100.00. Also tax deed covering Everglades Drainage District taxes which cost him \$269.00. If the Trustees were willing to refund to Mr. Bright the amounts paid out, he would be willing to relinquish his rights. The Trustees after considering the matter, decided to hold the same in abeyance and let the mortgage which they hold against the said lands remain in force.

The Trustees also authorized the cancellation of Trustees Check No. 8186 in the amount of \$165.07 which was issued on June 18th to redeem certificate No. 185 covering state and county taxes on the above tract, as tax deed had been issued before check was received by Clerk of the Circuit Court of Broward County.

The Trustees authorized the payment of South Hastings Drainage District taxes on Trustees lands in the amount of \$74.11, covering the years 1926 and 1929 on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$

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| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ 483.02 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 4,437.78 |
| Central Farmers Tr. Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 7,506.72 |
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| | \$ 67,977.40 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date 1930 | Check No. | In favor of: | Amount |
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| Aug. 9, | 8239 | Dickens & Shirey (refund cash bond) | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 12, | 8240 | Western Union Telegraph Co. | 1.39 |
| | 8241 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. .. | .39 |
| | 8242 | Southern Telephone & Con- struction Co. | 4.25 |
| | 8243 | The H. & W. B. Drew Co. .. | .40 |
| | 8244 | T. J. Appleyard, Inc. | 9.00 |
| | 8245 | Tallahassee Office Supply Co. | 1.00 |
| 30, | 8246 | F. C. Elliot | 325.00 |
| | 8247 | A. R. Richardson | 333.34 |
| | 8248 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 8249 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 8250 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | 8251 | R. W. Ervin | 233.34 |
| | 8252 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 8253 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 8254 | H. L. Shearer | 50.00 |
| | 8255 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 8256 | B. C. Whitfield | 50.00 |
| | 8257 | F. P. Jackson | 175.00 |
| | 8258 | L. M. Ausley | 175.00 |
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| | | | \$ 3,358.94 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.

September 9, 1930

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The Minutes of the Trustees of September 3rd, 1930 were presented and approved.

Mr. Elliot presented draft of proposed resolution with reference to redemption of certificates held by the Trustees and issuance of deeds. After discussion the matter was held over for final action.

Mr. Elliot presented telegram from Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, recommending a schedule of rentals for certain lands as follows:

Township 55 South, Ranges 38 and 39 East—\$6.00 an acre.

Township 58 South, Ranges 36 and 37 East—\$5.00 an acre.

Township 58 South, Range 35 East—\$4.00 an acre.

Township 52 South, Range 32 East—\$6.00 an acre, and \$20.00 an acre for land near the Lake South of Township 42.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees approved the schedule as above and requested Mr. Elliot to wire Mr. Richardson of such action and authorize rentals on such basis.

The Trustees having on May 6th, 1930 agreed to advertise for objections and highest bid submerged land in Santa Rosa County, upon application of Messrs. Kennedy and Trueman, the following advertisement was ordered placed in the Milton Gazette:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 9, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, October 14th, 1930,

at Tallahassee, to receive competitive bids for the following described submerged land in SANTA ROSA County, Florida:

All those submerged lands owned by the State of Florida where the depth of water is not more than three (3) feet, lying in Santa Rosa County, Florida;

One tract known as Wrights or Magnolia Basin, in Section 36 of Township 2 North, Range 28 West, containing approximately 160 acres;

The other Tract known as Marquis Basin, in Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 28 West, containing approximately 60 acres.

Both Tracts lie near the City of Milton, Florida.

More specific description to be furnished with deed.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to the said sale may have an opportunity to present same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

TERMS: Cash, or One-fourth cash and balance in one, two and three years, with 6 per cent interest on deferred payments.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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| The following bills were approved and ordered paid: | |
| Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. West Palm Beach, Fla. . | \$ 546.00 |
| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. West Palm Beach, Fla. . | 1.75 |
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| | \$ 547.75 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
September 16, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Minutes of the Trustees of September 9th were presented and approved.

Judge W. E. Walsh, Dr. Joseph H. Adams and Engineer Thomas of Miami came before the Trustees relative to application presented to the Board August 26th, 1930, for the purchase by Dr. Adams of certain submerged land in Biscayne Bay in Section 9, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, containing 41 acres, more or less, with an offer of \$50.00 per acre cash.

Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, having been requested to investigate and report the status of the Trustees rights in the land, made his report on September 4th, copy of which report was forwarded to Judge Walsh.

Dr. Adams again stated that he desired to secure the land on which he intended constructing a Solarium or Heliorium and would furnish the Trustees with a letter agreeing to use the land for the above purpose; also that he would risk the purchase of the land and accept title which the Trustees are authorized to convey to him. Judge Walsh asked if the title to be conveyed would be a deed of grant, bargain and sale, and was advised that in case of sale deed of that kind would be issued to Dr. Adams.

Upon consideration, it was moved, seconded and carried that the Trustees advertise the land for objections upon the bid of Dr. Adams of \$50.00 per acre cash, and the following Notice was ordered published in a newspaper in Miami, Dade County, Florida:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 16, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, October 21st, 1930, at Tallahassee to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in DADE County, Florida:

The parcel of submerged lands in Biscayne Bay situated in the South One-half ($S\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Nine (9), Township Fifty-three (53) South, Range Forty-two (42) East, Dade County, Florida, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the one-half mile post on the West line of Section Nine (9), Township Fifty-three (53) South, Range Forty-two (42) East, Dade County, Florida, running North Eighty-eight (88) degrees forty-one (41) minutes, and twenty-four (24) seconds East, fifteen hundred and sixty (1560) feet to a point on the center line of the seventy-ninth (79) street causeway on Island "C".

Thence South One (1) degree, thirty seven (37) minutes, eight (8) seconds East, a distance of six hundred sixty-five (665) feet to the point or place of beginning of the tract herein described.

Thence North One (1) degree, thirty-seven (37) minutes, eight (8) seconds West, a distance of twenty-one hundred seventy-six (2176) feet;

Thence South One (1) degree, thirty-seven (37) minutes, eight (8) seconds East, one thousand twenty (1020) feet;

Thence Westerly parallel to the North boundary of the tract herein described twenty-one hundred seventy-six (2176) feet.

Thence Northerly parallel to the East boundary of the tract herein described one thousand twenty (1020) feet to the point or place of beginning.

Containing Forty-one (41) acres, more or less.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity of presenting same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Judge Walsh stated that Dr. Adams desired to secure the Oil and Gas rights to the land to be purchased, and also wanted permit to dredge adjoining bay bottoms for material for fill purposes.

The Trustees agreed to release the oil and gas rights to Dr. Adams upon payment of Fifty (50) Cents per acre when sale is consummated.

Judge Walsh made application for permit to be issued to Dr. Adams to dredge fill material from bay bottoms surrounding land described in above notice, for a term of three years.

The Trustees agreed to grant permit for taking material for fill purposes when final sale is made.

Mr. Elliot reported that four packages of Everglades Drainage District Bonds, maturing July 1st, 1930, paid by Chase National Bank of New York City, had been received by him and delivered to the State Treasurer for safe-keeping until payment of the \$300,000.00 loan is made by the Drainage Board to the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from J. P. Conrad, Treasurer of Southern Drainage District, requesting the Trustees to reconsider action taken refusing to pay taxes on land in Hiatus between Townships 54 and 55 South, Ranges 37 and 38 East.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, action was withheld for a full board meeting.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. W. T. Gibson, relative to sale of submerged land in Lake Worth to the Lake Worth Inlet District.

The Trustees having previously requested the Inlet Commission to furnish resolutions from the different Civic Organizations of Palm Beach and West Palm Beach recommending the project, and such resolutions having been received, Mr. Davis moved that the Land be advertised for objections. Motion seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Mayo moved that the advertisement be published in all newspapers of West Palm Beach and also in a Lake Worth paper in order that due notice can be given to all residents of that section. Seconded and upon vote adopted,

Mr. Elliot presented requests from Mr. Francis S. Whit-

ten of Miami for modification of oil and gas leases granted him.

It was ordered that these matters be held over for a full Board Meeting.

The Land Department presented letter from Lake Port settlers requesting the Trustees to deed lands applied for by them according to the old Map, as they are not in position to have new survey made at this time. The matter was held for a full board meeting.

Mr. Elliot submitted application of Mr. James Ball on behalf of C. E. Thomas, to lease for a term of Five (5) years certain land on the East side of the Miami Canal, measuring Sixty (60) feet North and South by approximately Thirty (30) feet East and West, to be used for a Packing House site and offering \$50.00 per annum as rental.

Mr. Davis moved that the matter be looked into and if no conflict with other leases or permits that the request of Mr. Ball be granted. Seconded and upon vote adopted. Mr. Elliot was requested to look into the matter.

Mr. Elliot presented application from Gulf Tidewater Oil Company of St. Petersburg, represented by J. S. Shallcross and Walter P. Fuller, for oil lease on submerged lands in Sarasota Bay in Manatee County; Lake Butler and Boca Ceiga Bay in Pinellas County.

Action on the above application was deferred for a full board meeting.

Mr. Elliot brought up the subject of having an examination made of the Acts of the Legislature authorizing the Trustees to sell lands, mineral rights, timber, sand, shell and various other things in connection with State lands, with a view to simplifying the laws.

The Trustees requested Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, to look into the matter and make recommendations.

Mr. Bayless, Land Clerk, presented letter from the City of New Smyrna, requesting Ninety (90) days extension on the \$1,585.00 note due the Trustees September 20th, 1930.

The Trustees agreed to grant the extension and Mr. Bayless was directed to so advise the City of New Smyrna.

The Land Department presented Swamp Indemnity Script Certificate for 743 acres and requested to be advised if the Trustees desired the script advertised for highest bid as has been the policy heretofore.

Mr. Davis moved that the matter be investigated as to whether or not it would be more advantageous for the State to apply the script toward the selection of lands on account of the State or to dispose of the same by sale. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Land Clerk presented letter from International Fruit Co., applying for lease with option to purchase land in Section 22, Township 55 South, Range 38 East—Dade County.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to advise the said Company that the land could be rented for \$6.00 an acre for the land in actual cultivation, but that the Trustees do not grant options on State land; that the matter of purchase should be taken up with the Trustees as a separate transaction.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented letter from Mr. Thos. J. Peters, requesting the Trustees to reduce rental rates passed on September 9th and fix the price Twenty-five (25) Cents an acre.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees agreed to stand by action of the 9th. Mr. Richardson was directed to arrange payments of one-fifth down and balance when crop is made; also authorized to change the rental price where it is found the price is not in line with rates of individual owners of adjacent land.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, reported that a number of negroes had made application to rent land in Section 19, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, in 5 acre tracts and asked for 30 days time to make the first payment on the rent.

Upon consideration the Trustees agreed to rent the above land at the rate of \$15.00 per acre and allow applicants 30 days within which to make the first payment of \$5.00 per acre.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid.

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| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ 1.17 |
| Southern Telephone & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Florida. | 4.25 |
| Everglades Drainage District, Tallahassee, Fla. | 166.71 |
| Vero Beach Press Journal, Vero Beach, Fla. . . . | 94.50 |
| A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. | 277.11 |
| Chas. H. Gordon, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. | 98.00 |
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| | \$ 641.74 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
September 18, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid.

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| Mrs. T. D. Hux, Okeechobee, Fla. (Refund) . . . | \$ 1,125.00 |
| E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C., Miami, Fla. | 756.75 |
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| | \$ 1,881.75 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
September 23, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees for September 16, 1930, were presented and approved.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date submerged land in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, applied for by the town of Gulfport, and no objections having been filed, sale was made to the Town of Gulfport, Florida, at a price of \$10.00 per acre, plus cost of advertising; the land to be used for public purposes only. The Land Department was requested to issue deed.

Mr. Elliot reported that description furnished the Trustees of land applied for by Dr. Joseph H. Adams of Miami, was incorrect and that advertisement sent to the Miami Herald September 16th had been recalled.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees directed that the correct advertisement as follows be forwarded to the newspaper for publication:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 23, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'Clock A. M., Tuesday, October 28th, 1930, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in DADE County, Florida:

The parcel of submerged lands in Biscayne Bay situated in the South one-half ($S\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Nine (9) Township Fifty-three (53) South, Range Forty-two (42) East, Dade County, Florida, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the one-half mile post on the West line of Section Nine (9), Township Fifty-three (53) South, Range Forty-two (42) East, Dade County, Florida; run North Eighty-eight (88) degrees, Forty-one (41) minutes, and Twenty-four (24) seconds East, fifteen hundred and sixty (1560) feet to a point on the center line of the Seventy-ninth (79th) street causeway on Island "C";

Thence South One (1) degree, Thirty-seven (37) minutes, Eight (8) seconds East a distance

of Six Hundred Sixty-five (665) feet to the point or place of beginning of the tract herein described;

Thence North Eighty-eight (88) degrees, Forty-one (41) minutes, Twenty-four (24) seconds East, a distance of Twenty-one hundred Seventy-six (2176) feet;

Thence South one (1) degree, Thirty-seven (37) minutes, Eight (8) seconds East, One Thousand Twenty (1020) feet;

Thence Westerly parallel to the North boundary of the tract herein described Twenty-one Hundred Seventy-six (2176) feet;

Thence Northerly parallel to the East boundary of the tract herein described One Thousand Twenty (1020) feet to the point or place of beginning.

Containing Fifty-one (51) acres, more or less.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity of preventing same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, reported that Mr. Ben Shepard of Miami had been notified of payments due on Oil Lease and that final notice of Thirty days' was mailed him August 7th, 1930, but no reply or check has been received.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees requested Mr. Richardson to send Mr. Shepard final notice under registered mail, giving thirty days in which to make payment or lease will be cancelled.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, reported that Mr. S. V. M. Ray, who holds Oil Lease from the Trustees and made annual payment in advance, has requested extension of Six months for drilling first well.

Mr. Mayo moved that the extension of six months be granted Mr. Ray for commencement for first well under the lease.

Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, reported that a sand and shell lease was issued to F. S. Parcell May 1, 1925, under the firm name of Alafia Sand & Shell Company and said lease was taken over in September, 1926, by Hillsboro Sand & Shell Company without assignment or notice; that the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, bondsmen for said Alafia Sand & Shell Company, has requested cancellation of the bond and relief from further liability.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was ordered that the U. S. Fidelity & Guarantee Company of Baltimore, Maryland, surety on the bond of F. S. Parcell of Hillsborough County, Florida, doing business under the firm name of Alafia Sand & Shell Company under date of May 1, 1925, be and they are hereby relieved of any future liability on said bond.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, reported that Asa E. Maige, whose sand lease has been cancelled and his bondsmen made payment for amounts due by him, has put his machinery back in the Ocklockonee River and is taking sand without permit from the Trustees; also that D. W. Redd and Wright Smith are operating in the same river without permit.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees authorized Mr. McIntosh to notify the above parties to discontinue taking sand without permit, and upon refusal to do so, to start injunction proceedings against them.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, reported that summons had been served on the Trustees and the State Board of Education in a suit of Miami Corporation vs. Coral Gables, et al., which included the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education, with reference to certain sovereignty lands in Biscayne Bay.

The Trustees directed Mr. McIntosh to take the necessary steps to protect the rights of the Trustees in the matter.

Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, reported that check had been received for amounts due by Capital City Sand & Gravel

Company, but Hillsboro Sand & Shell Company had not remitted; that his information is that Capital City Sand & Gravel Company are discontinuing operations at Chatahoochee, but Hillsboro Sand & Shell Company are continuing their operations without permit.

Mr. Mayo moved that Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Richardson go down and make an investigation of conditions and ascertain what steps should be taken. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot stated that following instructions of the Trustees of recent date, transfer had been made of expenses of the Tax Department which were chargeable to the Drainage District and hereafter would be paid by Everglades Drainage District.

Mr. Mayo moved that the local members of the Drainage Board be notified of this action and their approval requested; also that they be advised of expenses heretofore taken care of by the Trustees for Everglades Drainage District and for which the Trustees will render the District a statement.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ 325.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent | 333.34 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Chief Land Clerk | 300.00 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| Hattie Bell, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| L. M. Ausley, Extra Help | 175.00 |
| Robert Wynn, Janitor | 40.00 |
| DeLand Publishing Co., DeLand, Fla. | 16.50 |
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| | \$1,890.67 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 30, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The Minutes of the Trustees of September 23rd, 1930, presented and approved.

Mr. Elliot again presented application of Messrs. Shallcross and Fuller of the Gulf Tidewater Oil Company of St. Petersburg for oil lease covering lands in Sarasota Bay in Manatee County, and Boca Ceiga Bay in Pinellas County.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Knott and adopted, the Trustees agreed to issue oil lease to Gulf Tidewater Oil Company upon the usual terms and conditions.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to Minutes of August 26th, he advised W. E. Sexton and C. D. S. Clarkson that the Trustees would advertise for objections Tracts 24, 25, 26 and 27 in Section 35, Township 31 South, Range 39 East, in the Indian River, and would also enter into contract with them for the sale of Lots 6 and 7 when patented to the State by the Government upon payment of one-fourth the purchase price, which price is \$25.00 per acre, or in case the land is not patented to the State the Trustees will refund the payment made; that he had received a letter from Mr. Sexton requesting that the four tracts above be advertised for objections and that contract be drawn for the proposed sale of Lots 6 and 7.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees directed that advertisement be published and the proper contract prepared for execution.

Mr. Elliot submitted to the Trustees certain suggestions in connection with the matter of credits and taxes and expenses incident to re-conveyance of land to the Trustees.

Upon a discussion of the matter Mr. Davis moved that the suggestions of Mr. Elliot be approved by the members present and that he be requested to prepare a resolution incorporating such suggestions for presentation to the full membership. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Mr. R. G. Johnson of West Palm Beach appeared before the Trustees in reference to certain land transactions, but stated that he understood the resolution proposed to be adopted would cover the subject he wished to discuss and he would not present same at this time, but would await action on the resolution.

Mr. Ben Shepard of Miami appeared before the Trustees on behalf of Ocean Beach Realty Company and submitted that the said Company had purchased, through succession of title from the State, 186.32 acres of submerged land in Section 4, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, but had actually never received but $27\frac{1}{2}$ acres in one tract and 11 acres in another parcel; that there has been several land sales in that area and that the only land that can be located of the original 186.32 acres purchased by Ocean Beach Realty Company are the two tracts above mentioned.

Mr. Shepard requested the Trustees to quit-claim to his company certain areas, in view of the fact that they have not been able to get possession of the land, in consideration for which quit-claim Ocean Beach Realty Company will quit-claim to the Trustees all Fractional Section 4, except the portions enumerated above as containing 27 acres and 11 acres.

Upon motion of Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Davis and adopted, the matter was referred to Mr. McIntosh, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Bayless to make investigation and report to the Trustees as soon as possible.

Mr. Robert W. Williams of Tallahassee and Mr. R. M. Rutherford of the United States Department of Agriculture, came before the Trustees relative to selection of State lands on which to establish a game reserve for the protection of bird and game life in this section of Florida, and made application to purchase 840 acres of State land in Wakulla and Jefferson counties, offering \$2.00 per acre for the same. Mr. Rutherford stated that the reservation would contain approximately 20,000 acres, extending from the St. Marks River to the Aucilla River, the greater portion of which land the Government has contract to purchase from Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company.

Mr. Davis stated that he would not vote to sell lands in that section for a game reserve as it would prohibit residents hunting along the coast; also that being the only hunt-

ing ground in this part of the State he was of the opinion that there would be active opposition to the project.

After discussion, the Trustees advised Messrs. Williams and Rutherford that the matter would be taken up with the full board and they would be advised of action taken.

Mr. Richardson reported that he had application from D. W. Redd of Tallahassee for sand lease on Ochlocknee River offering \$5.00 per month minimum royalty and \$100.00 bond.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant sand lease to Mr. Redd upon usual terms and conditions at the above rate.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
October 7, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. Vernon Price-Williams requesting the Trustees to extend the payment of \$3,999.56 due on his oil lease October 17th.

Upon motion of Mr. Knott, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant an extension to January 1, 1931 of payment due by Mr. Price-Williams.

Mr. Elliot presented resolution from the Chamber of Commerce of Tallahassee protesting against the sale of land by the State for the establishing of a Bird Preserve along the Coast of Wakulla and Jefferson Counties, and requesting the Trustees to take the matter up with Florida Congressmen and Senators in Washington urging them to protest the selection of this area.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees directed that the Resolution be filed and the matter held over for a full Board meeting.

Mr. Elliot brought to the attention of the Trustees un-surveyed lands in Section 35, Township 4 South, Range 3 East, and Section 1, Township 5 South, Range 3 East, which lands appear from the Coast chart to be swamp lands.

Mr. Knott made the motion that the necessary examination be made and steps taken to file swamp selection on these lands.

Mr. C. E. Duncan and Mr. Carl L. Sackett, representing Lake Griffin Pulp and Paper Corporation, came before the Board and requested modification of conditions of the proposed lease.

After discussion certain minor modifications of the lease were agreed upon, and a modification to Section 7, which would provide that after the first three-year period there would be granted, as mill operations proceed, additional Ten-year periods to a total of Thirty Years, at the rate of Fifty (50) Cents per acre per annum, and thereafter for additional period of Twenty (20) years at a rate not to exceed \$1.00 per acre per annum, after which if the lease is in effect the price to be subject to agreement by both parties. Other conditions of the lease to remain the same as agreed.

The Trustees directed that the Attorney General be advised by wire of the request for modification.

Whereupon the Secretary wired Mr. Davis and received his approval of the changes.

Upon reconvening the modifications were confirmed by the Trustees.

The Land Department presented letter from Chas. D. Cause of Astatula, Florida, making offer of \$320.00 for 40 acres of land in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 21 South, Range 26 East—Lake County.

The offer was declined and the Land Department directed to so advise Mr. Cause. Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, was requested to make examination of the land on his next trip in that section and report as to the value.

The Land Department reported that the State, through John M. Sutton, former Selecting Agent, had made selection of islands in Township 58 South, Range 40 East, known as Arsnicker Keys, as swamp and overflowed lands;

that letter had been received from the Department of the Interior denying the selection on the ground that the land is sovereignty land owned by the State, but that Mr. Sutton is desirous of appealing the case.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees decided to abide by the decision of the Interior Department.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, reported that parties having sand leases on the Ochlocknee River had not made bond, and recommended that in lieu of small monthly payment and cash bond that the Trustees allow the lessees to pay \$100.00 in advance for a year's lease with the privilege of taking 2,000 cubic yards of sand during the life of the lease, and any additional amount to be paid for at the rate of 5 cents per cubic yard.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees approved the recommendations as above and authorized Mr. Richardson to make such arrangements with lessees.

Financial Statement for the month of September, 1930, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1930

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| Balance in Fund Sept. 1, 1930... | \$ 68,977.40 | |
| Refund by Frank A. Bryan, C. C. | | |
| C., Broward County | 165.07 | |
| From sale of sand and gravel.... | 622.99 | |
| Receipts on account of oil lease... | 63.29 | |
| From various land sales | 3,764.70 | |
| From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 1,981.73 | |
| | <u>\$ 75,575.18</u> | |
| Less disbursements | 5,036.02 | |
| Balance on hand October 1, 1930 | | \$ 70,539.16 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and cash items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in banks | 69,539.16 | |
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BALANCES IN BANKS OCTOBER 1, 1930

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | \$ 1,386.49 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 1,881.79 |
| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 43,763.27 |
| American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla. | 4,692.01 |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 1,949.82 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 8,474.28 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 483.02 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 4,437.78 |
| Central Farmers Tr. Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 2,470.70 |
| | \$ 69,539.16 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date 1930 | Check No. | In Favor of— | Amount |
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| Sept. 23 | 8259 | N. W. Keller, Secretary | \$ 74.11 |
| | 8260 | Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. | 546.00 |
| | 8261 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 1.75 |
| | 8262 | Western Union Telegraph Co. | 1.17 |
| | 8263 | Southern Tele. & Constr. Co. | 4.25 |
| | 8264 | Everglades Drainage District | 166.71 |
| | 8265 | Vero Beach Press Journal | 94.50 |
| | 8266 | A. R. Richardson | 277.11 |
| | 8267 | Chas. H. Gordon | 98.00 |
| | 8268 | Mrs. T. D. Hux, executrix | 1,125.00 |
| | 8269 | E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. | 756.75 |
| 30 | 8270 | F. C. Elliot | 325.00 |
| | 8271 | A. R. Richardson | 333.34 |
| | 8272 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 8273 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 8274 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | 8275 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 8276 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 8277 | Hattie Bell | 83.33 |
| | 8278 | L. M. Ausley | 175.00 |

| Date | Check | In favor of: | Amount |
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| 1930 | No. | | |
| | 8279 | Robert Wynn | 40.00 |
| | 8280 | DeLand Publishing Company ... | 16.50 |
| | | | \$5,036.02 |

The Trustees having on September 16th, 1930, agreed to advertise for objections certain land in Palm Beach County, upon application of Lake Worth Inlet District, the following notice was ordered placed in the Palm Beach Post, Palm Beach Times, Tropical Sun, Union Labor News, of West Palm Beach and the Lake Worth Leader of Lake Worth:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 9, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, November 25th, 1930, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged lands in Palm Beach County, Florida:

Those parcels or tracts of submerged land or shallow bottoms lying in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida, described as follows:

TRACT "A": In Tp. 42 S., R. 43 E., Sec. 34, a quadrangular tract approximately 1050 ft. north and south by 1100 ft. east and west, containing $26\frac{1}{2}$ acres more or less. Location is immediately south of Lake Worth Inlet Channel approximately midway between the western and eastern shores of Lake Worth.

TRACT "B": A marginal strip of land in same section, township and range located south of Lake Worth Inlet Channel and north of and adjoining the land on the eastern shore of Lake Worth, being approximately 1100 ft. long parallel with Lake Worth Inlet Channel with an average width of 140 ft. at right angles thereto, containing $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres, more or less.

TRACT "C": In Tp. 43 S., R. 43 E., Sec. 15, a rectangular tract 500 ft. east and west by 1000 ft. north and south, the middle of the south boundary of which lies approximately 90 ft. north of the

eastern extremity of the Palm Beach Yacht Club dock, containing $11\frac{1}{2}$ acres, more or less.

Exact description to be furnished with deed.

The locations of Tracts "A" and "B" may be ascertained from a map entitled "Sketch of Submerged Land in Lake Worth", et cetera, dated July 1930, and location of Tract "C" may be ascertained from a map entitled "Sketch showing area in Section 15, Township 43 South, Range 43 East.", dated August, 1930, both of which said maps may be examined in the office of W. T. Gibson, Attorney for Lake Worth Inlet Commission.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity of presenting same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

The Trustees having on August 26th and September 30th, agreed to advertise certain lands in Indian River County for objections upon application of Messrs. Sexton and Clarkson for their client Mr. Frederick S. Ruth, the following Notice was ordered placed in the Vero Beach Press:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 9, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'Clock A. M., Tuesday, November 18th, 1930, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged or partially submerged lands in INDIAN RIVER County, Florida:

Those certain tracts or parcels of submerged or partially submerged lands lying in or bordering upon Indian River in Indian River County, Florida, described as follows:

In Township 32 South, Range 40 East:

In Section 19, Tract 24, containing 135 acres more or less. In S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19 and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 30, Tract 25, containing 166.6 acres, more or less.

In Township 32 South, Range 39 East:

In the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Tract 26, containing 4.3 acres more or less.

In the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Tract 27, having an undetermined area but containing approximately 55 acres.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity of presenting same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.

October 14, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees Minutes of October 7th presented and approved.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date land in Santa Rosa County, upon application of Dr. T. S. Kennedy, objections were called for.

Objection was presented from Watson & Pasco & Brown of Pensacola, for their client John Ivins, on the ground

that the land advertised lies in front of upland property. Also letters were received from Bagdad Land & Lumber Company, and Leo V. Davis, M. J. Davis and John A. Davis requesting that their rights as upland owners be protected if the land was sold to other than Dr. Kennedy, arrangements having been made with Dr. Kennedy for such protection.

Upon a discussion of the subject the Trustees agreed to grant a Ten year lease to General Minerals Corp., of certain bottoms in Santa Rosa County, containing 160 acres in Wrights or Magnolia Basin and 60 acres in Marquis Basin, upon payment of \$25.00 monthly minimum royalty and 2½ per cent of the gross revenue of the products taken or mined from the premises, with option for renewal at expiration of the lease upon terms to be agreed upon.

Dr. Kennedy presented check for \$250.00 payment in advance for ten months royalty, which was accepted. Lease was ordered prepared for execution.

Objections to the sale of the above land were ordered filed.

Dr. T. S. Kennedy made application to purchase the SW¼ of SW¼ of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 28 West, Santa Rosa County, upon patent being issued to the State from the U. S. Government and offered to make affidavit upon which the State could file swamp land selection.

The Trustees directed that swamp land selection be filed for the above land upon affidavit being furnished the Land Department.

Messrs. W. C. Hodges, C. L. Waller and R. M. Jones came before the Trustees with request for adjustment on 778 acres of land in Newmans Survey sold to F. J. Kelly in 1925, on which purchase a payment of \$95,189.34 has been made, advising that there was a *lis pendens* on this land which was not disposed of until April, 1926, thereby preventing purchasers making sale; also that a squatter occupied a five-acre tract of this land. A letter was presented from Mr. Jones asking that adjustment be made and suggested either of the following methods:

1st. The full cash purchase price be accepted for the payment and redemption of past due drainage taxes or tax certificates; or

2nd. That purchase price credit be issued to purchaser to be used in payment of past due mortgages held by the Trustees as to both principal and interest.

Mr. Hodges submitted that refunds and credits had been allowed in a number of cases and he felt this case merited as much consideration as those mentioned and requested the Trustees to take the matter under advisement and agree upon some adjustment that would be fair to all parties.

Mr. Davis moved that the records be looked into with reference to the operation of the *lis pendens* against this land and other facts in the case, and that action be taken by the Trustees at a later date. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. D. W. Redd of Tallahassee appeared before the Trustees relative to sand lease in Ochlocknee River and asked that the annual payment of \$100.00 be reduced.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees modified their ruling of October 7th and directed that a payment of \$10.00 per annum in advance be required for permit to take sand from the Ochlocknee River to be used or sold locally but in case of shipment of sand the usual royalty of \$25.00 per month to be paid. The Trustees directed that parties taking sand from the Ochlocknee River be notified of this action and requested to make payment as above.

Mr. Elliot presented application from Mr. W. G. Blanchard for oil and gas lease on approximately 400,000 acres of land lying between Cape Sable and the Florida Keys to Rock Harbor Station of Florida East Coast Railroad, with an offer of one-half cent ($\frac{1}{2}c$) per acre payable quarterly.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the application was denied.

Secretary of State R. A. Gray presented resolution from the Lions Club of Tallahassee, protesting the sale of land by the State to the United States Government for a game preserve along the coast of Wakulla and Jefferson counties.

The Trustees directed that the resolution be acknowledged and filed.

Mr. Elliot presented letter referred to him by Governor Carlton with reference to an island in Alafia River on which a Mr. Plat made homestead entry and now desires to pur-

chase the State's interest. The matter was referred to the Land Department to ascertain the status of the land.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Henderson & Franklin, attorneys, of Fort Myers, relative to drainage tax certificate No. 8 issued against land in Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, Hendry county, and requested that the said certificate be cancelled on the ground that the land was erroneously assessed in the name of Moore Haven and Clewiston Railroad.

Mr. Elliot explained to the Trustees that the fact that the land had been assessed to Moore Haven and Clewiston Railroad did not constitute grounds for cancellation of the certificate held by the Trustees. Mr. Elliot was directed to advise Mr. Henderson of the facts in the case.

Mr. Elliot submitted letter from Mr. L. J. Ullian of Fort Lauderdale, requesting extension of payment due November 1st on oil and gas lease of Port Everglades Gas and Oil Company.

The Trustees having on August 26th agreed to allow the said Company an extension of one-half the payment due until March 1st, declined to grant further extension.

Mr. Elliot presented application of Mrs. W. F. Schleicher of Miami, for redemption of drainage tax certificate No. 4453 upon payment of taxes and cost, which amount is \$4.39.

Mrs. Schleicher not being the original owner, and this tract being included in the list to be advertised for highest bid at an early date, the offer was declined by the Trustees.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| Southern Tel. & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla..... | \$ 4.25 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla..... | .81 |
| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. . . . | .33 |
| E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C., Miami, Fla. | 1.55 |
| The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla. | 4.13 |
| Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. | 33.53 |
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| | \$44.60 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.

October 21, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Mr. Harley Watson appeared before the Trustees relative to the purchase by Ritta Farms Development Company of lands in Entries No. 16840 to 16852, both inclusive, on which \$23,917.13 principal and interest have been paid. Mr. Watson having appeared before the Trustees April 29, 1930 requesting adjustment on these purchases, and the Trustees having advised that it would be necessary to foreclose certain mortgages outstanding against the land before any adjustment could be made, Mr. Watson reported that the foreclosure proceedings would soon be completed and the land in condition to be reconveyed to the State. Mr. Watson asked that the Trustees deed to his Company, in return for the payments made as above, the land North of the railroad in Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 35 East and that part of Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, North of the railroad.

Upon discussion of the subject the Trustees agreed, upon reconveyance of the land to the State free of all encumbrances, to deed to Ritta Farms Development Company land equal to payments made, selection to be made as requested by Mr. Watson.

Mr. Harley Watson also requested the Trustees to exchange land owned by the State for land he purchased in $W\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Entry No. 16729 and also that the same consideration be given to the $E\frac{1}{2}$ of the above Section, which was purchased by Drs. Kline and McSwain.

No action taken on this matter as the Trustees had postponed until this date action on a Resolution covering land exchanges, reconveyances and credits.

The Port Everglades Gas and Oil Company renewed its

request through Mr. Carl P. Weidling for an extension of time in payment of amount of money set forth in lease assigned to that Company by L. J. Ullian, which lease had been issued by the Trustees to Mr. Ullian under date of March 24th, 1930. The amount of \$7,640.00 will be due, as provided in the lease, November 1st, 1930, and the second payment in the estimated amount of \$7,640.00 will be due January 15th, 1931.

The Trustees authorized extension of time of payments covering the above amounts until May 1st, 1931.

Mr. Elliot presented resolution which the Trustees had directed that he draw in line with certain suggestions and ideas for handling land conveyances, mortgages, etc. Whereupon the following resolution was submitted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have from time to time sold lands and issued deeds upon the initial payment of moneys required therefor and the execution to said Trustees of notes secured by mortgage for the balance of the payment; and

WHEREAS, in a number of cases the notes executed to the Trustees for deeds are delinquent in payment and the Trustees having by previous order authorized the receiving of a deed and the surrender by the purchaser of the lands so deeded when free of liens and encumbrances except Trustees' mortgage, for which the Trustees agree to deed to the said purchaser the amount of land for which payment has been made at the purchase price per acre; and

Whereas, in some instances purchasers or their successors in title hold deed or deeds to more than one tract or parcel of land for which payments are delinquent, and in order to provide a method for facilitating payment for land so held, or a part thereof, and for adjusting accounts between the Trustees and the purchaser, or his successors; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That in instances where more than one parcel of land has been deeded to a purchaser, payments on which are now delinquent, the holder of such deeds may re deed to the Trustees all or such part of any one or more tracts described by such deed or deeds, and the prin-

cipal amount paid thereon may be credited upon any unpaid amount or amounts, on any other tract held under deed from the Trustees by said purchaser subject to the following conditions:

1. The arrangements herein shall be applicable only to lands on which the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund hold purchase money mortgages; Provided that such arrangement shall continue only so long as no cash outlay from the Trustees may be required.

2. That the land to be redeeded to the said Trustees shall be free of all liens, including tax liens and all taxes for the full year in which the land is redeeded and encumbrances of every nature whatsoever except Trustees' mortgage.

3. That abstract of title shall be furnished by the purchaser covering lands to be redeeded from the date of purchase from Trustees to the date of reconveyance to the said Trustees.

4. That the amount of money computed to be owed upon the tract or tracts to be retained by the purchaser shall include the unpaid principal, the interest accruing on such unpaid principal to date of the new transaction, plus the interest on delinquent interest at the interest rate, but the purchaser shall not be charged with interest on unpaid amounts due upon the tract or tracts to be redeeded by him.

5. In the event the amount paid by the purchaser on the land to be redeeded shall be insufficient to pay the full unpaid amount as defined in section four above upon the parcel to be retained by him, then the said purchaser may redeed to the Trustees, free of all encumbrances as set forth in section two hereof, except Trustees' mortgage, that part or parcel, payment for which remains unpaid, and receive from the said Trustees a deed to that part for which payment has been or shall at once be completed. The Trustees shall designate such part to be redeeded. In lieu of the above, the purchaser may free such unpaid part or parcel from all liens or encumbrances, if any exist, except Trustees mortgage, which the Trustees will cancel upon the giving of a note or notes and mortgage for such part or parcel, and the purchaser may complete payment for such part or parcel on the usual sales basis.

6. In the event the amount paid by the purchaser on the land to be redeeded is in excess of the unpaid amount or amounts owed on the parcel to be retained, the purchaser

may surrender so much of the tract, a part of which is to be redeeded, as will represent the unpaid amount on the parcel to be retained, and may retain so much of the parcel, a part of which is to be redeeded, as will be necessary to balance the account between the said purchaser and the said Trustees.

7. The Trustees will make no rebate or reimbursement in cash nor allow any selection of lands not covered by deed between Trustees and purchaser under the arrangement herein described.

8. In the event land is held by deed in the name of more than one person, the person making payment in his own name will be entitled to have an assignment by the Trustees of the mortgages and notes held by them to such person as his security for such amount or amounts paid by him and as may be due him from other parties as partners or associates in the original transaction. Such assignment shall be without recourse. Upon such assignment shall appear the word "Accepted," the date thereof, and the party in whose favor such assignment is executed shall affix his signature attested by two witnesses indicating acceptance. In the case of a corporation, it shall be signed by its duly authorized officers and properly attested.

9. The foregoing arrangements shall be operative after this date, but shall not interfere with any arrangements heretofore made with any purchaser in reference to redeeding or allowance of credit on any lands held by him under deed from the said Trustees.

10. The Trustees reserve the right to modify or amend the arrangements herein described at any time without notice, provided, however, that no modifications or amendments so made shall affect any transaction had prior to the dates of such modifications or amendments.

Mr. Davis moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented application from Frank J. Wideman of West Palm Beach, to purchase for his client, Mrs. Francis P. Bolton, submerged land surrounding her upland property in Lake Worth, offering \$100.00 per acre for same.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections, and the

following notice was ordered placed in a Palm Beach County papers:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 21, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, November 25th, A. D. 1930, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in PALM BEACH County, Florida:

That certain submerged area comprising those islands, sand bars and shallow banks, located in and under the tidal waters of Lake Worth, adjacent to Lot 6, Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, and being situate in Palm Beach County, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point located 2,721.02 feet south and 4,526.26 feet east of the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, as marked by an iron spike driven flush with the asphalt on the center line of the Dixie Highway; said point of beginning being further referenced 237.58 feet north and 340.18 feet east of the A. M. C. on Lot 6, Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, as surveyed by the U. S. Government in 1922; said point of beginning being at the southeast corner of Tract 3 of three tracts conveyed by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund Deed No. 17,827;

From said point of beginning, run—

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| Thence | 1. S. 7 degrees 28' W. | 1,105.00 feet; |
| | 2. S. 3 degrees 32' E. | 1,070.00 feet; |
| | 3. S. 81 degrees 00' W. | 625.00 feet; |
| | 4. N. 34 degrees 25' E. | 485.00 feet; |
| | 5. N. 0 degrees 40' W. | 1,455.00 feet; |
| | 6. N. 20 degrees 25' W. | 265.00 feet; |
| | 7. N. 26 degrees 04' 07" E. | 171.20 feet; |
| | 8. N. 89 degrees 28' E. | 455.00 feet; |

Along the south boundary of Tract 3 of three tracts conveyed by Trustees Internal Improvement Fund Deed No. 17,827 to the point of beginning, as above described, containing 18.47 acres more or less, from which has been excepted 0.13 acres as

contained in Lot 6, Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, as surveyed by U. S. Government in 1922, and conveyed by Board of Education of the State of Florida Deed No. 4,097, dated May 19, 1930; and being located within the limits of Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

The Land Department presented application and plats from the Department of Agriculture at Washington, for the purchase of land in Wakulla County to be used as a part of a game preserve along the coast of Wakulla and Jefferson counties.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the offer was declined.

The Land Department again presented request of Lake Port settlers to have land applied for by them deeded according to an old survey made some years ago, advising that they were not in position to have a new survey made at this time. The Trustees were informed that it would be necessary to have a survey made in order to correctly deed land applied for.

Mr. Davis made a motion that the settlers be advised that if they desired conveyance of the land it would be necessary to have survey made, otherwise it will be impossible to make deeds to cover land described in their application. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented application from M. C. Clark for oil and gas lease on approximately 3,000 acres of land in Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 and the E $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14; all Section 17, Township 55 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, Florida.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees agreed

to grant oil lease to Mr. Clark on the above lands upon usual terms and conditions.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C., Miami, Fla. | \$ 162.75 |
| Everglades Drainage District, Tallahassee, Fla. . . | 8,266.49 |
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| | \$8,429.24 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
October 28, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Counsel at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

The Governor stated that a quorum of the Trustees was not present, but as Mr. Mabry and Mr. Christenberry had come up to appear before the Board, they could present their proposition to be acted on at a later date.

Mr. G. E. Mabry of Tampa and Mr. R. D. Christenberry of Montgomery, Alabama, representing Realty Improvement & Development Company, a corporation of Alabama, appeared before the two members present relative to Entry No. 17447 dated January 11, 1926, covering sale of submerged land adjacent to Lot 4, Section 8, Township 29 South, Range 15 East—69 acres in Pinellas County, which was sold to Lloyd-White-Skinner Development Company, on which a fourth payment of \$1,725.00 was made leaving a balance due of \$5,175.00 plus interest from date of purchase.

Mr. Mabry stated that the Realty Improvement & Development Company had taken possession of the upland through mortgage foreclosure, and since Lloyd-White-Skinner Company has failed to complete their payments to the Trustees for the adjacent bay bottoms, requested

the Trustees to allow his clients to foreclose the State's mortgage without any cost whatever to the Trustees, and upon title being placed back in the State his clients to be allowed to purchase the land for \$500.00 cash.

The members of the Trustees present agreed to accept the offer made by the Realty Improvement & Development Co., and stated that the subject would be presented to the Trustees when a quorum could be had.

Land in Dade County advertised for sale on this date, applied for by Dr. Joseph H. Adams, was postponed as a quorum was not present. No objections were filed to the sale of the land.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
October 29, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid.

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer & Secretary | \$ 325.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent | 333.34 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Chief Land Clerk | 300.00 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| Mrs. Berta W. Bohler, Stenographer 11 days | 52.69 |
| L. M. Ausley, Extra Help | 175.00 |
| Everglades Drainage District, Tallahassee, Fla. | 895.16 |

\$2,698.69

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

A TEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
November 5, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Application was received from Mr. F. C. B. LeGro, for Bay Biscayne Improvement Company, covering an Eight (8) foot extension to islands in Biscayne Bay, known as Rivo Alto and Dilido.

It was explained that these islands were formerly bulkheaded with ordinary piling but the storm of 1926 destroyed a portion of same and it was found necessary to construct a concrete seawall around the islands, and in so doing a portion of same was found to lie from one to six feet outside of the description deeded from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the Bay Biscayne Improvement Company, which additional acreage the said Company desires to acquire from the State.

The Trustees agreed to make a conveyance of the above mentioned strip, provided the Bay Biscayne Improvement Company would pay for the advertisement, which was agreed to.

The Trustees ordered that the following Notice be placed in a newspaper published in Dade County, Florida:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 5, 1930.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, December 16th, A. D. 1930, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the fol-

lowing described submerged land in DADE County, Florida:

A strip of land in Biscayne Bay situated in Section 33, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, in Dade County, being an additional strip of land 8 feet wide outside of and adjoining Rivo Alto Island, completely circumscribing same, and described as follows:

Start at the point of beginning being the intersection of the center line of Venetian Causeway with the East boundary line of Rivo Alto Island.

Thence Northerly at right angles to Venetian Causeway 850 feet;

Thence from said named point as a tangent point on a semicircular curve to the left, having a radius of 350 feet for a distance of $1099\frac{1}{2}$ feet as measured along the curve to a point westerly from and at right angles to said first course at the point of tangency a distance of 700 feet;

Thence Southerly on a line at right angles to Venetian Causeway and parallel to the first course a distance of 1,700 feet;

Thence from the last named point as a tangent on a semicircular curve to the left, having a radius of 350 feet for a distance of $1099\frac{1}{2}$ feet as measured along the curve to a point Easterly from and at right angles to said last named course at the point of tangency a distance of 700 feet.

Thence Northerly 850 feet to the point of beginning of inside boundary line of 8 foot strip.

Thence Easterly along Venetian Causeway 8 feet to point of beginning of outside boundary line of 8 foot strip.

Thence Northerly at right angles to Venetian Causeway 850 feet;

Thence from said last named point as a tangent on a semicircular curve to the left, having a radius of 358 feet, for a distance of 1124.69 feet as measured along the curve to a point West, and at right angles to said first course at the point of tangency a distance of 716 feet.

Thence South on a line at right angles to Venetian Causeway and parallel to the first course a distance of 1700 feet;

Thence from the last named point as a tangent on a semicircular curve to the left having a radius of 358 feet for a distance of 1124.69 feet, as measured along the curve to a point Easterly from and at right angles to said last named course, at the point of tangency a distance of 716 feet.

Thence Northerly 850 feet to the point of beginning.

A strip of land in Biscayne Bay situated in Section 33, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, in Dade County, Fla., being an additional strip of land 8 feet wide outside of and adjoining DILIDO ISLAND, completely circumscribing same, and described as follows:

Start at the point of beginning, being the intersection of the center line of Venetian Causeway with the East boundary line of DILIDO Island.

Thence Northerly at right angles to Venetian Causeway 1350 feet;

Thence from said last named point as a tangent point, on a semicircular curve to the left having a radius of 350 feet for a distance of $1099\frac{1}{2}$ feet as measured along the curve to a point Westerly from and at right angles to said first course at the point of tangency a distance of 700 feet;

Thence Southerly on a line at right angles to Venetian Causeway and parallel to the first course a distance of 2700 feet;

Thence from the last named point as a tangent on a semicircular curve to the left, having a radius of 350 feet for a distance of $1099\frac{1}{2}$ feet as measured along the curve to a point East and right angles to said last course at the point of tangency a distance of 700 feet;

Thence North on a line at right angles to Venetian Causeway and parallel to the last course a distance of 1350 feet to the point of beginning of inside boundary line of 8 foot strip.

Thence Easterly along Venetian Causeway 8 feet to point of beginning of outside boundary line of 8 foot strip.

Thence Northerly at right angles to Venetian Causeway 1350 feet.

Thence from said last named point as a tangent

on a semicircular curve to the left having a radius of 358 feet for a distance of 1124.69 feet as measured along the curve to a point West and right angles to said first course at the point of tangency a distance of 716 feet.

Thence South on a line at right angles to Venetian Causeway and parallel to the first course a distance of 2700 feet.

Thence from the last named point as a tangent on a semicircular curve to the left having a radius of 358 feet for a distance of 1124.69 feet as measured along the curve to a point Easterly from and at right angles to said last named course at the point of tangency a distance of 716 feet;

Thence Northerly to the point of beginning 1350 feet.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

DOYLE E. CARLTON, Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 12, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Senate Chamber at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Minutes of the Trustees of September 30th, October 14th, 21st, 29th and November 5th, presented and approved.

Mr. Ben Shepard of Miami came before the Trustees relative to matter presented by him September 30th on behalf of Ocean Beach Realty Company, and re-stated the proposition as submitted to the Trustees on September 30th.

Upon a discussion of the matter, Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees take the proposition under advisement and have Mr. Elliot and Mr. Richardson go further into the matter. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that Mr. G. E. Mabry and Mr. R. D. Christenberry of the Realty Improvement & Development Company had appeared before the Governor and Mr. Amos on October 28th, relative to settlement of Entry No. 17447, covering sale of submerged land to Lloyd-White-Skinner Development Company, and that the two members present had agreed, subject to the approval of the other members, to allow clients of Mr. Mabry to foreclose mortgage of the State without cost to the Trustees, and upon title being placed back in the Trustees, Realty Improvement & Development Company to be allowed to purchase the reconveyed portion at a price of \$500.00 and pay up all taxes on the land.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees approved and confirmed the action of the Governor and Mr. Amos.

In line with resolution of Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District dated October 22, 1930, the Attorney General under date of November 8th advised the Trustees in reference to certain tax records and indicated such as were records of the Drainage Board and records of the Trustees. Whereupon the following resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On October 22nd, 1930, Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District adopted a resolution, paragraph 1 of which is as follows:

1. That the Minutes of this Board from 1905 to the present, and all books of account and all records of the District except those pertaining to the Engineering Department, shall be transferred to

the office of the Executive Secretary at West Palm Beach, and thereafter shall be kept and maintained by the said Executive Secretary, or under his direction.

And,

WHEREAS, In the matter of taxes in connection with Everglades Drainage District the law relating thereto provides for certain work to be done and certain duties to devolve upon the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, and the law further provides that certain work shall be done and certain duties shall devolve upon the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees are charged by law with administering all matters relating to Everglades Drainage District tax certificates bid in in the name of the said Trustees, the cancellation of said certificates, the sale of land covered by such certificates, the execution of deeds under the seal of the said Trustees for certificated lands, the receiving of moneys in connection with the same, and the keeping of all records of all transactions arising in connection with such certificates, and

WHEREAS, By letter of November 8th, 1930, the Attorney General of the State of Florida sets forth his opinion "In RE: DESIGNATION OF RECORDS AS RECORDS OF TRUSTEES OR DRAINAGE BOARD," and in said opinion designates certain records in reference to drainage tax certificates and deeds executed by the Trustees in connection with said certificates as records of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That pursuant to the Opinion of the Attorney General and in accordance with law as above set forth in reference to Everglades Drainage District Tax Certificates bid in in the name of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the handling of such certificates and all matters arising thereunder are work and are duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; that the records thereof are records of the said Trustees and shall be in the office of the said Trustees at Tallahassee, but that said records are not such as are referred to in the Resolution of Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District of October 22nd, 1930.

Mr. Knott moved the adoption of the resolution. Sec-

oned and upon vote carried. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented offer of \$3,400.00 for the boat "Josephine" owned by the Trustees. Upon motion seconded and adopted the offer was declined.

Mr. Davis moved that Mr. Elliot be authorized to negotiate for the sale of the boat and if sold through the efforts of outside parties a commission of ten per cent be allowed. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented letter from S. G. Wilson of Bartow, purchaser of Lots A and B in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 30, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, Entry No. 16444, on which one-fourth payment was made, who requests that he be allowed to reconvey the land to the State as he is unable to pay the balance due or the outstanding taxes.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to allow Mr. Wilson to reconvey the said land subject to taxes.

The Land Department presented communication from J. C. Bills, Jr., of West Palm Beach, requesting that he be allowed to reconvey to the State land covered by Entry No. 17423, being the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, Seminole County, on which a cash payment of one-fourth was made, stating that he is unable to carry out the agreement or pay the outstanding taxes amounting to \$313.80.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, it was ordered that Mr. Bills be allowed to reconvey the above described land subject to outstanding taxes.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Standard Dredging Company requesting that the Trustees allow them to file surety bond with sand lease and have released to them the \$500.00 Liberty Bond held by the Trustees.

Upon motion seconded and adopted it was ordered that substitution of surety bond for Liberty bond be made as requested by Standard Dredging Company.

Mr. Marvin C. McIntosh, Counsel, read communication from Hon. Fred M. Valz, attorney, of Jacksonville, under

date of November 3, 1930, in which it was stated that his client, the Atlantic Shell Company, holding a permit for dredging shell in certain portions of the St. Johns River, desired to know if the Trustees would save them harmless in the event of law suit being brought by the Johnson heirs, or if the Trustees would waive their claim and permit the Atlantic Shell Company to purchase the shell from the Johnson heirs.

The Trustees declined to waive their claim to the lands in question and also declined to save the Atlantic Shell Company harmless in the event of law suit, but directed that Atlantic Shell Company proceed under their permit and in the event of a law suit that Counsel for the Trustees assist counsel for Atlantic Shell Company in the defense; the Trustees not to be liable for any costs in such suits, other than expenses of their counsel and other employees.

Financial Statement for the month of October, 1930, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER, 1930

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| Balance in Fund October 1, 1930 | \$ 70,539.16 | |
| Receipts on account of oil leases | 1,797.80 | |
| From sale of sand, shell and gravel | 910.06 | |
| From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 1,604.69 | |
| Receipts on account of various land sales | 360.47 | |
| From oil lease on account of tax payment | 51.35 | |
| From sale of Minutes | 8.85 | |
| From various refunds | 6.17 | |
| From Union Indemnity Company, in settlement of claim of Trus- tees | 275.00 | |
| Receipts on account of land leases | 300.00 | |
| Interest on deposits for quarter ending 9-30-30 | 296.48 | |
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| | \$ 76,150.03 | |
| Less Disbursements | 11,132.53 | |
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| Balance on hand November 1, 1930 | | \$ 65,017.50 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and cash items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in banks | 64,017.50 | |
| | | \$ 65,017.50 |

BALANCES IN BANKS NOVEMBER 1, 1930

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | \$ 1,391.97 | |
| Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 1,888.59 | |
| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. | 39,303.62 | |
| American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla. | 4,715.03 | |
| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 1,959.58 | |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 9,599.81 | |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 486.84 | |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 4,455.51 | |
| Central Farmers Tr. Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 216.55 | |
| | | \$ 64,017.50 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date | Check | In Favor of— | Amount |
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| 1930 | No. | | |
| Oct. 15 | 8281 | Southern Telephone & Constr. Co. | \$ 4.25 |
| | 8282 | Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. | .81 |
| | 8283 | Western Union Telegraph Co. | .33 |
| | 8284 | E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. | 1.55 |
| | 8285 | H. & W. B. Drew Company | 4.13 |
| | 8286 | Hattie Bell | 33.53 |
| 21 | 8287 | E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. | 162.75 |
| 31 | 8288 | F. C. Elliot | 325.00 |
| | 8289 | A. R. Richardson | 333.34 |
| | 8290 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 8291 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 8292 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | 8293 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 8294 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |

| Date | Check | In Favor of | Amount |
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| 1930 | No. | | |
| Oct. 31 | 8295 | Mrs. Berta W. Bohler | \$ 52.69 |
| | 8296 | L. M. Ausley | 175.00 |
| | 8297 | Everglades Drainage District.... | 895.16 |
| | 8298 | Everglades Drainage District.... | 8,226.49 |
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| | | | \$11,132.53 |
| | 8300 | Central Farmers Trust Co. (trans- fer of funds; not a disbursement) | 600.00 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
November 14, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:

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| E. B. Leatherman, Clerk, Dade Co., Miami Fla. | |
| Redemption Naranja Drainage District taxes on State lands | \$ 708.81 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
November 18, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

W. E. Sexton, C. D. S. Clarkson, of Vero Beach, and F. L. Hemmings of Fort Pierce, came before the Trustees relative to application of their client Frederick S. Ruth of New York, to purchase submerged lands in Indian River, with an offer of \$25.00 per acre.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date, subject to objections, Tract 24, Section 19, Township 32 South, Range 40 East; Tract 25 in Sections 19 and 30, Township 32 South, Range 40 East; Tract 26 in Section 12, Township 32 South, Range 39 East; and Tract 27 in Section 2, Township 32 South, Range 39 East, the Chairman called for objections.

Mr. Elliot presented telegram from Martin F. Kelly of Woodside, N. Y., protesting the sale of Tract 24 on the ground that it would be illegal and a violation of his rights to accretions between the meander line and water course.

Upon a discussion of the objection Mr. Sexton withdrew application of Mr. Ruth for lands adjacent to Lot 5 owned by Mr. Kelly. Mr. Davis then suggested that the Trustees take action on the remainder of the land contained in the advertisement, and made motion that sale be made to Mr. Ruth of the land in Indian River advertised to be sold on this date with the exception of the portion adjacent to Lot 5 owned by Mr. Kelly. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Pursuant to Minutes of the Trustees of August 26, 1930, in reference to lots 6 and 7, Section 35, Township 31 South, Range 39 East, it was agreed that Mr. Ruth would make a deposit to cover one-fourth of the estimated amount due on Lots 6 and 7, and that upon receipt of patent from the United States to the State of Florida, the Trustees would issue deed to Mr. Ruth for said Lots 6 and 7 under the same terms and conditions, as to notes and mortgage, as apply to the sale of Tracts 24, 25 and 26.

The estimated area of Lots 6 and 7 is 40 acres each, upon which one-fourth payment amounting to FIVE HUN-

DRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) was made by Mr. Ruth and is herein acknowledged.

In the event the State does not receive patent to the said Lots 6 and 7, the \$500.00 deposit by Mr. Ruth on account of purchase price is to be refunded him by the Trustees.

In reference to Tract 27 in Section 2, Township 32 South, Range 39 East, by reason of no accurate survey having been made of said Tract, the Trustees agree to accept one-fourth of the purchase price upon the estimated area of 55 acres and upon completion of survey to deed to Mr. Ruth upon usual terms said tract 27. Cost of survey to be borne by the purchaser. In consideration of which Mr. Ruth made a deposit of one-fourth of the estimated purchase price in the amount of THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$344.00), receipt of which sum is herein acknowledged. Any departure from the estimated area of 55 acres and the total amount due thereon to be accounted for in subsequent payments after survey is completed.

Mr. Ruth also made a deposit of Eighteen Hundred Thirty-two Dollars (\$1,832.00), being one-fourth of the purchase price of Tracts 24, 25 and 26, receipt of which sum is herein acknowledged.

All the foregoing Lots and Tracts being shown on a Plat entitled "MAP OF INDIAN RIVER AND ADJACENT LANDS" in Townships 31 and 32 South, Ranges 39 and 40 East, prepared under the direction of C. D. S. Clarkson by Carter and Damerow Inc., dated May 1930, on file in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Submerged land in Biscayne Bay, advertised for sale on October 28th, and postponed until November 18th, was again postponed until November 25th, on account of illness in the family of the applicant.

The Land Department presented letter from B. H. Harris of Breckenridge, Texas, with an offer of \$15.00 per acre for 40 acres of land in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 40 South, Range 26 East, in Charlotte County, making cash payment of \$300.00; balance to be paid in three years.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees accepted

the offer of Mr. Harris of \$15.00 per acre for the above described land upon payment of \$300.00 and balance in one, two and three years equal annual payments with six per cent interest on deferred payments.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented letter from J. A. Banks of the Atlantic Shell Company of Jacksonville, requesting the Trustees to include in one lease the territory in the St. Johns River contained in lease dated October, 1927, which expired October 18th this year, and also the territory contained in lease from the Trustees dated May 6, 1930. This request to also apply to Standard Dredging Company as to leases of same dates held by them.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to issue a new lease to each of the said companies on the territory referred to, to take the place of the above described leases.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| The Southern Telephone & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | \$ 4.25 |
| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla... | 9.96 |
| Fidelity Pencil Company, New York City | 3.96 |
| Seabrook Hardware Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 12.00 |
| The Tallahassee Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 44.60 |
| A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. | 289.26 |
| The Miami Herald, Miami, Fla. | 9.00 |
| Vero Beach Press-Journal, Vero Beach, Fla. | 11.25 |
| Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla... | 45.57 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. | 8.15 |
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| | \$438.00 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 24, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
 W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of November 12th, 14th and 18th were presented and approved.

Mr. Charles R. Pierce of Miami requested the Trustees to release the oil and mineral rights to Peninsula Terminal Company on approximately 200 acres of land in Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, advising that all payments had been made on the land.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to release the oil and mineral rights to Peninsula Terminal Company at a price of 50 cents per acre, upon Mr. Pierce furnishing description of the land and abstract of title.

Mr. Marvin C. McIntosh, Counsel, stated that papers forwarded him by Mr. G. E. Mabry, relative to adjustment of Entry No. 17447, had been examined by him and that he had filed with the Commissioner of Agriculture his report on the matter.

Upon consideration the Trustees directed that foreclosure proceedings be brought by Mabry, Reaves & White in behalf of the Trustees looking to an adjustment in conformity to minutes under date of November 12, 1930.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary | \$ | 325.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Land Agent | | 333.34 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | | 229.16 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | | 233.34 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Chief Land Clerk | | 300.00 |
| L. M. Ausley, Extra Help | | 175.00 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | | 75.00 |
| Mrs. Bertha W. Bohler, Stenographer | | 83.33 |
| Robert Wynn, Janitor | | 35.00 |
| W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. | | |
| (Taxes) | | 18,700.39 |
| W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. | | |
| (Taxes) | | 27.01 |

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| W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. | |
| (Taxes) | \$ 10,921.53 |
| W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. | |
| (Taxes) | 1,463.13 |
| W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. | |
| (Taxes) | 75,224.28 |
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| | \$108,205.51 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 25, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date, subject to objections only, certain land in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, upon application of the Lake Worth Inlet Commission, objections were called for. No objections being filed or presented, the Trustees consummated sale to Lake Worth Inlet Commission of Tract A in Section 34, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, and Tract C. in Section 15, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, at a price of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per acre, and Tract B in Section 34, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, at a price of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per acre. Deeds were ordered issued to the above land subject to the conditions imposed by the Trustees in reference to each tract.

Wideman & Wideman of West Palm Beach, having on October 21, 1930, made application to purchase 18.47 acres of submerged land in Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, for a client, Mrs. Frances P. Bolton, offering \$100.00 per acre for same, the Trustees agreed that they

would advertise the land for objections and consider the sale on November 25th.

Upon discussion of the small acreage of upland owned by Mrs. Bolton, the Trustees deferred action to some future date.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date, subject to objections, 51 acres of submerged land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, situated in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 9, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, objections were called for. No objections being presented or filed, the Trustees agreed to sell the above described land to Dr. Joseph H. Adams of Miami, at a price of \$50.00 per acre cash; the land to be used for the purpose of constructing thereon a solarium or heliorium. It was ordered that deed be issued to Dr. Adams.

The Trustees having on September 16th, 1930, agreed to issue permit to Dr. Joseph H. Adams for filling in land in Biscayne Bay purchased from the Trustees, directed that the said permit be issued, but not exclusive as requested by Dr. Adams.

Mr. Francis S. Whitten of Miami made application to purchase Islands 2 and 3 in Lake Worth, approximating 5 acres, with an offer of \$1,000.00 per acre upon condition that the Trustees will agree to quit-claim adjoining bay bottoms of approximately 21 acres to him if and when the United States Government agrees to allow him to fill, and offering \$100.00 per acre for the bay bottoms.

After discussion the Trustees agreed to advertise the two islands for objections, but declined to accept any price at this time, the price to be agreed upon on date of sale.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, was requested to make investigation and report to the Trustees on the 18.47 acres of submerged land applied for by Wideman & Wideman, and also Islands 2 and 3, applied for by Mr. Whitten.

Mr. Francis S. Whitten made application for oil lease on approximately 20,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Cedar Key offering One Cent (1c) per acre taxes for the lease.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant oil lease to Mr. Whitten on the above land at the

rate of One Cent per acre taxes, and lease was ordered prepared for execution.

Mr. Francis S. Whitten requested the Trustees to make a change in lease granted him in the vicinity of Key West, which will allow him to drill the well required in the lease on land other than the leased premises, but within three miles of same, in which said well the Trustees will have the usual one-eighth royalty; also requested that the lease carry a clause to the effect that he will be given an opportunity to bid on any lands south of the lands described in said lease at a price equal to that offered by any other party for an oil lease on same.

Mr. Whitten stated that he desired the request as above to apply to his Dade County lease, as to drilling first well within three miles of leased premises, and also as to opportunity to bid on Biscayne Bay bottoms at the same price any other party would offer for leasing same.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant requests of Mr. Whitten as to the two above mentioned leases. The leases were ordered changed to carry above provisions.

The Land Department reported that Lot 7 of Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, had been selected by Mr. Hampton as school land and by Mr. Sutton for the State as swamp land; that hearing was held and the Government decided in favor of the school selection; that Mr. Sutton is requesting the Trustees to make appeal from the decision in favor of the school selection.

The Trustees directed that in view of the fact that time within which to make appeal has expired that no further action be taken.

W. C. Hodges and C. L. Waller of Tallahassee, representing R. M. Jones, came before the Trustees relative to matter submitted October 14th and asked that action be taken.

The Trustees not having had an opportunity to give consideration to the subject, Mr. Davis moved that counsel for the Trustees and Mr. Bayless of the Land Department make investigation and submit report to the Trustees as soon as possible as to the present status of the transaction and the status at the time of sale to the original purchaser. It was

tentatively agreed that the matter be taken up two weeks from this date.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 2, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of November 24th and 25th, 1930, were presented and approved.

Mr. Elliot presented request from H. R. Murray for release of canal right-of-way reservation in Trustee Deed No. 5755 dated November 4, 1930, and recorded November 10, 1930, in Deed Book 1410, page 14, records of Dade County.

The Trustees directed that original Deed No. 5755 be cancelled and that correction deed bearing the same number and date be issued to H. R. Murray, omitting the reservation for canal right-of-way; the land deeded being only a fraction of an acre, the canal reservation would not be necessary.

Mr. Elliot presented form of notice for advertising certificated lands held by the Trustees, which form he advised had been approved by Counsel for the Trustees.

It was ordered that the form recommended by the Secretary and approved by Counsel be used in advertising lands held by the Trustees for non-payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes.

Mr. Elliot reported that Mr. Walter P. Fuller, representing Gulf Tidewater Oil Company, had made application for an oil lease on Lake Butler at the regular tax rate of 5

cents per acre per annum, and agreed not to drill a well in the lake, a royalty of one-sixteenth to be assigned to the Trustees in any well drilled on land owned by the Company around the lake.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant the lease, provided Tidewater Gulf Oil Company would assign the usual one-eighth royalty in any well drilled on adjacent land owned by the Company and the payment of the usual tax rate. The Secretary was requested to so advise Mr. Fuller.

Mr. Elliot presented report from Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, relative to matter presented October 14th, by Messrs. Hodges and Waller in behalf of R. M. Jones.

The Trustees ordered that the report be held until December 9th, the date set for consideration of this matter.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. Vernon Price-Williams for extension of time for payment of taxes due on oil lease until January 1, 1931, a similar extension having been previously granted on six other leases held by him.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant extension of the above payment to January 1, 1931.

Mr. Robert G. Holgate requested extension of time in payment of taxes due on two oil leases issued to him by the Trustees.

The Trustees agreed to grant an extension to January 1, 1931, to Mr. Holgate.

Mr. Elliot reported that note of the Trustees to Chase National Bank of New York City, in the sum of \$300,000.00, would be due December 28th, 1930, together with six months' interest thereon.

The Governor suggested that as the General Revenue Fund is due the Trustees a \$50,000.00 payment as reimbursement for State buildings, that such amount be made available and applied on the note to Chase National Bank, plus interest. Mr. Mayo moved that the suggestion of the Governor be carried out. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot was requested to notify Chase National Bank that the Trustees would make payment as above on their note.

Mr. Elliot was authorized to credit note of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District dated June 7, 1930, in the amount of \$101,166.67, plus interest to November 1, 1930, with Everglades Drainage District taxes due by the Trustees, and file the cancelled note with the Board.

The Land Department presented telegram from A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, relative to land applied for by Francis S. Whitten on November 25th.

The Trustees directed that the advertisement of said land be held in abeyance until return of Mr. Richardson.

The Land Department advised that Lakeport settlers had a request to be presented. The matter was ordered held over for a full membership to be present.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. | \$67.44 |
| W. L. Stanley, S. A. L. Railway Co., Atlanta, Ga. | 11.30 |
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| | \$78.74 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 9, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Minutes of the Trustees of December 2nd presented and approved.

The Attorney General having rendered an opinion as to the status of the Trustees and of the Drainage Board in

connection with tax certificated lands held by the Trustees, it was ordered that the employees in the Secretary's office handling the tax work should be transferred to the pay-roll of the Trustees and at the end of each month the Drainage Board render a statement of expense for work done in the interest of the said Board.

Mr. Elliot presented list of certificated lands held by the Trustees, which list is selected for advertisement, and requested instructions as to newspapers in which advertisements should appear.

The Trustees selected the following newspapers to publish the lists:

BROWARD COUNTY: Ft. Lauderdale News, legal notice; Pompano News, additional notice.

DADE COUNTY: Miami Daily News, legal notice; Miami Herald, additional notice; Miami Post, additional notice.

GLADES COUNTY: Glades County Democrat, legal notice.

HENDRY COUNTY: Hendry County News, legal notice; Clewiston News, additional notice.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY: Highlands County Pilot, legal notice; Scenic Highlands Sun, additional notice.

MARTIN COUNTY: Stuart Daily News, legal notice.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY: Okeechobee News, legal notice.

PALM BEACH COUNTY: Palm Beach Post, legal notice; Palm Beach Times, additional notice; Everglades News, additional notice; Lake Worth Herald, additional notice; Lake Worth Leader, additional notice; Delray Beach News, additional notice.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the regular meeting day of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund was changed to Wednesday of each week, instead of Tuesday as heretofore.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Miami Florida Oil Company for extension in time, for payment of taxes on oil lease, to January 1st, 1931.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees agreed to extend the time of payment to January 1st, 1931.

Pursuant to Minutes of November 25th, Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, submitted report on application of W. C. Hodges and C. L. Waller for adjustment on purchase of land by R. M. Jones.

The Trustees agreed to meet at three o'clock P. M. to consider the request of Messrs. Hodges and Waller, and the meeting was recessed until that time.

Three o'Clock, P. M.

The Trustees met pursuant to recessed meeting of the morning with all members present.

The Trustees met for the purpose of hearing W. C. Hodges and C. L. Waller relative to adjustment on purchase of land by R. M. Jones.

Mr. Waller related the history of the purchase from the time of sale in 1925 to Frank J. Kelly, to the present time basing the request for adjustment on the following grounds: That a *lis pendens* covered 320 acres of the land in question; that taxes were outstanding from 1913 to 1930; and that applicant paid to the State approximately \$95,000.00. Mr. Waller stated that Mr. Jones represents the original syndicate and is asking that the Trustees refund a portion of the cash payment and allow him to use the balance as a credit in taking up mortgages on lands sold to various persons by the Trustees and which are past due.

Mr. Hodges called attention to the fact that this land was sold during the boom at very high prices—much more than the land would ever be worth—and that owing to the *lis pendens*, back taxes and suits against the land, the purchasers were unable to make sale during the time when they might have made money on the land; that they are not asking for refund of the entire amount paid but will accept a partial refund and allow the balance to remain with the Trustees as a credit; that they do not ask for adjustment on the entire purchase but base their request on the 320 acre tract covered by the *lis pendens*; also that they will pay up all the old taxes on the land, amounting to around \$9,000.00 out of the money refunded by the State. Mr. Hodges stated that in his opinion the attorneys for his clients would not have approved title or considered the title perfect so long as the *lis pendens* remained in force..

Mr. Waller stated that they would agree to put title to the land back in the State which would be satisfactory to the Attorney General and Counsel.

The Trustees were advised that the *lis pendens* on the 320 acres was dismissed nine months after purchase by Mr. Kelly and that there is no evidence to show that the purchaser actually had an opportunity to sell the property during the pendency of the *lis pendens*.

After discussion the Trustees requested Mr. Hodges and Mr. Waller to confer with their clients and ascertain what would be acceptable as a refund on the 320 acre tract, which represents approximately \$54,000.00.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:
 E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C., Miami, Fla., Drain-
 age Taxes State lands.—'29-30.\$ 2,685.41

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
 Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
 December 16, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The Trustees advertised for sale on this date, upon application of F. C. B. LeGro, an eight foot strip of land surrounding and adjoining Rivo Alto Island and Dilido Island in Biscayne Bay, owned by Mr. LeGro. No objections being presented or filed with the Trustees, the said strip of land was sold to Mr. LeGro at a price of \$10.00 plus cost of advertising. Deeds were ordered issued to the above land.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. Francis S. Whitten in which he agreed to dismiss suit against Hunter's Island, in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, upon condition that the Trustees return the cash payment of \$4,437.50.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees di-

rected that the above deposit, being held as a cash item, be returned to Mr. Whitten in consideration of the above mentioned suit being dismissed.

The Land Department presented letter from W. C. Foster Company stating that they held tax certificate in the amount of \$129.43 on Lots 7, 8 and 11 of Section 25, Township 43 South, Range 36 East—43 acres, and would make application for tax deed in 15 days if not redeemed. Mr. Bayless reported that this land was sold to W. L. Houchins in 1922, a mortgage in the sum of \$3,882.00 being held by the Trustees, and that the office had been unable to get in touch with Houchins for the past several years.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees directed that the above certificate be purchased from W. C. Foster Company and request made that the Certificate be assigned to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The Trustees directed that the mortgage held on the Houchins land be foreclosed as early as possible.

Mr. A. R. Richardson presented letter from George E. Tedder relative to rental of Trustees land in Palm Beach County being farmed by him and requesting that he be shown some consideration as the land has not been dry enough to plant for sometime, and also the fact that his connection with the experiment Station has enabled him to furnish valuable information to farmers in his section.

It was ordered that the matter be referred to Mr. Richardson to handle.

The Trustees were advised that H. H. Hart, purchaser of land in Palm Beach County, had not paid interest, principal or any taxes on his land since 1922, but is renting the land out at a price of \$10.00 per acre.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees directed that the matter be referred to Mr. Richardson to take the necessary steps.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

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| V. E. Douglas, C. C. C., Kissimmee, Fla. | \$ 313.80 |
| South Hastings Drainage District, Palatka, Fla. | 39.24 |
| E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C., Miami, Fla. | 621.03 |

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| Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla..\$ | 1.64 |
| Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. . . | 1.37 |
| Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. | 7.60 |
| Miles Warren, C. C. C., Vero Beach, Fla. | 5.50 |
| Tropical Sun Publishing Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 22.75 |
| W. C. Foster Company, Chicago, Ill. | 129.43 |
| The Lake Worth Leader, Lake Worth, Fla. | 17.55 |
| The Union Labor News, West Palm Beach, Fla. . . | 17.50 |
| Pentland, Robertson & Heuser, Jacksonville, Fla. | 350.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. | 273.72 |
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| | \$1,671.70 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 17, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, That future notices or advertisements placed in newspapers be given to such newspapers as agree to charge not more than the legal rate of \$1.00 per inch for the first insertion, and fifty cents per inch for each subsequent insertion, in single column, nonpareil type; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon submission of notices or advertisements to any newspaper for publication that a copy of this resolution also be forwarded.

With reference to the sale of certain lands in Section 25, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, and the settlement of

ejection suit against J. B. Hainey covering a part of these lands, the following letter was presented from E. M. Baynes, Attorney, of West Palm Beach, representing the said Mr. Hainey:

"West Palm Beach, Florida.
December 15, 1930.

Honorable Marvin C. McIntosh,
Counsel—Trustees I. & I. Fund,
Tallahassee, Florida.

In Re: Doyle E. Carlton, et al., vs. J. B. Hainey.
Dear Mr. McIntosh:

This will acknowledge your favor of December 13th enclosing notice of trial of the above stated case.

After writing you a few days ago I had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Richardson with reference to the settlement of this case and the purchase by Mr. Hainey of the 24 acres of land. It seems that the trouble lies in the fact that there was an objection made by Mr. Wallis, but we have ironed out this objection at this time and Mr. Wallis is willing to withdraw his objection to Mr. Hainey obtaining the 24 acres. At the same time Mr. Hainey is willing to take the north 24 acres and Mr. Wallis the balance of it.

We have thoroughly agreed upon that proposition and Mr. Wallis has very kindly consented to withdraw any and all objections to the purchase by Mr. Hainey of the 24 acres. Mr. Wallis is writing you a letter to this effect by today's mail.

Mr. Richardson left with me a check for Mr. Hainey, same being the amount he had placed with the I. I. Board for the purchase of the 24 acres and I am returning this check to you. With the understanding existing between Mr. Hainey and Mr. Wallis this leaves nothing in this case for us to fight over and we can get it settled as early as possible.

However, I am filing your notice of trial as you requested and we can announce to the Court at the time the case is called that the matter is settled.

Would thank you to advise me when you would like for the Raulerson case to be set for trial. I am wondering if we could not enter into some

agreement in the Raulerson case for the purchase of the land and should think we would be able to get this at a very reasonable price. Please advise me about the Raulerson matter, and if the Board will make Mr. Raulerson a reasonable price. There is no adjoining land on this tract and we should have no trouble in closing this matter.

Yours very truly,

EMB:S

E. M. BAYNES."

and the following letter from W. T. Wallis, Jr., of West Palm Beach :

"Danara Building,
West Palm Beach, Florida.
Box 1862.
December 15th, 1930.

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund,
State of Florida,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Gentlemen :

Under date of May 9th, 1930, the undersigned objected to the sale of 24 acres within the projected limits of Section 25, Township 43 S., Rge. 36 E., as advertised in the Everglades News to be held on May 27th, for OBJECTIONS ONLY, stating that the therein described area of 24 acres was within the limits of a 55 acre tract for which an offer of Fifty Dollars per acre had been made on June 3rd, 1929; and in which connection the impression had been received that an opportunity would be accorded the undersigned to bid on this entire tract whenever it might be offered for sale. A further point of objection was to the sale of a portion of this tract, separating the remainder into two parcels, each less suitable for agricultural use than if the remainder was in one unit.

Recently being advised of the completed nature of the transaction entered into between the Trustees and Mr. Hailey for the sale of this 24 acres, and being particularly desirous of fully cooperating with the Trustees, the purpose of this letter is to waive all objection previously made to the sale of 24 acres of this tract to Mr. Hailey, requesting only that the Trustees convey such acreage from

the Northern half of this tract and deed the remaining portion to the undersigned at the price and under the terms of the sale so made to Mr. Hainey.

Respectfully submitted,

WTW :b

W. T. WALLIS, JR.''

was presented by Mr. Marvin C. McIntosh, Counsel.

After discussion of the circumstances connected with the sale of these lands, which are to the effect that a previous agreement had been made to sell 24 acres to J. B. Hainey at \$50.00 per acre in settlement of the ejectment suit pending against him, and which agreement was made subsequent to the original offer of Mr. Wallis to purchase all of the 53 acres, more or less, upon motion it was decided that the North 24 acres of this tract be sold to the said Mr. J. B. Hainey at \$50.00 per acre, and that the remainder of said 53 acre tract be sold to the said Mr. W. T. Wallis, Jr., at the same price; however, deeds are to carry, in addition to the regular reservations, a reservation amply covering any or all of the above lands which might be needed for, or in connection with, the construction of any dams, dikes, levees, canals, cuts, ditches, sluiceways or any other works necessary for reclamation, drainage or flood control, with reference to Lake Okeechobee and/or the bottoms thereof, and/or the Everglades, and the lands in the vicinity thereof. Should any or all of these lands be taken for the purposes set forth in the reservations in the deeds conveying same, that such lands taken shall in no way affect the purchase price for lands conveyed or the obligation to pay same in full.

Mr. Hainey shall be allowed to continue to use the lands now in his possession not to exceed 24 acres to and including June 30, 1931, provided deed to the North 24 acres with reservations is accepted by him not later than January 1, 1931, and also provided that deed to the remainder is accepted by Mr. Wallis at the same time. Should deeds be accepted by Mr. Hainey and Mr. Wallis, as set forth above, the lands which are not within the 24 acres in possession of the said Mr. Hainey shall remain in possession of the Trustees until June 30, 1931, and the revenues received therefrom shall be retained by the Trustees, and the lessees thereon shall not be disturbed by the said J. B. Hainey or the said W. T. Wallis, Jr., before July 1, 1931.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
December 22, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Treadwell & Treadwell, Attorneys of Arcadia, relative to reconveyance of a portion of the land in Entries No. 16840 to 16852, inclusive, which matter was submitted to the Trustees by Mr. Harley Watson October 21, 1930. Treadwell and Treadwell request that the Trustees agree to sign stipulation and be made parties to a foreclosure suit, this being necessary to clear the title to the land.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees agreed to the above and directed that Mr. McIntosh, Counsel for the Trustees, handle the matter.

The Land Department presented letter from J. P. Conrad of Southern Drainage District, requesting that the Trustees pay 1929 taxes on land supposed to be within the boundaries of Southern Drainage District.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to pay the 1929 taxes upon condition that penalties and costs be remitted, without prejudice to any rights they might have in the premises.

The Land Department submitted offer from Robert G. Whitney of Tampa, of \$8.75 an acre for N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 32 South, Range 20 East, Manatee County.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the offer was declined and the Land Department requested to ask Mr. Whitney to make a better offer for the land.

The Land Department presented letter from W. B. Leatherman, requesting that the Trustees cancel his note in the sum of \$1,368.40; all other payments having been made.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees directed the Land Office to advise Mr. Leatherman that they could not cancel the above note, but that he make an effort to pay the same.

Financial Statement for the month of November presented and approved.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 1930

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| Balance in fund November 1, 1930. | \$ 65,017.50 | |
| From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923 and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 | 628.24 | |
| From sale of Minutes | .50 | |
| Receipts on account of leases of lands | 45.00 | |
| From sale of sand, shell and gravel | 596.02 | |
| Receipts on account of oil leases . | 1.32 | |
| Receipts on account of various land sales | 1,890.12 | |
| | <u>\$ 68,178.70</u> | |
| Less Disbursements | 3,165.98 | |
| Balance on hand December 1, 1930 | | \$ 65,012.72 |

RECAPITULATION

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| Cash and cash items | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Balances in Banks | 64,012.72 | |
| | | \$ 65,012.72 |

BALANCES IN BANKS DECEMBER 1, 1930

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| Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | \$ 1,391.97 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 1,888.59 |
| Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla. | 37,616.34 |
| American National Bank, Pensa- cola, Fla. | 4,715.03 |

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| First National Bank, Miami, Fla. | 1,959.58 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 11,432.31 |
| The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 486.84 |
| Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. | 4,455.51 |
| Central Farmers Tr. Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. | 66.55 |

\$ 64,012.72

DISBURSEMENTS

| Date 1930 | Check No. | In favor of: | Amount |
|--------------|--------------|---|-----------|
| Nov. 3, | 8299 | Pentland, Robertson & Heuser. | \$ 150.00 |
| 14, | 8301 | E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. . . . | 708.81 |
| 18, | 8302 | Southern Telephone & Con- struction Co. | 4.25 |
| | 8303 | Western Union Telegraph Co. | 9.96 |
| | 8304 | Fidelity Pencil Co. | 3.96 |
| | 8305 | Seabrook Hardware Co. | 12.00 |
| | 8306 | Tallahassee Office Supply Co. | 44.60 |
| | 8307 | A. R. Richardson | 289.26 |
| | 8308 | The Miami Herald | 9.00 |
| | 8309 | Vero Beach Press-Journal . . . | 11.25 |
| | 8310 | Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. | 45.57 |
| | 8311 | M. C. McIntosh | 8.15 |
| 30, | 8312 | F. C. Elliot | 325.00 |
| | 8313 | A. R. Richardson | 333.34 |
| | 8314 | M. C. McIntosh | 229.16 |
| | 8315 | F. E. Bayless | 233.34 |
| | 8316 | C. B. Gwynn | 300.00 |
| | 8317 | L. M. Ausley | 175.00 |
| | 8318 | A. C. Bridges | 80.00 |
| | 8319 | Jentye Dedge | 75.00 |
| | 8320 | Mrs. Bertha W. Bohler | 83.33 |
| | 8321 | Robert Wynn | 35.00 |

\$ 3,165.98

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NOTE.—From Everglades Drainage Commissioners, \$106,336.34 account payment of 1930 taxes, credited by Trustees in payment of \$101,166.67 note and interest, mak-

ing \$103,628.39 owed them by Drainage Board; balance \$2,707.95 credited by Trustees as payment on \$300,000.00 Drainage Board Note.

Cross Entry made by Trustees' Check No.

8322\$ 106,336.34

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Check No. 8322\$ 106,336.34

Cross Entry representing payment of 1930 taxes by Trustees and settlement of \$101,666.67 note and interest, making \$103,628.39, owed them by Drainage Board; balance \$2,707.95, credited by Trustees as payment on \$300,000.00 Drainage Board Note.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid.

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| F. C. Elliot, Secretary | \$ 325.00 |
| A. R. Richardson, Field Agent | 333.34 |
| M. C. McIntosh, Counsel | 229.16 |
| F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk | 233.34 |
| C. B. Gwynn, Chief Land Clerk | 300.00 |
| L. M. Ausley, Extra Help | 175.00 |
| A. C. Bridges, Accountant | 80.00 |
| Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary | 75.00 |
| Mrs. Bertha W. Bohler, Stenographer | 83.33 |
| H. L. Shearer, Tax Clerk | 175.00 |
| R. W. Ervin, General Utility Man | 233.34 |
| F. P. Jackson, Extra Help | 175.00 |
| M. O. Barco, Secretary to Chief Engineer | 75.00 |
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| | \$ 2,492.51 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.

December 23, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Knott called attention of the Trustees to the matter of moneys advanced by the State Treasurer, handled as a cash item, for paying principal on Everglades Drainage District Bonds maturing July 1, 1930 and stated, that pursuant to arrangements agreed upon by the Tallahassee members of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, under authority conferred upon them by the entire Board at a meeting at West Palm Beach in June 1930, he had applied as a cash item money from the Treasury, in the amount of \$100,000.00, toward payment of principal on Everglades Drainage District Bonds maturing July 1, 1930, and that since taxes from the District had been coming in slowly it was necessary that the amount be covered at an early date. Mr. Knott requested that the Trustees authorize payment to the State Treasurer of so much as had not been paid by the Drainage Board and that a charge be made against Everglades Drainage District for such amount to be repaid to the Trustees from tax collections as they were received.

The Tallahassee members of the Drainage Board having been authorized to take such steps as they deemed necessary for procuring money with which to pay the bond requirements on July 1, 1930, the Trustees were requested to make payment as above. Whereupon the Trustees ordered that check in amount of \$50,000.00 be issued to the State Treasurer and a charge made against the Everglades Drainage District to be taken care of from tax collections.

The following bill was presented and ordered paid:

W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla.

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| Reimbursement for bond payments July 1, 1930. | \$ 50,000.00 |
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Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.

December 29, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid.

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| W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla., | |
| Payment of taxes Palm Beach County | \$ 1,613.25 |
| W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla., | |
| Payment of taxes Broward County | 62,863.91 |
| W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla., | |
| Payment of taxes Okeechobee County | 2,028.06 |
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| | \$ 66,505.22 |

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

W. V. KNOTT,
 Treasurer—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
 December 31, 1930.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Doyle E. Carlton, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of December 9th, 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd and 29th, 1931, presented and approved.

A letter was presented from R. B. Waters, President of Greater Miami Airport Association, with reference to acquiring for the United Army Air Corps the State's land known as Arsnicker Keys.

The Land Department was directed to furnish further information on the subject and request Mr. Waters to make the Trustees an offer for the land.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from R. A. Henderson, Jr., relative to cancellation of Certificate held by the Trustees

on land owned by A. C. L. Railway Company in Hendry County, Township 43, Range 34, considered by the Trustees on October 14th. Mr. Henderson stated that he believed the Courts would decide in favor of the Railroad, but desired to know if a compromise could not be effected.

Upon discussion, the Trustees directed the Secretary to request Mr. Henderson to make a proposition for compromise.

The Secretary suggested that the Trustees adopt some plan for the sale of Everglades Drainage District tax lands to be held on January 28; that pursuant to practice of the Trustees, except in case of redemption by original owner, they have required a payment in addition to the amount necessary to take up the certificate, and that such additional payment had usually been determined with reference to amount of taxes and value of the land.

Since the law requires that the Trustees shall receive from the sale of such land an amount not less than taxes, penalties and costs, motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the lands be sold for cash only. It was ordered that this plan be followed in the sale of tax lands on January 28th.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel for the Trustees, reported that he had received telegrams from W. T. Wallis, Jr., and from attorney for J. B. Hainey, accepting the proposition of the Trustees of December 17th, to sell 53 acres of land in Section 25, Township 43, Range 36, at a price of \$50.00 per acre. The land was ordered sold in accordance with proposition of December 17th and deeds ordered issued.

W. C. Hodges, representing R. M. Jones, came before the Trustees relative to land transaction presented December 9th. The Governor advised Mr. Hodges that as only three members are present it is desired to hold the matter over for a full Board meeting. Whereupon Mr. Hodges filed with Counsel for the Trustees proposition of his client, together with other documents for the information of the Board.

The Trustees requested Mr. McIntosh to examine the papers and report to them at the first meeting when a full membership could be present.

The Trustees recessed to meet at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

Three o'clock P. M.

Pursuant to recessed meeting of the morning, the Trustees met with the same members present and also Mr. Knott.

The Secretary presented letter from Chase National Bank of New York in reference to Note of the Trustees in the amount of \$300,000.00 held by the above Bank. Mr. Elliot advised that a payment of \$50,000.00 had been paid upon the principal and \$9,000.00 upon the interest of said note, both maturing December 29th, 1930, but that Chase National Bank request additional payment be made upon the principal of the note.

The Trustees, upon discussing the subject, directed the Secretary to advise Chase National Bank that they would make an additional payment of \$50,000.00 upon the expiration of Ninety (90) days from due date of the present note; and further directed the Secretary to advise Chase National Bank of conditions in reference to funds of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and in the matter of tax collections for Everglades Drainage District.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

DOYLE E. CARLTON,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

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APPENDIX AND INDEX

General Information in Reference to Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund

In the foregoing pages are set forth a record of the official acts of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the biennium beginning January 1st, 1929, to December 31st, 1930. In order that there may be information relative to the work of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the following is set forth.

In 1851 a law was enacted, being Chapter 332, Laws of Florida, Section 3 of which is as follows:

“Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, that there shall be, and hereby is created and constituted, a Board of Internal Improvement for the State of Florida, to consist of the Governor, Attorney General, Treasurer, Comptroller, and State Register of Public Lands, for the time being, who shall be, ex-officio members thereof, and one member from each of the Judicial districts of this State, to be elected by the General Assembly, to serve for two years, and until their successors shall be elected, which said members, ex-officio and elected, shall constitute the Board of Internal Improvement of the State of Florida, and shall hold an annual meeting on the first Monday in December in each year.”

The purpose of the Act was to secure and classify the lands lately granted to the state from the United States, designated as “Swamp and Overflowed Lands,” and to make such lands subject to sale under certain rules and regulations.

The Board of Internal Improvement operated under the above Act till 1853, when the Act was amended by Chapter 496 by providing that the 3rd section of the Act of 1851 be repealed, and a Board of Internal Improvement was created “to consist of the State Engineer as President, and eight Commissioners, to be elected by the General Assembly, to-wit: two of said commissioners shall be appointed from each Judicial District, to hold their office for four years” This Act further authorized “the State Engineer to contract with persons or companies to reclaim swamp lands.”

The Board operated under this Act until January, 1855, when Chapter 610 was enacted. This Act was entitled “AN ACT to Provide for and Encourage a Liberal System of Internal Improvements in This State.” The Act created the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

Section 2 of the Act provided "That for the purpose of assuring a proper application of said funds for the purpose herein declared, said lands and all the funds arising from the sale thereof, after paying the necessary expenses of selections, management and sale, are hereby irrevocably vested in five Trustees, to-wit: In the Governor of the State, the Attorney-General and the Register of State Lands, and their successors in office, to hold the same in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter provided . . ."

The Internal Improvement Fund continued to be administered under the provisions of this Act to the present. From time to time additional legislation has been enacted empowering the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to do certain things and to perform certain acts not contained in the original law.

Growing out of Chapter 610 and other laws relating to the Trustees, or to the said fund, or to the lands of the State of Florida vested in said Trustees, the principal duties and work of the Trustees have been in connection with the following subjects:

Application for and the securing of patents to Florida from the United States for land under the Federal Land Grant Act.

Encouragement of railroad construction during earlier years in grants of land from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under legislative land grant acts, and payments of bonds issued for the construction of railroads.

The improvement of waterways and the encouragement of canal construction for transportation.

Assisting in the building of roads and highways.

The survey into townships, ranges and sections of hitherto unsurveyed land granted to the state.

The encouragement of land drainage and reclamation.

The protection of the state's lands through the prevention of trespass, damage, and unlawful uses.

Grants of lands under statute for Indian Reservations and for state parks.

Grants under statute to cities and counties for harbor improvements.

Assistance in a material way to the State School Fund through moneys paid into such fund from proceeds of public lands.

The sale of state lands to individuals, companies and corporations for settlement and cultivation, and rental of lands for farming purposes.

The lease and sale of land products, such as timber, turpentine, sand, shell, gravel, clay and minerals.

The leasing of lands for oil explorations.

Other subjects coming under the broad head of Internal Improvements, and still others not of that nature, but provided for by law.

The foregoing discloses that the work of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund has been of varied character and has comprehended many subjects.

The total amount of swamp and overflowed lands for which the state had received patent from the United States to July 1st, 1930, was 20,427,122.52 acres. Of the above there have been granted or conveyed in various ways by the state, 19,376,023 acres, leaving a balance on hand of 1,051,099.52 acres, of which 872,330.73 acres are within the Everglades Drainage District, and the balance scattered, usually in small amounts, throughout the state.

The state also owns large areas of sovereignty lands along the coast and bordering the navigable rivers and lakes of the state. While no accurate survey has been made of these areas, it is estimated that there are approximately half a million acres of sovereignty land susceptible of improvement and of being converted into useful, habitable property.

On or under some of these sovereignty lands have been discovered valuable deposits of minerals, clays, gravel, shell, sands, and other useful and commercially valuable substances. Money received from sale of sovereignty lands since 1913 amounts to \$1,164,546.48. There were no sales prior to 1913. The remaining other lands of the Trustees are Internal Improvement Fund lands proper, consisting of a total area of 3,756.74 acres.

The effect and influence of the work carried on by the Trustees is state-wide. It is undoubtedly true that had it not been for the assistance rendered by the state through the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in encouraging the construction of railroads throughout Florida, this state would have been far behind its present stage of development, not only in railroad construction, but in all the diverse developments collateral to or depending upon adequate transportation facilities. Literally thousands of miles of railroad were made possible through the encouragement and material assistance rendered by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. Total contributions of the state to railroad construction amounts to 9,070,156 acres of land and \$2,767,721.00 in money.

The part taken by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in the encouragement of railroad construction covered earlier periods in the history of the Fund, the greatest activity being shown from 1870 to 1890. In this work alone of well nigh inestimable value to the state, this Fund has written itself indelibly into the history of the state's progress.

The Trustees paid to the State School Fund out of proceeds from land sales since 1908 the sum of \$1,897,000, which together with the increment thereto through interest and investments, now constitutes about three-fourths of the existing total school fund of \$4,515,800.00.

An example of what resulted from the encouragement afforded by the state to the construction and improvement of waterways is illustrated by the Florida East Coast Canal. Under contract between the state of Florida, through the Trustees, and the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company, a continuous waterway was provided from the mouth of the Saint Johns River near Jacksonville, Florida, to Biscayne Bay at Miami, a distance by water of 359 miles. The waterway, as provided through state aid, resulted in a continuous navigable channel having a minimum depth of 5 feet and a minimum width of 50 feet. The assistance given by the state to this work is represented by legislative land grants under which the Trustees deeded to the Canal Company 1,030,559 acres of swamp and overflowed lands along the route of the canal.

The Florida Coast Line Canal, now designated the Florida East Coast Canal, has been taken over for improvement and maintenance by the United States as a government project. The plan for improvement by the Federal Government of this waterway contemplates a minimum depth of 8 feet and a minimum width of 75 feet, from St. Johns River to Miami, Florida. Work of improvement by the United States is now in progress and, when completed, will link the southern portion of the Florida East Coast with the northern Atlantic Coast of the United States by an almost continuous intra-coastal route, affording to the public a protected waterway of valuable navigable dimensions for commerce and for pleasure. Without the assistance rendered by the state, no such waterway along the Florida Coast would be in existence.

There were also deeded to canal and land companies for encouragement of drainage in early years, exclusive of Everglades Drainage District, 1,721,530 acres.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund also supplied, subject to repayment in part by the state, \$849,800.00 with which certain state buildings were constructed, as follows:

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| State Office Building at Tallahassee..... | \$300,000.00 |
| State Prison Building at Raiford State Farm | \$299,800.00 |
| State Industrial Plants at State Institutions. | \$250,000.00 |

The money applied to the construction of these state buildings came from the sale of lands other than those termed Swamp and Overflowed Lands, to-wit: from the sale of sovereignty lands which belonged to all the people of the state in common, and the proceeds of which were subject to disposal by the legislature. Neither these lands nor the proceeds therefrom were in any way pledged to drainage, and legislative disposition of proceeds toward the construction of state buildings was entirely appropriate and not an infringement in any respect of any

pledge of swamp and overflowed lands toward drainage. The legislature has provided for repayment of the amounts represented by the first two items, but no provision has been made for repayment of \$250,000.00 applied to the construction of industrial plants at state institutions.

Special mention should be made of the work of the Trustees in connection with drainage. In March, 1903, application was made to the Federal Government for patent to the State of Florida for the lands comprising the Everglades, and in April patent thereto was issued. Following the securing of patent to the Everglades, the question of drainage began to take definite form.

Prior to this time the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund had undertaken to improve by drainage certain areas of land under contract between the Trustees and land owners, such as with Hamilton Disston. These arrangements were, substantially, that the Trustees would convey to the Company constructing canals for draining land a certain proportion of the land in payment for drainage improvements. This work was done directly through the Trustees prior to the passage of subsequent drainage laws. These arrangements did not prove entirely satisfactory from the standpoint of land drainage, but were of great value in indicating the need for drainage legislation and for adopting a definite plan for the conduct of drainage operations.

Mention should be made here of three outstanding pivotal points on which the question of drainage and reclamation developed as the state's interest appeared therein, especially with respect to the Everglades.

ONE: The application to the Federal Government by the State of Florida for patent in fee to the said state of all those lands known as the Everglades and the receiving and accepting of said patent by the said state.

TWO: The fixing of the status of the lands remaining in the ownership of the state coming to it under the Act of Congress of September 28th, 1850, known as the Swamp and Overflowed Land Grant Act, with special reference to the question of drainage and the determination of the powers and duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund with reference to the lands held by them in trust for the purpose of drainage.

THREE: The passage by the State Legislature of the first drainage law in 1905, and as amended in 1907, which said law designated the drainage officers or commissioners and described their duties and powers, and the subsequent passage of other laws and amendments relating to the subject of drainage, especially in respect to the Everglades.

The work of the Trustees in 1905 began to center largely around the drainage and reclamation of the lands comprising the Everglades, and from the three subjects as above, there evolved a great drainage undertaking.

The Acts of 1905 and 1907 created the "Board of Drainage Commissioners of this State," composed of the same personnel as the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; that is, the Governor, the Comptroller, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Agriculture. This Board, while charged with all drainage work for the state, had special reference to the Everglades Drainage District, the affairs of which were administered by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under the name of the Board of Drainage Commissioners from 1905 till 1913.

In 1913 an Act was passed with special reference to Everglades Drainage District, defining the boundaries of the district substantially as they now exist, creating a governing Board for the District termed the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, and prescribing the powers and duties of the said Board with reference to drainage and the general development of the area. The Drainage Board continued to be composed of the same personnel comprising the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. The work of drainage continued under this Act, with minor additions and amendments, until 1929. During this period, and especially from 1910 till 1929, nearly all the work of reclamation and development in the Everglades took place. There were constructed 440 miles of main drainage and flood control canals, and 47 miles of Lake Okeechobee Levee for flood protection, involving a total excavation of eighty million cubic yards of earth and rock, the building of 14 concrete locks and dams, the survey into sections, townships and ranges of more than a million acres of land heretofore unsurveyed, together with much other important work. Expenditures by the Drainage Board amounted to \$20,000,000.00 in round figures. Money was secured through drainage taxes upon lands within the District and through advances from the Trustees. A part of the money from the collection of taxes was applied directly to payment for drainage work and a part pledged for supporting bonds, the proceeds of which were applied to construction. The work went on continuously through good and bad times and through the trying period of the World War. Not a year elapsed without the accomplishment of important work. Splendid progress was made in canal construction, reaching amounts of more than five million cubic yards annually during several years, together with the construction of concrete locks and dams and the carrying out of other important work of the District.

During this period, till 1929, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund exerted a large and important influence upon the work.

During these times the support of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the District was of well nigh incalculable value. As a matter of fact, Everglades Drainage District could not have proceeded with the work of reclamation on an important scale had it not been for the support which the State of Florida, through the Trustees, rendered. Frequently the Trustees advanced money to the District to meet emergencies. Often the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund joined with the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District in the signing of contracts for constructing canals and other works, and in pledging the assets of the Trustees for securing money to meet the District's obligations. During favorable periods the District paid back, sometimes the whole, and other times in part, the money advanced by the Trustees. Such advances to the District were especially favorable since usually no interest was charged by the Trustees upon money loaned or advanced, or upon the hypothecated assets of the Trustees pledged to secure money to meet the District's needs. The Everglades Drainage District still owes the Trustees large amounts on these advances.

Developments in the District through private enterprises advanced steadily as a result of the drainage work. Settlement and cultivation of the land went on from year to year. Improved highways were constructed by the state, by counties, and by private individuals. Assistance was rendered by the Trustees in so doing. Railroads were built into the District from different directions. Transportation facilities developed to meet the needs of the growing country. Communities and towns came into being, served by transportation lines and communication systems. Schools and churches came. There followed in orderly sequence the necessities and conveniences of present day civilization, and accompanying all were the many complex problems attendant upon a territory in the pioneer stages of development.

The District met promptly all interest and principal payments upon its bonds. The credit of the District steadily improved; bonds were sold at better prices and at lower rates of interest; the securities of the District were listed by national banking houses upon a higher credit basis as sound securities with excellent experience ratings.

It will be remembered that the state of Florida owned more than Two Million acres of land within Everglades Drainage District in the beginning and that it still owns more than Eight Hundred Thousand acres within that area. The lands of the state are required to pay drainage taxes equally with lands privately owned. The total amount of money paid as taxes to the district by the Trustees, both as taxes upon state lands and as advances to the District on tax certificates, and taxes on certificated lands account of delinquent tax payments by private owners, is represented by \$4,519,773.00, or 39% of the total

taxes amounting to \$11,593,760.00, collected by the District from its beginning in 1907. The foregoing alone is evidence of the state's assistance to the Everglades. Nor does the above sum include \$438,750.00 of taxes paid by the Trustees to sub-drainage districts within the Everglades, all for the drainage of that area, nor lands and moneys contributed outright to the building of roads and canals and for the survey of a million acres of land within the District.

The Internal Improvement Fund has received from the sale of lands in Everglades Drainage District \$4,307,839.00. It will be observed that the Trustees paid toward drainage in the Everglades through taxes alone \$650,684.00 more than the Internal Improvement Fund has received from sale of lands within Everglades Drainage District. In addition to the above the Trustees contributed outright for canals and other work in connection with drainage \$1,009,059.00. Therefore the Trustees paid \$1,659,743.00 more toward drainage in the Everglades than the Internal Improvement Fund received from the sale of state land in that area.

The Trustees have always paid their drainage taxes promptly, and have on occasions even paid in advance in order to provide the District with needed money.

Net amounts paid by the Trustees toward drainage in the Everglades are represented by the following:

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|---|----------------|
| Everglades Drainage District taxes on state lands . . . | \$3,465,635.00 |
| Amounts advanced to Everglades Drainage District account drainage tax certificates and as taxes on certificated lands and expense | 1,054,138.00 |
| Sub-drainage district taxes in Everglades on state lands | 438,750.00 |
| Straight donations for canals and other work in connection with drainage from 1907 to date | 1,009,059.00 |
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| Total amount contributed to drainage in the Everglades by Trustees Internal Improvement Fund | \$5,967,582.00 |
| Amount paid into Internal Improvement Fund from sale of state lands in district | 4,307,839.00 |
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| Amount paid by Trustees toward drainage in excess of amount received from land sales in District | \$1,659,743.00 |

The surplus paid toward drainage came from the sale of lands in various parts of the state outside of the Everglades. It is a common misconception that the Internal Improvement Fund received much more from land sales within that area than the Trustees have put into drainage there. The above discloses that the opposite is the fact.

In all of the above there stands out in bold relief the result of the assistance which the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund ren-

dered that enterprise. During that time the Trustees were the strength and the guiding hand. Perhaps the great value of that assistance was not generally appreciated or that the strength of the District rested so largely in the support afforded it by the state through the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The foregoing has reference to the Everglades down to 1929. In that year the legislature passed a new Act substantially different from the law under which the District had operated up to that time. As a result of the new Act, a different policy for Everglades Drainage District began to develop. There is now before the 1931 Legislature a bill which makes further changes in the District, its operation, management, and in its governing Board. This bill will undoubtedly become a law. Under it the new policy for the District may be completed. Recent legislation is toward a complete separation of the District from any influence of the state, or part in the District's affairs by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. This legislation results from the desire of local interests, having large influence in the District's affairs, for entire control and administration of the District and for a complete severance of any interest of the state in the District except as a tax payer on state lands. Henceforth, the Everglades Drainage District will be strictly a local drainage district in which the state, through the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, will take no part.

WHAT MAY BE EXPECTED IN THE FUTURE FROM THE LANDS OF THE STATE AS ADMINISTERED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

It has been shown that in past years the lands of the state, through legislative land grants and proceeds from land sales, were used to great advantage in the encouragement of railroad construction and for many other purposes. In 1915 statutory grants to railroads discontinued. Drainage and reclamation, and the subsequent settlement and cultivation of the land, was encouraged and material assistance given thereto. In other respects it may be anticipated that the work of the Trustees may continue toward the encouragement of works of Internal Improvement; that large contributions to the school fund will be made as time goes on; in this connection it may be stated that there are on the books of the Trustees as of December 31st, 1930, mortgages or lands sold in the unpaid principal sum of \$2,991,842.41. Of this amount \$747,960.00 will be payable to the State School Fund as collections are made. The total amount, including principal and unpaid interest, is \$3,791,423.00. That the development of the state's resources, both in land and the products therefrom, will continue on an increasing scale. Explorations for minerals and for deposits of clay, shell, gravel, et

cetera, carried on in the last few years, have led to discovery of valuable deposits, and additional investigations undoubtedly will disclose others. The leasing of state lands for oil prospecting has returned considerable revenue during recent years and it is expected that this will continue for a time without regard to whether or not oil or gas may be discovered. In the event either or both of these should be found to exist in state lands, the amount of revenue which would be derived therefrom would, of course, be speculative. It may be expected that the leasing of state lands for farming purposes will continue and increase in value to the state. The sale of sovereignty lands along the coasts, and along rivers and other waterways, will continue, and may be expected to provide substantial revenue.

There will continue the policing, protecting and conservation of the state's land holdings as in the past, but with greater efficiency under legislation for which the Trustees will ask, providing adequately therefor, and withal, the administration of state lands will continue to be an important factor in the state's development, for the benefit of all the people of the state in common.

Report on Examination of the Records and Accounts Trustees Internal Improvement Fund

Dated April 29, 1931.

By B. A. Luning
Assistant State Auditor.

April 29, 1931.

Hon. W. S. Murrow,
State Auditor,
Tallahassee, Florida.
Dear Sir:

I submit herewith report of an examination of the records and accounts of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. Period covered by audit, July 1, 1928, to December 31, 1930.

The Trustees, designated by statute, are the Governor, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, Attorney General and Commissioner of Agriculture, and their successors in office. Hon. J. Stuart Lewis served as Secretary until August, 1928, subsequent to which time Hon. Fred Elliot has been the Secretary.

Chapter 610, Acts of 1855, provides for the fund known as the Internal Improvement Fund, and provides for the lands granted by Act of Congress on March 3, 1845, and also the swamp and overflow lands conveyed on September 28, 1850, to be the property of this fund. Also designates the above named officials and their successors in office as Trustees of this Fund, states how sales shall be made of these lands, disposition of the moneys derived, etc.

Chapter 6453, Acts 1913, empowers the Trustees to borrow moneys and incur obligations to raise funds for draining and reclaiming swamp and overflow lands acquired by the State through Acts of Congress.

Chapter 7304, Acts 1917, vests the title to all islands and sand bars (sovereignty lands) in the Trustees.

From the statutes quoted it will be seen that the title to State lands (other than those exclusively granted to the School Fund) is vested in the Trustees.

The disposition of the proceeds of the sales and leases of these lands and their products is regulated by the following constitutional provisions and statutes:

Section 4 of Article 12 of the State Constitution provides for 25% of the moneys from sales of public lands owned by the State to go to the School Fund. This has been construed to mean 25% of the gross sales, and not of the net amount received after the expenses of sales are paid.

Chapter 7861, Acts of 1919, referring to lake bottom lands in the Everglades Drainage District provides for moneys derived from sales of these lands to go to the State School Fund.

Chapter 7891, Acts 1919, applies to lake bottom lands not provided for in Chapter 7861, and the proceeds of these sales (except the 25%) appear to belong to the Trustees.

Section 1226 R. G. S. provides that in all sales of lands by the Trustees, $\frac{3}{4}$ of the mineral rights and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the petroleum rights shall be reserved.

Chapter 9289, Acts of 1923, authorizes the Trustees to sell or lease oil, gas or mineral rights. Moneys arising from this to go to the State School Fund.

Chapter 12429, Acts 1927, provides for leasing sovereignty lands for the development of petroleum and gas fields. Net receipts to go to the School Fund.

Chapter 10161, Acts of 1925, authorizes the sales of moss on State lands. Receipts to go to the School Fund.

Chapter 9315, Acts 1923, provides for the sale or disposal of sand and gravel, or the execution of the leases (except in the Everglades Drainage District) by Trustees. All funds arising from such sales or leases to go to the School Fund.

Chapter 13703, Acts 1929, provides for leasing or selling shell on sovereignty lands. Proceeds to go to Trustees.

Chapter 13760, Acts 1929, authorizes the sale or lease of phosphate, earth or clay, sand, gravel, shell, mineral, metal, timber or water, or any similar substance in, on, or under sovereignty lands. Proceeds to go to the Trustees.

The sales of lands by the Trustees were examined and reported on in the examination of the State Land Department. The sales and leases of substances on or under the land appear to have been handled in accordance with the statutes and deposited to the proper funds designated by statute. In the case of oil leases, many of these have been made with the agreement that the taxes on the lands should be paid by the lessees and that royalties should be paid on all oil or gas secured. The amounts paid for taxes have accrued to the benefit of the Trustees. No royalties have been received, but if paid would go to the School Fund.

The lands referred to in the report as being sold under authority of Chapters 9131 and 10024 are Everglades Drainage lands which have reverted to the Trustees by reason of non-payment of taxes.

Chapter 6456, Acts 1913, and Chapter 8412, Acts 1921, require the Trustees to pay assessments of Everglades Drainage taxes upon all lands owned by them in the District.

Chapter 7305, Acts 1917, requires Tax Collectors to sell lands for unpaid Everglades Drainage taxes and in case there are no other bidders to bid off the tracts to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. These to be held by the Trustees in the same manner as lands sold to the State for non-payment of State and County taxes. Also provides that after two years title shall vest in the Trustees. Sections 1550 and 1551 C. G. L. read, "all certificates now held by the Board of Drainage Commissioners, per Chapter 5377, Acts of 1905, as amended by Chapter 5709, Acts of 1907, and per Chapter 6456, Acts 1913, and subsequent laws, are transferred, assigned and set over to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. The Trustees to dispose of said certificates as per Acts 1917. Legislation in the 1929 session was also passed referring to the above, and the reading of these various statutes leaves some doubt as to the exact intent of the Legislature with reference to tax certificates and certificated lands.

It appears to have been the understanding of the Trustees that they were to pay to the Everglades Drainage Commissioners the face amount of all tax certificates bid off in the name of the Trustees and also to pay annual taxes to the Everglades District upon certificated lands, while no detailed examination was made of the amounts paid over by the Trustees in this connection, it appears that the Trustees have as far as their funds would permit paid for the certificates at face value and also paid annual taxes upon certificated lands. However, in June, 1930, the Trustees' minutes record a resolution which states that the law did not require that they pay for certificates or for taxes on certificated lands, that the Tax Collectors in the Drainage District be notified that they would make no further payments for certificates, and also that the Tax Assessors be notified not to extend the assessments on lands on which certificates were outstanding. The resolution states that the Counsel of the Trustees had advised them that they were not required by law to do this, and the then Attorney General, who was a member of the Trustees, appears to have concurred in this opinion.

Auditors employed by the Everglades Drainage Commissioners appear to have taken a view contrary to that of the Trustees, and appear to have charged the Trustees with being liable for these payments.

I did not consider it advisable to devote the time that would be necessary to check these certificates, and to work out the equities of the two boards, until some definite understanding is had by both Boards as to this, or possibly some legislation is passed at the present session of the Legislature as to the definite policy to be followed.

The following moneys were collected by the Trustees on leases, prior to June 3, 1929, at which time Chapter 13670 took effect. I have verified on the State Treasurer's books the deposit of these collections to

the permanent School Fund of the State. Subsequent collections have been verified in detail as being deposited to the Trustees and are shown in the statement of their cash account.

SAND, GRAVEL, ROCK AND SHELL LEASES

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Florida Gravel Co. | \$1,037.31 |
| Capital City Sand and Gravel Co. | 1,676.87 |
| Acme Sand Co. | 250.00 |
| Atlantic Shell Co. | 826.87 |
| Standard Dredging Co. | 175.00 |
| Tampa Sand and Shell Co. | 380.25 |
| Lake Weir Sand Products Co. | 155.00 |
| Kinzie Bros. Steamer Line | 1,287.15 |
| Asa E. Maige | 120.00 |
| Conway Lake Sand Co. | 275.00 |
| Jacksonville Sand Co. | 150.00 |

OIL LEASES

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Lake Butler Villa Sand Co. | \$ 300.00 |
| Buffalo Land and Investment Co. (on school land) | 3.25 |

Collections from land leases and farm leases were verified in detail and were found to have been properly deposited to the credit of the Trustees' Account.

Collections from sales of lands, etc., were made through the Land Department in the Commissioner of Agriculture's office and are audited in the examination of that office.

Other items of receipts and disbursements of the Department are shown in the statement of the Trustees' Cash Account, and I think are sufficiently explained in other accounts shown in the report, except the amounts paid to the Selecting Agent.

The Minutes of the Trustees, Vol. 15, pages 18 to 22, under date of March 9, 1923, show an agreement entered into between the Trustees and C. R. Pierce and J. M. Sutton of Washington, D. C., in which these parties were employed by the Trustees to secure patents to swamp and overflowed lands granted to the State by Act of Congress on September 28, 1850, and by other Congressional Acts, to which the State had not already secured title. These parties were to receive 20% when sales were made of lands secured by them, provided the State had not already applied for title; otherwise to receive 10% when sale was made; also were to have an option to purchase, to be exercised within ten days, provided they offered the same price as offered by other parties. This contract further provided that the death of either

Pierce or Sutton would abate the contract but that the personal representatives of either or both of them should be entitled to collect any and all unpaid compensation for titles perfected or secured under the contract.

Mr. Pierce later withdrew from the agreement, and during the present audit period the Trustees cancelled the contract with Mr. Sutton, over his protest. However, the proviso as to the payment of commissions to the agent, when sales are made, still seems to apply.

Minutes of the Trustees were found posted to date, properly signed except for two meetings in which the approving signature of the Chairman appeared to have been unintentionally omitted, and these minutes appeared to fully set out all bills approved for payment as well as detailing the various transactions of the Board.

Following is a statement of the cash account of the Trustees from July 1, 1928, to December 31, 1930:

| RECEIPTS | 7/1/28 | 7/1/29 | 7/1/30 |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | to 6/30/29 | to 6/30/30 | to 12/31/30 |
| Land sales, Chaps. 9131 and 10024 | \$ 210,803.20 | \$ 101,567.66 | \$ 17,875.77 |
| Payments on land leases | 2,704.65 | 2,512.95 | 595.00 |
| Sale gravel and sand | 176.04 | 6,458.42 | 3,147.58 |
| Land sales, $\frac{3}{4}$ proceeds | 103,268.50 | 29,577.22 | ..... |
| Various land sales ..... | ..... | 119,912.27 | 26,741.36 |
| Redemption Pelican Bay Bonds | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | ..... |
| Interest Pelican Bay Bonds | 720.00 | 660.00 | 300.00 |
| Interest on bank de- posits | 11,522.37 | 3,616.93 | 501.71 |
| Interest on deposit in closed bank | 14.02 | ..... | ..... |
| Sale minutes | 21.00 | 7.50 | 18.10 |
| Payment on notes by Drainage Board | 292,150.33 | 102,000.00 | ..... |
| Redemptions Drainage Tax Certificates | 13,050.73 | ..... | ..... |
| Installment on land sale entry | 3,934.05 | ..... | ..... |
| Refund of loans to Fire Control Board | 15,977.45 | | |
| Refund survey Pelican Lake Farms | 2,500.00 | | |

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|---|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Refund advertising pay- ments | \$ 9.00 | \$ 18.00 | \$ 16.50 |
| Refund overpayment re- cording fees | 1.55 | | |
| Refund ejectment suits | 86.05 | 2.20 | ..... |
| Refunds from Tax Col- lectors | 389.16 | 772.32 | 9.34 |
| Refund Pahokee Drain- age Dist. taxes | 236.16 | ..... | ..... |
| Refund Florida Con- servancy Dist. | 3,427.10 | ..... | ..... |
| Refund Pelican Lake Drainage tax | 287.18 | ..... | ..... |
| Refund Everglades Dist. taxes | 2,961.65 | 111,999.96 | ..... |
| Sale riparian rights ... | 20.50 | ..... | ..... |
| Sale oil and mineral rights ..... | ..... | 20,500.43 | 7,063.21 |
| Deposit cash bond (re- funded during period) ..... | ..... | 1,000.00 | ..... |
| Forfeits ..... | ..... | 675.90 | ..... |
| Shell leases ..... | ..... | 471.05 | 2,073.24 |
| Taxes paid on oil leases ..... | ..... | 236.16 | 51.35 |
| Checks cancelled ..... | ..... | 107.99 | ..... |
| Adjustment bank error ..... | ..... | 20.00 | ..... |
| Squatters' claims on leases ..... | ..... | 1.00 | ..... |
| Sale maps, etc. .... | ..... | 3.50 | .50 |
| Sale supplies ..... | ..... | 16.52 | ..... |
| Refunds—miscellaneous ..... | ..... | 72.05 | 6.17 |
| Refund, C. C. C. Broward County .. | ..... | ..... | 165.07 |
| Collected on surety bond ..... | ..... | ..... | 275.00 |
| Repayment from Gen- eral Revenue ..... | ..... | ..... | 50,000.00 |
| | <u>\$ 665,260.69</u> | <u>\$ 503,210.03</u> | <u>\$ 108,839.90</u> |
| Total of receipts for period ..... | ..... | ..... | <u>\$ 1,277,310.62</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | 7/1/28 to 6/30/29 | 7/1/29 to 6/30/30 | 7/1/30 to 12/31/30 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Salaries | \$ 23,550.55 | \$ 26,745.87 | \$ 12,797.93 |
| Office expense | 1,277.67 | 1,315.14 | 732.46 |
| Construction bridge | | 375.00 | |
| Recording fees | 95.71 | 79.55 | 10.65 |
| Advertising costs | 502.76 | 318.30 | 189.05 |
| Loans to Drainage Bd. | | 201,166.67 | 50,000.00 |
| Payment taxes | 743,656.63 | 446,716.81 | 4,264.26 |
| Commissions to select- ing agent | | 400.00 | 318.40 |
| Traveling expense | 3,284.89 | 3,931.23 | 1,196.87 |
| Redemption certificates | 10,477.03 | 494.08 | 9,999.56 |
| Advertising tax sales, coms. | 7,388.44 | .90 | |
| Surveys and blue prints | 464.58 | 3,523.01 | 166.71 |
| Publishing minutes | | 818.78 | |
| Court costs and land hearings | 694.01 | 933.78 | 9.00 |
| Subscriptions to news- papers | 26.50 | 31.50 | 9.00 |
| Error by bank | | 20.00 | |
| Refunds of taxes | 2,503.54 | 290.26 | |
| Refunds on sales and de- posits for lands | 34,413.73 | 1,046.50 | 2,271.96 |
| Payments under Chaps. 3474 and 6972 | 9,834.67 | 3,278.21 | |
| Purchase auto. | 327.35 | | |
| Payment on notes | | | 59,000.00 |
| Drainage taxes | | | 174.00 |
| Repairing boat | | | 895.16 |
| Refund of certificates | | | 45.57 |
| | \$ 838,498.06 | \$ 691,485.59 | \$ 142,080.58 |
| Total disbursements for period | | | \$ 1,672,064.23 |
| Balances July 1, 1928 | | \$ 398,827.26 | |
| Total receipts | | 1,277,310.62 | |
| Total disbursements | | | \$ 1,672,064.23 |
| Balances December 31, 1930 | | | 4,073.65 |
| | | \$ 1,676,137.88 | \$ 1,676,137.88 |

CONFIRMATION OF BALANCES, 12/31/30

| | Bank Bal. | Warrants Outst'd'g | * Int. Credits | Office Bal. |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Central Farmer's Bk. & Tr. Co., West Palm Beach | \$ 87.96 | \$ 21.41 | \$..... | \$ 66.55 |
| Lewis State Bank, Talla- hassee | 477.31 | ..... | 21.80 | 455.51 |
| Exchange Bank, Talla- hassee | 489.27 | ..... | 2.43 | 486.84 |
| Capital City Bank, Tallahassee | 666.93 | ..... | 127.67 | 539.26 |
| First Nat'l Bk., Miami.... | 159.58 | ..... | ..... | 159.58 |
| American Nat'l Bank, Pensacola | 215.03 | ..... | ..... | 215.03 |
| Florida National Bank, Jacksonville | 3,289.57 | 2,312.21 | 207.04 | 770.32 |
| Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville | 188.59 | ..... | ..... | 188.59 |
| Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville | 191.97 | ..... | ..... | 191.97 |
| | <u>\$5,766.21</u> | <u>\$2,333.62</u> | <u>\$ 358.94</u> | <u>\$3,073.65</u> |
| Cash and cash items with State Treasurer (petty cash a/c) | | | | 1,000.00 |
| | | | | <u>\$4,073.65</u> |

* Interest Credits, represent interest credited by these banks on 12/31/30, but not charged in office accounts until January.

In addition to cash receipts and disbursements, the following checks were drawn by the Trustees, for which they received return credits on their obligations as shown, without any actual cash exchange. Check No. 8322, November, 1930, amount \$106,336.34 to Board Commissioners Everglades Drainage for taxes due by Trustees I. I. Fund, credited by Trustees on note of Drainage Board due Trustees.

Check No. 8363, 12/30/31, amount \$66,505.22, paid on 1930 taxes to Drainage Board. Credited by I. I. Fund Trustees on note due them by Everglades Drainage Commissioners. Explanation as to these exchanges of credits is more fully set out further on in this report.

OTHER ACCOUNTS OF TRUSTEES

Accounts with Board Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District on notes and loans.

July 1, 1928:

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| Balance due Trustees I. I. Fd. on note 5/31/26 | \$ 53,567.18 |
| Drainage Board Note dated 2/2/27 .. | 20,000.00 |
| Drainage Board Note dated 2/22/27.. | 115,049.96 |
| Drainage Board Note dated 3/16/27.. | 16,000.00 |
| Drainage Board Note dated 4/5/27 .. | 17,500.00 |
| Drainage Board Note dated 5/1/27 .. | 5,000.00 |
| Drainage Board Note dated 6/7/27 .. | 50,000.00 |

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| Total due on principal of notes.. | \$277,117.14 | |
| Interest on indebtedness to 12/12/28 | 13,985.52 | |
| Cash paid by Drainage Board 12/12/28... | | \$200,000.00 |
| Interest on indebtedness 12/12/28 to 4/25/29 | 1,047.67 | |
| Cash paid by Drainage Board 4/25/29... | | 92,150.33 |
| | <u>\$292,150.33</u> | <u>\$292,150.33</u> |
| Cash loaned Drainage Board 7/23/29..... | \$100,000.00 | |
| 6% interest to 11/23/29 | 2,000.00 | |
| Cash payment by Drainage Board 11/23/29 | | \$102,000.00 |
| | <u>\$102,000.00</u> | <u>\$102,000.00</u> |

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|---|--------------|--------------|
| Trustees paid note of Drainage Board at Central Farmers Bk. & Tr. Co. 6/10/30 | \$101,166.67 | |
| Interest on above at 6% to 11/5/30..... | 2,461.72 | |
| Note from Drainage Board to Trustees to secure them for note given by Trustees to Chase National Bank of New York for like amount to secure funds for Drain- age District, June 28, 1930 | 300,000.00 | |
| Nov. 5, 1930, taxes of 1930 due by Trustees on their lands in Drainage District cred- ited on notes of Drainage Board, \$103,- 628.39 for note of 6/10/30 and interest, balance \$2,707.95 credited on \$300,000.00 note | | \$106,336.34 |

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| 12/30/30, taxes due by Trustees to Drainage Board paid by credit on \$300,000.00 note..... | | \$ 66,505.22 |
| 6 months interest to 12/28/30 due on \$300,000.00 note | \$ 9,050.00* | |
| 12/23/30 Trustees paid to State Treasurer for a/c of Drainage Board on loan..... | 50,000.00 | |
| Credit amounts due Drainage Board for surveying \$1,338.76 and for tax redemptions \$32,004.46 | | 33,343.22 |
| Balance due from Drainage Board on \$300,000.00 note and on \$50,000.00 advance | | 256,493.61 |
| | <u>\$462,678.39</u> | <u>\$462,678.39</u> |

* Chase Bank charged Trustees interest by actual days, corresponding charge made by Trustees to Drainage Commissioners.

ACCOUNT WITH CHASE NAT'L BANK, N. Y.

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|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Note to bank 12/28/30 for loan..... | | \$300,000.00 |
| Interest for 6 months at 6% | | 9,050.00 |
| 12/31/30 paid bank on account..... | \$ 59,000.00 | |
| Balance due Chase Nat'l Bk. 12/28/30.... | 250,050.00 | |
| | <u>\$309,050.00</u> | <u>\$309,050.00</u> |

The Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District being unable to meet their interest payments due on outstanding bonds and being unable to secure a cash loan to themselves, the Trustees I. I. Fund, being obligated to assist in the drainage and reclamation work, gave their note to the Chase Bank to secure the funds needed by the Drainage Board, and in turn the Drainage Board gave their note to the Trustees. The extra interest of \$50.00 noted above was called for by the bank due to their calculation of interest by actual days rather than by months, and was paid by the Trustees in January.

ACCOUNT WITH PELICAN BAY DRAINAGE DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

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|---|-------------|
| July 1, 1928—Bonds of above district held by Trustees, being 6% J. & D. \$500.00 denomination each, with serial maturities (bonds not numbered consecutively).... | \$12,000.00 |
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|--|--------------|--------------|
| Redeemed by District during audit period | | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 12/31/30—Bonds on hand | | 10,000.00 |
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| | \$ 12,000.00 | \$ 12,000.00 |

Two of the bonds of this series (Nos. 24 and 26) were due as of December 31, 1930. Bond No. 24 was paid in January and No. 26 was returned unpaid because of insufficient funds, as was \$300.00 of coupons due 12/31/30.

ACCOUNT WITH A. R. RICHARDSON, FIELD AGENT, ON PURCHASE OF AUTOMOBILES

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| July 1, 1928—Due Trustees for advances in re purchase of cars | \$ 641.65 | |
| Apr. 1, 1929—Advanced by Trustees on purchase of Ford car | 327.35 | |
| 12/31/29—Credit entry to Ford car in re- conveyance of land entry No. 17303..... | | \$ 510.25 |
| 12/31/30—Balance due Trustees | | 458.75 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 969.00 | \$ 969.00 |

ACCOUNT WITH BOARD OF FIRE CONTROL

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| July 1, 1928—Last audit shows due Trust- tees for advances | \$ 15,943.75 | |
| Additional amount shown in settlement voucher | 33.70 | |
| May 1, 1929—Repayment from Everglades Drainage District Fire Tax Fund, Compt. War. No. 116093 | | \$ 15,977.45 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$ 15,977.45 | \$ 15,977.45 |

ACCOUNT WITH STATE GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Chapter 10271, Acts of 1925, authorized the transfer of \$250,000.00 of moneys of Trustees I. I. Fund, or as much as required, for establishing industrial plants at the State institutions. This Act does not, nor do I find any subsequent act providing for or requiring the repayment of funds transferred under the authority of the above Act. A total of \$250,000.00 was transferred. It appears that a legislative act will be required in order that the Trustees may receive repayment of these funds.

Chapter 11340, extraordinary session of 1925, authorized the transfer of \$300,000.00, or as much as required, of funds of the Trustees to construct a State Office Building. Provides for repayment to Trustees in 10 annual installments beginning with fiscal year 1929. Repayment to be made from General Revenue Fund.

Chapter 11341 authorized transfer of \$300,000.00 of funds of the Trustees, or as much thereof as required, for erecting buildings at the State Prison Farm. Same provisions made for repayment as in Chapter 11340.

Chapter 12428, Acts of 1927, provides an appropriation of \$600,000.00 from the General Revenue Fund for repaying the moneys borrowed by authority of Chapters 11340 and 11341, repayment to be made at such times and in such amounts as determined by the Governor, provided, however, full repayment should be made in 10 years.

I have checked the transfers of these funds and find the following monies transferred by the Trustees:

| | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Chapter 10271 | *\$250,000.00 | |
| Chapter 11340 | 300,000.00 | |
| Chapter 11341 | 299,800.00 | |
| Total advanced by Trustees under Chapters 11340 and 11341 | \$599,800.00 | |
| Repaid by General Revenue prior to 7/1/28 | | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Repaid by General Revenue during audit period | | 50,000.00 |
| Due Trustees 12/31/30 | | 499,800.00 |
| | <u>\$599,800.00</u> | <u>\$599,800.00</u> |

* No provision for repayment of this \$250,000.00.

ACCOUNT WITH STATE SCHOOL FUND

Under the provisions of the Constitution one-fourth of the amounts received from the sale of public lands shall go to the State School Fund. Subsequent to February 5, 1908, the Trustees made these remittances to the School Fund from time to time in lump payments. The Trustees published minutes in Vol. II, pages 374 to 385, under date of December 29, 1916, show in detail an audit made as to receipts from land sales, the proportion due the School Fund, the amounts paid to the School Fund, and balance due at that time. Settlement was made by the Trustees with the School Fund based upon the balance as shown by this audit.

The Trustees minutes, Vol. 13, pages 239 to 247, under date of June 30, 1930, show a re-audit of the accounts and transactions shown in 1916, made by the Board's Secretary, in which he concurs in detail

with the former audit figures, except that he shows that payments totalling \$42,000.00 made by the Trustees to the School Fund were omitted from the previous credits. He also shows, which I have verified, that certain sales made in recent years, of which the cash or down payment received was paid into the School Fund, were for various reasons refunded by the Trustees to the purchasers, the amount so paid to the School Fund on these transactions totaled \$34,248.39, or a total amount overpaid the School Fund of \$76,248.39. Following the Secretary's report as outlined, the Board instructed that the funds received from sales should be credited in full to the Trustees until the account was balanced.

Following are the monies received which have been paid to credit of the Trustees in full:

| Land Entries | Date | Amount |
|--------------|----------|--------------|
| 17115 | 6/10/30 | \$117,811.20 |
| 18097 | 7/16/30 | 2,184.00 |
| 18007 | 7/16/30 | 720.00 |
| 18094 | 6/26/30 | 420.58 |
| 18098 | 7/30/30 | 10.00 |
| 18099 | 8/ 5/30 | 500.00 |
| 18100 | 7/30/30 | 2,902.82 |
| 18101 | 7/30/30 | 11.25 |
| 18103 | 10/ 8/30 | 198.50 |
| 17847 | 6/19/30 | 139.50 |
| 17337-B | 6/21/30 | 200.00 |
| 17840 | 6/28/30 | 250.00 |
| 18000 | 6/30/30 | 297.33 |
| 17174 | 9/30/30 | 291.25 |
| 18043 | 9/15/30 | 53.10 |
| 17898 | 7/14/30 | 1,165.00 |
| 18020 | 7/20/30 | 54.99 |
| 18020 | 7/30/30 | 305.50 |
| 17274-B | 8/11/30 | 9,379.00 |
| 18045 | 8/14/30 | 67.77 |
| 18038 | 8/16/30 | 170.42 |
| 18039 | 8/22/30 | 19.25 |
| 18039 | 8/22/30 | 2.04 |
| 17851 | 9/15/30 | 2,170.00 |
| 17921 | 9/15/30 | 117.20 |
| 17300 | 9/20/30 | 1,034.38 |
| 18038 | 9/15/30 | 46.75 |
| 18041 | 9/15/30 | 52.02 |
| 17991 | 9/14/30 | 28.16 |

| Land Entries | Date | Amount | |
|--|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 17949 | 10/22/30 | \$ 91.78 | |
| 18057 | 10/25/30 | 42.03 | |
| 17985 | 11/28/30 | 58.12 | |
| 18104 | 11/25/30 | 1,832.00 | |
| 18105 | 12/23/30 | 2,550.00 | |
| 18107 | 12/ 1/30 | 300.00 | |
| 18045 | 12/31/30 | 384.03 | |
| 16635 | 6/19/30 | 793.66 | |
| | | | |
| | | | \$146,653.63 |
| | | | |
| One-fourth | | \$ 36,663.40 | |
| | | | |
| Total reimbursement due from School Fund | | \$ 76,248.39 | |
| Reimbursement secured to 12/31/30.... | | | \$ 36,663.40 |
| Balance due from school funds | | | 39,584.99 |
| | | | |
| | | \$ 76,248.39 | \$ 76,248.39 |

A few additional collections were made by the land office in December, but as credits do not appear on Trustees' books until January these amounts are not included in above figures.

ACCOUNT WITH RECEIVER'S CERTIFICATES

The Trustees hold Receiver's certificate No. 475 of the Bank of Okeechobee, dated October, 1926, for \$3,962.78, covering a number of checks due the Trustees which were unpaid at the time this bank closed and which checks are on file with the certificate. These papers are kept by the Trustees in the State Treasurer's vault for safe keeping. I find that a 4% dividend, amounting to \$158.51, was paid to the Trustees on January 7, 1928, although the credit is not entered on the back of the certificate, leaving a balance due on this certificate of \$3,804.27.

BALANCES DUE TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1931,
ON MORTGAGE NOTES HELD BY THEM IN CONNECTION WITH LAND SALES

| | | 1917 Sales. | | Character Land | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
| Entry No. | | | | Dr. | |
| 16571, | Tatum Land Co., notes as follows: | | | | |
| Note No. 9, | dated 9/24/17, due 4/1/22, bal. | | \$ 12,393.02 | | |
| Note No. 10, | " " 11/1/22 | | 97,000.00 | | |
| Note No. 11, | " " 4/1/23 | | 97,000.00 | | |
| Note No. 12, | " " 11/1/23 | | 97,324.90 | | |
| Note No. 13, | " " 12/31/24 | | 95,000.00 | | |
| Total | | | <u>\$398,717.92</u> | | |

| | | 1918 Sales. | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----|--|
| Entry No. | | 1919 | 1920 | 1921 | 1922 | | |
| 16644, | S. D. Wilson | \$ 80.30 | \$ 80.30 | \$ 80.30 | \$ 80.30 | Dr. | |
| 16678, | M. B. Knight | | 245.37 | 245.37 | 245.37 | Dr. | |
| 16686, | R. G. Johnson | | | 326.43 | 326.43 | Dr. | |
| 16688, | A. J. Knight | 252.79 | 252.79 | 252.79 | 252.79 | Dr. | |
| 16636, | R. G. Johnson | | 2,262.67 | 3,394.01 | | Dr. | |
| 16635, | C. W. Bell | | 1,342.75 | 3,204.68 | | Dr. | |
| TOTALS | | \$ 333.09 | \$ 4,183.88 | \$ 7,503.58 | \$ 904.89 | | |

| | | 1919 Sales. | | | | | |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----|--|
| Entry No. | | 1920 | 1921 | 1922 | 1923 | | |
| 16741, | A. L. Durrance | \$ 326.15 | \$ 326.15 | \$ 326.15 | \$ 326.15 | Dr. | |
| 16728, | C. R. Cline | | | | 325.21 | " | |

BALANCES DUE TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1931, ON MORTGAGE NOTES HELD BY THEM IN CONNECTION WITH LAND SALES. (Continued.)

| Entry No. | 1919 Sales. | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | 1920 | 1921 | 1922 | 1923 |
| 16753, D. O. Patton | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 16761, H. O. Snow | 326.43 | 326.43 | 190.93 | 326.43 |
| 16770, J. H. Whidden | 204.05 | 204.05 | 204.05 | 204.05 |
| 16776, Marshall Patterson | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 16777, F. L. Tatam | | | 1,000.00 | |
| 16779, Harold J. McCaskill | | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| 16785, Ira J. Tatam | | 500.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| 16805, W. L. Adams | 240.92 | 240.92 | 240.92 | |
| 16806, R. G. West | | 313.95 | 313.95 | |
| 16807, G. C. Hooker | | 635.21 | 635.21 | |
| 16808, E. S. West | | 642.52 | 642.52 | |
| 16809, W. R. Hooker | | 642.52 | 642.52 | |
| 16825, Geo. Parker | 1,100.00 | 1,600.00 | 1,600.00 | |
| 16826, H. N. Burton | 600.00 | 1,600.00 | 1,600.00 | |
| | \$ 3,797.55 | \$ 9,031.75 | \$ 10,722.68 | \$ 1,181.84 |
| | | | | Dr. |
| | | 1920 Sales. | | |
| Entry No. | 1920 | 1921 | 1922 | 1923 |
| 16865, Geo. E. Warren | | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,800.00 |
| 16873, Mrs. L. T. Rich | | | | 187.50 |
| 16895, H. H. Hart | | | 537.30 | 537.30 |
| 16899, Edw. Long | | | 256.37 | 256.37 |
| 16900, Edw. Long | | | 256.50 | 256.50 |
| 16901, Edw. Long | | | 256.62 | 256.62 |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 16904, H. H. Hart | ..... | 296.55 | 296.55 | “ |
| 16905, H. H. Hart | ..... | 269.86 | 269.86 | “ |
| 16907, J. S. Abererombie | ..... | 296.55 | 296.55 | “ |
| 16908, J. S. Abererombie | ..... | 198.75 | 289.65 | “ |
| 16909, J. S. Abererombie | ..... | 215.10 | 296.55 | “ |
| 16910, J. S. Abererombie | ..... | 296.55 | 296.55 | “ |
| 16913, H. H. Hart | ..... | 195.40 | 195.40 | “ |
| 16914, H. H. Hart | ..... | 195.40 | 195.40 | “ |
| 16915, H. H. Hart | ..... | 191.00 | 191.00 | “ |
| 16923, J. R. Martin | ..... | 250.00 | 250.00 | “ |
| 16925, E. D. Rice | ..... | 650.00 | 650.00 | “ |
| 16926, A. A. Bishop | ..... | 1,250.00 | 1,250.00 | “ |
| 16927, H. H. Hart | ..... | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | “ |
| 16935, T. J. Campbell | ..... | 250.00 | 250.00 | “ |
| 16940, Isaac I. Tatom | ..... | 750.00 | 750.00 | “ |
| TOTALS | ..... | \$ 2,756.95 | \$ 8,784.30 | \$ 10,791.59 |

1921 Sales.

| Entry No. | 1922 | 1923 | 1924 | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| 16981, S. A. Chesnutt | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 | Dr. |
| 16984, J. M. Morris | ..... | 325.00 | 325.00 | “ |
| 17019, F. S. Aikins | ..... | 325.00 | 325.00 | “ |
| TOTALS | \$ 825.00 | \$ 1,150.00 | \$ 1,150.00 | |

BALANCES DUE TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1931, ON MORTGAGE NOTES HELD BY THEM IN CONNECTION WITH LAND SALES. (Continued.)

| Entry No. | 1922 Sales. | | | | 1926 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 | 1926 | |
| 17034, Andrew Carter | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | \$ 250.00 | |
| 17035, C. H. Settle | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | |
| 17040, Fla. Sugar Food Products Co. | | 6,844.63 | 6,844.63 | 6,844.63 | Dr. |
| 17045, N. Lee Houchins | 1,294.06 | 1,294.06 | 1,294.06 | 1,294.06 | " |
| 17064, Arthur Wells | | | 347.50 | 347.50 | " |
| 17065, South Shore Farms Company | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 | " |
| 17067, W. B. Leatherman | | | 1,368.44 | 1,368.44 | " |
| 17080, Bert Winters & D. F. Dunkle | 3,200.00 | 3,200.00 | | | " |
| 17084, W. F. Greenwood (Agreement, no mortgage or notes, balances due on agreement— Year 1927 | | | | | 40,000.00 |
| Year 1928 | | | | | 57,600.00 |
| 17087, Wm. M. Hixon | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | " |
| 17091, H. H. Hart | 1,530.39 | 1,530.37 | 1,530.37 | 1,530.37 | " |
| 17092, J. A. Dew | 1,377.50 | 1,377.50 | 1,377.50 | 1,377.50 | " |
| TOTALS | \$ 13,401.95 | \$ 20,246.56 | \$ 18,762.50 | \$ 104,444.63 | |
| 1923 Sales. | | | | | |
| Entry No. | 1924 | | | | 1926 |
| 17111, W. C. Thigpen | | | \$ 496.50 | \$ 496.50 | Dr. |
| 17121, Arthur Wells | | | 465.50 | 465.50 | Dr. |
| TOTALS | | | \$ 962.00 | \$ 962.00 | |

1924 Sales.

| Entry No. | 1925 | 1926 | 1927 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 17143, and | | | |
| 17144, Ben Shepard, J. H. Rand, Jr., and Miami Real Estate Co. | \$ 33,866.67 | \$ 33,866.67 | \$ 33,866.66 |
| 17148, A. B. Edwards ..... | ..... | 3,220.60 | 3,220.60 |
| 17149, New York-Miami Realty Co. .... | ..... | 6,376.25 | 6,376.25 |
| 17154, L. E. Brown | 482.00 | 492.67 | 492.67 |
| 17159, Anton Hansen ..... | ..... | ..... | 357.50 |
| 17161, L. W. Ludlum | 218.00 | 218.00 | 218.00 |
| 17167, T. J. Zimmerman ..... | ..... | 257.75 | 257.75 |
| 17168, T. A. Waits | 197.75 | 197.75 | 197.75 |
| 17171, D. S. Spooner | 297.50 | 297.50 | 297.50 |
| 17172, W. R. Bailey | 317.00 | 317.00 | 317.00 |
| TOTALS | \$ 35,378.92 | \$ 45,244.19 | \$ 45,601.68 |

1925 Sales.

| Entry No. | 1926 | 1927 | 1928 | 1929 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 17187, A. & B. Robt. G. Holgate. | \$ 82,368.75 | \$ 82,368.75 | \$ 82,368.75 | ..... |
| 17198, G. W. Bingham | 43,000.00 | 43,000.00 | 43,000.00 | \$ 43,000.00 |
| 17199, G. W. Killian, B. L. Jennings, and T. J. Hutto, Trustees. .... | ..... | 23,500.01 | 23,500.01 | ..... |
| 17203, Fred A. Franck and R. G. Johnson | 704.43 | 704.43 | 704.43 | ..... |
| 17216, W. M. Young | 2,720.00 | 2,720.00 | 2,720.00 | ..... |
| 17218, Henry A. Marks ..... | ..... | 1,703.00 | 1,703.00 | ..... |
| 17221, Circle Trading Co. | 2,200.00 | 4,400.00 | 4,400.00 | ..... |
| 17227, Bay State Inv. Co. | 5,531.50 | 5,531.00 | 5,531.00 | ..... |
| TOTALS | | | | |

BALANCES DUE TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1931, ON MORTGAGE NOTES HELD BY THEM IN CONNECTION WITH LAND SALES. (Continued.)

| Entry No. | 1925 Sales | | | 1929 | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| | 1926 | 1927 | 1928 | | |
| 17230, R. E. Kurtz and Dave Rose .. | \$ 1,188.87 | \$ 1,188.87 | \$ 1,188.87 | \$ 1,188.87 | L. B. |
| 17231, N. R. Boniske | 24,102.00 | 24,102.00 | 24,102.00 | 24,102.00 | Dr. |
| 17233, Wise Perry | 7,174.17 | 7,174.17 | 7,174.17 | 7,174.17 | Dr. |
| 17234, Marjohn Realty Co. | 13,600.00 | 13,600.00 | 13,600.00 | 13,600.00 | Dr. |
| 17238, Frank C. Morgan ..... | ..... | 295.00 | 295.00 | 295.00 | S. & O. |
| 17239, New Realty Co. | 15,337.53 | 15,540.00 | 15,540.00 | 15,540.00 | S. & O. |
| 17240A, New Realty Co. | 625.00 | 625.00 | 625.00 | 625.00 | Dr. |
| 17240B, New Realty Co. | 1,284.37 | 1,284.37 | 1,284.37 | 1,284.37 | Dr. |
| 17241, New Realty Co. | 5,625.00 | 5,625.00 | 5,625.00 | 5,625.00 | Dr. |
| 17266, Kretex Realty Co. | 14,400.00 | 14,400.00 | 14,400.00 | 14,400.00 | Dr. |
| 17271, T. B. Ellis, Jr. | 5,452.99 | 5,452.99 | 5,452.99 | 5,452.99 | S. & O. |
| 17272, T. B. Ellis, Jr. | 30,397.73 | 30,397.73 | 30,397.73 | 30,397.73 | S. & O. |
| 17274A, Gamble & Gamble | 42,226.75 | 73,668.00 | 73,668.00 | 73,668.00 | Sov. |
| 17274B, See 1931 Legro ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 17276, Frank J. Kelly | 1,245.68 | 1,245.68 | 1,245.68 | 1,245.68 | Dr. |
| 17277, Frank J. Kelly | 1,465.50 | 1,465.50 | 1,465.50 | 1,465.50 | " |
| 17278, Frank J. Kelly | 1,343.37 | 1,343.37 | 1,343.37 | 1,343.37 | " |
| 17279, Frank J. Kelly | 1,856.30 | 1,856.30 | 1,856.30 | 1,856.30 | " |
| 17280, Frank J. Kelly | 2,228.47 | 2,228.47 | 2,228.47 | 2,228.47 | " |
| 17281, Frank J. Kelly | 1,750.00 | 1,750.00 | 1,750.00 | 1,750.00 | " |
| 17282, Frank J. Kelly | 2,150.00 | 2,150.00 | 2,150.00 | 2,150.00 | " |
| 17283, Frank J. Kelly | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | " |
| 17284, Frank J. Kelly | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | " |
| 17285, Frank J. Kelly | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | " |
| 17286, Frank J. Kelly | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | " |
| 17287, Frank J. Kelly | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | " |

| | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 17288, Frank J. Kelly | 7,000.00 | 7,000.00 | " |
| 17289, Frank J. Kelly | 6,350.00 | 6,350.00 | " |
| 17290, Frank J. Kelly | 54,800.00 | 54,800.00 | " |
| 17292, Stavinaid Inv. Co. | 16,156.00 | 16,156.00 | " |
| 17296, W. G. Austin | 1,062.41 | 1,062.41 | " |
| 17300, Ray Jenne | 527.00 | 1,473.00 | " |
| 17305, R. H. Woodward | 23,812.50 | 23,812.50 | " |
| 17328A, Florida Mid-State Realty Co. | 11,360.00 | 11,360.00 | " |
| 17328B, Florida Mid-State Realty Co. | 11,360.00 | 11,360.00 | " |
| 17328C, Florida Mid-State Realty Co. | 11,360.00 | 11,360.00 | " |
| 17262A, The Trails Land Co. | 1,420.00 | 1,420.00 | " |
| 17262B, Trails Land Co. | 1,420.00 | 1,420.00 | " |
| 17262C, Trails Land Co. | 1,420.00 | 1,420.00 | " |
| 17262D, Trails Land Co. | 1,420.00 | 1,420.00 | " |
| 17329, W. H. Hay | 1,530.00 | 1,530.00 | " |
| 17333, R. E. Skinner | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | S. & O. |
| 17334, L. G. Johnson | 799.33 | 799.33 | Sov. |
| 17337B, L. D. Freeman | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | S. & O. |
| 17348, Thos M. Jarrell | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | Dr. |
| 17349, Kretex Realty Co. | 5,500.00 | 5,500.00 | " |
| 17353, Kraemer Sugar & Syrup Co. . | 1,893.12 | 1,893.12 | " |
| 17354, Kretex Realty Co. | 625.00 | 625.00 | L. B. |
| 17356, Jas. O. Sottile | 1,968.75 | 1,968.75 | Dr. |
| 17357, Thos. M. Jarrell | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | " |
| 17358, Thos. M. Jarrell | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | " |
| 17359, Thos. M. Jarrell | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | " |
| 17360, Thos. M. Jarrell | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | " |
| 17361, R. E. Skinner | 4,721.50 | 4,721.50 | " |
| 17362, Grace P. Brockett and Jas. P. Westby | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | S. & O. |

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| Entry No. | 1925 Sales | | 1926 Sales. | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | |
| 17363, Ralph S. Palmer | 3,280.00 | 3,280.00 | 3,280.00 | 2,280.00 | Dr. |
| 17366, Thos. M. Jarrell | 6,500.00 | 6,500.00 | 6,500.00 | 6,500.00 | " |
| 17367, Thos. M. Jarrell | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | " |
| 17368, Thos. M. Jarrell | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | " |
| 17369, Matthew Dees | | 224.78 | 224.78 | 224.78 | I. I. |
| 17384, Wm. Mackey | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | S. & O. |
| 17389, Greenlawn Realty Co. | 2,350.00 | 2,350.00 | 2,350.00 | 2,350.00 | Dr. |
| 17404, R. E. Kurtz | 254.00 | 254.00 | 254.00 | 254.00 | L. B. |
| 17419, A. C. Plage | | 402.80 | 402.80 | 402.80 | S. & O. |
| 17421, Ernest Gaston | 1,680.00 | 1,680.00 | 1,680.00 | 1,680.00 | Dr. |
| 17422, Ernest Gaston | 1,680.00 | 1,680.00 | 1,680.00 | 1,680.00 | Dr. |
| 17409, C. G. Wilhoit | | 3,937.00 | 3,937.00 | 4,007.50 | Dr. |
| TOTALS | \$540,045.03 | \$625,633.83 | \$621,650.33 | \$ 43,000.00 | |
| | | | | | |
| Entry No. | 1927 | | 1928 | | 1929 |
| 17425, Thos. M. Jarrell | | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | Dr. |
| 17438, Earl S. Craft | | 1,920.63 | 1,920.62 | 1,920.62 | S. & O. |
| 17445, Kretex Realty Co. | | 3,031.12 | 3,031.12 | 3,031.12 | Dr. |
| 17448, Robt. King | | 1,048.13 | 1,048.13 | 1,048.13 | Sov. |
| 17447, Lloyd, White and Skinner Dev. Co. | | 1,725.00 | 1,725.00 | 1,725.00 | S. & O. |
| 17457, Walter P. Fuller | | 1,037.00 | 1,037.00 | 1,037.00 | Sov. |
| 17458, Walter P. Fuller | | 8,424.50 | 8,424.50 | 8,424.50 | Sov. |
| 17460, Gilbert D. Hunt and R. H. Sumner, Jr. | | 10,603.00 | 10,603.00 | 10,603.00 | Sov. |
| 17515, State Land Distr. Co. | | 1,674.64 | 1,674.64 | 1,674.64 | Dr. |

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 17516, State Land Distr. Co. | 1,674.65 | 1,674.65 | Dr. |
| 17517, State Land Distr. Co. | 1,675.06 | 1,675.06 | Dr. |
| 17528, Raffie & Watts | 1,005.75 | 1,005.75 | L. B. |
| 17530, C. E. and Geo. J. Hardin | 323.93 | 975.00 | L. B. |
| 17534, Dunedin Syndicate Co. | 11,355.50 | 11,805.50 | Sov. |
| 17542, W. B. Harvard | 800.67 | 800.66 | S. & O. |
| 17543, W. B. Harvard | 2,800.00 | 2,800.00 | " |
| 17545, W. B. Harvard | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | " |
| 17550, R. C. Caples | 205.50 | 205.50 | Sov. |
| 17551, R. C. Caples | 538.75 | 538.75 | " |
| 17552, W. M. Vickers | 405.90 | 405.90 | Dr. |
| 17553, W. M. Vickers | 312.75 | 312.75 | L. B. |
| 17555, W. M. Turner | ..... | 220.78 | L. B. |
| 17556, J. B. Beach | 292.78 | 292.78 | L. B. |
| 17566A, D. Z. Filer | 12,190.13 | 12,190.12 | S. & O. |
| 17581, N. Y. Boris | 400.00 | 400.00 | I. I. |
| 17582, P. J. Sexton | 4,903.29 | 4,903.29 | S. & O. |
| 17583, F. P. & W. C. Hooker | ..... | 750.00 | L. B. |
| 17586, Thos. A. Flanagan | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | Dr. |
| 17605, Charlotte McLendon | 87.97 | 87.98 | L. B. |
| 17606, Charlotte McLendon | 74.70 | 74.70 | L. B. |
| 17607, Charlotte McLendon | 24.97 | 24.98 | Dr. |
| 17608, Charlotte McLendon | 817.50 | 817.50 | Dr. |
| 17609, Charlotte McLendon | 2,115.75 | 2,115.75 | Dr. |
| 17610, J. H. Walker, Sr. | 182.70 | 182.70 | Dr. |
| 17611, J. H. Walker, Sr. | 182.70 | 182.70 | Dr. |
| 17618, Frank Duhme | 2,135.00 | 2,135.00 | Sov. |
| 17661, Hendry Bros. Realty Co. | 6,567.35 | 6,567.35 | Sov. |
| 17667, Belleair Estates, Inc. | 953.25 | 953.25 | Sov. |
| 17680, R. G. Johnson et al. | 1,957.00 | 1,957.00 | L. B. |

BALANCES DUE TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1931, ON MORTGAGE NOTES HELD BY THEM IN CONNECTION WITH LAND SALES. (Continued.)

| Entry No. | 1926 Sales | | | 1929 | 1930 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| | 1927 | 1928 | 1929 | | |
| 17681, Histed Holding Corp. | \$ 2,017.75 | \$ 2,017.75 | \$ 2,017.75 | \$ 2,017.75 | Sov. |
| 17691, E. L. Pearce ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,051.25 | Sov. |
| 17693, J. Phil Martin | 316.25 | 316.25 | 316.25 | 316.25 | Sov. |
| 17694, Ed. A. Haley | 1,294.88 | 1,294.87 | 1,294.87 | 1,294.87 | Sov. |
| 17701, Clay & Stephen J. Chadwick | 1,705.13 | 1,705.13 | 1,705.13 | 1,705.13 | Sov. |
| 17702, J. L. Kilgore | 236.25 | 236.25 | 236.25 | 236.25 | Sov. |
| 17726, Marina Land Company | 1,558.75 | 1,558.75 | 1,558.75 | 1,558.75 | Sov. |
| 17751, J. R. Devane | 298.84 | 298.83 | 298.83 | 298.83 | Dr. |
| 17755, W. J. Marsh | 212.78 | 212.77 | 212.77 | 212.77 | L. B. |
| 17756, W. B. Jennings | 150.18 | 150.18 | 150.18 | 150.18 | L. B. |
| 17760, F. W. Zander | 141.40 | 141.40 | 141.40 | 141.40 | L. B. |
| 17766, Elmer S. Rood, Trustee | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | S. & O. |
| 17767, Elmer S. Rood, Trustee | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | S. & O. |
| 17726A, S. C. Abernethy | 2,553.25 | 2,553.25 | 2,553.25 | 2,553.25 | Sov. |
| TOTALS | \$118,333.03 | \$120,404.83 | \$121,456.09 | | |

| Entry No. | 1927 Sales. | | | 1929 | 1930 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | 1928 | 1929 | 1930 | | |
| 17787, Richard M. Cantey | \$ 249.75 | \$ 249.75 | \$ 249.75 | \$ 249.75 | S. & O. |
| 17799, A. O. Henderson ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 542.25 | " |
| 17803, Wm. G. Fox ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 17810, Geo. B. Conley ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 17821, H. Stein, et al. | 2,945.62 | 2,945.62 | 2,945.62 | 2,945.62 | Dr. |
| 17834, J. W. Tourillot | 958.50 | 958.50 | 958.50 | 958.50 | " |

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|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| 17839, Alex Jensen | | 687.50 | “ |
| 17840, S. J. Jones | | 735.75 | “ |
| 17842, Carl Millot | 132.75 | 735.75 | “ |
| 17847, Ernest Lendrose | 590.63 | 590.62 | “ |
| 17853, Phillip Bersch ..... | ..... | 709.50 | “ |
| TOTALS | \$ 4,877.25 | \$ 6,907.74 | S. & O. |
| | | \$ 8,047.24 | |

1928 Sales.

| Entry No. | 1929 | 1930 | 1931 |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 17867, Murok Realty Corp. | \$ | \$ 561.75 | \$ 561.75 |
| 17878, Paul Johns | 1,450.50 | 1,450.50 | 1,450.50 |
| 17879, Alta F. Dwan | 372.50 | 372.50 | 372.50 |
| 17880, John Dick | 630.00 | 630.00 | 630.00 |
| 17881, E. E. Schlechter | 330.20 | 330.15 | 330.15 |
| 17882, Tom Pappas | 373.88 | 373.87 | 373.87 |
| 17893, A. H. Ramsey & Sons, Inc. | 1,153.88 | 1,153.87 | 1,153.87 |
| 17894, R. H. Bagley | 738.50 | 738.50 | 738.50 |
| 17904, Alice Padgett Moran | 221.25 | 221.25 | 221.25 |
| 17905, Benj. A. Dopus | 625.00 | 625.00 | 625.00 |
| 17910, Chas. Moran | 568.50 | 568.50 | 568.50 |
| 17911, Holger Lyngholm ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 17912, Marie M. Boyd | 370.50 | 370.50 | 370.50 |
| 17921, San Marco Corp. .... | ..... | 300.00 | 372.50 |
| 17923, E. B. Harris | 202.13 | 202.12 | 202.12 |
| 17274B, F. C. B. LeGro (1925 extension) ..... | ..... | ..... | 25,151.53 |
| TOTALS | \$ 7,036.84 | \$ 7,898.51 | \$ 33,275.54 |

BALANCES DUE TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1931, ON MORTGAGE NOTES HELD BY THEM IN CONNECTION WITH LAND SALES. (Continued.)

| Entry No. | 1929 Sales. | | 1931 | 1932 |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | \$ | | |
| 17966, | W. C. Lewis and C. B. Gwynn..... | 3,666.75 | 3,666.75 | 3,666.75 |
| 17967, | W. C. Lewis and C. B. Gwynn..... | 168.50 | 168.50 | 168.50 |
| 17985, | Effie B. Wilder | 242.17 | 242.16 | ..... |
| 17991, | Calvin A. Shive | 469.25 | 469.25 | 469.25 |
| 17992, | H. Stein | 1,318.25 | 1,318.25 | 1,318.25 |
| 17993, | M. M. Starling | 1,270.50 | 1,270.50 | 1,270.50 |
| 17998, | Chas. M. Todd | 254.00 | 254.00 | 254.00 |
| 18000, | J. C. Mizelle ..... | ..... | 280.50 | 280.50 |
| 18002, | L. I. Maloy | 569.00 | 569.00 | 569.00 |
| 18004, | L. J. Levins | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 18006, | H. J. Anderson ..... | ..... | 578.50 | 578.50 |
| 18007, | Snell Isle, Inc. | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| 18009, | Jas. Reilly | 182.50 | 182.50 | 182.50 |
| 18013, | Louis T. Sivreson | 218.50 | 218.50 | 218.50 |
| 18018, | Ira I. Smith | 280.50 | 280.50 | 280.50 |
| 18020, | L. L. Davis ..... | ..... | 305.50 | 305.50 |
| 18022, | Geo. C. McLarty | 550.00 | 550.00 | 550.00 |
| 18026, | T. A. Waits | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 18028, | C. C. Hull | 295.00 | 295.00 | 295.00 |
| 18032, | Calvin A. Shive | 312.00 | 312.00 | 312.00 |
| 18034, | Edward Olsen ..... | ..... | 335.50 | 335.50 |
| 18037, | Lillian Cook McCarley ..... | ..... | 267.67 | 267.66 |
| 18038, | W. T. Wallis and J. E. Hawkins | 900.00 | 946.75 | 946.75 |
| 18039, | Andy Smith | 118.25 | 118.25 | 118.25 |
| 18041, | J. A. Ball, Jr. | 289.00 | 289.00 | 289.00 |
| 18043, | P. C. Keesee | 295.00 | 295.00 | 295.00 |

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 18045, G. C. Inlow | 376.50 | 376.50 | “ |
| 18050, W. W. Hull | 315.00 | 315.00 | “ |
| 18055, Chas. L. Moody | 265.81 | 265.81 | “ |
| 18057, M. G. Langford | 233.50 | 233.50 | “ |
| 18059, City of New Smyrna | 1,585.00 | 1,585.00 | Sov. |
| 18060, H. O. Brown | 291.66 | 291.66 | S. & O. |
| 18061, A. A. Crosby | 333.33 | 333.33 | “ |
| 18062, F. E. Brown | 125.01 | 125.01 | “ |
| 18070, Fred Annupu | 948.75 | 948.75 | L. B. |
| 18071, Norfleet Holding Co. | 625.00 | 625.00 | L. B. |
| 18073, H. W. Martin | 375.00 | 375.00 | Dr. |
| TOTALS | \$ 19,712.24 | \$ 22,738.14 | \$ 22,495.97 |

1930 Sales.

| Entry No. | 1931 | 1932 | 1933 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 18080, Lee County Inv. Co. | \$ 390.00 | \$ 390.00 | \$ 390.00 |
| 18085, F. L. Rutledge | 256.33 | 256.33 | 256.34 |
| 18091, R. E. Smith and C. M. Todd | 228.50 | 228.50 | 228.50 |
| 18097, C. B. Thomas | 2,184.00 | 2,184.00 | 2,184.00 |
| 18100, Frederick S. Ruth | 2,902.81 | 2,902.81 | 2,902.81 |
| 18104, Frederick S. Ruth | 1,832.00 | 1,832.00 | 1,832.00 |
| 18107, H. N. Harris | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 18111, Teresa B. Douglas | 126.18 | 126.16 | 126.16 |
| TOTALS | \$ 8,019.82 | \$ 8,019.80 | \$ 8,019.81 |

Grand Total all Notes and Mortgages..... \$3,094,411.49

Balances due set up as of December 31, 1931, as represented by Notes and Mortgages outstanding. Office has not credited partial payments on notes, but appears on entries and accounts, and also the mortgagor holds receipts for payments.

DISTRIBUTION AS TO CLASSES OF LANDS

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Internal Improvement Fund (Proper) (I. I.) | \$ 1,649.56 |
| Sovereignty lands (Sov.) | 800,495.73 |
| Lake Bottom Lands (L. B.) | 43,172.75 |
| Swamp and Overflow lands in Everglades Drainage District (Dr.) | 1,947,547.80 |
| Swamp and Overflow lands outside of Everglades Drainage District (S. & O.) | 301,545.65 |
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| | \$3,094,411.49 |

The following monies deposited, entries not having been completed by issuance of deed from the Trustees and issue of mortgage and mortgage notes by the purchaser.

Entry No. 17670, June 9, 1926, W. S. McAdoo, Pinellas County, deposited cash \$6,380.50 (one-fourth of purchase price), which has been deposited, but as no deed issued, should be held for his credit until disposed of in some way.

Entry No. 17707, August 18, 1926, Sugarland Development Co., paid cash \$7,897.63 (one-fourth of purchase price) which has been deposited but no deed issued.

Entry No. 17773, Islands Company Incorporated (F. M. Valz) reconveyed land and received a credit of \$26,344.00 for lands reconveyed, also credit of \$11,790.00 for cash payment and \$65.60 interest; total credit \$38,199.60, this Company to select other lands to be conveyed to them in return for the amount held for their credit. \$9,781.58 of lands have been selected and conveyed, leaving \$28,418.02 to their credit.

Entry No. 17915, \$250.00 cash ($\frac{1}{4}$) paid by South Florida Citrus Corp; Entry No. 17916, \$250.00 cash ($\frac{1}{4}$) paid by South Florida Citrus Corp.; Entry No. 17917, \$250.00 cash ($\frac{1}{4}$) paid by South Florida Citrus Corp.; Entry No. 17918, \$250.00 cash ($\frac{1}{4}$) paid by South Florida Citrus Corp. Total, \$1,000.00, held to credit above corporation, no deeds having been issued.

Entry No. 18024, July 26, 1929, B. Robinson made cash payment \$685.50 ($\frac{1}{4}$ purchase price), deed not issued.

Note: The facts concerning each of the above individual entries would have to be taken into account in disposing of these matters. Probably the Trustees would be entitled to forfeit in some cases. In others the transaction could be completed or the moneys should be refunded.

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. LUNING,

Assistant State Auditor.

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
WORKING TRIAL BALANCE

May, 1931

| Acct. No. | Account | Dr. | Cr. |
|-----------|--|--------------|------------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| 1001 | Cash with State Treasurer | 55,324.23 | |
| 1101 | Securities and Investments | 9,500.00 | |
| 1201 | Everglades Drainage District | 239,836.83 | |
| 1203 | State School Fund | 36,307.69 | |
| 1204 | Board of Commissioners State Institutions | 399,800.00 | |
| 1205 | J. C. Warren, T. C. | 7,501.65 | |
| 1206 | J. P. Moore, T. C. | 624.16 | |
| 1207 | Bank of Okeechobee | 3,804.27 | |
| 1601 | Leases—Timber and Turpentine | 1,750.00 | |
| 1603 | Leases—Sand, Shell and Gravel | 940.90 | |
| 1604 | Leases—Petroleum | 31,617.33 | |
| 1711 | Lands and Improvements—Sovereignty Land | | 180.66 |
| 1721 | Lands and Improvements—Lake Bottom Land | | 13.49 |
| 1731 | Lands and Improvements—Original I. I. Land | | |
| 1741 | Lands and Improvements—Swamp and Overflow Land | 3,756.74 | |
| 1801 | Office Equipment—Secretary's Office | 1,054,558.76 | |
| 1851 | Office Equipment—Tax Office | 643.03 | |
| 1861 | Office Equipment—Field Agent's Office | 702.75 | |
| 1871 | Office Equipment—Land Office | 236.50 | |
| 1891 | Office Equipment—Counsel's Office | 105.00 | |
| 1893 | Yacht Josephine H. | 522.50 | |
| 1930 | Delinquent Land Installments | 7,500.00 | |
| 1931 | Current Year Installments | 2,797,941.30 | |
| 1932 | Subsequent Years Installments | 62,679.00 | |
| 1933 | Subsequent Years Installments | 29,890.77 | |
| 2011 | Bank Loans Payable | 8,019.81 | |
| | | | 150,000.00 |

| | | |
|------|--|---------------|
| 2711 | Sub-Drainage District Taxes Payable | 41,511.21 |
| 2712 | Okeechobee Flood Control Taxes | 54,963.39 |
| 2740 | John M. Sutton | 40.01 |
| 2742 | Everglades Drainage District | 27,684.85 |
| 3002 | Surplus | 27,149,734.78 |
| 3003 | Current Year Nominal Land Adjustment | 3,414.54 |
| 3010 | Prior Years Transfers to State School Fund | 1,894,419.15 |
| 3011 | Current Year Transfers to State School Fund | 3,277.30 |
| 3021 | Prior Years Transfers to Other State Funds | 478,529.78 |
| 3031 | Prior Years Transfers to Drainage Works | 3,788,830.85 |
| 3041 | Prior Years Everglades Drainage Dist. Taxes | 3,465,635.46 |
| 3042 | Current Years Everglades Drainage Dist. Taxes | 8.21 |
| 3051 | Prior Years Sub-Drainage Dist. Taxes | 438,749.80 |
| 3052 | Current Years Sub-Drainage Dist. Taxes | 3,129.12 |
| 3061 | Prior Years Okeechobee Flood Control Dist. Taxes | 77,497.95 |
| 3071 | Prior Years Transfers to Railroads | 12,199,542.92 |
| 3073 | Prior Years Transfers to Highways | 165,430.00 |
| 4001 | Interest Earned on Deposit | 164.01 |
| 4002 | Sale of Copies of Minutes | 1.50 |
| 4005 | Miscellaneous Receipts | 2.00 |
| 4501 | Interest and Cost Recovered on T. S. C. | 1,308.03 |
| 4503 | Tax Sale Certificates Amounts | 6,126.23 |
| 4505 | Profit on T. S. C. | 2,131.58 |
| 4604 | Sale of Maps and Plats | 1.00 |
| 4611 | Timber and Turpentine Leases—Sovereignty Land | 1,750.00 |
| 4641 | Timber and Turpentine Leases—Swamp and Overflow Land | 375.00 |
| 4612 | Land Rentals—Sovereignty Land | 100.00 |
| 4642 | Land Rentals—Swamp and Overflow Land | 150.00 |
| 4613 | Sand, Shell and Gravel Leases—Sovereignty Land | 2,999.66 |
| 4644 | Petroleum Leases—Swamp and Overflow Land | 36,491.96 |

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
WORKING TRIAL BALANCE—(Continued)

May, 1931

| Acct. No. | Account | Dr. | Cr. |
|-----------|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| 4701 | Interest Received on Land Installments | | \$ 536.57 |
| 4703 | Refund—Land Surveys | | 100.10 |
| 4711 | Cash Land Sale—Sovereignty Land | | 5,305.15 |
| 4713 | Sale of Mineral Rights Reserved—Sovereignty Land | | 41.50 |
| 4721 | Cash Land Sale—Lake Bottom Land | | 17.00 |
| 4741 | Cash Land Sale—Swamp and Overflow Land | | 800.10 |
| 4743 | Sale of Mineral Rights Reserved—Swamp and Overflow Land | | 80.75 |
| 5000 | Operating Expenses | \$ 17,590.44 | |
| 5131 | Interest on Bank Loans | 4,233.33 | |
| 6561 | Refund Everglades Drainage Dist. Taxes | 437.40 | |
| 6562 | Refund Sub-Drainage Dist. Taxes | 27.17 | |
| 6740 | Selecting Agent Fees | 656.51 | |
| 6901 | Refund State and County Taxes | 1,109.59 | |
| 7612 | Refund—Leases | 100.00 | |
| 7722 | Cancellation Mortgages—Lake Bottom Land | 7,746.00 | |
| 7742 | Cancellation Land Sale—Sovereignty Land | 182,297.90 | |
| 8502 | Refund—Tax Certificates | 3,212.97 | |
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| | | \$27,486,025.07 | \$27,486,025.07 |