

# MINUTES

AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

OF THE

STATE OF FLORIDA.

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Tallahassee, Florida, January 4, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of regular meeting of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of December 30, 1916, read and approved.

The following resolution was adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in regular meeting January 4, 1917.

WHEREAS, On December 30, 1916, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida comprising the members whose term expired on January 2, 1917, entered into a certain agreement with J. R. Anthony, Jr., of Jacksonville, relative to a loan of \$12,800.00 to the said Trustees for the purpose of obtaining funds for paying the costs of drainage works to be con-

structed for draining the proposed Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, On January 2, 1917, certain changes in the personnel composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund occurred by reason of the beginning of a new administration, the Governor and Comptroller being new members of the said Trustees, and not having been informed or advised of the proposition above referred to; and

WHEREAS, Upon explanation of the said proposition by the Attorney General, State Treasurer and the Commissioner of Agriculture, being the continuing members of the Trustees, Governor Catts and Comptroller Amos thereupon expressed themselves as concurring in the action of the Trustees as of date December 30, 1916; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Trustees unanimously concur in and ratify the action of the Trustees of December 30, 1916, relating to the proposed Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Dec. 1916.....	\$ 175.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Dec. 1916	166.66
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Dec. 1916 .....	100.00
T. J. Appleyard, Printing 1000 Maps and printing names on 2000 Letterheads, bills of Dec. 16 and 29, 1916.....	12.00
Western Union Tel. Co., Bill, Dec. 1916.....	7.48
J. G. Collins, Multigraphing 1000 legal sheets Price List of lands offered for sale bordering on Lake Okeechobee, bill of Dec. 27, 1916..	5.00
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	\$ 466.14

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 5, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 T. F. West, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of regular meeting of January 4, 1917, read and approved.

A letter from J. N. Lummus, President The Miami Ocean View Company, of Miami, was read, requesting the Trustees to advertise the following land for sale, as his Company was anxious to purchase same:

An oval tract of submerged land in Biscayne Bay described as follows:

From the intersection of the north line of Sixth Street and the east line of Alton Road in the town of Miami Beach, Florida, run west along the north line of Sixth Street, produced 2700 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; thence deflecting 84 degrees to the right from the north line of Sixth Street produced, a distance of 1600 feet; thence to the left along a tangential circular curve whose radius is 500 feet a distance of 1570.8 feet; thence southeastwardly 100 feet west of the point of beginning; thence to the left along a tangential circular curve whose radius is 500 feet a distance of 1570.8 feet to the point of beginning; and containing 54.76 acres more or less.

After discussion, upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. McRae, it was unanimously ordered that the Secretary advertise said land in accordance with Chapter 6451 of the Laws of Florida.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee Florida, January 10, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of regular meeting of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of date January 5, 1917, read and approved.

Hon. T. F. West, Attorney General, stated that hearing relative to title of a certain island at the mouth of the Miami River would be held on Saturday, January 13, 1917, and that it would be necessary to have some one present to represent the Trustees. Upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. Luning, Mr. West was requested to proceed to Miami to defend title of the Trustees to said island, and it was voted unanimously and so ordered.

The Chief Drainage Engineer presented a letter from Mr. J. F. Jaudon, of Miami, on behalf of the Southern Everglades Drainage District Committee, relating to the organization of a proposed sub-drainage district in the southern portion of the Everglades. Said letter was accompanied by a map showing the boundaries of the proposed district, and copy of petition for creation of said district.

A preliminary report relating to the approximate cost, the acreage, and the financing of the proposed district was submitted by the Chief Drainage Engineer.

After discussing the matter the Trustees decided that they were not in a position to join in the organization of the proposed district by reason of the large amount of money which would be required for their share of the expense, and for other reasons which prevented them from entering into the project at this time.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 12, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 T. F. West, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of January 10, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Rec. deed Dade Muck Land Co. to Trustees, bill of Jan. 4, 1917.....	\$ 1.55
The Herald Company, Ad lands for sale on Lake Okeechobee, bill of Nov. 30, 1916.....	5.40
The Exchange Bank, for draft drawn by Glenn Terrell account A. L. Durrance in land hearing, Jan. 12, 1917.....	12.65
Wrigley Engraving Company, Making zinc plate of plat of lands on Lake Okeechobee, bill of Jan. 1, 1917.....	21.80
Palms Publishing Company, Ad lands for sale on Lake Okeechobee, bill of Dec. 31, 1916....	12.00
Atlantic National Bank, 90 days interest on \$12,500.00 and \$25,000.00 notes at 7% per annum, maturing Jan. 27 and 29, 1917.....	656.25
Barnett National Bank, 90 days interest on notes of \$10,000.00 and \$15,000.00 at 7% per annum, maturing Jan. 27 and 29, 1917.....	437.50
Florida National Bank, 90 days interest on \$27,500.00 at 7% per annum.....	481.25

Barnett National Bank, 90 days interest on	
\$7,500.00 at 7% per annum.....	131.25
	\$1,759.65

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest:    SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, January 26, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 T. F. West, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of January 12, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

T. F. West, Attorney General, Expenses trip to Jax. in re case Showalter <i>et al v.</i> Trustees <i>et al</i> , Jan. 20-21, 1917.....	\$ 14.90
Metropolis Pub. Co., Ad lands for sale in T. 54 Rs. 37 and 38, bill of Jan. 25, 1917.....	6.00
H. & W. B. Drew Co., 50 No. 10 Congress Tie Envelopes, bill of Jan. 20, 1917.....	2.88
C. O. Andrews, Expenses trip to Miami to attend hearing in case Brickell <i>v.</i> Trustees, Jan. 12-15, 1917 .....	42.85
Edwin R. Williams, Clerk U. S. Dist. Court So. Dist. of Florida, Copy of Bill of Complaint in case Showalter <i>et al v.</i> Trustees <i>et al</i> , bill of Jan. 20, 1917.....	75.60
	\$ 142.23

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest:                                      SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, February 2, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of January 26, 1917, read and approved.

Hon. W. A. McRae stated that an agent of the United States Land Office was making an examination and investigation of certain lands upon which the State had filed claim and made application for patent as Swamp and Overflowed lands, and said it would be necessary for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to have a representative go with the U. S. Land Office man, and said that Mr. Knight, a clerk in his office, could be detailed at no cost to the Trustees except his actual expenses, whereupon, it was, upon motion, unanimously ordered that Mr. Knight be detailed to represent the Trustees and be furnished \$100.00 by the Secretary as an expense fund, an accounting to be made by Mr. Knight upon completion of the work.

The Trustees having advertised 20,000 acres of land for sale in Dade County as required by law, the same having been advertised in the Miami Metropolis, a paper published in the County in which the lands are located once a week for five weeks, bids to be received and sale to be made on the 2 day of February, 1917, the bid of Messrs. Jaudon, Hightleyman and McDonald was read,

and as the same was not in conformity with the memorandum agreement of the Trustees with Messrs. Jaudon, Highleyman and McDonald, it was decided to have the Chief Drainage Engineer report to the Trustees what amount of work could be done toward excavating and extending Snapper Creek Canal for an expenditure of \$100,000.00.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees recessed until 3:30 p. m. pending a report from the Chief Drainage Engineer.

3:30 P. M.

All present.

The Chief Drainage Engineer made a report as to the amount of material that could be excavated, the distance that Snapper Creek Canal could be extended and the area that would be drained by an expenditure of \$100,000.00, and after further discussion as to the bid made by Messrs. Jaudon, Highleyman and McDonald, upon motion of Mr. West, duly seconded, the bid, as made, was unanimously rejected.

Mr. Jaudon stated that if the Trustees would prepare an agreement for the sale of the land at \$5.00 per acre, stating the terms, etc., and mail same to him, he would endeavor to meet the terms of said agreement and have same signed as per memorandum agreement heretofore filed with the Trustees. Upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, Mr. West was requested to prepare such an agreement and forward same to Mr. Jaudon at Miami for acceptance or rejection.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, February 5, 1917.

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



Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 T. F. West, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of February 2, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Jan. 1917.....	\$ 175.00
Edgar C. Thompson, Judge County Court, Palm Beach County, copy of testimony, Land hearings, bill of Nov. 14, 1916.....	145.35
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., stamps, account Land Dept., bill of Feb. 3, 1917.....	8.00
Fort Myers Press, Ad. sale of lands, bill Nov. 22, 1916 .....	6.00
Metropolis Publishing Company, Ad. lands on Lake Okeechobee for sale, bill of Jan. 15, 1917,	14.24
T. J. Appleyard, printing 500 copies Report for 1915-1916, 448 pages, including cover, bill of Feb. 2, 1917 .....	448.00
H. R. Kaufman, 1 Hitchkiss machine, office Secretary, bill of Jan. 8, 1917.....	2.00
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	\$ 798.59

Mr. Luning, Treasurer of the Internal Improvement Fund, stated that he had communicated with the Peoples Bank of Jacksonville in which was deposited \$12,800.00, the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District Fund, relative to securities to cover said deposit. As at present there was not a sufficient amount of securities to cover the entire deposit, and in consideration of the fact that the deposit would be in said bank only until bonds were issued by the said Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded, it was decided that further security would not be required as the deposit was only temporary.

Financial Statement and Disbursements for January,

1917, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, JANUARY 1917.

To bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 6,894.15	
To interest .....	99.19	
To loan from J. R. Anthony, Jr....	12,800.00	
To Board Commrs., tolls.....	184.11	
To land sales, Jan., 1917.....	198.70	
	<u>\$20,176.15</u>	
By Disbursements, Jan., 1917.....	2,368.02	
	<u>\$17,808.13</u>	
To bal. on hand Feb. 1, 1917.....		\$17,808.13

RECAPITULATION.

To cash on hand.....	\$ 1,000.00	
To cash in banks.....	16,808.13	\$17,808.13
Deposited in the following banks:		
Atlantic National, Jacksonville.....	\$ 102.91	
Barnett National, Jacksonville.....	278.77	
Peoples, Jacksonville .....	12,800.00	
Lewis State, Tallahassee .....	3,626.45	
	<u>\$16,808.13</u>	

DISBURSEMENTS, JANUARY, 1917.

Date 1917	Voucher No.	Amount
Jan. 4,	3768—C. B. Gwynn, salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Dec., 1916.	\$ 175.00
Jan. 4,	3769—J. Stuart Lewis, salary as Secretary, Dec., 1916 .....	166.66
Jan. 4,	3770—Mary Herring, salary as Stenographer, Dec., 1916 .....	100.00
Jan. 4,	3771—T. J. Appleyard, printing 1,000 maps and printing names on 2,000 letterheads, bills of Dec. 16 and 29, 1916.....	12.00
Jan. 4,	3772—Western Union Tel. Co., bill Dec., 1916 .....	7.48

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1917.	No.	
Jan. 4,	3773—J. G. Collins, multigraphing 1,000 legal sheets land list and prices, bill of Dec. 27, 1916....	5.00
Jan. 13,	3774—Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Palm Beach County, Rec. deed Dade Muck Land Co. to Trus- tees, bill of Jan. 4, 1917.....	1.55
Jan. 13,	3775—The Herald Company, Ad. lands for sale on Lake Okeeshobee, bill of Nov. 30, 1916.....	5.40
Jan. 13,	3776—The Exchange Bank, for draft drawn by Glenn Terrell account A. L. Durrance in land head- ing, Jan. 12, 1917.....	12.65
Jan. 13,	3777—Wrigley Engraving Company, making zinc plate of plat of lands on Lake Okeechobee, bill of Jan. 1, 1917.....	21.80
Jan. 13,	3778—Palms Publishing Company, Ad. lands for sale on Lake Oke- chobee, bill of Dec. 31, 1916...	12.00
Jan. 24,	3779—Atlantic National Bank, 90 days' interest on \$12,500.00 and \$25,000.00 notes at 7% per an- num, maturing Jan. 27 and 29, 1917 .....	656.25
Jan. 24,	3780—Barnett National Bank, 90 days' interest on notes of \$10,000.00 and \$15,000.00 at 7% per annum, maturing Jan. 27 and 29, 1917.	437.50
Jan. 24,	3781—Florida National Bank, 90 days' interest on \$27,500.00 at 7% per annum .....	481.25
Jan. 24,	3782—Barnett National Bank, 90 days' interest on \$7,500.00 at 7% per annum .....	131.25
Jan. 26,	3783—T. F. West, Attorney General, expenses trip to Jax. in re case Showalter <i>et al v. Trustees et al</i> , Jan. 20-21, 1917 .....	14.90

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1917.	No.	
Jan. 30,	3784—Metropolis Pub. Co., Ad. lands for sale in T. 54, Rs. 37 and 38, bill of Jan. 25, 1917.....	6.00
Jan. 30	3785—H. & W. B. Drew Co., 50 No. 10 Congress Tie Envelopes, bill of Jan. 20, 1917.....	2.88
Jan. 30,	3786—C. O. Andrews, expenses to Mi- ami to attend hearing in case Brickell v. Trustees, Jan. 12-15, 1917.....	42.85
Jan. 30,	3787—Edwin R. Williams, Clerk U. S. Dist. Court, So. Dist. of Flor- ida, copy of Bill of Complaint in case Showalter v. Trustees, bill of Jan. 20, 1917.....	75.60

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then ad-  
journed.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, February 9, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General.

Minutes of February 5, 1917, read and approved.

At a meeting of the Trustees held on January 5, 1917,  
it was ordered that a certain submerged tract of land be  
advertised for sale on February 9, at 10 o'clock a. m.  
The Secretary presented affidavit from the Miami Me-

tropolis, a paper published in Dade County, the county in which said lands are located, showing that the same had been advertised once a week for five weeks, to-wit: January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 1917, and presented the bid of the Miami Ocean View Company of \$300.00 per acre for said land, which was described as follows:

An oval tract of submerged land in Biscayne Bay described as follows:

From the intersection of the north line of Sixth Street and the east line of Alton Road in the Town of Miami Beach, Florida, run west along the north line of Sixth Street, produced 2700 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; thence deflecting 84 degrees to the right from the north line of Sixth Street, produced, a distance of 1600 feet; thence to the left along a tangential circular curve whose radius is 500 feet a distance of 1570.8 feet; thence southwardly 1600 feet to a point 1000 feet west of the point of beginning; thence to the left along a tangential circular curve whose radius is 500 feet a distance of 1570.8 feet to the point of beginning; and containing 54.76 acres more or less.

The land having been advertised in compliance with Chapter 6451 and no objection having been presented to the said Trustees, upon motion of Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Amos, the bid was unanimously accepted and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Land Salesman was requested to issue deed to the Miami Ocean View Company to be submitted to the Attorney General for his approval, said deed to be delivered to the said Miami Ocean View Company, of Miami Beach, Florida, upon payment of the amount as called for by said bid.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 5, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor.  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of February 9, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Feb., 1917 .....	\$	175.00
T. J. Appleyard, binding 25 copies 1915-1916 Report in law sheep .....		37.50
A. L. Durrance, Clerk Circuit Court, DeSoto County, transcript of record in case Tampa and Jax. Ry. Co. v. Trustees, bill of Feb. 21, 1917 .....		43.60
T. F. West, expenses trip to Tampa in case Showalter et al v. Trustees, on motion to dismiss Bill of Complaint presented and argued Feb. 19, 1917, bill of Feb. 24, 1917..		53.90
W. L. Marshall, repairing and making doors for cabinet, bill of March 1, 1917.....		10.00
Lewis State Bank, 90 days' interest on \$10,000.00 at 7% per annum.....		175.00

And the following bills account the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, the same to be drawn on the special fund in the Peoples Bank and covering work done in January, 1917:

Otis A. Hardin, salary, 20 days, at \$5.00 per day .....	\$	100.00
Boat hire, etc. ....	77.04	\$ 177.04
O. E. Gibson, salary, 26 days, at \$2.50 per day		65.00
A. R. Christian, salary, 26 days, at \$2.50 per day .....		65.00
Clarence Hardin, salary, 25 days, at \$2.00 per day .....		50.00
R. S. Kolb, salary, 16 days, at \$2.00 per day..		32.00
Ed. Barton, salary, 7 days, at \$2.00 per day..		14.00

W. B. Bradford, salary, 17 days, at \$75.00 per month, Jan., 1917.....	\$ 41.14	
Transportation W. P. B., to Talla.	19.50	
Salary, Feb., 1917 .....	75.00	135.64
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G. G. Strohm Company, groceries and sup- plies, bill of Jan. 29, 1917.....		86.76
Torry Island Supply House, groceries, bill of Jan. 11, 1917 .....		22.79
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		\$ 1,143.23

Financial Statement and Disbursements for February, 1917, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT, FEBRUARY, 1917.

To bal. on hand Feb. 1, 1917.....	\$17,808.13	
To Thos. E. Will, interest.....	39.00	
To Bd. Comrs. Ev. Dr. Dist., tolls Feb., 1917 .....	391.24	
To sale Minutes .....	8.00	
To land sales, Feb., 1917 .....	18,566.00	
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	\$36,812.37	
By Disbursements, Feb., 1917 ....	798.59	
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To bal. on hand March 1, 1917....		\$36,013.78

#### RECAPITULATION.

To cash on hand .....	\$ 1,000.00	
To cash in banks.....	35,013.78	\$36,013.78
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Deposited in the following banks:		
Atlantic National, Jacksonville .....	\$ 102.91	
Barnett National, Jacksonville.....	278.77	
Peoples Bank, Jacksonville .....	12,800.00	
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee .....	21,832.10	
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		\$35,013.78

## DISBURSEMENTS, FEBRUARY, 1917

Date 1917	Voucher No.	Amount
Feb. 5,	3788—C. B. Gwynn, salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Jan., 1917..\$	175.00
Feb. 5,	3789—Edgar C. Thompson, Judge County Court, Palm Beach County, copy of testimony, land hearings, bill of Nov. 14, 1916 .....	145.35
Feb. 5,	3790—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., stamps, account Land Dept., bill of Feb. 3, 1917 .....	8.00
Feb. 5,	3791—Fort Myers Press, Ad. sale of lands, bill of Nov. 22, 1916....	6.00
Feb. 5,	3792—Metropolis Pub. Co., Ad. lands on Lake Okeechobee for sale, bill of Jan. 15, 1917.....	14.24
Feb. 5,	3793—T. J. Appleyard, printing 500 copies Report for 1915-1916, 448 pages, including cover, bill of Feb. 2, 1917 .....	448.00
Feb. 5,	3794—H. R. Kaufman, 1 Hotchkis machine, office Secretary, bill of Jan. 8, 1917 .....	2.00

A telegram from R. E. McDonald and J. F. Jaudon stated that they would be ready to make the first payment and accept the agreement for the purchase of 20,000 acres of land at \$5.00 per acre, bids for which were opened Feb. 2, 1917, if the Trustees would defer final acceptance and signing of said agreement until March 20, 1917, giving as a reason for their asking such extension of time the fact that Mr. Jaudon had to go into the Everglades in search of a party of lost surveyors. Upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, it was unanimously agreed that said extension be granted.

Hon. J. C. Luning presented a telegram from J. L. Billingsley requesting the Trustees to grant him an extension of two weeks in time for the selling of Section 31 in Township 43 South Range 37 East, the time as agreed upon by the Trustees at meeting held December



18, 1916, having expired March 1, 1917. Mr. Billingsley stated that his prospects for disposing of this tract within the next few days were good. Upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded, it was ordered that the two weeks' extension be granted and Mr. Luning was requested to so inform Mr. Billingsley.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, March 14, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of March 5, 1917, were read and approved.

The Board of Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District having made application to the Trustees for the loan of \$16,000.00, on account of a shortage in the Drainage Tax Fund, upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded, it was ordered that the loan be made and the Secretary was instructed to draw a check for \$16,000.00 in favor of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, it being understood and agreed that said amount should be paid back to the Trustees as soon as the Board had sufficient funds on hand with which to make payment.

The following bill was presented, approved and ordered paid:

Metropolis Pub. Co., To Ad. notices, bill of Feb.	
28, 1917 .....	\$ 13.50

And the following bills account the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, covering work done in February, 1917, checks in payment of same to be drawn on the special fund in the Peoples Bank: ,

Ed Barton, salary, 3 days at \$60.00 per month.	\$ 6.42
R. S. Cobb, salary 3 days at \$52.00 per month.	5.57
C. E. Gibson, salary, 3 days at \$65.00 per month	6.96
A. R. Christian, salary, 3 days at \$65.00 per month .....	6.69
	§ 39.14

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 15, 1917.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General.

Hon. J. C. Luning was elected Chairman.

Minutes of March 14, 1917, read and approved.

Messrs. Towles, Collier and Jenkins of Lee County appeared before the Trustees. Mr. Collier stated that the citizens of Lee County were desirous of making some arrangement similar to that made with Dade County for the drainage of a certain portion of the Everglades Drainage District in Lee County by the citizens purchasing lands from the Trustees in an amount of \$100,000.00 at a price per acre to be agreed upon by the Com-

mittee composed of Messrs. Towles, Collier and Jenkins and the Trustees, the said amount to be expended in the construction of a canal at some point in Lee County to be agreed upon by the parties aforesaid. Upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, it was agreed that the said Committee make a selection of the lands desired and submit same to the Trustees so that they may decide upon the price at which they would be willing to sell such lands, and upon such selection the Trustees would take the matter under further advisement.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest: J. C. LUNING, Chairman.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, March 21, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of March 15, 1917, read and approved.,

G. E. Mabry, attorney for the Tampa, Atlantic and Gulf Railway Company, appeared before the Trustees and requested a right-of-way for said railway along the bank of either the North New River Canal or the Miami and South New River Canals, the route to be definitely determined at a later date. After discussion, Mr. Amos moved that a ninety (90) day option be granted the said Railway Company for \$1,000.00, the said amount to apply as the first payment upon said right-of-way, the Trustees to receive \$500.00 per mile for said right-of-way. The motion was unanimously seconded and adopted.

The said Railway Company having made payment of the \$1,000.00 for said option, the following agreement was entered into:

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
COUNTY OF LEON.

THIS AGREEMENT, Made and entered into this 1 day of April, A. D. 1917, by and between Sidney J. Catts, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; J. C. Luning, State Treasurer; T. F. West, Attorney General, and W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, as Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, hereinafter for convenience referred to herein as the Board, and Tampa, Atlantic and Gulf Railway Company, a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, hereinafter for convenience referred to herein as the Company, WITNESSETH:

That the said Board, for and in consideration of the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to it in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby give and grant unto the said Company an option for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of this contract to purchase, at and for the price and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, a right-of-way privilege for the location of the railroad which the said Company proposes to construct from Tampa to the east coast of the State of Florida along the bank of either the North New River Canal or the Miami and South New River Canal, the selection of said route to be hereafter definitely determined by said Company, from the point of intersection of such canal with Lake Okechobee and running along the bank of said canal to its eastern terminus. The said Company agrees upon its part to definitely decide which route it will follow in the construction of its railroad within the period for which this option shall run and, upon the expiration of said period, to notify the Board in writing upon which canal it will locate its line of road.

That the price to be paid by said Company to said Board as the consideration for said right-of-way privilege is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per mile and other valuable considerations hereinafter mentioned, the

aggregate amount of said consideration depending on the line selected by said Company as hereinabove provided, and one-half of said aggregate amount shall be paid by said Company to said Board at the time said Company elects to exercise its option to purchase such right-of-way privilege and notify said Board upon which of said canals it will locate its road, the remaining one-half of said consideration to be paid within twelve months from and after the date of said first payment and to be evidenced by the promissory note, in the usual form, of said Company, to be made and delivered to said Board at the time of making said first payment.

It is further agreed that time is the essence of this contract and that it is a part of the consideration paid by said Company to said Board for said right-of-way privilege that said Company shall, in good faith, begin work upon the actual construction of its said railroad within six (6) months from the date of this contract and shall carry on said work continuously until said road is completed, and that said road shall be completed on or before January 1, 1920, unless said Company is prevented by an act of God, a public enemy, or other cause beyond the control of said Company, but in no case shall the commencement of the construction of said road be postponed more than twelve (12) months from the date of this contract, and the completion of said road shall for no cause be delayed more than one year from the date of its completion as hereinabove provided.

It is also agreed that if the said Company shall not begin work upon the construction of said road as herein provided and within the time herein prescribed, or that if said road is not completed as herein agreed upon, all rights under this contract shall cease and the said right-of-way privilege herein granted shall revert to said Board and any and all amounts paid to said Board under this contract shall be held by said Board as stipulated and liquidated damages for the breach of said contract by said Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties hereto have hereunto affixed their signatures, executing said con-

tract in duplicate, a copy to each party, the day and year first above written.

(Signed) Sidney J. Catts, Governor.  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.  
J. C. Luning, State Treasurer.

(Seal) T. F. West, Attorney General.  
W. A. McRae, Comm'r of Agriculture.

Witness as to the Board:

(Signed) W. P. Bevis,  
J. Stuart Lewis.

TAMPA, ATLANTIC AND GULF RAIL-  
WAY COMPANY,

By (Signed) F. M. Williams, Vice-President.  
Attest: Edward Walker, Secretary.

Witnesses as to the Company:

(Signed) Loula Salter,  
Edith Benton.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Atlantic National Bank, 90 days interest on \$20,000.00 at 7% per annum.....	\$	350.00
Florida National Bank, 90 days interest on \$15,- 000.00 at 7% per annum.....		262.50
Barnett National Bank, 90 days interest on \$15,000.00 at 7% per annum.....		262.50
	\$	<u>875.00</u>

Mr. J. F. Jaudon appeared before the Trustees relative to the bid made by Messrs. L. T. Highleyman, J. F. Jaudon and R. E. McDonald on February 2, 1917, which bid was rejected by the Trustees on account of same not being in conformity with the memorandum agreement made December 18, 1916, and stated that they would sign the agreement as prepared by the Trustees for the purchase of the 20,000 acres of land, as heretofore advertised and offered for sale. The matter was discussed and upon motion of Mr. McRae, duly seconded, the Trustees recessed to meet the following day.

March 22, 1917.

All present.

The matter of the sale of 20,000 acres of land to Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald was discussed, Mr. Jaudon stating that they wanted the funds as paid to be deposited in the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Miami, Florida. The Trustees stated that such depositing of funds would be agreeable to them provided that the trustees could draw upon said funds in case of necessity for other purposes than actual canal construction. Mr. Jaudon requested permission to take the matter up by wire with Mr. Highleyman, whereupon the Trustees recessed to meet again on the 23d.

March 23, 1917.

All present.

Further consideration of the sale of 20,000 acres of land to Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald was had. Mr. Jaudon stated he had received a telegram from Mr. Highleyman stating it was satisfactory to have the funds deposited in the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company subject to the check of the Trustees for Snapper Creek Extension, also for any necessary expenditures by the Trustees other than for work on the Snapper Creek Canal, provided the same would be redeposited in the said Fidelity Bank and Trust Company when such funds were available by the Trustees. Mr. Jaudon also agreed on behalf of himself and his associates to deposit with the State Treasurer such securities as may be required by him to secure the deposits made with the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company of Miami. Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald having made the payment of \$10,000.00 as required by said memorandum agreement to purchase 20,000 acres of land, the following agreement was entered into:

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
COUNTY OF LEON.

WHEREAS, Sidney J. Catts, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; J. C. Luning, State Treasurer; T. F. West, Attorney General, and W. A. McRae, Commissioner of

Agriculture, as Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, did, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5943, Acts of 1909, Laws of Florida, and the acts amendatory thereof, give notice as therein required that said Trustees would, on the 2 day of February, A. D. 1917, receive bids for the lands hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, On said date, pursuant to said notice, bids were received by said Trustees for said lands and the joint bid of L. T. Highleyman, J. F. Jaudon and R. E. McDonald of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per acre, aggregating One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), payable Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) on or before thirty (30) days from and after the date of the receipt of said bid, that is to say, on or before March 5, 1917, Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00) on or before six (6) months from and after the date of the first payment, Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00) on or before twelve (12) months from and after the date of the first payment, Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00) on or before eighteen (18) months from and after the date of the first payment, and Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00) on or before twenty-four (24) months from and after the date of the first payment, was the highest and best bid received and was thereupon accepted by said Trustees.

Now, Therefore, In consideration of the premises, it is agreed by and between the said Sidney J. Catts, Governor; Ernest Amos, Comptroller; J. C. Luning, State Treasurer; T. F. West, Attorney General, and W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, as Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, hereinafter for convenience referred to herein as the Trustees, and the said L. T. Highleyman, J. F. Jaudon and R. E. McDonald, hereinafter for convenience referred to herein as the Purchasers, that the said Trustees will, upon the payment of the purchase price therefor according to said bid as hereinafter set out, convey to the Purchasers by conveyance in the usual form the following described lands, situate, lying and being in Dade County, Florida, to-wit:

Section Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20),



Twenty-nine (29), Thirty (30), Thirty-one (31) and Thirty-two (32), in Township Fifty-four (54) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) East; and

Sections One (1), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Northwest Quarter of Nine (9), Sections Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-four (24), Twenty-five (25), Twenty-nine (29), Thirty (30), Thirty-one (31), Thirty-two (32) and Thirty-six (36), in Township Fifty-four (54) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East; containing, according to the survey of said lands, twenty thousand (20,000) acres, more or less.

That the consideration to be paid for the said lands, namely, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), shall be paid as follows: Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00 on or before March 5, 1917; Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00) on or before September 5, 1917; Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00) on or before March 5, 1918; Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00) on or before September 5, 1918; Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00) on or before March 5, 1919; the said deferred payments to be evidenced by promissory notes in the usual form of the said Purchasers bearing interest at the rate of Seven (7) per cent. per annum from date until paid and secured by a mortgage in the usual form on the said lands which shall be conveyed by said Trustees to said Purchasers upon receipt of the payment of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be made by them as herein provided on or before March 5, 1917, it being understood and agreed that if said Purchasers should fail or refuse to make said payment on or before said date that this agreement shall be void and of no binding force in any respect upon any of the parties hereto.

It is further agreed by the said Trustees that the amount received from said Purchasers for said lands shall be applied, under the direction of the Chief Drainage Engineer of the State of Florida, to an extension of the canal in Dade County known as Snapper Creek Canal, and that the contract for this work shall be let by said Trustees after the first note for the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00), pay-

able on or before September 5, 1917, as herein provided, is fully paid; but it is agreed by the parties hereto that in said contract the Trustees shall fully protect themselves against liability for failure to carry on said work in the event said Purchasers shall fail to pay either of said notes at maturity, it being understood that said Trustees are to obligate themselves to spend on said canal at this time only the amounts received from said Purchasers for said lands, and that only when and as said amounts are received by said Trustees.

It is also agreed that the mortgage to be given by said Purchasers to said Trustees shall contain a provision by which said Trustees agree and bind themselves to release lands covered by said mortgage in tracts of not less than one hundred and sixty (160) acres as payments are made on said indebtedness at the rate of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per acre, the amounts of such payments when made to be applied upon the note then next due and payable, or, if more than one of such notes are due when such payments are made, they shall be applied on said indebtedness at the option of said Trustees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties hereto have hereunto affixed their signatures, executing said agreement in duplicate this .....day of February, A. D. 1917.

(Signed) Sidney J. Catts, Governor.  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.  
J. C. Luning, State Treasurer.  
T. F. West, Attorney General.  
W. A. McRae, Comm'r of Agriculture.

Witness as to Trustees:

(Signed) Julia McKinnon,  
T. S. Trantham.

L. T. Highleyman,  
J. F. Jaudon,  
R. E. McDonald,  
Purchasers.

Witnesses as to Purchasers:

(Signed) J. F. Chaille,  
M. E. Battray.

Upon motion of Mr. McRae, duly seconded, the Chief Drainage Engineer was instructed to make a survey for the extension of Snapper Creek Canal.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest:                                 SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
   J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, March 30, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 T. F. West, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of March 28, 1917, read and approved.

Messrs. J. H. Tatum and R. C. Perky appeared before the Trustees and made a proposition to purchase approximately 200,000 acres of land from the State, saying that if the Trustees would advertise such lands as required by law they would make a bid satisfactory to the Trustees for said land, and in case their bid was not satisfactory and was not accepted by the Trustees. they, J. H. Tatum and associates, would pay all cost of advertising the land for sale. Whereupon the Trustees prepared the following advertisement offering certain lands located in Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties for sale on May 18, 1917, and instructed the Secretary to have the same published in the Fort Lauderdale Sentinel, Miami Herald and Palm Beach Post in accordance with the Law:

#### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will receive bids until 10 a. m., May 18, 1917, for the following described lands:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 of Frac. Sec. 20; Lot 1 of Frac. Sec. 21; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lot 3 of Sec. 23; Lot 1 of Frac. Sec. 27; all Secs. 29 and 32 .....	43	35
Secs. 7, 11, 19, 27 and 35.....	45	36
Secs. 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31 and 35.....	45	35
Secs. 7, 11, 19, 23, 27, 31, 35.....	46	36
Secs. 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31 and 35.....	46	35
Secs. 3, 7, 11, 15, 23, 27 and 35.....	47	35
Secs. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35.....	48	37
Secs. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 .....	48	36
Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 24 and 25.	48	35
Secs. 7, 18, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33.....	49	38
All except Sec. 16 and 17.....	49	37
Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36.....	49	36
All Sec. 12; Lots 1 to 8 inc.; Lots 10 to 14 inc.; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 15; Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 26 and 30 in Sec. 26; Lots 1 to 16 and 18 to 28 inc., Sec. 30; W $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres Lot 1 and Lots 2 to 8 inc., Sec. 32; Lot 1 and Lots 5 to 8 inc., Sec. 36..	50	41
Secs. 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24 and all of 26 except E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , all of Sec. 28 North of Canal, and all 30.....	50	40
Secs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of 26, 28 and 30 .....	50	39
Secs. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30.....	50	38
Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, 25 and 36.....	50	37
Fractional 2, 14, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26.....	51	41
All 28 .....	51	40
S $\frac{1}{2}$ 8, 10, 12, all 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, N $\frac{1}{2}$ 26, 28 and 30 .....	51	39
S $\frac{1}{2}$ 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, all 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, N $\frac{1}{2}$ 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30	51	38
1 and 12 .....	51	37
SW $\frac{1}{2}$ 19, all 20, W $\frac{1}{2}$ 21, all 29, 30, 31 and 32..	52	41
All 2, 4, 10, 12 and 14.....	52	40

S 1/2 8, 10, 12, all 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, N 1/2 26, 28 and 30 .....	52	39
18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 31 and all 33 except SE 1/4 of SE 1/4.....	53	40
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, W 1/2 20, all 22, W 1/2 23 and 26, all 30, W 1/2 32, all 34.....	53	39

A certified check for one per cent. of the price bid shall accompany each bid.

Deeds subject to the usual reservations.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved by the Trustees.

By order of the Board.

Attest:                                 SIDNEY J. CATTS, Chairman.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

J. H. Tatum and his associates stated that they proposed to build a line of railroad from the City of Miami to the City of Tampa, or some other point on the West Coast of Florida, and desired certain rights-of-way for said proposed railroad. It was agreed by the Trustees that for and in consideration of the \$500.00 per mile the Trustees would sell to said J. H. Tatum and associates a right-of-way upon the lands as the Trustees may own and control and a memorandum agreement as to the sale of the aforesaid lands and right-of-way was entered into by the said Trustees and J. H. Tatum and his associates and dated this the 30th day of March, A. D. 1917.

Mr. L. L. Barnhill appeared before the Trustees and presented a map showing that there are 77 acres of unsurveyed lands in Section 36 Township 40 South Range 22 East which he desired to purchase, and it was ordered that the State have said lands surveyed and advise the United States Government that the State makes claim for such additional land as is shown by survey to belong to the State under the Swamp and Overflowed Act of September 28, 1850.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest:                                 SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 2, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of March 30, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., March, 1917 .....	\$ 175.00
Mary Herring, salary as Stenographer, March, 1917 .....	100.00
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., stamps, March, 1917 ....	5.00
Lewis State Bank, 90 days' interest on \$10,- 000.00 at 7% per annum.....	175.00

And the following bills for work done account Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District were presented, approved and checks ordered drawn in payment of same upon special fund deposited in the Peoples Bank for carrying out such work:

Otis A. Hardin, reimbursement for groceries supplied, bill of March 31, 1917.....	30.00
W. B. Bradford, salary as Rodman, March, 1917.	75.00
	\$ 560.00

Final Statement and Disbursements for March, 1917, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT, MARCH, 1917.

To bal. on hand Mar. 1, 1917.....	\$36,013.78	
To Bd. Com'rs, tolls, Mar., 1917 .....	\$646.42	
Sale houseboat .....	10.00	
Reimbursement by So. States L. & T. Co., ex- penditure, Loxahatchee Sub-Dr. Dist. ....	335.49	991.91
To Thos. E. Will, interest.....		39.00
To Tampa, Atlantic & Gulf Ry. option, right-of-way .....		1,000.00
To land sales, March, 1917.....		2,603.99
To sale Minutes .....		1.00
	\$40,649.68	
By Disbursements, Mar., 1917 ....	18,057.64	
To Balance, April 1, 1917.....		\$22,592.04

## RECAPITULATION.

To cash .....	\$ 495.00	
To cash items .....	505.00	
To cash in banks .....	21,592.04	\$22,592.04
Deposited in the following banks:		
Atlantic National, Jacksonville...\$	102.91	
Barnett National, Jacksonville....	278.77	
Peoples Bank, Jacksonville.....	12,125.86	
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee....	9,084.50	21,592.04

## DISBURSEMENTS, MARCH, 1917.

Date 1917	Voucher No.	Amount
Mar. 2,	3795—C. B. Gwynn, salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Feb., 1917..\$	175.00
Mar. 2,	3796—T. J. Appleyard, binding 25 copies 1915-1916 Report in law sheep, bill of March 1, 1917...	37.50

Date 1917.	Voucher No.		Amount.
Mar. 2,	3797—	A. L. Dnrrance, Clerk Circuit Court, DeSoto County, transcript of record in case Tampa and Jax. Ry. Co. v. Trustees, bill of Feb. 21, 1917.....	43.60
Mar. 2,	3798—	T. F. West, expenses trip to Tampa in case Showalter et al v. Trustees et al, on motion to to dismiss Bill of Complaint, presented and argued Feb. 19, 1917 .....	53.90
Mar. 2,	3799—	W. L. Marshall, repairing and making door to cabinet, bill of March 1, 1917 .....	10.00
Mar. 2,	3800—	Otis A. Hardin, salary, 20 days at \$5.00 per day .....\$100.00 Boat hire, transportation, etc. .... 77.04	177.04
Mar. 2,	3801—	O. E. Gibson, salary, 26 days at \$2.50 per day, Jan., 1917.....	65.00
Mar. 2,	3802—	A. R. Christian, salary, 26 days at \$2.50 per day, Jan., 1917...	65.00
Mar. 2,	3803—	Clarence Hardin, salary, 25 days at \$2.00 per day, Jan., 1917	50.00
Mar. 2,	3804—	R. S. Kolb, salary, 16 days at \$2.00 per day, Jan., 1917.....	32.00
Mar. 2,	3805—	Ed. Barton, salary 7 days at \$2.00 per day, Jan., 1917.....	14.00
Mar. 2,	3806—	W. B. Bradford, salary, 17 days at \$75.00 per mo., Jan., 1917 .....\$41.14 R. R. fare, W. P. B. to Tallahassee ..... 19.50 Salary as rodman, Feb., 1917 .....	75.00 135.64
Mar. 2,	3807—	G. G. Strohm, Groceries, etc., bill of Jan. 29, 1917.....	86.76
Mar. 2,	3808—	Torry Island Supply House, Groceries, bill of Jan. 11, 1917	22.79



Date	Voucher No.		Amount.
1917.			
Mar. 2,	3809	Lewis State Bank, 90 days interest on \$10,000.00 at 7% per annum .....	175.00
Mar. 15,	3810	Board Commissioners of Everglades District, Loan, under Minutes March 14, 1917.....	16,000.00
Mar. 15,	3811	Miami Metropolis, Ad. sale of lands, bill of Feb. 28, 1917...	13.50
Mar. 15,	3812	Ed. Barton, salary, 3 days at \$60.00 per month, Feb. 1917..	6.42
Mar. 15,	3813	R. S. Cobb, salary, 3 days at \$52.00 per month.....	5.57
Mar. 15,	3814	O. E. Gibson, salary, 3 days at \$65.00 per month, Feb. 1917...	6.96
Mar. 15,	3815	A. R. Christian, salary, 3 days at \$65.00 per month, Feb. 1917	6.96
Mar. 28,	3816	Atlantic National Bank, 90 days interest on \$20,000.00 at 7% per annum.....	350.00
Mar. 28,	3817	Florida National Bank, 90 days interest on \$15,000.00 at 7% per annum .....	262.50
Mar. 28,	3818	Barnett National Bank, 90 days interest on \$15,000.00 at 7% per annum .....	262.50

The question of ownership and title of lands bordering Lake Okeechobee, recently exposed by the recession and lowering of the Lake, was brought to the attention of the Board and the Board directed that the matter be taken up with the Attorney General for the purpose of determining the status of such lands so exposed temporarily below the normal water level of the lake.

The Trustees then adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 18, 1917.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met

on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol building at Tallahassee.

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General.  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of April 2, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

H. & W. B. Drew Co., 1 box Carter's Gossamer Carbon, bill of Mar. 15, 1917.....	\$ 3.61
Cyril Baldwin, Tax Collector, DeSoto County, 1916 Dr. taxes on lands of the Trustees in DeSoto County .....	4 298.90
P. John Hart, Tax Collector, Lee Co., 1916, Dr. taxes on lands of the Trustees in Lee County .....	2,428.00
Frank M. Tyler, Tax Collector, St. Lucie Co., 1916, Dr. taxes on lands of the Trustees in St. Lucie County .....	35.00
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	\$ 6,765.51

Letter of April 13 from R. F. Goodman, County Surveyor, accompanied by map, requesting on behalf of the County Commissioners of Palm Beach County right-of-way for public road through certain lands and along certain canals and the shores of Lake Okeechobee within the Everglade Drainage District, was presented. The Trustees took the same under advisement and directed the Chief Drainage Engineer to inform Mr. Goodman that a decision would be made by them as soon as they had an opportunity of duly considering the application for said right-of-way.

The Chief Drainage Engineer informed the Trustees that as advertised for the creation of the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, an election would be called on April 30 at West Palm Beach for choosing three supervisors from the land owners of said District to act in

that capacity for the said District, as required by law. The Trustees directed the Chief Drainage Engineer to be present at West Palm Beach on the date above mentioned for the purpose of representing them at the election, by proxy, for choosing the three supervisors, and that for such purpose to request Mr. E. J. L'Engle, Attorney for the District, to prepare proper resolution covering this subject.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 20, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of April 18, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Atlantic National Bank, 90 days interest on notes aggregating \$37,500.00 at 7% per annum .....	\$ 656.25
Barnett National Bank, 90 days interest on notes aggregating \$25,000.00 at 7% per annum .....	437.50
Florida National Bank, 90 days interest on notes aggregating \$27,500.00 at 7% per annum .....	481.25
Cyril Baldwin, Tax Collector, DeSoto County, 1916, Dr. taxes on fract. Sec. 6 in T. 38 R. 34	1.15
	\$ 1,576.15

Mr. J. M. Willson, Jr., of Kissimmee, Florida, appeared before the Trustees relative to having certain lands in Townships 56, 57, and 58, Ranges 32 and 33, lying in Monroe County in the Everglades, set apart by Act of the Legislature as a reservation for the Seminole Indians. Mr. Willson stated that only about 10% of this area was subject to drainage or reclamation, but at the same time it was desirable as it furnished a good game, fishing and cattle raising reserve and would provide a home for the Indians. After discussion, the Trustees stated that they would not oppose the Legislature setting apart the lands above specified as a reservation for the said Indians, provided that title should remain in the State with the understanding that the lands so set apart should be used wholly and solely for the purposes above stated.

Judge Sanders, of Miami, appeared before the Trustees and stated he wanted to purchase approximately 100 acres of submerged land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida, and would like to know at what price same could be bought. The Trustees stated that \$300.00 per acre would be the minimum price and that said land would have to be advertised, as required by law, before a sale could be made. Judge Sanders stated he would take the matter up with the War Department after making a selection of the land, and if the War Department was favorable to and would grant a permit for improving said land, he would take the matter up with the Trustees at a later date.

Mr. Guy Metcalf, of West Palm Beach, appeared before the Trustees and stated that he represented citizens in the Everglades of Palm Beach County, comprising the industrial and agricultural interest, and was desirous of securing 40 acres of land located on or near the West Palm Beach Canal and also near Lake Okeechobee, for an Industrial and Agricultural School, and that the citizens would be willing to lease such land with the privilege of purchasing same. Upon motion of Mr. Amos, it was agreed that the Trustees issue a lease to 40 acres of such land for a period of 10 years, the same to be used for an Industrial and Agricultural School, with the understanding that the said land could be purchased at any time during the period of the life of said lease at \$50.00 an acre by said school, Mr. Metcalf to make a selection

of the land so desired and submit same to the Trustees for their further consideration and approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Luning and unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest:   SIDNEY J. CATTs, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, April 30, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of April 20, 1917, read and approved.

The matter of the payment of the Drainage Taxes of the Trustees for the year 1916 was discussed, and upon motion the Secretary was instructed to wire the Tax Collector of those Counties in Everglades Drainage District in which the 1916 Drainage Taxes had not been paid to not advertise the lands of the Trustees in their respective Counties for delinquent Drainage Taxes and request said Collectors to forward amount due for Taxes in their respective Counties and checks would be mailed them to cover.

The Trustees ordered that deed be made to W. A. Dutch, of West Palm Beach, Florida, for the following described land in Palm Beach County:

All that part of Section 7 in Township 42 S. Range 38 E. beginning at the Northeast Corner of said Section, Thence West 208.7 feet,

Thence South 208.7 feet,  
 Thence East 208.7 feet,  
 Thence North 208.7 feet to the point of beginning first  
 above mentioned, containing one acre more or less.  
 Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then ad-  
 ourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, May 3, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of April 30, 1917, read and approved.

Mr. M. S. Knight, a clerk in the office of the Commis-  
 sioner of Agriculture, detailed by the Trustees to inspect  
 certain lands, known as Swamp and Overflowed lands,,  
 in company with Mr. James W. Neal, Special Agent of  
 the General Land Office, Washington, D. C., reported  
 that he had spent 58 days in company with Mr. Neal in-  
 specting certain Swamp and Overflowed lands, beginning  
 in Bay County and finishing in Monroe County, the num-  
 ber of tracts examined being 258, and that a number of  
 these tracts would be patented to the State upon recom-  
 mendation of the Special Agent of the General Land  
 Office. Mr. Knight also represented the Trustees in four  
 contest cases, one in Orlando, two in Kissimmee, and one  
 in Bartow. These contests involved 280 acres of land,  
 and as result of the contests the State will receive pat-  
 ents to 200 acres of the same. The report was ordered  
 filed.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Apr. 1917.....	\$ 175.00
Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, rec. mortgage from L. T. Highleyman <i>et al</i> to S. J. Catts <i>et al</i> , bill of April 30, 1917....	2.75
M. S. Knight, inspecting Swamp and Overflowed lands in company with U. S. Special Agent, representing Trustees in four contest cases, and examining Secs. 16 in T. 32 S. R. 16 E., bills of Apr. 20 and 30, 1917.....	359.60
And it was ordered that the following note and draft, with interest due on each respectively, be paid:	
Barnett National Bank, note for \$7,500.00 with interest at 7% per annum for 95 days, \$138.55 .....	\$ 7,638.55
Florida National Bank, draft account note given the County of Suwannee for \$1,263.72 with interest at 6% per annum for 176 days, \$37.08 .....	1,300.80
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	\$ 9,476.70

Financial Statement and Disbursements for April, 1917, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

#### Financial Statement, April, 1917.

To bal. on hand Apr. 1, 1917.....	\$22,592.04
To interest .....	94.78
To Bd. Comrs. Ev. Dr. Dist., reimbursement Loxahatchee Dr. Dist., expenditures ....	\$ 91.58
Tolls, Apr. 1917.....	366.25      457.83
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To So. States L. & T. Co., reimbursement Pelican Lake Sub-Dr. Dist., expenditures .....	750.11
To land sales.....	14,021.52
To sale of minutes.....	7.55
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	\$37,923.83

By disbursements, Apr., 1917.....	8,901.66	
To bal. May 1, 1917.....		\$29,022.17

## RECAPITULATION.

To cash and cash items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
To cash in banks.....	28,022.17	\$29,022.17

## Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jax.....	\$ 103.53	
Barnett National, Jax.....	280.62	
Peoples Bank, Jax.....	12,020.86	
Lewis State, Talla.....	2,217.16	
Fidelity Bank and Trust Co., Miami .....	13,400.00	\$28 022.17

Date	Voucher		Amount.
1917.	No.		
Apr. 2,	3819—	C. B. Gwynn, salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Mar. 1917.	\$ 175.00
Apr. 2,	3820—	Mary Herring, salary as Stenographer, Mar. 1917.....	100.00
Apr. 2,	3821—	Geo. I. Davis, P. M., stamps, Mar. 1917 .....	5.00
Apr. 2,	3822—	Lewis State Bank, 90 days interest on \$10,000 at 7% per annum .....	175.00
Apr. 2,	3823—	Otis A. Hardin, reimbursement groceries supplied account Pel. Lake Sub-Dr. Dist., Mar. 1917.	30.00
Apr. 2,	3824—	W. B. Bradford, salary as Rodman detailed for work in office account Pel. Lake Sub-Dr. Dist., Mar. 1917.....	75.00
Apr. 18,	3825—	Cyril Baldwin, Tax Collector, DeSoto Co., 1916, Dr. taxes lands of the Trustees.....	4,298.90
Apr. 18	3826—	P. John Hart, Tax Collector Lee Co., 1916, Dr. taxes on lands of the Trustees.....	2,428.00



Date	Voucher	Amount.
1917.	No.	
Apr. 18,	3827—F. M. Tyler, Tax Collector, St. Lucie Co., 1916, Dr. taxes on lands of the Trustees.....	35.00
Apr. 18,	3828—H. & W. B. Drew Co., 1 box Carter's Gossamer Carbon, bill of Mar. 15, 1917.....	3.61
Apr. 25,	3829—Atlantic National Bank, 90 days interest on \$37,500.00 at 7% per annum.....	656.25
Apr. 25,	3830—Barnett National Bank, 90 days interest on \$25,000.00 at 7% per annum.....	437.50
Apr. 25,	3831—Florida National Bank, 90 days interest on \$27,500.00 at 7% per annum .....	481.25
Apr. 25,	3832—Cyril Baldwin, Tax Collector, DeSoto Co., 1916, Dr. taxes on frac. Sec. 6 in T. 38 R. 34....	1.15

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 14, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 T. F. West, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of May, 3, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

First National Bank, Lake City, Fla., note issued Columbia County May 12, 1916.....	\$4,712.22	
Int. 1 yr. at 6%.....	282.73	\$ 4,994.95
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Florida National Bank, note issued Suwannee County May 12, 1916..	\$2,197.80	
Int. yr. at 6%.....	131.86	2,329.66
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W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County, 1916, Drainage taxes on lands of the Trustees .....		30,258.78
Edgar C. Thompson, County Judge, Palm Beach County, copy of Testimony in re Home- stead Entry No. 014528, bill of Mar. 26, 1917		34.75
M. S. Knight, expenses trip to St. Andrews Bay in re adjusting contest with Homestead- ers, May 7-9, 1917.....		11.35
Also the following bill account Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, check for which was or- dered drawn on special funds on deposit in Peoples Bank for this work:		
F. C. Elliot, expenses trip to W. P. B. in re or- ganization Pelican Lake Sub-Dr. Dist., Apr. 30, 1917 .....		38.98
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		\$37,668.47

Messrs Jaudon and Highleyman appeared before the Trustees relative to a proposed Sub-Drainage District in Dade County, said District to be formed by an Act of the Legislature. After discussion, upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded, the Chairman appointed Mr. Luning to take up the matter in detail with Messrs. Jaudon and Highleyman and ascertain, among other things, the amount of land that the Trustees would own in the proposed District.

Mr. Highleyman, representing himself and the other purchasers, tendered the Trustees a check for \$15,800.00 upon purchase of lands as embraced in deed No. 16,550, dated March 29, 1917. Upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded, the State Treasurer was authorized to deposit said check with the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company of Miami, Florida, upon said Company depositing with

the State Treasurer 20 bonds of the Fidelity Bank Building Company of the par value of \$1000.00 each, said Fidelity Bank and Trust Company to furnish a certified appraisal of three disinterested parties of Miami, Florida, as to the value of the Fidelity Bank Building within the next few days to the State Treasurer.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest:   SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
  J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 17, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of May 14, 1917, read and approved.

Upon motion, the following report made by the Chief Drainage Engineer relative the organization of the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District on April 30, 1917, at West Palm Beach, Florida, was ordered spread upon the minutes:

"As advertised by law the meeting of land owners in the District was called at 11 o'clock A. M. The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund were represented by myself as proxy. All other land owners in the District were present. The land owners then proceeded to business by electing J. M. Burguieres temporary chairman. They then proceeded to the election of supervisors for the District. The following land owners in the District were elected supervisors: J. M. Burguieres, Chairman,

W. A. Dutch and Benjamin Getzoff. The supervisors organized by electing Mr. Burguieres chairman, and proceeded to the appointment of a chief engineer and a secretary. I was appointed chief engineer and H. S. Fairchild was appointed secretary. The matters necessarily coming before the supervisors at this, their first meeting, were attended to, after which the meeting adjourned.

Full minutes covering all the proceedings above set forth are in course of preparation and a copy will be transmitted to the Trustees for their information.

The following bill was presented, approved and ordered paid:

Geo. B. Baker, Sheriff, Palm Beach County, service in re contest in Homestead entry, bill of  
 Jan. 17, 1917 .....\$ 24.00

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 18, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 T. F. West, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of May 17, 1917, read and approved.

The Trustees met to consider bids on certain lands ordered advertised March 30, 1917, said land having been advertised for 30 days in newspapers published in Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties, respectively, the Counties in which the said land is located, as required by law.

The following bids accompanied by a certified check for 1% of the amount bid were considered:

R. L. Cline and associates bid \$6.50 per acre for Sections 7, 11 and 19 in Township 45 S. Range 36 E., also Sections 11, 15, 23, 27 and 35 in Township 45 S. Range 35 East.

H. M. Forman bid \$10.50 per acre for Section 29 in Township 43 S. Range 35 E.

Messrs. Tatum and Perky requested the Trustees to extend the time for considering bids ninety days, which was refused.

After discussing the bids submitted, Mr. West made a motion that all the bids be rejected because said bids were not satisfactory, which was seconded by Mr. Luning and unanimously adopted.

Upon motion, the Trustees recessed until 3 P. M.

3 P. M.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Upon motion unanimously adopted Hon. T. F. West was made Chairman.

The Trustees met to consider a request of Messrs Tatum and Perky as to re-advertising the lands for which no satisfactory bids were received at the morning meeting of this date, and Messrs. Tatum and Perky made the following proposition: That if the lands were re-advertised they would bid the same price as stated in their agreement of March 30, 1917, and make the following payments if they were the successful bidders: \$10,000.00 cash, \$15,000.00 August 1, 1917, \$24,000.00 April 1, 1918, \$100,000.00 January 1, 1919, and \$100,000.00 annually thereafter until entire purchase price was paid, with 6% interest on all deferred payments. After considering same, upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded, the proposition was rejected.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

T. F. WEST, Attorney General,  
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, May 19, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General.

Minutes of May 18, 1917, read and approved.

Messrs. Tatum and Perky appeared before the Trustees and stated that they would bid \$5.00 and \$50.00 per acre for the respective lands as advertised and offered for sale May 18, 1917, and make payments as follows: \$11,000.00 cash, \$15,000.00 October 1, 1917, \$54,000.00 April 1, 1918, and \$100,000.00 April 1, 1919, November 1, 1919, April 1, 1920, November 1, 1920, April 1, 1921, November 1, 1921, April 1, 1922, November 1, 1922, and April 1, 1923, and the balance November 1, 1923, with 6% on deferred payments, the same conditions to apply as in the agreement made March 30, 1917, to purchase said lands.

Mr. West stated that he was not in favor of disposing of the lands at the prices above mentioned or upon the terms proposed and that he would vote against such sale.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded, it was agreed to readvertise said lands as required by law, reserving from said sale Sections 34 and 35 in Township 48 S. Range 36 E., Section 17 in Township 49 S. Range 37 E., and Sections 1 and 2 in Township 50 S. Range 37 E., said advertisement to be made as soon as Mr. Tatum could confer with his associates and advise the Trustees.

It was further ordered that should R. L. Cline and associates agree to bid not less than \$6.50 per acre for lands in Township 47 S. Range 36 E., the Trustees would order the said lands in Township 47 S. Range 36 E., except Section 16, advertised for sale, upon request of said R. L. Cline and associates.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, June 2, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of May 19, 1917, read and approved.

Dr. Cline and Dr. Swain appeared before the Trustees and stated that the land in T. 49 S. R. 38 E. had been investigated by them and was not suited to the purposes for which they wanted it. Whereupon the Trustees offered to sell them Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 in Township 45 S. Range 38 E. at \$10.00 per acre, one-tenth of purchase price to be paid in cash and one-tenth April 18, 1918, and two-tenths each year thereafter with interest on deferred payments at 6% per annum. It was also agreed that the contract of sale should contain a clause whereby said Cline and associates should immediately commence developing and improving said lands.

Mr. H. Harris, of Wauchula, made application to purchase fractional  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 28 in Township 43 S.

Range 35 E. After discussion it was agreed to sell said land to Mr. Harris at \$100.00 per acre upon the terms of one-third cash and balance in three equal payments, payable June 15, 1918, 1919, and 1920 with interest at 6%. It was further agreed that the contract should require said Harris to farm and improve the land.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 5, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor.  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Governor on account of not being able to be present during the entire meeting requested Mr. West to act as Chairman.

Minutes of June 2, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Lewis State Bank, note of \$10,000.00 and 90 days interest at 7%, \$175.00, due May 29, 1917 .....	\$10,175.00
C. B. Gwynn, salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., May, 1917.....	175.00
Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel, ad sale of lands on May 18, 1917, bill of May 24, 1917.....	24.00
Palms Publishing Co., ad sale of lands on May 18, 1917, bill of Apr. 30, 1917.....	24.00
Miami Herald, ad sale of lands on May 18, 1917, bill of May 10, 1917.....	24.00



J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, 1916, Dr. taxes on lands of the Trustees in Palm Beach County .....	26,147.70
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	\$36,569.70

Mr. L. T. Willis appeared before the Trustees and stated that he was living on State property in Sec. 24 T. 42 S. R. 36 E. and would like to purchase same if terms and price were satisfactory.

The Trustees informed Mr. Willis that as there were numerous squatters on State land, it would be necessary for them to have a representative visit the property and investigate the value of the land and general conditions, and as soon as they could have this done the Trustees would decide on some plan to lease or sell such lands, as they deemed advisable.

The sum of \$3,200.00 having been received to cover the price of 640 acres of land at \$5.00 per acre in accordance with the provisions of the agreement made March 23, 1917, with Messrs. Jaudon, Highleyman and McDonald for the sale of 20,000 acres of land, it was ordered that a release be made to said Jaudon, Highleyman and McDonald covering the following described land:

- W $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec. 30 T. 54 S. Range 38 E., 320 acres.
- W $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec. 31 T. 54 S. Range 38 E., 320 acres.

Financial Statement and Disbursements for May, 1917, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, May, 1917.

To bal. an hand May 1, 1917...	\$ 29,022.17
To Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist.	
Tolls May, 1917.....	\$369.97
Reimbursement expenses,	
trip Curtis to Okeechobee and return...	53.95
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	423.92
To Interest .....	55.82
To payment on note dated Dec. 29, 1916, and loan of Mar. 14, 1917, by Bd Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist. ....	100,000.00

To J. H. Tatum and associates, reimbursement for ad lands for sale May 18, 1917.....	72.00	
To sale 5 vols. Minutes.....	2.50	
To Land Sales, May, 1917.....	18,643.95	
		<u>\$148,229.36</u>
By Disbursements, May, 1917..	47,169.17	
To bal. June 1, 1917.....		\$101,051.19

## RECAPITULATION.

To Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
To Cash in banks.....	100,051.19	\$101,051.19

## Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jax.....	\$ 53,580.79	
Barnett National, Jax.....	280.62	
Peoples, Jax. ....	11,981.88	
Lewis State, Talla.....	4,989.30	
Fidelity Bk. & Tr. Co., Miami..	29,218.60	\$100,051.19

## Disbursements, May, 1917.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1917	No.	
May 4,	3833—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk Land Dept., Apr., 1917	\$ 175.00
May 4,	3834—Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade Co., Rec. mortgage from L. T. Highleyman <i>et al</i> to S. J. Cattes <i>et al</i> , bill of Apr. 30, 1917.....	2.75
May 4,	3835—M. S. Knight, Inspecting Swamp and Overflowed lands in Company with U. S. Special Agent, representing Trustees in four contest cases, and examining Secs. 16 in T. 32 S. R. 16 E., bills of Apr. 20 and 30, 1917 .....	359.60

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1917.	No.	
May 8,	3836—Barnett National Bank, Note for \$7,500.00 with interest at 7% per annum for 90 days, \$138.55 .....	7,638.55
May 8,	3837—Florida National Bank, Draft account Note given the County of Suwannee for \$1,263.72 interest at 6% per annum for 176 days, \$37.08.....	1,300.80
May 11,	3838—First National Bank, Lake City, Note issued Columbia Co., May 12, 1916..\$4,712.22 Int. 1 yr. at 6%.. 282.73	4,994.95
May 11,	3839—Florida National Bank, Note issued Suwannee Co., May 12, 1916 .....	\$2,197.80
	Int. 1 yr. at 6%.. 131.86	2,329.66
May 14,	3840—W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward Co., 1916, Dr. Taxes on lands of the Trustees.....	30,258.78
May 14,	3841—Edgar C. Thompson, Co. Judge Palm Beach Co., Copy of Testimony in re Homestead entry No. 014528, bill of Mar. 26, 1917 .....	34.75
May 14,	3842—F. C. Elliot, Expenses trip to W. P. B. in re organization Pel. Lake Sub-Dr. Dist., Apr. 30, 1917 .....	38.98
May 14,	3843—M. S. Knight, Expenses trip to St. Andrews Bay in re adjusting contest with homesteaders, May 7-9, 1917.....	11.35
May 28,	3844—Geo. B. Baker, Sheriff, Palm Beach Co., Service in re contest in Homestead entry, bill of Jan. 17, 1917.....	24.00

The Trustees then adjourned to meet again next morning.

June 6.

All present.

Mr. Luning stated that the legal work for the Trustees and the Board had increased to such an extent that he deemed it advisable to employ an attorney-at-law for the said Trustees and Board, and thereupon made a motion that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglade Drainage District jointly employ a successful and competent attorney-at-law who shall represent the Trustees and the Board in all litigation now pending or that may hereafter arise, and who shall be the legal adviser of the Trustees and the Board of Commissioners in all matters pertaining to the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, and perform all other legal services required by the said Trustees and the said Board, the Trustees to pay two-thirds and the Board one-third of the salary of such counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. McRae.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Yeas, Mr. Catts, Mr. Amos, Mr. Luning, Mr. McRae.

Nays, Mr. West.

Mr. West moved that the salary of the attorney for the Trustees and the Board be fixed at \$2,500.00 per annum, the same amount as was paid Judge Ellis when he was attorney for the boards. No second.

Mr. Amos moved that the salary of said attorney be fixed at \$3,500.00 per annum, seconded by Mr. Luning.

Those voting in the affirmative were Mr. Catts, Mr. Amos, Mr. Luning and Mr. McRae. In the negative, Mr. West.

Mr. McRae nominated Hon. Wm. W. Flournoy for the position of attorney for the Trustees and the Board. The nomination was duly seconded and Mr. Flournoy was unanimously elected.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, June 7, 1917.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met

on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol building at Tallahassee.

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of June 5-6, 1917, read and approved.

Hon. Wm. W. Flourney appeared before the Trustees with reference to the matter of his employment as attorney for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, and stated that he was unwilling to accept the position as tendered him at a flat salary of \$3,500.00 per annum.

Mr. Flourney also stated that his employment as attorney for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District might subject the Governor to unfavorable criticism on account of his well-known relations with the Governor, and that he was unwilling to risk subjecting the Governor to the possibility of any unfavorable criticism by reason of such employment, and therefore would have to decline the position tendered him by said Trustees and Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, June 11, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of June 7, 1917, read and approved.

The Governor read a letter stating that fire was burning in Section 16, Township 42 South, Range 33 East. Upon motion, the Trustees instructed the Secretary to wire the Chief Drainage Engineer, who was in the Everglades, to investigate the matter and use such measures as he deemed necessary to stop the fire.

The following bill was presented, approved and ordered paid:

J. H. Hagan, for surveying and locating corners of 120 acres of State lands in Sec. 32, T. 1 N., R. 6 E., in order to ascertain amount of trespass on same .....	\$25.00
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It was ordered that G. C. Allmon, Sheriff, be instructed to proceed to collect all monies due State for trespass on the 120 acres of State land in Section 32, Township 1 North, Range 6 East at customary price and remit to Trustees all collections less amount due him under the law.

It was also ordered that Entry No. 16,331 of H. G. Ralston for Lot 17, Section 28, Township 50, Range 41, Newman's Survey, made October 31, 1911, under the instalment plan, on which he only made one payment, be canceled, and the Commissioner of Agriculture was instructed to place the same on market at regular price of \$40.00 per acre.

It was ordered that W. R. Cason be allowed to exchange NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  for SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 1, Township 44, Range 35, in which he claims that all his improvements were made, upon receipt of proper reconveyance to Trustees of said NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and satisfactory evidence that it has not been encumbered.

Also that a quit-claim deed be made to the present owner of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 31, South, Range 17 East, holding title through James S. Hackney, to whom the Trustees issued a deed on August 31, 1868, when he produces satisfactory evidence that he holds title through said James S. Hackney.

The following resolution was introduced and adopted:

Whereas, At a former meeting of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commis-

sioners of Everglades Drainage District, the matter of employing special counsel to look after the legal business of the two respective Boards was considered necessary for the reason that the amount of legal work has grown to an extent which, with the increase occasioned by recent legislation, renders such action necessary; and

Whereas, The position having been tendered to Honorable Wm. W. Flournoy at a salary of \$3,500.00 per annum who stated that he could not accept said position for less than \$4,500.00, and therefore declined it; and

Whereas, To carry out the purpose of the Boards in the matter of employment of such special counsel, it is hereby

Resolved, That the position be tendered to Hon. Glen Terrell at a salary of \$3,000.00 per annum, upon the understanding that he give his whole time to the work of the two Boards;

Mr. Terrell to be furnished with an office in the building and the services of the Secretary's stenographer; be it further

Resolved, That the Attorney General is respectfully requested to co-operate with Mr. Terrell in such legal matters affecting the two Boards as, in his opinion, may be advantageous to the interests of said Boards.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, June 13, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of June 11, 1917, read and approved.

Hon. H. M. Hampton, of Ocala, appeared before the Trustees and stated that certain clients of his were anxious to secure certain lands in Marion County now owned by the U. S. Government, and if said Trustees would agree to sell said lands to his clients when the same are patented to the State, provided his clients secured the patents for said lands from the U. S. Government for the State, that they would be glad to enter into an agreement to purchase the same.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded, it was ordered that a representative of the Trustees investigate the lands in question, and it was agreed by Mr. Hampton to have a surveyor meet the representative of the State at some date to be fixed by the Trustees on the said lands and make a survey of the same.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the trustees then adjourned.

Attest:    SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, June 15, 1917.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Hon. Ernest Amos was made Chairman.

Minutes of June 13, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:



Geo. I. Davis, P. M., 2,000 stamped envelopes, bill of June 15, 1917.....§	44.16
Western Union Tel. Co., services, May, 1917..	12.42
T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, 1916, Dr. taxes on lands of the Trus- tees .....	9,628.80
R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, 1916,, Dr. taxes on lands of the Trustees...	6,737.40
R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, 1916, Dr. taxes on lands of the Trustees...	16,000.00
	\$32,422.78

Mr. C. L. Wilder, of Plant City, appeared before the Trustees and stated he was desirous of securing approximately 600 acres of land located in Sections 13, 23 and 24 of Township 42 South of Range 37 East, and requested the Trustees to grant him an option on said land. The trustees informed Mr. Wilder that numerous requests had been made to purchase land in these Sections, and that an investigation as to the character of the land was now in progress and until such report was received no option or sale would be considered.

It was ordered that Note No. 1 of Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald for \$22,500.00, issued to the Trustees for lands purchased in contract of sale of March 23, 1917, be forwarded to the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company for collection of balance due on same, said balance being \$230.97.

A letter from Messrs. Jaudon, Highleyman and McDonald was read, requesting the Trustees to release all of Section 6 in Township 54 South of Range 37 East, containing 640 acres, from a certain mortgage executed by them to said Trustees March 29, 1917, and forward same to the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Miami, Florida, for delivery upon payment to said bank of \$3,200.00 for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by said Jaudon, Highleyman and McDonald, and it was ordered that such release be prepared and forwarded as requested.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest:	ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,	
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.		Chairman.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 21, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of June 15, 1917, read and approved.

The Secretary of the Trustees having omitted in the record of the minutes of the Trustees of date of May 19, 1917, a part of the motion made by Mr. Amos and adopted, it was, upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. Luning and unanimously adopted by the members present, ordered that the minutes of that date be corrected so that said motion shall read as follows:

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded, it was agreed to readvertise said lands as required by law, reserving from said sale Sections 34 and 35 in Township 48 S. Range 36 E., Section 17 in Township 49 S. Range 37 E., and Sections 1 and 2 in Township 50 S. Range 37 E., said advertisement to be made as soon as Mr. Tatum could confer with his associates and advise the Trustees. Said Tatum and associates to be required to deposit with the Trustees the amount of the first payment, \$11,000.00, the same to be held as good faith that said Tatum and associates would bid not less than \$5.00 and \$50.00 per acre, respectively, for the lands so readvertised, the said \$11,000.00 to be forfeited to the Trustees in case said Tatum and associates fail to make said bid on the date of sale, and in case said Tatum and associates are the successful bidders the said amount to apply on the purchase price as first payment.

Mr. W. C. Wolfe, representing J. H. Tatum and associates, appeared before the Trustees and stated that they were ready to have the lands as advertised and offered for sale May 18, 1917, readvertised in accordance with the Minutes of the Trustees dated May 19, 1917, and that

they were ready to make the deposit of \$11,000.00 as a guarantee of good faith.

It was ordered, upon motion of Mr. Luning, seconded by Mr. McRae, that upon payment to the Trustees of the amount of \$11,000.00, the advertisement of the land in question be inserted in the papers in the counties in which the lands lie, as required by law.

A letter from Mr. H. M. Hampton, of Ocala, was read, requesting the Trustees to send a man to Ocala on Monday, June 25, to investigate the lands near Orange Lake. Mr. McRae stated that M. S. Knight, a clerk in the Land Department in his office, could make the investigation, and upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, the Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Knight of the action of the Trustees and have him go to Ocala June 25, 1917.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees then adjourned.

Attest:                                      SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, June 22, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Minutes of June 21, 1917, read and approved.

Messrs. L. Trevette Lockwood and George O. Butler, of Palm Beach County, appeared before the Trustees relative to the construction of a hard surface road and building of a canal as per minutes of March 16, 1916, and stated that Palm Beach County was desirous of having the Trustees increase the amount of land set aside for canal construction, as outlined in aforesaid resolution, as the present plan of the county is to build

said road to Okeechobee City at a cost of approximately a half million dollars. After discussion, the Trustees stated to Messrs. Lockwood and Butler that they would consider the matter at an early date when all members could be present.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, June 25, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of June 22, 1917, read and approved.

It having been reported to the Trustees that certain parties were using State lands for cultivation, and also renting State lands to other parties, and the Chief Drainage Engineer having been instructed under date of June 8 to investigate the matter, the following report was submitted, and upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded, the said report was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes:

Tallahassee, Florida, June 20, 1917.

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,  
Tallahassee, Florida.  
Gentlemen:—

In accordance with your telegram of June 8, received at Miami, June 11, relative to reported renting by private parties to other parties of State lands in Twp. 42 S., R.

36 E., I beg to advise that I have investigated the matter and have to report as follows:

All of the land in the above named Township is owned by the State with the exception of 20 acres by J. R. Bacom and 20 acres by W. M. Bacom in Sections 25 and 26. The Bacom ownerships lie across the lower portion of the peninsula terminating on the south in Pelican Point. A wide margin of land is exposed between the lakeside boundaries of Messrs. Bacoms' lands both on the inside and outside of the peninsula. A map of the locality illustrating conditions is hereto attached.

Messrs. G. E. Galloway, H. D. Scott and T. F. Willis residing without claim in the Township are the sources of the following information:

It is reported by the above named that the Bacoms are offering to lease certain lands lying on the east side of Pelican Point peninsula for the purpose of cultivating and cropping the land.

It is reported that Fred Osborne has offered for sale a so-called claim of improvement in Sections 23 and 24. As relating to the claim of Osborne, a letter from G. W. Thornton is hereto attached for the information of the Trustees. Osborne has a small house on the land claimed by him.

A plan is hereto attached showing a survey of a portion of Section 24 made by interested parties whose names are noted on the plat. It is my understanding that these parties desire to lease or purchase from the State the lands indicated opposite their names.

Your engineer informed the parties residing in the locality with whom he talked that there were no private ownerships in the Township other than the two 20-acre tracts of Messrs. Bacom, and that the lakeside boundaries extend only to the meander line; that they had no right to land between the meander and the water and that they had no authority to use or to lease the same. With regard to other so-called or alleged claims, that parties making such claims did so without any right whatsoever, and the sale, rental or lease of any so-called claim would be fraudulent and without authority from the State, and would not vest the purchaser or lessee with rights of any nature.

There is another kind of improvement, however, which has been and is being transferred as to ownership, men-

tioned here for your information. Many parties have taken up more or less temporary abode along the shores of Lake Okeechobee, and have built small shacks or houses on the land which they occupy. In a number of instances the builders, also the original owners, of these houses have moved away and have sold the house or shack to another party.

The disposition of the parties residing on the lake shore is to either lease the land which they occupy from the State from year to year or to purchase the same under such terms and conditions as could be agreed upon. It is the unanimous request of these residents that before the Trustees make sale of the lands along the lake that notice be given them in order that they may have an opportunity of purchasing and that, other things being equal, they be accorded the privilege of first consideration when the State makes such sale.

I find that the condition with respect to State land in the district is one of confusion among the residents as to just what the status is more than anything else. Many parties have the idea that they are entitled to use State land in whatever manner they choose without cost to themselves just as long as they can hold it. The idea is also quite prevalent that some sort of valid claim to the land can be established by occupying, clearing or improving the same.

Your engineer takes the liberty of suggesting that, in view of these conditions and of the rapid development now beginning in the lake region especially, and in other parts of the district to some extent, it would be advisable for the State to have an agent to attend to its land matters. If the Trustees contemplate land sales in this locality to any considerable extent it seems to me that an authorized agent on the ground is indispensable. If lands are leased even in small quantities the revenue derived therefrom should be sufficient to pay the expense of such an agent, and would result in keeping these land matters straight and avoid trouble in the future. I believe that a man residing in or near this locality, acquainted with the people to some extent, and having knowledge of the conditions there, would prove best suited to looking after the State's interests. A man residing near the Everglades is suggested because it is probable that it will not be necessary for him to devote

all of his time to the work after the first month or two, in which case his services would be less expensive than a party continuously employed.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) F. C. ELLIOT,  
Chief Drainage Engineer.

Mr. Luning moved that the Trustees employ a man as land agent to look after the lands of the Trustees in the Everglades Drainage District and make investigation as to sales, leases, etc., at a salary not exceeding \$125.00 per month, said agent to be paid at this rate for the actual time employed in making such investigations. The motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and unanimously adopted. The Chief Drainage Engineer was directed to select some man competent to do such work and report to the Trustees the man so selected for their consideration.

The Chief Drainage Engineer stated that the Meander Line of Lake Okeechobee as heretofore surveyed covered only a portion of the south and eastern shores of the Lake, and in view of the rapid development and occupation of lands along the Lake shore by settlers requiring the establishment of lakeside boundaries of lands, that it would be advisable to complete the Meander of the shore of Lake Okeechobee entirely around the Lake at an early date.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees have said Meander Line surveyed so as to complete the Meander of Lake Okeechobee. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously adopted, whereupon the Chief Drainage Engineer was directed to proceed with the Meander of the said Lake at the earliest practicable date.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company requested permission to construct a slip connecting with the Caloosahatchee Canal near Moore Haven. A memorandum of agreement covering the construction of the said slip and granting permission to the Railroad Company therefor was presented by the Chief Drainage Engineer, and after discussing the matter, the Trustees directed that the memorandum of agreement be referred to the Attorney General for his examination and approval, and if approved that the same be returned to the Trustees for their signatures.

Mr. Chewning appeared before the Trustees and stated that he owned a number of scattered tracts of land in the Everglades, approximately 170 acres, and as the said land was in 10 and 20 acre tracts, he would like to exchange same for lands of the Trustees in a solid body. Mr. Chewning had purchased his lands from various land companies and the Trustees stated that it would be impossible for them to make such exchange.

Mr. Luning moved that the Trustees request the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to pay \$51,000.00 on note of \$239,135.98 given the Trustees by said Board December 29, 1916. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Atlantic National Bank, Note for \$20,000.00 due June 27, 1917, and 90 days' interest on same at 7% per annum.....	\$20,350.00
Barnett National Bank, Note for \$15,000.00 due June 27, 1917, and 90 days' interest on same at 7% per annum.....	15,262.50
Florida National Bank, Note for \$15,000.00 due June 27, 1917, and 90 days' interest on same at 7% per annum.....	15,262.50
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	50,875.00

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 28, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.



Minutes of June 25, 1917, read and approved.

The Note issued July 1, 1916, to Baker County payable one year after date for \$1,098.90 at 6% per annum, and interest, \$65.94, and Note of same date issued Madison County for \$4,171.55 at 6% per annum, and interest, \$250.92, were ordered paid, and the Secretary instructed to draw checks in favor of the Atlantic National Bank, holder of the Baker County Note, for \$1,164.84, and the Florida National Bank, Gainesville, holder of the Madison County Note, for \$4,421.84.

A letter from Mr. George T. Morgan, Secretary, Southern Drainage District, stating that he had a client who desired to purchase Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11 in Township 54 S. Range 37 E., was read, and upon motion of Mr. West, duly seconded, it was agreed to sell said land at \$10.00 per acre upon the following terms: One-tenth upon award of the land, balance in four equal payments, six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months from date of first payment, with 7% interest per annum on deferred payments. Lands to be advertised and subject to bids as required by law.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, July 6, 1917.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the State Treasurer in the Capitol building at Tallahassee.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Hon. J. C. Luning was unanimously elected Chairman.

Minutes of June 28, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk Land Dept., June, 1917 .....	\$ 175.00
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, June, 1917 .....	100.00
G. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, bill June 11, 1917..	8.00
Norton Electric Co., Repairing, oiling and ad- justing fan, bill of June 29, 1917.....	1.00
M. S. Knight, expenses inspecting lands in T. 12 S. R. 22 E., June 24-28, 1917, bill of June 30, 1917 .....	22.48
Daffin Transfer Co., Freight and drayage on desk, bill of July 3, 1917.....	1.51
Reid Bros., To crating and shipping desk, bill of June 29, 1917.....	1.50
Florida Life Ins. Co., To 1 mahogany finish flat top desk, bill of June 29, 1917.....	20.00
Lewis State Bank 90 days interest on \$10,000.00 at 7% per annum.....	175.00
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	\$ 504.49

Financial Statement and Disbursements for June, 1917,  
were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, June, 1917.

To bal. on hand June 1, 1917....	\$101,051.19
To Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist., Tolls, June, 1917....	\$140.04
Copy of Bill of Com- plaint for Vallette...	90.00
1 Map .....	1.00
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To Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist., payment on Note of Dec. 29, 1916 .....	51,000.00
To interest .....	64.30
To Land sales, June, 1917.....	14,776.40
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	\$167,122.93
By Disbursements, June, 1917....	125,479.16
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To bal. July 1, 1917.....	\$41,643.77

## RECAPITULATION.

To Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
To Cash in banks.....	40,643.77	\$41,643.77

## Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jax.....	\$ 891.89	
Barnett National, Jax.....	280.62	
Peoples, Jax. ....	11,981.88	
Fidelity Bk. and Tr. Co., Miami..	19,876.65	
Lewis State, Talla. ....	7,612.73	\$40,643.77

## Disbursements, June, 1917.

Date	Voucher	Aomunt.
1917.	No.	
June 1,	3845—Lewis State Bank, Note of \$10,000.00 and 90 days interest at 7% per annum, \$175.00, due May 29, 1917.....	\$10,175.00
June 1,	3846—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., May, 1917..	175.00
June 1,	3847—Fort Lauderdale Sentinel, Ad lands for sale May 18, 1917, bill of May 24, 1917.....	24.00
June 1,	3848—Palms Pub. Co., Ad lands for sale May 18, 1917, bill of Apr. 30, 1917 .....	24.00
June 1,	3849—Miami Herald, Ad lands for sale May 18, 1917, bill of May 10, 1917 .....	24.00
June 5,	3850—J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, 1916, Dr. Taxes on lands of the Trustees in Palm Beach County .....	26,147.70
June 16,	3851—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., 2,000 stamped envelopes, bill of June 15, 1917 .....	44.16
June 16,	3852—J. H. Hagan, For surveying and locating corners of 120 acres of State land in Sec. 32	

Date 1917.	Voucher No.		Amount.
		T. 1 N. R. 6 E. in order to ascertain amount of trespass on same .....	25.00
June 16,	3853—	Western Union Tel. Co., Bill, May, 1917 .....	12.42
June 16,	3854—	T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, 1916, Dr. Taxes on lands of the Trustees	9,628.80
June 16,	3855—	R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, 1916, Dr. Taxes on lands of the Trustees	6,737.40
June 16,	3856—	R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, 1916, Dr. Taxes on lands of the Trustees	16,000.00
June 26,	3857—	Atlantic National Bank, Note for \$20,000.00 due June 27, 1917, and 90 days interest on same at 7% per annum.....	20,350.00
June 26,	3858—	Barnett National Bank, Note for \$15,000.00 due June 27, 1917, and 90 days interest on same at 7% per annum.....	15,262.50
June 26,	3859—	Florida National Bank, Note for \$15,000.00 due June 27, 1917, and 90 days interest on same at 7% per annum.....	15,262.50
June 28,	3860—	Atlantic National Bank, account Baker County, Note dated July 1, 1916..\$1,098.90 1 yr. inte. at 6%..... 65.94	1,164.84
June 28,	3861—	Florida National Bank, of Gainesville, account Madison County, Note dated July 1, 1916 .....	\$4,171.55
		1 yr. int. at 6...%..... 250.29	4,421.84

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

J. C. LUNING, Treasurer,  
Chairman.

Attest:  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 7, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of July 6, 1917, read and approved.

Mr. Hector Harris appeared before the Trustees and stated that he understood that the land purchased by him on June 2, 1917, contained the fractional part of Section 21 in T. 43 S. R. 35 E., but the entry made by the land salesman did not include such tract. The Trustees were also of the opinion that the said tract was a part of the land to be sold to said Harris, and upon motion of Mr. McRae, seconded by Mr. Luning, it was ordered that Lot 1 of Sec. 21 in T. 43 S. R. 35 E., containing 13.28 acres, be included in the contract for sale of said land under Entry No. 16559 in the Land Salesman's office.

Dr. McSwain and associates, of DeSoto County, appeared before the Trustees and stated that after an investigation they did not care to purchase the lands formerly offered them by the Trustees, as transportation facilities were not satisfactory, but they would be willing to purchase the lands owned by the Trustees in Townships 38, 39 and 40, Ranges 32, 33 and 34, South of the Kissimmee River, in tracts of not more than 320 acres, and that they would agree to improve and cultivate the land and would like a clause to that effect embodied in the contract.

After a general discussion of the proposition, Dr. McSwain and his associates pledged themselves to present to the Trustees within sixty days the names of the necessary number of individuals to purchase the lands

specified in tracts of not more than 320 acres for not less than fifty per cent. of the tract, said individuals to deposit \$1.00 per acre on the purchase price of \$5.00 per acre, and also agreeing to deposit a sum of money equal to \$1.00 per acre for the remainder of the tract, agreeing that upon the Trustees advertising said lands that they will bid the sum of not less than \$5.00 per acre, upon terms of \$1.00 per acre cash, the remainder of the purchase price to be paid at the rate of \$1.00 per acre annually with 6 per cent interest upon deferred payments for the balance of the land that may be unsold at the end of sixty days.

Mr. Amos moved that the Chief Drainage Engineer be instructed to have a survey made of the Lake Shore in said Townships and Ranges and establish the Meander Line of Lake Okeechobee and that the Trustees reserve all lands owned by the State one quarter mile back from the original shore or water line of said Lake. The motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and adopted.

Mr. M. S. Knight presented his report on the Swamp and Overflowed land in Township 12 S. Range 22 E. and the same was accepted and ordered filed.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest:    SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, July 14, 1917.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Hon. Ernest Amos was made Chairman.

Minutes of July 7, 1917, read and approved.

The report of Mr. J. A. J. Hathaway on lands in Section 31, Township 6 North, Range 16 West, was read and ordered filed.

Upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, it was ordered that no lands within one quarter of a mile of Lake Okeechobee in Township 42 S. Range 36 E. be sold in tracts of more than one-half acre to each person.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

J. A. J. Hathaway, Inspection of lands in Sec. 31 T. 6 N. R. 16 W., bill of June 26, 1917.....	\$ 5.00
J. R. Anthony, Jr., Semi-annual interest on Notes Nos. 1 to 5 inc., aggregating \$12,800.00 dated Dec. 30, 1916, at 6% per annum.....	384.00
	\$ 389.00

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.  
ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Attest: J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.  
Chairman.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 25, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of July 14, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Atlantic National Bank, 90 days interest on 37,500.00 at 7% per annum.....	\$ 656.25
Barnett National Bank, 90 days interest on \$25,000.00 at 7% per annum.....	437.50

Florida National Bank, 90 days interest on \$27,500.00 at 7% per annum.....	481.25
Everglades Sugar Land Company, Bal. in full of Loan made in 1914 account survey.....	975.61
T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, Pelican Lake Sub-Dr. Dist. Tax of 25c per acre on lands of Trustees within said District .....	639.75
	§ 3,190.36

Mr. Andrew Carter appeared before the Trustees and stated that as all the lands offered by the Trustees for sale July 7, 1917, in DeSoto County, had been applied for, and the purchasers were interested in having a location at some central point as a townsite, and he had been authorized by the parties interested to make application for a strip of land extending a quarter of a mile back on each side of the Indian Prairie Canal and from the Lake Shore back to the lands embraced in the sale aforesaid, said tract to contain approximately 160 acres.

Mr. Carter also stated that he would like to act as agent for the Trustees to dispose of lands owned by said Trustees in Township 38 South, Range 34 East, also Township 45 South, Range 38 East, and Township 37 South, Range 36 East, and that for such service he be allowed 15% on all sales.

Neither of the above propositions were acted upon, but were passed for further consideration.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 27, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General.



Minutes of July 25, 1917, read and approved.

Mr. Shepard appeared before the Trustees on behalf of the County Commissioners of Lee County relative to the land valued at \$100,000.00 to be sold by the Trustees for the purpose of raising funds for excavating a drainage canal in Lee County. Mr. Shepard stated that part of the lands offered by the Trustees for this purpose were not satisfactory, and that the County Commissioners would like to make other selections. After discussion, the Trustees informed Mr. Shepard that they could make other selections and submit the same to said Trustees for consideration, and that upon the County Commissioners finding a purchaser for lands to the value of \$100,000.00 the Trustees would advertise said lands for sale and enter into an agreement with the County Commissioners of Lee County similar to that made with Messrs. Jaudon, Highleyman and McDonald for the sale of \$100,000.00 worth of lands in Palm Beach County.

A letter from Miss Mary Herring, stenographer for the secretary of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and Board of Commissioners of Everglade Drainage District, requesting an increase in salary of \$25.00 per month and a change in title to "Recording Clerk and Stenographer," because of the additional work imposed upon her by resolution of the said Trustees and said Board of date June 11, 1917, and because of the amount of clerical work she is performing in the office of secretary, was read and ordered filed. Upon motion of Mr. West, duly seconded, the salary of the stenographer to the secretary was fixed at \$110.00 per month, effective July 1, 1917.

The matter of the salary of the secretary as fixed at a meeting of the Trustees held December 20, 1916, was presented and upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, the salary of \$166.67 per month for the secretary, as decided upon at a meeting of December 20, 1916, was confirmed.

The salary of the secretary and of the secretary's stenographer to be paid as heretofore, one month by the Trustees and two months by the Board, that is, one-third of the annual salary of both the secretary and the secretary's stenographer to be paid by the Trustees and two-

thirds by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest:    SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, July 28, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 T. F. West, Attorney General.

Minutes of July 27, 1917, read and approved.

The matter of sale of lands in tracts of not over 320 acres to a purchaser offered for sale by the Trustees July 7, was discussed, and upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, it was ordered that in making sale of said lands the Trustees would not make any sales to the wife or minor children of a purchaser. Upon motion of Mr. West duly seconded, it was ordered that none of the lands East of the Kissimme River be sold at the present time. Upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, the offer of Mr. Andrew Carter made under date of July 25 to sell lands for the Trustees on a commission was rejected.

It was also ordered that all lands of the Trustees in the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District be withdrawn from the market until the said lands were ready for settlement and cultivation.

The Trustees, upon motion duly seconded, adjourned.

Attest:    SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 31, 1917.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General.

Hon. Ernest Amos was made Chairman.

The Chief Drainage Engineer appeared before the Board in company with Mr. Biggers, and stated that he had considered the employment of a man to act as agent for the Trustees in land matters and had talked same over with Mr. Biggers relative to the duties required of an agent and the amount the Trustees were willing to pay for such services. After discussion, Mr. Biggers stated that he would accept the position provided the Trustees would pay him \$5.00 per day for the actual time employed and his expenses while engaged in work for the Trustees, and stated that he would give the Trustees prompt service when detailed for duty.

As there were only three members of the Trustees present, Mr. Biggers was informed that his offer would be considered at an early date when a full membership was present, and he would be advised of their action.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,  
Chairman.  
Attest: J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 2, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of July 31, 1917, read and approved.

The Trustees met to consider bids for the sale of lands in Dade, Palm Beach and Broward Counties, the same having been advertised in the said Counties once a week for five consecutive weeks as required by law for sale on this date, affidavits of the publishers having been duly filed with the Trustees.

W. D. Horne bid \$100.00 per acre for Lot 4 of Section 20 in Township 43, Range 34 in Palm Beach County, and the same was rejected.

The Tatum Land Company bid for the entire tract as advertised, offering \$50.00 per acre for the following described lands in Palm Beach County:

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4) of Fractional Section Twenty (20), all Sections Twenty-nine (29) and Thirty-two (32) in Township Forty-three (43) South, Range Thirty-five (35) East; amounting to Fourteen Hundred and Eighty-two and  $86/100$  (1,482.86) acres, more or less.

And \$5.00 per acre for such of the said lands as lie in Dade County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

South Half ( $S1\frac{1}{2}$ ) Sections Eight (8), Ten (10), Twelve (12), all Fourteen (14), Eighteen (18), Twenty (20), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-four (24), North Half ( $N1\frac{1}{2}$ ) Twenty-six (26), Twenty-eight (28) and Thirty (30) in Township Fifty-two (52) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) East;

Sections Two (2), Four (4), Six (6), Eight (8), Ten (10), Twelve (12), West Half ( $W1\frac{1}{2}$ ) Twenty (20), all Twenty-two (22), West Half ( $W1\frac{1}{2}$ ) Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-six (26), all Thirty (30), West Half ( $W1\frac{1}{2}$ ) Thirty-two (32), all Thirty-four (34) in Township Fifty-three (53) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) East;

Sections Two (2), Four (4), Ten (10), Twelve (12),

and Fourteen (14) in Township Fifty-two (52) South, Range Forty (40) East;

Sections Eighteen (18), Twenty (20), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-four (24), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-eight (28), Thirty (30), Thirty-one (31) and all Thirty-three (33) *except* Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter ( $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ) in Township Fifty-three (53) South, Range Forty (40) East;

Southwest Quarter Section Nineteen ( $SW\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 19), all Twenty (20), West Half ( $W\frac{1}{2}$ ) Twenty-one (21), all Twenty-nine (29), Thirty (30), Thirty-one (31) and Thirty-two (32) in Township Fifty-two (52) South, Range Forty-one (41) East;

All of which lands as above described and located in the County of Dade, State of Florida, amounting to Twenty-four Thousand and Seven Hundred and Sixty-four and  $\frac{6}{100}$  (24,764.06) acres, more or less.

Such of the said lands as lie in Palm Beach County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

Sections Seven (7), Eleven (11), Fifteen (15), Nineteen (19), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-seven (27), Thirty-one (31) and Thirty-five (35) in Township Forty-five (45) South, Range Thirty-five (35) East;

Sections Three (3), Seven (7), Eleven (11), Fifteen (15), Nineteen (19), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-seven (27), Thirty-one (31) and Thirty-five (35) in Township Forty-six (46) South, Range Thirty-five (35) East;

Sections Three (3), Seven (7), Eleven (11), Fifteen (15), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-seven (27) and Thirty-five (35) in Township Forty-seven (47) South, Range Thirty-five (35) East;

Sections One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), and Six (6) in Township Forty-eight (48) South, Range Thirty-five (35) East;

Sections Seven (7), Eleven (11), Nineteen (19), Twenty-seven (27) and Thirty-five (35) in Township Forty-five (45) South, Range Thirty-six (36) East;

Sections Seven (7), Eleven (11), Nineteen (19), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-seven (27), Thirty-one (31) and Thirty-five (35) in Township Forty-six (46) South, Range Thirty-six (36) East;

Sections Five (5) and Six (6) in Township Forty-eight (48) South, Range Thirty-six (36) East;

All of which lands as above described and located in

the County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, amounting to Twenty-eight Thousand and One Hundred and Fifty-eight and 61/100 (28,158.61) acres, more or less.

And such of the said lands as lie in Broward County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

Sections Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Twenty-four (24) and Twenty-five (25) in Township Forty-eight (48) South, Range Thirty-five (35) East;

Sections Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Fifteen (15), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), 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), Thirty (30), Thirty-one (31), Thirty-two (32), Thirty-three (33) and Thirty-six (36) in Township Forty-eight (48) South, Range Thirty-six (36) East;

Sections One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-four (24), Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Thirty-five (35), and Thirty-six (36) in Township Forty-nine (49) South, Range Thirty-six (36) East;

Sections Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Fifteen (15), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27), Twenty-eight (28), Twenty-nine (29), Thirty (30), Thirty-one (31), Thirty-two (32), Thirty-three (33), Thirty-four (34), and Thirty-five (35), in Township Forty-eight (48) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East;

Sections One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), 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), Thirty (30), Thirty-one (31), Thirty-two (32), Thirty-three (33), Thirty-four (34), Thirty-five (35) and Thirty-six (36) in Township Forty-nine (49) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East;

Sections Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Nine (9), Ten

(10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Twenty-three (24), Twenty-four (24), Twenty-five (25), and Thirty-six (36) in Township Fifty (50) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East;

Sections One (1) and Twelve (12) in Township Fifty-one (51) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East;

Sections Seven (7), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-eight (28), Twenty-nine (29), Thirty (30), Thirty-one (31), Thirty-two (32) and Thirty-three (33) in Township Forty-nine (49) South, Range Thirty-eight (39) East;

Sections Two (2), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-four (24), North Half ( $N\frac{1}{2}$ ) Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27), Twenty-eight (28), Twenty-nine (29) and Thirty (30) in Township Fifty (50) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) East;

South Half ( $S\frac{1}{2}$ ) Section Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), all Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-four (24), North Half ( $N\frac{1}{2}$ ) Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27), Twenty-eight (28), Twenty-nine (29) and Thirty (30) in Township Fifty-one (51) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) East;

Sections Two (2), Four (4), Six (6), Eight (8), Ten (10), Twelve (12), Fourteen (14), Eighteen (18) Twenty (20), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-four (24), North Half ( $N\frac{1}{2}$ ) Twenty-six (26), Twenty-eight (28) and Thirty (30) in Township Fifty (50) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) East;

South Half ( $S\frac{1}{2}$ ) Sections Eight (8), Ten (10), Twelve (12), all Fourteen (14), Eighteen (18), Twenty (20), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-four (24), North Half ( $N\frac{1}{2}$ ) Twenty-six (26), Twenty-eight (28) and Thirty in Township Fifty-one (51) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) East;

Sections Four (4), Six (6), Eight (8), Ten (10), Twelve (12), Fourteen (14), Eighteen (18), Twenty (20), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-four (24), all Twenty-six (26)

except East Half of Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter ( $E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ), all Section Twenty-eight (28) north of canal and all Section Thirty (30) in Township Fifty (50) South, Range Forty (40) East;

All Section Twenty-eight (28) in Township Fifty-one (51) South, Range Forty (40) East;

North Half of Northeast Quarter ( $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ), Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter ( $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ) North Three Quarters of East Half of Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter ( $N\frac{3}{4}$  of  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ), South Half of Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter ( $S\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  or  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ), Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter ( $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ), West Half of Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter ( $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ), Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter and West Half of Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter and West Half ( $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  and  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ) Section Twelve; Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8); Lots Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), North Half ( $N\frac{1}{2}$ ) Lot Fifteen (15), Lots Seventeen (17), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-six (26) and Thirty (30) in Section Twenty-five (25); Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-four (24), Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27), and Twenty-eight (28) in Section Thirty (30); West Twenty-four and a Half Acres ( $24\frac{1}{2}$ ) Lot One (1) and Lots Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight in Section Thirty-two (32); Lot One (1), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8) in Section Thirty-six (36), Newman's Survey, in Township Fifty (50) South, Range Forty-one (41) East;

North Half ( $N\frac{1}{2}$ ), Southwest Quarter and West Half of Southeast Quarter ( $SW\frac{1}{4}$  and  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ) Section Two (2), East Half of East Half and North Half of Northwest Quarter ( $E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $E\frac{1}{2}$  and  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$ ) Section Fourteen (14), West Half of Northeast Quarter ( $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ), Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quar-



ter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ), South Half of Southeast Quarter and Southwest Quarter (S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Twenty-two (22), Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ), of Section Twenty-Three (23); Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Twenty-four (24); Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section Twenty-five (25), North Half, North Half of South Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  of S $\frac{1}{2}$ ) West Thirty-two and 12/100 (32.12) acres of Lot One (1), Lots Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4) of Section Twenty-six (26) in Township Fifty-one (51) South, Range Forty-one (41) East;

All of which lands as above described and located in the County of Broward, State of Florida, amounting to One Hundred and Thirty-five Thousand and Nine Hundred and Thirteen and 71/100 (135,913.71) acres more or less.

All of which lands as above described in Dade, Palm Beach and Broward Counties, according to survey thereof, amounting to One Hundred and Eighty-eight Thousand and Eight Hundred and Thirty-six and 38/100 (188,836.38) acres, more or less, the bid in its entirety being One Million and Eighteen Thousand and Three Hundred and Twenty-four and 90/100 (\$1,018,324.90) Dollars for One Hundred and Ninety Thousand and Three Hundred and Nineteen and 24/100 (190,319.24) acres, more or less.

Mr. Luning stated that the Trustees had outstanding obligations amounting to \$100,000.00 and that the drainage tax on lands of the Trustees in the Everglades Drainage District and in the Sub-Drainage Districts would amount to approximately \$150,000.00 per annum, and that in order for the Trustees to meet these obligations he deemed it necessary to sell the above described lands and that he was in favor of accepting the bid submitted by The Tatum Land Company.

Mr. Amos stated that he was in favor of accepting the bid of The Tatum Land Company, provided the building of a railroad be embodied in and made a part of the consideration of the sale of the said above described lands at the price bid.

Mr. West stated that he was opposed to the sale of the lands at the price bid, but if the Trustees would make the building of a railroad a part of the consideration of the sale, making it obligatory that said railroad be built, he would favor the sale:

Mr. Amos then moved that the bid of The Tatum Land Company be accepted, and that a contract for the construction of a railroad between said Company and the Trustees be a part of the consideration for the sale of said land, said railroad to be constructed from either Miami, Florida, or Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to a point on Lake Okeechobee, and connecting with some other railroad west of Lake Okeechobee, said Company to pay Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per mile for a right-of-way on one bank of the Miami and South New River Canals, provided the said railroad was built from Miami, Florida, but in case said railroad was built from Fort Lauderdale such right-of-way was to be procured by the said Company by condemnation or other legal proceedings. This motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and unanimously adopted.

The terms of sale agreed upon were that \$11,000.00 should be paid in cash and the remainder of the purchase price of the land was to be covered by twelve promissory notes bearing six per cent interest from date of sale, a mortgage deed covering said lands to be executed by the Company in favor of the Trustees as security of the said notes. An additional note in the sum of \$190,000.00, without interest, to be given by said Company, and included in said mortgage deed, as a penalty, or as liquidated damages, in case of the failure to construct the said railroad.

Hon. Glenn Terrell, Special Counsel for the Trustees, was instructed to prepare the proper deed, mortgage deed and contract for the construction of railroad, in accordance with the above, to cover the sale of said land, and to include in said contract and sale that the failure of The Tatum Land Company to build the railroad as provided above would constitute a forfeiture of said contract and sale.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, August 3, 1917.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met

on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol building at Tallahassee.

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, State Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of August 2, 1917, read and approved.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund entered into an agreement on April 1, 1917, with the Tampa, Atlantic and Gulf Railway Company, a corporation of the State of Florida, granting said Railway Company an option for a period of ninety days for a right-of-way along the banks of certain canals; and

WHEREAS, Said Railway Company deposited with said Trustees One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) as a forfeit in case said Railway Company failed to comply with said agreement in ninety days; and

WHEREAS, Said ninety days expired on July 1, 1917, and said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida having waited thirty days after the expiration of said option; and

WHEREAS, Said Railway Company has failed to comply with said agreement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida that they hereby elect to declare, and do hereby declare said agreement between them, as Trustees, as aforesaid, and the said Tampa, Atlantic and Gulf Railway Company, dated April 1, 1917, to be void and breached by said Railway Company.

RESOLVED FURTHER, The said Trustees do hereby elect to retain the amount of \$1000.00 deposited by said Railway Company as a forfeit as agreed, settled and liquidated damages.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Secretary of the Trustees notify said Railway Company of the action of said Trustees.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adpoured.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 4, 1917.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General.

Hon. Ernest Amos was made Chairman.

Minutes of August 3, 1917, read and approved.

Mr. Biggers having made application for appointment as Land Inspecting Agent, and having been appointed, thereafter declining said position, the Chief Drainage Engineer was authorized to employ a man at \$5.00 per day and expenses for the actual time he was engaged in attending to land matters and other business of the Trustees. The terms on which lands are to be leased, and terms of lease were considered, and it was decided that the price should be \$4.00 per acre for a cropping season to be paid in advance, and if a lease was desired for two years, the lands would be leased for that period at the rate of \$4.00 per acre per annum, and in event of sale by the Trustees of land under lease, the lease would be protected for the unexpired term thereof.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County, Dr. Taxes on N $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec. 30 T. 50 R

39 .....\$25.60

All Sec. 32 T. 47 R. 40.....	51.20	
All Sec. 10 T. 48 R. 40.....	51.20	\$ 128.00
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C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., July, 1917 .....		175.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, March and June, 1917, at \$166.67 per month.....		333.34
Western Union Tel. Co., Bill, July, 1917.....		13.62
Sou. Tel. and Con. Co., Rent of phone, August, 1917 .....		3.00
W. L. Marshall, Refinishing Desk for use of Special Counsel, bill of Aug. 1, 1917.....		16.00
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		\$ 668.96

Financial Statement and Disbursements for July, 1917,  
were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, July, 1917.

To Bal. on hand July 1, 1917....	\$41,643.77	
To Bd. Coms. Ev. Dr. Dist., Tolls, July, 1917 .....	\$80.83	
Maps .....	2.00	82.83
To Interest .....		296.91
To Sale Minutes .....		2.00
To Land Sales .....		1,830.90
To Land Trespass.....		41.88
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		\$43,898.29
By Disbursements, July, 1917....	4,083.85	
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To Bal. August 1, 1917.....		\$39,814.44

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
To Cash in banks.....	38,814.44	\$39,814.44
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Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jax.....	\$ 1,046.12
Barnett National, Jax.....	282.50
Peoples, Jax. ....	11,981.88

Fidelity Bk. & Tr. Co., Miami....	19,932.98	
Lewis State, Talla.....	5,570.96	\$38,814.44

## Disbursements, July, 1917.

Date. 1917.	Voucher No.		Amount.
July 2,	3862—	C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., June, 1917.	\$ 175.00
July 2,	3863—	Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, June, 1917.....	100.00
July 2,	3864—	Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, bill of June 11, 1917.....	8.00
July 2,	3865—	Norton Electric Co., Repairing, oiling and adjusting fan, bill of June 29, 1917.....	1.00
July 2,	3866—	M. S. Knight, Expenses inspecting lands in T. 12 S. R 22 E., June 24-28, 1917, bill of June 30, 1917.....;	22.48
July 2,	3867—	Daffin Transfer Co., Freight and drayage on desk, bill of July 3, 1917.....	1.51
July 2,	3868—	Reid Bros., To crating and shipping desk, bill of June 29, 1917 .....	1.50
July 2,	3869—	Florida Life Ins. Co., To Mahogany finish flat top desk, bill of June 29, 1917.....	20.00
July 2,	3870—	Lewis State Bank, 90 days interest on \$10,000.00 at 7% per annum .....	175.00
July 16,	3871—	J. A. J. Hathaway, Inspection of lands in Sec. 31 T. 6 N. R. 16 W., bill of June 26, 1917..	5.00
July 16,	3872—	J. R. Anthony, Jr., Semi-annual interest on notes Nos. 1 to 5 inc., aggregating \$12,800.00, dated Dec. 30, 1916, at 6% per annum.....	384.00
July 24,	3873—	Atlantic National Bank, 90 days interest on Notes aggregating \$37,500.00 at 7% per annum .....	656.25

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1917.	No.	
July 24,	3874—Barnett National Bank, 90 days interest on Note aggregating \$25,000.00 at 7% per annum..	437.50
July 24,	3875—Florida National Bank, 90 days interest on \$27,500.00 at 7% per annum .....	481.25
July 28.	3876—Everglades Sugar Land Co., Bal. in full of Loan made in 1914 account survey.....	975.61
July 28,	3877—T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District Tax of 25c per acre on lands of Trustees within said Dis- trict .....	639.75
Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned. ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,		
Attest:		Chairman.
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.		

Tallahassee, Florida, August 10, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of August 4, 1917, read and approved.

Upon request of the Executors and Trustees of of the Estate of Richard J. Bolles, and in consideration of the payment of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to be applied on the principal and interest of mortgage from Richard J. Bolles to the Trustees of date November 28, 1914, the following satisfaction of mortgage covering Sections Seventeen (17), Twenty-one (21) and Twenty-nine (29)

in Township Forty-four (44) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East, was made and entered into:

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
COUNTY OF LEON,

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit: On the 28th day of November, A .D. 1914, Richard J. Bolles, unmarried, residing in the County of Duval, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a certain deed of mortgage for the purpose of securing the payment of a certain indebtedness therein recited, and by said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quit claim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as security for the payment of said indebtedness aforesaid, certain lands, tenements, and hereditaments lying, being and situate in the County of Palm Beach, in the State of Florida, among which said lands was included the following:

Section Seventeen (17), Twenty-one (21) and Twenty-nine (29) in Township Forty-four (44) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East; and

WHEREAS, Agnes W. Cain, John C. Cooper, Jr., and J. L. Holmberg, Executors and Trustees of the Estate of the said Richard J. Bolles, have requested the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, in order that they may pay off the mortgage as above described, for a release thereof as to the foregoing named Sections of land; and

WHEREAS, The said Executors and Trustees of the Estate of the said Richard J. Bolles are willing and have promised to pay the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00), the same to be applied on the principal and interest of the said mortgage, and the said Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to be paid to the said Trustees immediately on the delivery of the said release;

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That in order to release Sections Seventeen (17), Twenty-one (21) and Twenty-nine (29) of Township Forty-four (44) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East, as herein described, from the lien of the said



mortgage, and in consideration of the said sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, to them in hand paid by the said Agnes W. Cain, John C. Cooper, Jr., and J. L. Holmberg, Executors and Trustees of the Estate of the said Richard J. Bolles, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Sections of land, to-wit: Sections Seventeen (17), Twenty-one (21) and Twenty-nine (29) in Township Forty-four (44) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East, lying and being in the County and State aforesaid, is hereby released and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby released as to the said Sections of land.

It is expressly stipulated that the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the said lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

In Witness Whereof the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have hereunto 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, Florida, the Capital, this the 10th day of August, A. D. 1917.

(Signed) SIDNEY J. CATTS, (Seal)  
Governor.  
ERNEST AMOS, (Seal)  
Comptroller.  
J. C. LUNING, (Seal)  
Treasurer.  
T. F. WEST, (Seal)  
Attorney General.  
W. A. McRAE, (Seal)  
Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

Signed in presence of  
W. P. BEVIS,  
J. STUART LEWIS.

The following bill was presented, approved and ordered paid:

Glenn Terrell, expenses trip to W. P. B. and Ft.  
Myers in re State v. Henry A. Braddock, June  
24, 1917 .....\$ 77.60

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 16, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General.

Minutes of August 10, 1917, read and approved.

Mr. Bartlett appeared before the Trustees and stated he was located on State land and had made improvements on same and wanted to purchase or lease Fractional Section 23 and S. 1/2 Section 24 in Township 42 S., Range 36 E., that he would prefer to lease with the privilege of purchasing at any time the Trustees were willing to dispose of said land. The matter was taken under consideration by the Trustees.

Mr. H. M. Hampton, of Ocala, appeared on behalf of his client, and offered to enter into a contract with the Trustees to pay \$4.00 per acre for unsurveyed lands known as Orange Lake Lands, lying in Township 12 S. Range 22 E., paying \$1000.00 in cash when contract was signed and balance when title approved by the U. S. Government to the State; his client to pay all expenses and do all work and other things necessary to obtain title without cost to the State; his client agreeing to forfeit the cash payment of \$1000.00 if title not approved to the

State in eighteen months from date; his client also agreeing in this proposed contract to drain the lands within a reasonable time after title approved under the supervision of the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

The plan as presented by Mr. Hampton was taken under consideration by the Trustees, Mr. Hampton to be notified of their action.

The Trustees upon motion, duly seconded, adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
I. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, August 17, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
T. F. West, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of August 16, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Palm Beach Post, 12 in. legal ad sale of lands, 6/28, 7/5-12-19-26, 1917.....	\$ 36.00
Miami Herald, 12 in. legal ad sale of lands, 6/28, 7/5,12,19-26, 1917 .....	36.00
Ft. Lau. Sentinel, 12 in. legal ad sale of lands 6/29, 7/6-13-20-27, 1917 .....	36.00
	\$ 108.00

A letter from Messrs. Jaudon, Highleyman and McDonald was read, requesting the Trustees to release the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12 in Township 54 South of Range 37 East, containing 160 acres, from a certain mortgage exe-

cuted by them to said Trustees March 29, 1917, and forward same to the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Miami, Florida, for delivery upon payment to said Bank of \$800.00 for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by said Jaudon, Highleyman and McDonald, and it was ordered that such release be prepared and forwarded as requested.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, August 18, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of August 17, 1917, read and approved.

Mr. Bartlett having made application to purchase or lease all Fractional Section 23 and South Half of Section 24, in Township 42 S. of Range 36 E., the Trustees considered the matter, and upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded, it was agreed to lease to Mr. Bartlett 40 acres of land for one year at \$4.00 per acre.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, August 24, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 T. F. West, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of August 18, 1917, were read and approved.

Mr. George B. Hills, of Jacksonville, Florida, representing the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, and F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer, were present.

The matter of the survey of lands in Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District not heretofore surveyed was presented. It was stated by Mr. Hills that said District proposed to proceed with its plans for the drainage and reclamation of the area embraced therein; that there were approximately 225,000 acres within said District which had not heretofore been surveyed; that the survey of this area was necessary and would be required before the District could proceed with the plan of its works; that this survey was made necessary by the provisions of the drainage law requiring the assessment and description of the lands in the District. The Trustees were of the opinion that the survey of the lands owned by them in the District would eventually have to be made, and that inasmuch as the drainage and reclamation of the said area looked to the early settlement and cultivation of many portions of said District, the survey of their lands and of other lands not heretofore surveyed was now justified, and after further discussion of the matter the Trustees adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, By Act of the Legislature of 1917, Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District was created, said District situate and being within the Everglades Drainage District, containing and having an area of 530,000 acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida are the owners of approximately 145,000 acres of land in said District, of which approximately 110,000 acres have not been surveyed, together with other lands in the District, a portion of which are also unsurveyed; and

WHEREAS, For the purpose of making possible the working out of a plan of reclamation for said District, and in order that the law may be complied with in regard to assessment and description of lands in said District, and further, a land survey being eventually necessary for properly locating and describing said lands belonging to said Trustees and to other owners in said Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, and in view of the fact that said District proposes to proceed with the drainage and reclamation of the lands in said District, and said Trustees considering that land surveys are now justified and that they should be proceeded with in the usual manner, and the said Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District having this day made request of said Trustees for the making by them of said survey; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida proceed with the carrying out of a survey of the lands not heretofore surveyed in the said Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District under substantially the following conditions and in accordance with the following plan:

1. That the Trustees agree and pledge themselves to pay that part of the cost for making such survey as is represented by the proportion which their unsurveyed lands bear to all the lands to be surveyed.

2. That the owners of unsurveyed lands in said District be informed of the proposed survey, and that said owners be requested to subscribe and to remit to the said Trustees for the above named purpose their proportional part of the cost of making said survey.

3. That when funds to the extent of eighty-five per cent. of the estimated cost of said survey shall have been subscribed and are on hand, the Chief Drainage Engineer shall proceed with the said survey forthwith.

4. The survey shall consist in the surveying and marking of township and section lines in accordance with "Amended Instructions for Surveying the Land Embraced in U. S. Patent No. 137, known as the Everglades," adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund December 23, 1912, which have not heretofore been surveyed.

The Chief Drainage Engineer presented a letter from Treadwell and Treadwell, of Arcadia, Florida, requesting

the Trustees to sign a petition for the formation of a Sub-Drainage District in the Istokopaga-Okeechobee area, and upon motion of Mr. McRae duly seconded it was decided to sign said petition.

The Chief Drainage Engineer stated that the Trustees having authorized him to employ a man to look after the land matters of the Trustees, he had, while on a trip of inspection of the work in the Everglades Drainage District, employed Mr. W. A. Dutch, of West Palm Beach, as Land Agent for the Trustees at a salary of \$5.00 per day and expenses. He stated further that Mr. Dutch was thoroughly competent and trustworthy, and that he had reported for duty on August 13, 1917, and was now making investigation as to squatters on State lands. Upon motion of Mr. McRae, duly seconded, the action of the Chief Drainage Engineer in employing Mr. Dutch was ratified.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 5, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of August 24, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Aug.,	
1917 .....	\$ 83.33

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Aug., 1917 .....	175.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Aug., 1917	55.56
H. & W. B. Drew Company, 2 boxes Carbon, bill of Aug. 23, 1917.....	7.13
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Postage, Aug., 1917....	5.00
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Mr. J. W. Watson, of Miami, appeared before the Trustees and stated that the City of Miami wished to secure a quit claim deed from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the riparian rights to lands in Biscayne Bay between Second and Fourteenth Streets, in the City of Miami, for municipal docks. The matter was referred to Hon. Glenn Terrell, Special Counsel for the Trustees, with request that he report as to the rights of the Trustees in the premises, and Mr. Watson was requested to leave with Mr. Terrell his application and all papers pertaining thereto.

The matter of exchange of Section 2 in Township 43, Range 38, and Section 36 in Township 42, Range 37, owned by Jonas-Kubin-Connors, with the Trustees for Sections 29 and 33 in Township 42, Range 38, was presented and discussed, and it was decided that the lands of the Trustees as above described are better situated, and therefore more valuable, but the Trustees would be willing to exchange for Section 2 in Township 43, Range 38, and Section 18 or 20 in Township 42, Range 38, all things being equal. The Secretary was instructed to request the Chief Drainage Engineer to advise the Trustees as to the value of the lands in question.

Upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, it was ordered that the Secretary make voucher for \$35,000.00 and present same to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District with request that it be paid and credited on Note of \$239,135.98 given the Trustees by the said Board under date of December 29, 1916.

Captain Towles appeared before the Trustees and stated that the citizens of Fort Myers were of the opinion that the following lands offered the County of Lee by the Trustees to aid in canal construction,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  of Sections 20 and 21, and all Sections 28 and 29, Township 43 S. Range 32 E., at \$15.00 per acre and Sections 7, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31 and 35 in Township 44 S. Range 34 E., at



\$18.00 per acre, were priced at more than their real value, and that he would like to have the price on same reduced. Upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, and unanimously adopted, the matter was referred to the Chief Drainage Engineer with request that he report to the Trustees the condition of the soil, and the drainage and agricultural possibilities of the lands in question.

Financial Statement and Disbursements for the month of August, 1917, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, August, 1917.

To bal. on hand Aug. 1, 1917.....	\$39,814.44	
To Bd. Comps, Ev. Dr.		
Dist., Tolls, Aug., 1917.....	\$124.74	
Blue Prints .....	1.75	\$ 126.49
To Interest .....		76.82
To Sale 13 Vols. Minutes.....		6.50
To Refund Palms Pub. Co.....		12.00
To Certificate .....		1.50
To Land Sales .....		2,626.29
		<u>\$42,664.04</u>
By Disbursements, Aug., 1917....	854.56	
To Bal. Sept. 1, 1917.....		\$41,809.48

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
To Cash in banks.....	40,809.48	\$41,809.48

Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jax.....	\$ 1,046.12	
Barnett National, Jax.....	282.50	
Peoples, Jax. ....	11,981.88	
Fidelity Bk. & Tr. Co., Miami....	20,772.58	
Lewis State, Talla.....	6,726.40	\$40,809.48

## Disbursements, August, 1917.

Date 1917.	Voucher No.	Amount.
Aug. 1,	3878—W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County, 1916, Dr. Taxes on N $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 30 T. 50 R. 39, all Sec. 32 T. 47 R. 40, and all Sec. 10 T. 48 R 40, bill of July 28, 1917.....	\$ 128.00
Aug. 4,	3879—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., July, 1917..	175.00
Aug. 4,	3880—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Sec- retary, March and June, 1917	333.34
Aug. 4,	3881—Western Union Tel. Co., Bill, July, 1917 .....	13.62
Aug. 4,	3882—Sou. Tel. & Con. Co., Rent of of phone, August, 1917.....	3.00
Aug. 4,	3883—W. L. Marshall, Refinishing desk for use of Special Counsel for I. I. Board, bill of Aug. 1, 1917 .....	16.00
Aug. 10,	3884—Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to W. P. B. and Ft. Myers in State v. Henry A. Braddock, June 24, 1917, bill of Aug. 9, 1917 .....	77.60
Aug. 17,	3885—Palm Beach Post, 12 in. legal ad sale of lands, 6/28, 7/5-12- 19-26, 1917 .....	36.00
Aug. 17,	3886—Miami Herald, 12 in. legal ad sale of lands, 6/28, 7/5-12-19- 26, 1917 .....	36.00
Aug. 17,	3887—Ft. Lau. Sentinel, 12 in. legal ad sale of lands, 6/29, 7/6-13- 20-27, 1917 .....	36.00
		\$ 854.56

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 17, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of September 5, 1917, read and approved.

Hon. John C. Gramling, of Miami, appeared before the Trustees on behalf of Mr. M. M. Hall, of Ritta, Florida.

It appears that Mr. Hall settled upon the south shore of Lake Okeechobee, in the vicinity of what is now Ritta postoffice, about nine years ago, upon land that he supposed to be the property of the Internal Improvement Fund. He has made his home there since, having built a house and made considerable other improvements thereon. He made application to purchase said land from the Trustees under an order passed by the Trustees whereby the Trustees agreed, in certain cases, when parties could satisfactorily prove to them that they had resided upon lands of the Trustees for a number of years and had located thereon for the purpose of making a bona fide home and had made sufficient improvements to justify such claim, to sell to said parties not exceeding twenty acres of land containing their improvements at \$3.00 per acre.

An investigation showed that the land upon which Mr. Hall located was not the property of the Trustees, but belonged to Mr. R. J. Bolles, now deceased.

Several years ago the Trustees advised Mr. Hall that if Mr. Bolles would exchange with them this particular tract of twenty acres upon which he had located for twenty acres owned by the Trustees on the Lake of equal value, they would make the exchange and would then sell to Mr. Hall the tract of twenty acres upon which he had his improvements for \$3.00 per acre, in

pursuance with the order made by them to cover such cases referred to above.

Mr. Gramling stated that the Executors and Trustees of the Estate of R. J. Bolles were willing to make such exchange, whereupon, it was

Ordered that such an exchange be made upon satisfactory proof being submitted to the Trustees of the land proposed to be deeded to the Trustees in exchange by said Executors being free of any incumbrances, and that thereupon the Trustees would sell said land to Mr. Hall at the price of \$3.00 per acre.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, September 18, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Minutes of September 17, 1917, read and approved.

Mr. Patterson appeared before the Trustees and stated that an Act for the Relief of Mr. T. A. Beggs had been passed by the last legislature, being Chapter 5582, Acts of 1905, authorizing the Trustees to pay to said Beggs the sum of \$81.60, Mr. T. A. Beggs having purchased from Mr. C. F. Beggs, who was an heir of the late Charles Beggs who purchased from the State the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 4, T. 2 S. of R. 8 E., as shown by Certificate of Entry No. 229, signed by Hugh A. Corley, Commissioner of Lands and Immigration, July 2, 1862, and it being shown that title to said land was never in the State, but in the U. S. Government, and that same was homesteaded by A. C. Driggers August 11, 1904, in

view of which facts Mr. Patterson requested the Trustees to pay said amount to Mrs. T. A. Beggs, the widow of T. A. Beggs. The matter was taken under advisement.

The Governor stated that he had received an offer from an attorney to secure patents from the U. S. Government to the State under Act of Congress of September 28, 1850, for all lands which were and are under the waters of Lake Okeechobee that have been reclaimed either by artificial or natural drainage. The Secretary was instructed to refer the matter to Hon. Glenn Terrell, Special Counsel for the Trustees, for his opinion in regard to rights of the State in such lands; also as to the lands that were and are under the waters of Orange Lake.

Mr. W. P. Smith, of Miami, requested the Trustees by letter to advertise a certain submerged tract of land located in Biscayne Bay, being in Sec. 4, T. 54 S. of R. 42 E., containing approximately 4.50 acres, and stated in case said land was offered for sale he would bid not less than \$300.00 per acre for same. The Secretary was instructed to obtain a correct description of said land from the Chief Drainage Engineer and to advertise the same as required by law.

A letter from Mr. George R. Kline was read in which he stated he had a client who was desirous of purchasing 50 acres of submerged land in Biscayne Bay and was willing to pay \$300.00 per acre for same. The Secretary was instructed to obtain a correct description of the land and present same to the Trustees for further consideration.

A letter was presented from Mr. Jaudon requesting the cancellation of State Tax Certificates Nos. 5508, 5509, 5510, 5511, 5513, 5514, 5515, 5516, 5519, 5521 and 5522, also Drainage Tax Certificates Nos. 2128 and 2129, which are now outstanding against the land purchased by himself and Messrs. McDonald and Highleyman and caused a cloud upon the same, and upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded, it was ordered that the Secretary ascertain the amount necessary to redeem said Certificates and pay the same, and as these Certificates covered lands conveyed by R. J. Bolles to the Trustees November 28, 1914, in payment of a certain mortgage held by said Trustees, and as said lands should have been clear of any taxes at the date of the said transfer, it was

ordered that the amount necessary to redeem such lands be charged to the Estate of R. J. Bolles.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, September 21, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Minutes of September 18, 1917, read and approved.

Mr. C. L. Wilder having made application to the Trustees to purchase all of Section 24 in Township 42 S. of Range 36 E., and all of Fractional Section 19 in Township 42 S. of Range 37 E., upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, it was ordered that the above described land be sold to Mr. Wilder at \$100.00 per acre, upon terms of one-fourth cash and one-fourth in one, two and three years with 6% interest on deferred payments, the Trustees reserving one-fourth mile frontage on Lake Okechobee.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, September 24, 1917.

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

Present :

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Minutes of September 21, 1917, read and approved.

The following Contract with The Tatum Land Company was made and entered into as of this date with the understanding that the two absent members, Hon. Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General, and Hon. W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, sign the same upon presentation :

#### CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RAILROAD.

MEMORANDUM OF CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT Entered into this 24th day of September, A. D. 1917, by and between Sidney J. Catts, Governor, Ernest Amos, Comptroller, J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General, and W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, of and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, for themselves, as such officials, their successors and their successors in office, as parties of the first part, hereinafter referred to as the "Trustees," and The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, for itself, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, as the party of the second part, hereinafter referred to as the "Company,"

WITNESSETH, That in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) paid by the party of the second part to the parties of the first part herein, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter expressed in this contract and also referred to in a certain deed of mortgage executed by the party of the second part herein to and in favor of the parties of the first part herein, the said parties hereby covenant and enter into the following agreement, to-wit:

## 1.

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 the City of Miami, Florida, in a northwesterly direction on or near the banks of the Miami Canal through the Counties of Dade, Broward and Palm Beach, in said State of Florida, to a point on or near the south or southwestern shores of Lake Okeechobee and from any point on said line of railroad westwardly or northwesterly to an intersection with some one or more lines of railroad now or then constructed in Central or Western South Florida, such right-of-way to be an easement, unless the Company finds difficulty in disposing of its securities for the reason that it does not own its right-of-way in fee, whereupon the Trustees, upon due application, will make an entire conveyance, enlarging such right-of-way from a mere easement to the dignity of a fee simple right or estate therein, and such right-of-way shall be fifty (50) feet wide for main line railroad construction and one hundred and twenty (120) feet wide for sidings, turn-outs, station houses and other necessary constructions and erections, and shall extend on, over and across any lands now or then owned and controlled by the Trustees located between the two proposed termini, together with the rights and privileges to remove and use any earth, stone or material in the spoil banks on or near the banks of the Miami or other State canal covered by said right-of-way, or closely adjacent thereto, for the construction of the proposed line of railroad and its erections, constructions, yards, grounds and all other necessary appurtenances, and the Company may remove and transport to such place or places, as may be desired, wherever there may be a deficiency of material.

Provided, that the spoil banks and the canal shall not be injured or weakened by the removal of such material, as in the judgment of the Chief Drainage Engineer, is useful for the protection of the said canal and its banks.

Provided further, that where the road-bed follows the bank of a canal, the center line of said road-bed shall not be nearer the edge of the canal than thirty-five (35) feet, except in such special cases as may be necessary



for approaching or crossing a canal or for constructing a spur or siding at a landing or slip, and that such special case shall be the subject of a permit from the Trustees, and unless the Chief Drainage Engigneer in any case gives a written permit for a closer approach with tracks to such canal; and

Provided still further, that in making use of and preparing the spoil bank of the canal for a road-bed, the same shall be done by widening the spoil bank toward the side away 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 natural position in the spoil bank, and that the berm shall not be lessened or encroached upon, and if borrow pit 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 and connecting ditch; and in constructing the said road-bed through any portion of the Everglades not adjacent to a canal the excavations for constructing the road and for drainage of the roadbed shall be dug connectedly so as to form a canal or ditch as far as may be practicable, and that the Trustees shall have the right to use and improve such canal or ditches and to maintain the same for drainage purposes; and

Provided further, that the Trustees specifically reserve a strip of land twenty (20) feet wide contiguous to the canal or canals between the edge thereof and the right-of-way herein granted, and the rights, rights-of-way and easements hereby granted and intended to be granted, shall be exclusive, that is to say, the Trustees will not during the valid continuance of this contract, or of any right, estate or easement hereunder, grant or convey to any person or persons, firm or corporation, any right, right-of-way or easement to construct a line of railroad on or along the banks of the Miami or South New River Canals, nor to use or grant the use to any person, firm or corporation of the earth, stone or other material useful for constructing a road-bed found in or upon the spoil banks of said canals as will be needed by the Company, its successors and assigns, for the construction of its proposed line of railroad, except that it is specifi-

cally 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 any or all such rock, earth and other material in or upon the spoil banks of the canals as it may require for the construction of any of its works now being or hereafter to be constructed.

And further, that such rights, rights-of-ways, easements and estates as are hereby granted and intended to be granted by the Trustees to the Company, its successors and assigns, shall be in perpetuity.

Provided further, that the Trustees at the option and request of the Company will grant them a right-of-way from the northern terminus of the said railroad or any point thereon westwardly through the "big cypress" territory to the Gulf of Mexico or to an intersection with some one or more lines of railroad in Central or Western South Florida. The said right-of-way to be granted under the same conditions and restrictions as those governing the right-of-way for the railroad from Miami to Lake Okeechobee as herein outlined.

2.

The Trustees further agree and hereby grant unto the Company its successors and assigns, a right-of-way for a public road or highway of the standard width and construction extending from the City of Miami, Florida, on, near or along the Miami Canal, and on, over and across any lands now or then owned by the Trustees, to or near the south or southwest shores of Lake Okeechobee, and thence in the most practicable route, in a westwardly or northwestwardly direction, to an intersection with one or more improved public highways in the Central or Western part of South Florida.

Provided that such highway shall be appropriated for the use of the General Public.

Provided further, that when the proposed highway is built along any State canal the same conditions and limitations shall apply as stated in the foregoing clauses in respect to the construction of the proposed line of railroad as may be practicable and the Company shall have the right to use material from the spoil banks for the construction of the proposed highway in the same manner as for the proposed line of railroad.

Provided, further, that the highway may be built across any canal only upon a special permit from the Chief Drainage Engineer and all bridges or approaches to such crossings shall be built according to plans and specifications approved by said engineer and shall be built under his supervision and according to his instructions, except that in case the right-of-way of the railroad is hereafter conveyed to the Company in fee simple, as hereinbefore, under Section 1 provided, the right-of-way for the vehicle road shall not be included in such conveyance, but the same shall be and remain an easement for the purpose of occupying the said land with the said vehicle road, but it is provided further that the Trustees reserve the right to use the land granted as right-of-way for the said vehicle road for the purpose of depositing excavated material from the canal, and may use the said strip in such manner as in the judgment of the Board may be necessary for the protection, preservation, maintenance and improvement of the canal, provided such use shall not in the judgment of the Chief Drainage Engineer injure the said road or interfere with the operation and maintenance of the same.

Provided further, that such highway or highways shall be under the supervision of the proper State or County authorities.

## 3.

The Company hereby agrees to pay the Trustees the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per mile for each mile of such right-of-way used for the main line of railroad, which shall be ascertained and paid as follows: Twenty-five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00) on or before December 31, 1918; Twenty-five Hundred Dollars on or before December 31, 1919; Five Thousand Dollars (5000.00) on or before December 31, 1920; Six Thousand Dollars (\$6000.00) on or before December 31, 1921; Seventy-five Hundred Dollars (\$7500.00) on or before December 31, 1922; Seventy-five Hundred Dollars (\$7500.00) on or before December 31, 1923; and the balance on or before December 31, 1924; Provided, that if the said line of railroad be completed prior to the last mentioned date, such balance or balances as may be due upon the said right-of-way shall be payable upon the completion of the said railroad.

## 4.

The Company agrees to pay the Trustees One Dollar (\$1.00) for the right-of-way for the aforesaid public highway for the use of the public.

## 5.

The Company hereby covenants and agrees to commence construction upon the said railroad not later than February 1, 1918, and to build and complete five (5) miles thereof during the year 1918; and five (5) miles additional thereof during the year 1919; and during the year 1920 to build and complete ten (10) miles additional to the mileage completed in 1918 and 1919; and during the year 1921 to build and complete twelve (12) miles additional to all former constructions; and during the year 1923 to build and complete fifteen (15) miles additional to all previous constructions; and to complete the said railroad from the City of Miami, or Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to some point on or near the south of southwest shore of Lake Okeechobee not later than December 31, 1924; provided, nevertheless, that the construction of a line of railroad from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Lake Okeechobee instead of from the City of Miami, Florida, to said Lake, shall be deemed and accepted as a full compliance with the terms of this contract, it being understood that the Trustees do not grant a right-of-way from Fort Lauderdale to the Miami Canal for said line of railroad, but the Company shall obtain such right-of-way by purchase, condemnation or in any other lawful method; and provided, further and nevertheless, that nothing whatsoever in this contract contained shall be deemed to affect the title of the owner or owners of any steel or iron rail leased to and used by the Company or any firm, partnership or corporation building said line or lines of railroad.

## 6.

It is further mutually covenanted and agreed that unless the Company performs the covenants and agreements contained in Paragraph 5 hereof, then, and in either event, it shall forfeit all right, title and claim to the right-of-way and privileges herein granted, whether

the purchase price to be paid therefor has been paid or otherwise, and such rights-of-way and privileges shall revert and return to the Trustees who shall thereby become reinvested with title thereto, and in addition to suffering such forfeiture of such rights-of-way and privileges the Company agrees to pay the sum of One Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000.00) as a penalty, or as liquidated damages, to the Trustees, and the payment of such penalty or liquidated damages shall be secured by the Company to the Trustees by the execution and delivery of its note, without interest, of even date herewith, and that the payment of such note shall be secured by the execution and delivery by the Company to the Trustees of the mortgage deed of approximately one hundred and ninety thousand (190,000) acres of land situated in Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties, in the State of Florida, all of which lands are more particularly described in a deed of conveyance of said lands from the Trustees to the Company bearing even date herewith.

Provided, 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 in Paragraph 5 hereof 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 or from the payment of any liquidated damages provided herein, but only in respect to the matter specifically waived in writing at the date of such waiver or extension.

Provided further, that any or all of the covenants or provisions contained in this contract shall be subject to the release clause or clauses contained in or to be written in the said deed of mortgage; and

Provided still further, that such penalty or damages may be included in the same deed of mortgage securing the payments of the balance of the purchase money due the Trustees by the Company for the aforesaid one hundred and ninety thousand (190,000) acres of land and shall be in addition to such purchase money.

## 7.

The Company agrees to construct at each point where the said railroad crosses a canal having dimensions of

not less than ten (10) feet depth of cut by forty (40) feet width of bottom a steel bridge of some practical draw type; that the net clearance between abutments of bridges shall be not less than fifty (50) feet; and that the overhead clearance of the lowest member of the bridge or bridges shall be not less than four (4) feet above normal ground surface at the bottom of the bridge.

## 8.

The Company further agrees that all drawbridges 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 that should other canals be constructed by the Trustees which should 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. That the Trustees shall have the right to pass their dredges or other vessels, or those under their control, through any of the said railroad bridges at any time without cost to the Trustees; and that such drawbridges shall be operated in accordance with the Pilot Rules of the United States relating to drawbridges across navigable streams.

## 9.

The Company further agrees that in case of accident or wreck to any of its trains, rolling stock or other railroad property along any canal, to promptly remove the same so that navigation and drainage in such canals shall not be impeded or obstructed longer than is reasonably necessary to remove such obstruction.

## 10.

It is mutually agreed that all title, right or interest in such right-of-way of such railroad line shall revert and return to the Trustees if the Company fails to operate such railroad line after its completion for a term of one year, unless such operation is disturbed or prevented by an act of God, the act of the public enemy, labor strikes, floods, storms or other agencies of Nature, or other cause or causes of like nature beyond the reasonable control of the Company.

## 11.

It is mutually covenanted and agreed that the Company may assign and transfer any right, title or interest whatsoever, whether real or personal, or mixed, and whether corporeal or incorporeal, granted, conveyed and assigned to them by the Trustees, by or under this agreement, to any other person, firm or corporation, whether such corporation be domestic or a domesticated foreign corporation, and upon such transfer, assignment or conveyance being made, such person, firm or corporation taking and accepting such deed of transfer, assignment of conveyance shall be seized and vested and possessed of all and the same rights, title and property to or of which the Company is or will be vested, seized or possessed under this contract; and that such person, firm or corporation shall be held bound to perform each and every covenant herein contained which the Company would be and is hereby bound to perform, and also such person, firm or corporation shall be and is thereupon burdened with every liability which the Company has hereby assumed in this contract, and upon such transfer, assignment and conveyance having been duly executed and delivered by the Company to such person, firm or corporation, notice in writing whereof, giving full details, shall be delivered to the Trustees, then the Company shall be thenceforth and thereafter discharged and held harmless by the Trustees in respect to the non-performance of any covenant contained, or agreement in this contract contained.

Saving and excepting the Company shall not be released from its liability or obligation herein to construct the line of railroad in the manner and within the times herein stipulated, or to pay the penalty or liquidated damages herein provided and secured in case of the failure of itself, its successors and assigns to construct such line of railroad as herein stipulated to be done, but when the Company, its successors or assigns, or any person, firm or corporation to whom its rights and liabilities hereunder are transferred and assigned, shall complete such line of railroad agreeably to all of the covenants and stipulations herein contained, then both and all shall be thenceforth discharged from any and all penalty and liquidated damages herein provided and secured.

It is mutually covenanted and agreed the term "Trustees" herein contained and used shall refer not only to Honorables Sidney J. Catts, Governor, Ernest Amos, Comptroller, J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General, and W.-A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, now composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, but to their successors, successors in office and assigns, and shall firmly bind them all and singular; and it is further mutually agreed that the term "Company" herein contained shall refer to and include not only The Tatum Land Company, a corporation, but also its successors, legal representatives and assigns, as well as any person, persons, firm or corporation to whom it may make a transfer, assignment or conveyance of its rights or interest herein and hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed in duplicate this 24th day of September, A. D. 1917.

(Signed) SIDNEY J. CATTS, (Seal)

Governor.

ERNEST AMOS, (Seal)

Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING, (Seal)

State Treasurer.

VAN C. SWEARINGEN, (Seal)

Attorney General.

W. A. McRAE, (Seal)

Commissioner of Agriculture.

Of and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Parties of the First Part.

(Signed)

W. M. McINTOSH, JR.,

GLENN TERRELL,

For the Parties of the First Part.

THE TATUM LAND COMPANY, (Seal),

By (Signed) J. H. TATUM, (Seal)

President.



Attest:

B. B. TATUM, (Seal)  
Secretary.

Party of the Second Part.

H. R. PRIDGEN,  
GEO. A. ORMEROD,For the Party of the Second Part.  
(Seal)STATE OF FLORIDA, }  
COUNTY OF DADE. } ss:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida, an officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds, personally appeared J. H. Tatum, President of The Tatum Land Company, and B. B. Tatum, Secretary of The Tatum Land Company, the same being a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, to me well known to be the persons described in and who executed unto Sidney J. Catts, Governor, Ernest Amos, Comptroller, J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General, and W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, of and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, the foregoing contract or agreement, and severally acknowledged under oath the execution thereof to be their free and voluntary act and deed as such officers, for the uses and purposes therein expressed, and that they affixed thereto the official seal of said corporation, and that said instrument is the free act and deed of the said corporation, The Tatum Land Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Miami, in the County of Dade and State of Florida, this 24th day of September, A. D. 1917.

(Signed) GEO. A. ORMEROD,  
(SEAL) Notary Public State of Florida  
at Large.

My Commission expires Dec. 19, 1918.

STATE OF FLORIDA, }  
 COUNTY OF LEON. } ss:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this day personally appeared Sidney J. Catts, Governor, Ernest Amos, Comptroller, J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General and W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, of 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 deed or contract to The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and they severally acknowledged before me that they executed the same, as such officials, respectively, for and on behalf of the State of Florida, for all uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Tallahassee, in said County and State, this 24th day of September, A. D. 1917.

(Signed) W. M. McINTOSH, Jr.,  
 (SEAL) Notary Public State of Florida at  
 Large.

My Commission expires May 15th, 1920.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 29, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor.  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General.

Minutes of September 24, 1917, read and approved.

Mr. Otis A. Hardin appeared before the Trustees as the representative of Jonas-Kubin-Connors relative to the exchange of certain lands with the Trustees, and the Trustees agreed to exchange with Jonas-Kubin-Connors Sections 29, 31 and 33 in Township 42 S. of Range 38 E., for Section 2 in Township 43 S. of Range 38 E., and all that portion of Section 34 South of the West Palm Beach Canal in Township 42 S. of Range 38 E. and Section 36 in Township 42 S. of Range 37 E. The Trustees also agreed to exchange Fractional Section 21 South of the West Palm Beach Canal for an equal amount in Section 20, both in Township 42 S. of Range 38 E. or to sell that portion of Fractional Section 21 south of the West Palm Beach Canal for \$50.00 per acre.

Mr. Hardin stated that he would like to communicate by wire with Jonas-Kubin-Connors, whereupon the Trustees adjourned to meet when Mr. Hardin had heard from his people.

5:30 P. M.

The Trustees met pursuant to adjournment and Mr. Hardin stated that he was in receipt of a telegram from Jonas-Kubin-Connors stating they were willing to exchange Section 36 Township 42 S. of Range 37 E. for Section 31 Township 42 S. of Range 38 E. and Section 2 Township 43 S. Range 38 E. for Section 29, Township 42 S. of Range 38 E., and would purchase all Fractional Section 21 south of West Palm Beach Canal at \$50.00 per acre. After discussion, it was, upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, ordered that said exchange and sale be made, and upon receipt of deed and abstract from Jonas-Kubin-Connors covering Section 36 of Township 42 S. of Range 37 E. and Section 2 of Township 43 S. of Range 38 E. and the purchase price of Fractional Section 21 in Township 42 S. of Range 38 E., south of the West Palm Beach Canal, the Trustees would execute deed to said Jonas-Kubin-Connors for Section 31 in Township 42 S. of Range 38 E. and Section 29 in Township 42 S. of Range 38 E. and Fractional Section 21 South of the West Palm Beach Canal in Township 42 S. of Range 38 E.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest:

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 3, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of September 29, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Lewis State Bank, 90 days interest on \$10,- 000.00 at 7% per annum.....\$	175.00
C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Sept., 1917 .....	175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Sept., 1917 .....	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Sept., 1917 .....	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Aug. and Sept., 1917.....	73.32
Lewis State Bank for T. J. Appleyard, Printing 500 Application for Lease blanks, 500 Receipt books and 500 Land Liens, bill of Oct. 1, 1917	8.50
Western Union Tel. Co., Bill for Sept., 1917..	11.14
Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, Redemption of State Tax Certificates Nos. 5508, 5509, 5510, 5511, 5513, 5514, 5515, 5516, 5519, 5521 and 5522, and Dr. Tax Certificates Nos. 2128 and 2129, covering certain lands deeded to the Trustees by R. J. Bolles under date of Nov. 28, 1914, and by them conveyed to Messrs. Jaudon, Highleyman and McDon- ald .....	2,521.32
W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County, Sub-Dr. Dist. Tax of 25c per acre on lands of the Trustees in Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District in Broward County.....	29,985.93

R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, Sub-Dr. Dist. Tax of 25c per acre on lands of the Trustees in Napoleon B. Broward Drain- age District in Dade County.....	10,203.45
	<u>\$43,292.55</u>

Mr. Hart made application to the Trustees for the Agency for the sale of their lands in the Everglades Drainage District, and after discussion, upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, his proposition was declined, as the Trustees deemed it inadvisable to pay a commission on the sale of lands of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Financial Statement and Disbursements for September, 1917, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, September, 1917.

To bal. on hand Sept. 1, 1917....	\$41,809.48	
To Bd. Commrs. Ev.		
Dr. Dist., Tolls, Sept.,		
1917 .....	\$ 121.71	
Reimbursement 1 bbl.	7.50	
Payment on Note of		
Dec. 29, 1916.....	35,000.00	35,129.21
		<u>37.22</u>
To Thos. E. Will, Interest.....		37.22
To payment on Bolles Mortgage..	4,000.00	
To sale 2 Vols. Minutes.....		1.00
To Land Sales.....		7,078.92
		<u>\$88,055.83</u>
By disbursements, Sept., 1917....	326.02	
To bal. on hand Oct. 1, 1917.....		\$87,729.81

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
To Cash in banks.....	86,729.81	\$87,729.81

Deposited in the following banks:

Atlantic National, Jax.....	\$ 1,046.12	
Barnett National, Jax.....	282.50	
Peoples, Jax. ....	11,981.88	
Fidelity Bk. & Tr. Co., Miami....	20,772.58	
Lewis State, Talla. ....	52,646.73	\$86,729.81

Disbursements, September, 1917.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1917.	No.	
Sept. 5,	3888—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Aug., 1917.....	\$ 83.33
Sept. 5,	3889—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Aug., 1917	175.00
Sept. 5,	3890—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Aug., 1917.....	55.56
Sept. 5,	3891—H. & W. B. Drew Company, 2 boxes Carbon paper, bill of Aug. 23, 1917.....	7.13
Sept. 5,	3892—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, Aug. 1917 .....	5.00
		<u>\$ 326.02</u>

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 5, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of October 3, 1917, read and approved.

W. C. Zimmer appeared before the Trustees with a proposition to purchase Section 21 in Township 42 S. of Range 38 E., and it was agreed by the Trustees that if Mr. Zimmer would obligate himself by putting up as an evidence of good faith the sum of \$500.00 with the State Treasurer that he would bid at the time set for receiving bids on the above described land the sum of \$40 per acre, to be paid one-fourth cash upon acceptance of the bid and execution of the contract of sale, and the remainder in equal installments in one, two and three years from date of execution of the contract with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, that the Trustees would instruct the Secretary to advertise said Section, Township and Range described above for sale to the highest and best bidder, it being distinctly understood and agreed that in case Mr. Zimmer did not bid as much as \$40.00 per acre for said land upon the terms and conditions stipulated above at the time set in the advertisement for receiving bids, that Mr. Zimmer would forfeit the \$500.00 deposited with the State Treasurer as an evidence of good faith, and that said \$500.00 in that event would become the property of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

A letter from Mr. George M. Powell, addressed to the Governor, enclosing application of A. R. Merrill to purchase certain islands situated in the Saint Johns River, in Duval County, Florida, said islands being known as islands Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and having been formed in the tidal waters of said County and State by the dredging of the channel in Saint Johns River by the United States Government. Upon request of the Trustees, the Attorney General had made an examination of said islands and stated that the above were the facts in the case. Upon motion of Mr. Luning, seconded by Mr. Swearingen and adopted, the Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Powell that the Trustees would sell the islands in question to Mr. Merrill, provided that Mr. Merrill would agree to bid \$1000.00 per acre for same and would deposit with the Trustees a certified check in the sum of \$1000.00 as good faith that he would bid that amount for the same on the day of sale, said islands to be advertised for sale as required by law.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, October 6, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of October 5, 1917, read and approved.

Mr. F. C. B. Le Gro appeared before the Trustees and stated that his Company had applied to the War Department for permission to build two islands on submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, and as it was necessary for his Company to have assurance from the Trustees that they would sell said submerged lands, he made application to have said lands advertised and obligated his Company to bid not less than \$300.00 per acre for same, and upon motion, duly seconded and adopted, it was agreed to advertise said lands in Biscayne Bay provided Mr. LeGro would deposit with the Trustees \$1000.00 as a guarantee that his Company would bid not less than \$300.00 per acre for said lands when offered for sale, with the understanding that should his Company fail to secure permit from the War Department to improve said submerged lands and the lands should not be advertised, the said \$1000.00 would be returned to Mr. LeGro.

The matter of paying the widow of the late T. A. Beggs the amount of \$81.60, as provided in Chapter 5582, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1905, being An Act for the Relief of T. A. Beggs, and authorizing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to pay said amount, was taken up, and upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded and



adopted, it was ordered that the amount of \$81.60 be paid to Mrs. Beggs, upon the filing with the Trustees of proper evidence and receipts as to her being the legal heir of the said T. A. Beggs, as set out in Chapter 5582.

The matter of survey of lands in the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District was discussed, and upon motion of Mr. McRae, duly seconded and adopted, the matter was deferred for future action.

The Chief Drainage Engineer stated that he had been informed that a certain Mr. McLendon had fenced certain lands owned by the Trustees in the Everglades Drainage District, and upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded and adopted, the Chief Drainage Engineer was intrusted to investigate the matter, and if said lands had been fenced, to take up the matter with the Special Counsel for the Trustees and advise Mr. McLendon that said fence be removed or satisfactory reasons be presented to the Trustees why same should be allowed to remain.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, October 10, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of October 6, 1917, read and approved.

Mr. H. H. Hart appeared before the Trustees and made application to purchase Sections 11, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  of S $\frac{1}{2}$  of 27; all 35, in Township 44, Range 35; and Section 23, Township 44, Range 36; Section 31, Township 43, Range

37, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36, Township 43, Range 36 at \$25.00 per acre. Upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, the proposition was rejected.

Mr. C. L. Wilder made application to purchase E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Fractional Section 24 in Township 42 S. Range 36 E. and that part of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  lying west of the western branch of Pelican Lake Slough connecting Pelican Lake with Lake Okeechobee of Section 19 in Township 42 S. Range 37 E., containing 483.14 acres. The amount of land being more than 320 acres it would be necessary to advertise same, and as Mr. Wilder had made application to purchase this land in June, 1917, it was agreed the Trustees would advertise same, provided Mr. Wilder would agree to bid not less than \$100.00 per acre and would deposit \$500.00 with said Trustees as agreement of good faith. Whereupon Mr. Wilder deposited check for \$500.00 and agreed to bid said amount when lands were offered for sale, and the Secretary was instructed to advertise said lands for sale, the Trustees agreeing that if Mr. Wilder was the successful bidder the terms would be one-eighth cash, one-eighth six months, one-fourth one year, one-fourth two years and one-fourth three years, with six per cent. per annum on deferred payments.

Mr. W. C. Kyle appeared before the Trustees relative to the survey of the lands in the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District. Mr. Terrell, Special Counsel for the Trustees, was present, and stated that there was no statute requiring the Trustees to survey lands, whereupon no action as to surveying the lands was taken.

The Legislature of 1917 having passed an Act, being Chapter 7310, Laws of Florida, setting aside certain lands to the Seminole Indians as a Reservation and making the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions custodian of same, it was, upon motion of Mr. McRae, duly seconded and adopted, ordered that the Special Counsel for the Trustees prepare deed of conveyance of said lands from the Trustees to said Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, as required by Chapter 7310, Acts of 1917, Laws of Florida, approved May 9, 1917.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, Bal. due on redemption State Tax Certifi-

cate No. 5522, Sale of Oct. 6, 1913, lands deeded Trustees by R. J. Bolles, Nov. 28, 1914	\$ 112.06
Sou. Tel. & Con. Co., Rent of phone, Oct., 1917	3.00
Van C. Swearingen, Expenses incurred inspect- ing certain islands in St. Johns River near the mouth of Trout Creek, application for purchase of same having been made by A. R. Merrill, bill of Oct. 5, 1917.....	5.00
Mrs. Ella Beggs, Widow of T. A. Beggs, Amt. allowed the heirs of the late T. A. Beggs un- der provisions of Chapter 5582, Laws of Flor- ida, Acts of 1905.....	81.60
Atlantic National Bank, 90 days interest on \$37,500.00 at 7% per annum.....	656.25
Barnett National Bank, 90 days interest on \$25,000.00 at 7% per annum.....	437.50
Florida National Bank, 90 days interest on \$27,500.00 at 7% per annum.....	481.25
W. A. Dutch, For services rendered relative leasing of State lands, 8 days at \$5.00 per day, to Oct. 1, 1917.....	40.00
R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, Sub-Dr. Dist. Tax of 25c per acre on lands of the Trustees in Southern Drainage Dis- trict for 1917.....	4,320.00
	\$ 6,136.66

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 22, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General.

Minutes of October 10, 1917, read and approved.

It having been brought to the attention of the Trustees that prior to the promise to W. C. Zimmer to advertise and sell to him Section 21 in Township 42 S. of Range 38 E. at \$40.00 per acre, they had made a sale of all the lands of said Section lying south of the West Palm Beach Canal to Jonas-Kubin-Connors at \$50.00 per acre, the Secretary was instructed to write and advise Mr. Zimmer of the facts and to request him to inform the Trustees if he desired to make a bid on the remainder of said Section, and that if he did they would calculate the acreage lying south of the West Palm Beach Canal, which they had sold to Jonas-Kubin-Connors, and deduct the same at \$50.00 per acre from the purchase price of the whole Section at \$40.00 per acre, which would reduce the price per acre of the remainder of the said Section at the price he had agreed to bid.

Mr. H. C. Thompson having finally located the twenty acres on which he has improvements in Section 15, Township 42 S. Range 37 E., which the Trustees agreed to sell him at \$3.00 per acre, and it was ordered that said lands be deeded to him upon payment of said amount.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, October 24, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of October 22, 1917, read and approved.

Messrs. George W. and Joseph E. Bryan appeared before the Trustees and stated that they wanted to pur-

chase the lands owned by the Trustees south of Township 37 and north of the Kissimmee River, containing approximately 6,000 acres, and would pay \$7.50 per acre for same, upon the following terms: One dollar per acre cash, the balance in four equal annual payments with 6% interest on deferred payments. The Chairman stated that the offer would be presented at the next meeting of the Trustees for their consideration, and if the price was acceptable the Trustees would advertise the land for sale as required by law.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest:                                 SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor,  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, October 27, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of October 24, 1917, read and approved.

Mr. T. J. Campbell appeared before the Trustees and stated that the County Commissioners of Palm Beach County had requested him to ask the Trustees to donate an amount of land equal in value to the amount donated Dade County to aid in drainage, to-wit: \$100,000.00, to aid Palm Beach County in constructing a canal connecting West Palm Beach Canal and the Bolles Canal, the Trustees having formerly agreed to donate 4,000 acres for such purpose. Mr. McRae moved that an amount of land valued at \$100,000.00 be sold by the Trustees to aid in such drainage work in Palm Beach County, under the same conditions as granted Dade and Lee Counties, the price of said lands to be fixed by the Trustees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swearingen and adopted.

Mr. Franklin stated that Mr. Towles had requested him to ask the Trustees to take some action as to lands to be donated Lee County to aid in drainage and reclamation work.

Mr. McNeil presented an invitation from the Board of Trade of Okeechobee City inviting the Trustees to visit Okeechobee City as guests of said Board of Trade in November, when the Trustees expect to make an inspection of the Everglade Drainage District. The invitation was accepted and the Secretary instructed to wire Mr. Dummecliff, Secretary of said Board of Trade the thanks of the Trustees.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 2, 1917.

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

Present:

J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Hon. Van C. Swearingen was made Chairman.

Minutes of October 27, 1917, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Oct., 1917 .....	\$ 83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Oct., 1917 .....	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Oct., 1917 .....	36.67
Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, To rec. mtg. Tatum Land Co. to Trustees, bill of Oct. 15, 1917.....	7.65

Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Circuit Court, Broward County, to rec. Quit Claim Deed from E. M. Lundgard to Frank H. Galbraith, bill of July 16, 1917.....	1.55
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, Nov., 1917.....	5.00
C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Oct., 1917.....	175.00
Western Union Tel. Co., Services, Oct. 1917..	6.75
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	\$ 371.51

Financial Statement and Disbursements for October, 1917, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, October, 1917.

To bal. on hand Oct. 1, 1917 .....	\$87,729.81	
To Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist.		
Tolls .....	\$21.69	
Blue Prints 3.70	25.39	
To Interest .....	186.58	
To Sale of Minutes..	4.50	
To Land Sales .....	14,466.57	\$102,412.85
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By Disbursements, Oct., 1917...	49,429.21	
To bal. on hand Nov. 1, 1917..		\$52,983.64

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
To Cash in banks.....	51,983.64	\$52,983.64
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Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jax.....	\$ 1,052.42	
Barnett National, Jax.....	11,284.39	
Peoples, Jax. ....	11,981.88	
Fidelity Bk. and Tr. Co., Miami..	20,814.24	
Lewis State, Talla. ....	6,850.71	\$51,983.64

## Disbursements, October, 1917.

Date 1917.	Voucher No.	Amount.
Oct. 3,	3893—Lewis State Bank, 90 days interest on \$10,000.00 at 7% per annum .....	\$ 175.00
Oct. 3,	3894—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Sept., 1917	175.00
Oct. 3,	3895—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Sept., 1917.....	83.33
Oct. 3,	3896—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Spet., 1917.....	55.56
Oct. 3,	3897—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Aug and Sept., 1917	73.32
Oct. 3,	3898—Lewis State Bank for T. J. Appleyard, Printing 500 Application for Lease blanks, 500 Receipts in book and 500 Land Liens, bill of Oct. 1, 1917....	8.50
Oct. 3,	3899—Western Union Tel. Co., Bill for Sept., 1917.....	11.14
Oct. 3,	3900—Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, For Redemption of Tax Certificates Nos. 5508, 5509, 5510, 5511, 5513, 5514, 5515, 5516, 5519, 5521, and 5522, and Dr. Tax Certificates Nos. 2128 and 2129, covering certain lands deeded to the Trustees by R. J. Bolles under date of Nov. 28, 1914, and by them conveyed to Messrs. Jaudon, Highleyman and McDonald .....	2,521.32
Oct. 3,	3901—W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County, Sub-Dr. Dist. tax of 25c per acre on lands of the Trustees in Napoleon B. Broward Dr. Dist., in Broward County .....	29,985.93
Oct. 3,	3902—R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, Sub-Dr. Dist. tax of 25c per acre on lands of the Trustees in Napoleon B.	



Date 1917.	Voucher No.	Amount.
	Broward Dr. Dist., in Dade County .....	10,203.45
Oct. 10,	3903—Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, Bal. due on redemption State Tax Cer- tificate No. 5522, Sale of Oct. 6, 1913, lands deeded Trustees by R. J. Bolles, Nov. 28, 1914	112.06
Oct. 10,	3904—Sou. Tel. and Con. Co., Rent of phone, Oct., 1917 .....	3.00
Oct. 10,	3905—Van C. Swearingen, Expenses incurred inspecting certain is- lands in St. Johns River near the mouth of Trout Creek, bill of Oct. 5, 1917.....	5.00
Oct. 10,	3906—Mrs. Ella Beggs (Widow of T. A. Beggs) Amt. allowed the heirs of the late T. A. Beggs under provisions of Chapter 5582, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1905 .....	81.60
Oct. 20,	3907—Atlantic National Bank, 90 days interest on \$37,500.00 at 7% per annum.....	656.25
Oct. 20,	3908—Barnett National Bank, 90 days interest on \$25,000.00 at 7% per annum .....	437.50
Oct. 20,	3909—Florida National Bank, 90 days interest on \$27,500.00 at 7% per annum .....	481.25
Oct. 20,	3910—W. A. Dutch, Services in re leasing of lands, 8 days at \$5.00 per day, to Oct. 1, 1917.....	40.00
Oct. 29,	3911—R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, Sub. Dr. Dist. Tax of 25c per acre on lands of the Trustees in Southern Dr. Dist., for 1917.....	4,320.00

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

VAN C. SWEARINGEN, Attorney General,  
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 10, 1917.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

It having been previously reported to the Trustees that R. L. McLendon had assumed charge of and fenced in a large acreage of exposed lands adjacent to Lake Okeechobee, near Okeechobee City, in Okeechobee County, and the said R. L. McLendon having been notified to show cause to the Trustees why he had fenced the said land without their consent or the consent of any other individual as the agent of the Trustees, Mrs. R. L. McLendon, wife of the said R. L. McLendon, appeared before the board and made a full statement of the grounds and reasons why the said land was being occupied and used by her and her husband, the said R. L. McLendon, all of which was passed over for further consideration.

Hon. J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, read and submitted to the board the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It is considered necessary for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to have from time to time certain amounts of cash money to be used as an emergency incidental fund; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Treasurer, as Treasurer of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, is hereby directed to pay over to J. Stuart Lewis, Secretary of said Trustees, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) cash, to be held by said Secretary and used for the Trustees as an emergency incidental fund; be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Trustees be required to furnish a bond payable to said Trustees in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), said bond to be executed by a Surety Company authorized to execute the bonds of officials in this State, the Trustees to pay the cost of said bond.

On motion of Hon. W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by all present, Mr. Luning having been excused from voting.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:  
GLENN TERRELL, Special Counsel,  
Acting Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, November 12, 1917.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met to consider bids for Section 21, in Township 42 S. of Range 38 E., the same having been advertised once a week for five consecutive weeks in the Palm Beach Post under an order of the Trustees of October 5, 1917, at the request of W. C. Zimmer.

W. C. Zimmer bid \$40.00 per acre for the entire Section, payable one-fourth on signing contract of purchase and the remainder in equal payments in one, two and three years, with 6% interest on deferred payments.

The Trustees having previously sold that portion of this Section south of the West Palm Beach Canal, upon motion of Mr. Luning the bid made by Mr. Zimmer was accepted for the remaining portion of the Section subject to his acceptance, and in case he did not accept then the amount of \$500.00 that accompanied his bid was to be returned to Mr. Zimmer.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,  
Chairman.

Attest:  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 14, 1917.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met to consider bids on the following lands in Palm Beach County as advertised in the Palm Beach Post once a week for five weeks, a newspaper published in the county in which the lands lie, to-wit:

	Section.	Township.	Range.	Acres.
E 1/2 of NW 1/4.....	24	42	36	80.00
S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4	"	"	"	20.00
SW 1/4 of NE 1/4.....	"	"	"	40.00
SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 .....	"	"	"	10.00
N 1/2 of SE 1/4.....	"	"	"	80.00
NE 1/4 of SW 1/4.....	"	"	"	40.00
Lots 5, 6 and 7.....	"	"	"	75.14
Lots 1 and 2.....	19	42	37	37.74
Lots 7 and 8.....	"	"	"	59.50
W 1/2 of NW 1/4.....	"	"	"	80.00
Total .....				522.38

Mr. C. L. Wilder bid \$100.00 per acre for said land, and there being no other bids, upon motion of Mr. Luning it was ordered sold to Mr. Wilder for \$100.00 per acre, to be paid as follows: One-eighth cash, one-eighth in six months, one-fourth in one year, one-fourth in two years and one-fourth in three years, with interest on deferred payments at 6% per annum.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest:  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,  
Acting Chairman.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 15, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Governor presented a telegram he had received from John O'Brien requesting the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to lease ten acres of land known as "lake bottom" for the use of a cannery for a period of ten years. The matter was discussed by the Trustees, and Mr. Amos moved that it be referred to the Chief Drainage Engineer, as he was familiar with the location, and to the Special Counsel as to the rights of the Trustees in the premises, and that the Chief Drainage Engineer be directed to wire Mr. O'Brien of their findings. The motion was duly seconded and adopted.

Upon his request Mr. McRae was excused from further attendance upon the meeting.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Chas. H. Ruggles, Surveying and making 16.13 miles of Sec. and Tp Lines in Tp. 40 S. R. 32 E., Oct. 1916, at \$20.00 per mile. . . . .	\$322.60	
Less amt. retained. . . . .	32.26	\$ 290.34
Dade Lbr. Co., Lumber account Ruggles Survey, bill of Oct. 1, 1917. . . . .		12.17
Atlantic Hdw. and Supply Co., Galv. Couplings, account Ruggles Survey, bill of Oct. 31, 1917 . . . . .		6.00
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		\$ 308.51

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 17, 1917.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Upon motion of Mr. Luning Mr. Swearingen was made Chairman.

Mr. Amos asked to be excused, which request was granted.

The Secretary read a telegram from Mr. F. C. B. LeGro asking that the Trustees consider the sale closed for the following submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida:

$S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  and  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32;  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33 in Township 53 S. of Range 42 E.

$W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4;  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  and  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5 in Township 54 S. of Range 42 E.,

Containing 120.52 acres, more or less, at \$300.00 per acre, subject to advertisement in accordance with Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1917.

After discussion, the Secretary was instructed to wire Mr. LeGro that the Trustees would advertise these lands for sale in accordance with the law to be sold to highest and best bidder, upon condition that he authorize the retention by the Trustees of the \$1000 deposited with the said Trustees as a guarantee that he would bid not less than \$300.00 per acre at the time specified in the advertisement for the opening of the bids.

Mr. Duval, of Miami, appeared before the Trustees and stated that he would like to purchase a tract of submerged land in Biscayne Bay of approximately five acres and would be willing to bid \$350.00 per acre for same when advertised. Not having a description of the land, Mr. Duval was requested to furnish the Trustees with a

correct survey of the lands he desired, when the matter would receive further consideration.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

VAN C. SWEARINGEN, Attorney General,

Attest: Acting Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 1, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

A proposition was read from H. H. Hart, of Miami, Florida, for the purchase of Tracts 6 and 7, Block 5, located between Townships 43 and 44, South of Range 37 East, containing 30.24 acres. The price fixed by the Trustees on these lots was \$60.00 per acre, the total purchase price for the same amounting to \$1,814.40, and Mr. Hart sending check for \$453.60, being one-fourth cash, and proposing to pay the remainder of the purchase price in one, two and three years with 6% interest.

Upon motion, duly seconded and adopted, Mr. Hart's proposition was accepted and the Commissioner of Agriculture requested to prepare the necessary papers covering the transaction.

The State Treasurer presented a letter from Charles Pratt, with reference to Lot 13 of Section 31, in Township 43, South of Range 37 East, containing 3.70 acres, and Lot 22, of same Section, Township and Range, containing 19.77 acres, these being the lots that Mr. King, residing on Torrey Island, in Lake Okeechobee, spoke to the Trustees relative to purchasing same, when said Trustees were on Torrey Island week before last.

The Trustees decided that they would sell these lots to

Mr. King at the price placed by the Trustees upon same, namely, \$75.00 per acre for Lot 13 and \$60.00 per acre for Lot 22, allowing Mr. King to pay \$500.00 cash and the remainder of the purchase price in one, and two years, with 6% interest.

The Treasurer was requested to write Mr. Pratt relative to the action taken by the Trustees, and also to furnish the Secretary with the proceedings of this meeting of the Trustees.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 3, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, State Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., November, 1917 .....	\$175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, No- vember, 1917 .....	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Novem- ber, 1917 .....	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Novem- ber, 1917 .....	36.67
Geo. D. Barnard & Co., Stationary, bill of Oc- tober 29, 1917 .....	17.35
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Circuit Court, Broward	



County, to rec. mortgage from The Tatum Land Co. to Trustees, bill of November 21, 21, 1917 .....	9.65
Palms Publishing Co. to publishing 2 ads for sale of lands, bills of November 5 and 15, 1917 .....	15.00
	\$392.56

The proposition of the Drake Lumber Company, of Miami, Florida, to purchase  $8\frac{1}{2}$  of Sections 19 and 20, in Township 55, South of Range 39 East, was considered, and it was decided to sell the timber on said land at \$5.00 per acre, one-half cash and the remainder in one year with interest at 6% per annum, the Company stating in their application that they desired to purchase said land for the timber thereon.

The attention of the Trustees having been called to advertisement stating that certain parties who had made homestead entries on islands in Lake Okeechobee would make application to the Register of the U. S. Land Office, at Gainesville, Florida, on the 14th day of December, 1917, to have their homestead entries approved, and the Trustees claiming that the lands upon these islands are Swamp and Overflowed, and as such should be patented to the State, upon motion, the State Treasurer was appointed a committee of one to consult with the Special Counsel for the Trustees relative to this matter, and if deemed necessary, have said counsel to make protest, in person, at the U. S. Land Office, at Gainesville, against the homestead entries in question being approved or granted.

In considering the matter of the sale of lands along the canals in the Everglades Drainage District, the Trustees decided that parties purchasing said lands be required to pay for the acreage included in the area reserved for the right-of-way of said canals, the Trustees reserving to themselves and for the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District the easement of the land located in said right-of-way so reserved.

Further considering the leasing of lands in the Everglades Drainage District, the Trustees agreed to lease not more than 20 acres to any one person at \$4.00 per acre per annum. And further agreed to allow the les-

see the first right to purchase the lands leased, when the same are placed on the market, on the same terms and conditions as may be afforded to or by any other prospective purchaser, and no sale shall be made until the lessee is notified and given his option to purchase.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, on the 24th day of May, 1882, by deed numbered 10,126, conveyed to Mary C. Bloxham and Letitia G. Beard, the following described lands, to-wit:

Lot numbered Four (4), in Section Twenty-five (25), in Township Forty-two (42) South of Range Twenty-nine (29) East, together with other lands; and

WHEREAS, Letitia G. Beard, widow, and William D. Bloxham, sole heir of Mary C. Bloxham, did on the 29 day of April, 1905, deed and convey to E. E. Goodno, of LaBelle, Florida, the lands heretofore described, as is shown by the production of the original deed from Letitia G. Beard and William D. Bloxham; and

WHEREAS, This Board, as Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, did on the 10 day of August, 1916, sell and convey by State Deed number 16526, the Lot numbered Four (4) of Section Twenty-five (25) in Township Forty-two (42) South of Range Twenty-nine (29) East, to Lloyd A. Hampton, for the consideration of Seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars; and

WHEREAS, The township map in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture was in error in showing Lot Four (4) to embrace the fractional southeast quarter and it was later discovered that Lot Four (4) embraced the fractional northwest quarter of said Section, which said Lot was shown to be State land on said township map; and

WHEREAS, Lot Four (4) had been deeded as heretofore stated on account of an error on said map and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, did on December 9, 1916, agree to refund the \$75.00 upon a good and proper deed of conveyance; and

WHEREAS, It has been shown to the Board that E. E. Goodno purchased all the right, title and interest of the said Lloyd A. Hampton in and to the said lands so deeded to him for the consideration of Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars as shown by the production to and be-

fore this Board of the original deed from Lloyd A. Hampton to E. E. Goodno, and the said E. E. Goodno now petitions and requests this Board to refund to him Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars so expended by him aforesaid; be it

RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, that E. E. Goodno be reimbursed or paid the sum of Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars as a refund to him for the purchase of all right, title and interest of Lloyd A. Hampton in and to the lands embraced in State Deed Number 16526, and that a check or voucher for said sum be drawn and mailed to said E. E. Goodno.

In the matter of the sale of lands on the western side of Lake Okeechobee, in Townships 38, 39 and 40 South of Ranges 32, 33 and 34 East, which the Trustees agreed to sell in tracts of not more than 320 acres on July 7, 1917, to one individual, the idea of the Trustees being to sell these lands to parties for actual improvement and cultivation and for homes and not for speculation, in order to as far as possible carry out the true intent and meaning of this plan and furnish farms and homes to as many people as possible, it was

RESOLVED, That in making sales of these tracts that no parties related closer than that of first cousin to those purchasing one of these tracts shall be allowed to purchase any of these lands.

Financial Statement and Disbursements for November, 1917, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, November, 1917.

To bal. on hand Nov. 1, 1917.....	\$52,983.64	
To Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dr.		
Dist., Tolls, Nov., 1917.....	\$121.56	
Reimbursements from		
Geo. F. Miles for		
wood .....	101.00	
Blue Prints .....	3.75	226.31
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To Interest .....		37.22
To sale 2 Vols. Minutes.....		4.00

To Land Sales, Nov., 1917.....	1,646.79	
		\$54,897.96
By disbursements, Nov., 1917....	680.02	
		\$54,217.94

## RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$53,217.94	
To Cash and Cash Items.....	1,000.00	\$54,217.94

Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jax.....	\$ 1,052.42	
Barnett National, Jax.....	11,284.39	
Peoples, Jax. ....	11,981.88	
Fidelity Bk. & Tr. Co., Miami....	20,814.24	
Lewis State, Talla.....	8,085.01	\$53,217.94

Disbursements, Nov., 1917.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1917.	No.	
Nov. 2,	3912—Gdenn Terrell, Sarary as Special Counsel, Oct., 1917.....	\$ 83.33
Nov. 2,	3913—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Oct. 1917.....	55.56
Nov. 2,	3914—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Oct., 1917.....	36.67
Nov. 2,	3915—Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, To rec. mortgage from the Tatum Land Co. to Trustees, bill of Oct. 15, 1917.....	7.65
Nov. 2,	3916—Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Circuit Court, Broward County, rec. quit claim deed from E. M. Lundgard to Frank H. Galbraith, bill of July 16, 1917..	1.55
Nov. 2,	3917—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Postage, Nov., 1917 .....	5.00
Nov. 2,	3918—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Oct., 1917	175.00
Nov. 2,	3919—Western Union Tel. Co., bill, Oct., 1917 .....	6.75

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1917.	No.	
Nov. 15,	3920—	
	Chas. H. Ruggles, Surveying marking 16.13 miles of Sec. and Tp. Lines in Tp. 40 S. R. 32 E., at \$20.00 per miles per Statement No. 1, Oct. 30, 1917, Less retainage .....	290.34
Nov. 15,	3921—	
	Dade Lbr. Co., Lumber account Ruggles Survey in Tp. 40 R. 39, bill of Oct. 1, 1917.....	12.17
Nov. 15,	3922—	
	Atlantic Hdw. and Supply Co., Galv. couplings account Ruggles Survey, bill of Oct. 31, 1917 .....	6.00
Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.		

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 7, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor.  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General.

Mr. G. M. Guerry, of Lake County, appeared before the Trustees and stated that a company had been organized to manufacture pulp from saw grass, and the Leesburg Board of Trade wanted a permit to cut and use the saw grass from three to five thousand acres of land on the East Shore of Lake Griffin, in Lake County. Mr. Amos moved that the permit be granted with the proviso that in case the Trustees decide to drain and reclaim, sell or lease said lands, said permit to become null and void. Motion duly seconded and adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to advise the Special Counsel for the Trustees of their action in this matter and to request him to draw the permit in question.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, December 17, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Western Union Tel. Co., Services, bill of November 30, 1917 .....	\$ 5.42
Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, to rec. mortgage from The Tatum Land Co. to Trustees, bill of December 10, 1917 .....	7.65
H. & W. B. Drew Co., Office Supplies, bill of December 4, 1917 .....	3.50
W. A. Dutch, services re. leasing lands, bills of November 10 and December 10, 1917, 6 days each month at \$5.00 each .....	60.00
Chas. H. Ruggles, amount due for surveying in T. 40, R. 32, and T. 40, R. 33, as per contract, during November, 1917 .....	358.97
National Surety Company, to premium on bond of Secretary, from December 15, 1917, to December 15, 1918, bill of November 30, 1917....	12.50
M. S. Knight, expenses inspecting lands in Lot	

2, Sec. 36, T. 2 S., R. 20 E., bill of November 27, 1917 .....	8.23
Dickson Transfer, Drayage on Desk for Special Counsel and Stationery for office, bills of November 23 and 20, 1917 .....	50
E. E. Goodno, reimbursement for lands erroneously sold in Deed No. 16526 to Lloyd A. Hampton, E. E. Goodno having purchased of said Hampton all right, title and interest in said lands for \$75.00 bill of December 9, 1917. (See Minutes of Trustees December 3, 1917) ..	75.00
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	\$531.77

Mr. M. S. Knight, having been instructed to make an examination of Lot 2 of Section 36, in Township 2 S., Range 20 E., in Baker County, made the following report:

"I find this lot to be subject to the Swamp Land Act of Congress of September 28, 1850, and recommend that a contest be made and name as the State's witnesses, W. W. Dugger, E. E. Davis and John Burnett, all of Sanderson, Florida, Route 1.

Respectfully submitted,

"(Signed) M. S. KNIGHT."

Upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded and adopted, it was ordered that a contest be made, the Special Counsel for the Trustees to make same.

Mr. Luning moved that hereafter in making sale of lands on deferred payments that the terms be one-fourth cash, one-fourth in one year, one-fourth in two years, and one-fourth in three years, with six per cent interest on deferred payments, which was seconded by Mr. Amos and carried.

Communications relative to the extension of Snapper Creek Canal from L. T. Highleyman and the Southern Drainage District were read, and after discussing the same, the Chairman appointed Mr. Luning a committee of one to reply to said letters.

A Resolution of the LaBelle Board of Trade, thanking the Trustees for their visit to that place November 20, 1917, and expressing their confidence in the ability of the Board to carry to a successful conclusion the

reclamation and drainage work, was read and the same was ordered filed and the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge receipt and express the thanks of the Trustees for the same.

A letter from Mr. C. L. Wilder, who had in conjunction with Mr. H. E. Wiggins purchased certain land in Section 19, Township 42 S. of Range 37 E., stating that Mr. Wiggins' health was such that he would be unable to take part in the transaction and requesting the Trustees to make the necessary papers direct to him, he assuming all obligations of said purchase. Upon motion of Mr. Luning, seconded by Mr. Amos and carried, it was ordered that the contract of sale, deed, etc., covering this transaction be made to Mr. C. L. Wilder, of Plant City, Florida.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, December 19, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. W. A. Walsingham, Trustee for Florida Road Construction Company, appeared before the Trustees and stated that he was desirous of purchasing the oyster shells from a certain submerged island in the Manatee River. Hon. J. A. Williams, Shell Fish Commissioner, was present, and stated that this Shell Island was of no value for oyster beds, neither were the shells of any value for breeding purposes. Mr. Walsingham stated that he



would pay ten (10) cents per cubic yard for all shells removed and would make settlement monthly and wanted a lease for ten (10) years.

After considering the matter the Trustees decided to advertise the shell for sale on the land described as follows:

Beginning at Red Blind Beacon No. 14 in the Manatee River in Section 22, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, and running thence North 85 degrees and 30 minutes East, 1270 feet; thence South to Swash Channel that runs along the South Shore to the Manatee River; thence West along said Swash Channel to a point on a line extending from said Red Blind Beacon No. 14 South 31 degrees and 15 minutes West; thence Northeast along said line to said Blind Beacon No. 14 to the point of beginning.

Provided Mr. Walsingham would agree to bid not less than ten (10) cents per cubic yard for the shell and make a deposit of \$100.00 as good faith that he would make such bid. Mr. Walsingham agreed to do this and the Secretary was instructed to advertise the said land for sale as required by Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida. The date of sale to be January 21, 1918. The Trustees reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 22, 1917.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having given notice in compliance with Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida, that they would receive bids for and consider the sale of the following described lands, located in Dade County, and containing 120.52 acres, more or less, on this date,

	Section.	Town- ship.	Range.
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ..	32	53	42
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .....	33	53	42
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .....	4	54	42
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .....	5	54	42

notice of the intention of the Trustees having been published once a week for five weeks, to-wit, November 21, 28, December 5, 12 and 19, 1917, in the Miami Metropolis, a newspaper published in the County in which the lands are located and affidavit of such publication being on file in the office of the Secretary.

No person or persons having made any objections to the sale of such lands, upon motion, duly seconded and adopted, the Secretary was instructed to open bids.

The bid of F. C. B. LeGro and associates of \$300.00 per acre, being the best and only bid received for the said lands, was accepted, upon terms of \$9,000.00 cash, balance in 90 days at 6% interest, and the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to have deed issued for said land to the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, of Miami, as Trustee for F. C. B. LeGro and Associates, and the Special Counsel for the Trustees was instructed to draw mortgage and note covering the transaction the \$1,000.00 accompanying bid to be applied on the cash payment.

Application from Mr. Goode M. Guerry, of Tampa, to purchase all lands owned by the Trustees in Township 38 South, Ranges 34 and 35, at \$7.75 per acre, was read. Upon vote the application was unanimously rejected. Mr. Luning moved that this land not be sold at present, and when offered for sale it be in small tracts. Motion seconded by Mr. McRae and carried.

Mr. F. Barton made application to purchase Lots 1 and 3 between Townships 43 and 44, Range 38 East, and requested the Trustees to name a price for same. The Trustees agreed that they would accept \$40.00 per acre for same and the Secretary was instructed to so advise Mr. Barton.

A Communication from Capt. R. E. Rose relative to the improvement of certain lands by building the necessary lateral and sub-lateral canals to insure drainage of the same, said lands to be sold on terms, and requesting the Trustees to make a price on the lands owned by them in that part of the Drainage District, was presented, and after consideration the Trustees decided that they did not care to dispose of these lands at the present time.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest::

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA FOR 1917.

Aggregate balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 6,894.15
Received from land sales, 1917.....	97,740.16
Received from interest, 1917.....	1,379.15
Received from Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, payment of note .....	186,000.00
Received from Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, tolls, etc..	4,776.33
Received from J. R. Anthony, Jr., loan.....	12,800.00
Received from Atlantic and Gulf Ry. Co., account right-of-way option.....	1,000.00
Received from Southern States Land and Timber Co., reimbursement account, Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District.....	750.11
Received from R. J. Bolles Estate, account mortgage .....	4,000.00
Received from sale Minutes of Trustees...	37.05
Received from land trespass.....	41.88
Received reimbursement for advertising lands .....	72.00
Received miscellaneous items.....	13.50
Total receipts for 1917.....	
\$315,504.33	
Disbursements as per itemized statement,	
Checks Nos. 3768 to 3938, inclusive.....	
259,072.23	
To balance on hand Dec. 31, 1917.....	\$56,432.10

DISBURSEMENTS, 1917.

Date Paid.	Check No.	Amount.
Jan. 4,	3768—C. B. Gwynn.....	\$ 175.00
Jan. 4,	3769—J. Stuart Lewis.....	166.66
Jan. 4,	3770—Mary Herring .....	100.00
Jan. 4,	3771—T. J. Appleyard.....	12.00
Jan. 4,	3772—Western Union Telegraph Co.....	7.48
Jan. 4,	3773—J. G. Collins.....	5.00
Jan. 13,	3774—Geo. O. Butler.....	1.55
Jan. 13,	3775—The Herald Company.....	5.40
Jan. 13,	3776—The Exchange Bank.....	12.65
Jan. 13,	3777—Wrigley Engraving Company.....	21.80
Jan. 13,	3778—Palms Publishing Company.....	12.00
Jan. 24,	3779—Atlantic National Bank.....	656.25
Jan. 24,	3780—Barnett National Bank.....	437.50
Jan. 24,	3781—Florida National Bank .....	481.25
Jan. 24,	3782—Barnett National Bank.....	131.25
Jan. 26,	3783—T. F. West, Attorney General.....	14.90
Jan. 30,	3784—Metropolis Publishing Co.....	6.00
Jan. 30,	3785—H. & W. B. Drew.....	2.88
Jan. 30,	3786—C. O. Andrews.....	42.85
Jan. 30,	3787—Edwin R. Williams.....	75.60

Date Paid.	Check No.	Amount.
Feb. 5,	3788—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
Feb. 5,	3789—Edgar C. Thompson.....	145.35
Feb. 5,	3790—Geo. I. Davis.....	8.00
Feb. 5,	3791—Fort Myers Press.....	6.00
Feb. 5,	3792—Metropolis Publishing Co.....	14.24
Feb. 5,	3793—T. J. Appleyard.....	448.00
Feb. 5,	3794—H. R. Kaufman.....	2.00
Mar. 2,	3795—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
Mar. 2,	3796—T. J. Appleyard.....	37.50
Mar. 2,	3797—A. L. Durrance.....	43.60
Mar. 2,	3798—T. F. West.....	53.90
Mar. 2,	3799—W. L. Marshall.....	10.00
Mar. 2,	3800—Otis A. Hardin.....	177.04
Mar. 2,	3801—O. E. Gibson.....	65.00
Mar. 2,	3802—A. R. Christian.....	65.00
Mar. 2,	3803—Clarence Hardin.....	50.00
Mar. 2,	3804—R. S. Kolb.....	32.00
Mar. 2,	3805—Ed. Barton.....	14.00
Mar. 2,	3806—W. B. Bradford.....	135.64
Mar. 2,	3807—G. G. Strohm.....	86.76
Mar. 2,	3808—Torry Island Supply House.....	22.79
Mar. 2,	3809—Lewis State Bank.....	175.00
Mar. 15,	3810—Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.....	16,000.00
Mar. 15,	3811—Miami Metropolis.....	13.50
Mar. 15,	3812—Ed. Barton.....	6.42
Mar. 15,	3813—R. S. Cobb.....	5.57
Mar. 15,	3814—O. E. Gibson.....	6.96
Mar. 15,	3815—A. R. Christian.....	6.96
Mar. 28,	3816—Atlantic National Bank.....	350.00
Mar. 28,	3817—Florida National Bank.....	262.50
Mar. 28,	3818—Barnett National Bank.....	262.50
Apr. 2,	3819—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
Apr. 2,	3820—Mary Herring.....	100.00
Apr. 2,	3821—Geo. I. Davis.....	5.00
Apr. 2,	3822—Lewis State Bank.....	175.00
Apr. 2,	3823—Otis A. Hardin.....	30.00
Apr. 2,	3824—W. B. Bradford.....	75.00
Apr. 18,	3825—Cyril Baldwin.....	4,298.90
Apr. 18,	3826—P. John Hart.....	2,428.00
Apr. 18,	3827—F. M. Tyler.....	35.00
Apr. 18,	3828—H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	3.61
Apr. 25,	3829—Atlantic National Bank.....	656.25
Apr. 25,	3830—Barnett National Bank.....	437.50
Apr. 25,	3831—Florida National Bank.....	481.25
Apr. 25,	3832—Cyril Baldwin.....	1.15
May 4,	3833—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
May 4,	3834—Ben Shepard.....	2.75
May 4,	3835—M. S. Knight.....	359.60
May 8,	3836—Barnett National Bank.....	7,638.55
May 8,	3837—Florida National Bank.....	1,300.80
May 11,	3838—First National Bank, Lake City.....	4,994.95

Date Paid.	Check No.	Amount.
May 11,	3839—Florida National Bank.....	2,329.66
May 14,	3840—W. O. Berryhill.....	30,258.78
May 14,	3841—Edgar C. Thompson.....	24.75
May 14,	3842—F. C. Elliott.....	38.98
May 14,	3843—M. S. Knight.....	11.35
May 28,	3844—Geo. B. Baker.....	24.00
June 1,	3845—Lewis State Bank.....	10,175.00
June 1,	3846—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
June 1,	3847—Fort Lauderdale Sentinel.....	24.00
June 1,	3848—Palms Publishing Co.....	24.00
June 1,	3849—Miami Herald.....	24.00
June 5,	3850—J. C. Luning, State Treasurer.....	26,147.70
June 16,	3851—Geo. I. Davis.....	44.16
June 16,	3852—J. H. Hagan.....	25.00
June 16,	3853—Western Union Telegraph Co.....	12.42
June 16,	3854—T. J. Campbell.....	9,628.80
June 16,	3855—R. B. McLendon.....	6,737.40
June 16,	3856—R. B. McLendon.....	16,000.00
June 26,	3857—Atlantic National Bank.....	20,350.00
June 26,	3858—Barnett National Bank.....	15,262.50
June 26,	3859—Florida National Bank.....	15,262.50
June 28,	3860—Atlantic National Bank.....	1,164.84
June 28,	3861—Florida National Bank of Gainesville.....	4,421.84
July 2,	3862—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
July 2,	3863—Mary Herring.....	100.00
July 2,	3864—Geo. I. Davis.....	8.00
July 2,	3865—Norton Electric Co.....	1.00
July 2,	3866—M. S. Knight.....	22.48
July 2,	3867—Daffin Transfer Co.....	1.51
July 2,	3868—Reid Bros.....	1.50
July 2,	3869—Florida Life Ins. Co.....	20.00
July 2,	3870—Lewis State Bank.....	175.00
July 16,	3871—J. A. J. Hathaway.....	5.00
July 16,	3872—J. R. Anthony, Jr.....	384.00
July 24,	3873—Atlantic National Bank.....	656.25
July 24,	3874—Barnett National Bank.....	437.50
July 24,	3875—Florida National Bank.....	481.25
July 28,	3876—Everglades Sugar Land Co.....	975.61
July 28,	3877—T. J. Campbell.....	639.75
Aug. 1,	3878—W. O. Berryhill.....	128.00
Aug. 4,	3879—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
Aug. 4,	3880—J. Stuart Lewis.....	333.34
Aug. 4,	3881—Western Union Tel. Co.....	13.62
Aug. 4,	3882—Sou. Tel. & Con. Co.....	3.00
Aug. 4,	3883—W. L. Marshall.....	16.00
Aug. 10,	3884—Glenn Terrell.....	77.60
Aug. 17,	3885—Palm Beach Post.....	36.00
Aug. 17,	3886—Miami Herald.....	36.00
Aug. 17,	3887—Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel.....	36.00
Sept. 5,	3888—Glenn Terrell.....	83.33
Sept. 5,	3889—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
Sept. 5,	3890—J. Stuart Lewis.....	55.56

Date Paid.	Check No.	Amount.
Sept. 5,	3891—H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	7.13
Sept. 5,	3892—Geo. I. Davis.....	5.00
Oct. 3,	3893—Lewis State Bank.....	175.00
Oct. 3,	3894—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
Oct. 3,	3895—Glenn Terrell.....	83.33
Oct. 3,	3896—J. Stuart Lewis.....	55.56
Oct. 3,	3897—Mary Herring.....	73.32
Oct. 3,	3898—Lewis State Bank.....	8.50
Oct. 3,	3899—Western Union Tel. Co.....	11.14
Oct. 3,	3900—Ben Shepard.....	2,521.32
Oct. 3,	3901—W. O. Berryhill.....	29,985.93
Oct. 3,	3902—R. B. McLendon.....	10,203.45
Oct. 10,	3903—Ben Shepard.....	112.06
Oct. 10,	3904—Sou. Tel. and Con. Co.....	3.00
Oct. 10,	3905—Van C. Swearingen.....	5.00
Oct. 10,	3906—Mrs. Ella Beggs (widow of T. A. Beggs).....	81.60
Oct. 20,	3907—Atlantic National Bank.....	656.25
Oct. 20,	3908—Barnett National Bank.....	437.50
Oct. 20,	3909—Florida National Bank.....	481.25
Oct. 20,	3910—W. A. Dutch.....	40.00
Oct. 29,	3911—R. B. McLendon.....	4,320.00
Nov. 2,	3912—Glenn Terrell.....	83.33
Nov. 2,	3913—J. Stuart Lewis.....	55.56
Nov. 2,	3914—Mary Herring.....	36.67
Nov. 2,	3915—Ben Shepard.....	7.65
Nov. 2,	3916—Frank A. Bryan.....	1.55
Nov. 2,	3917—Geo. I. Davis.....	5.00
Nov. 2,	3918—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
Nov. 2,	3919—Western Union Tel. Co.....	6.75
Nov. 15,	3920—Chas. H. Ruggles.....	290.34
Nov. 15,	3921—Dade Lbr. Co.....	12.17
Nov. 15,	3922—Atlantic Hdw. and Supply Co.....	6.00
Dec. 3,	3923—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
Dec. 3,	3924—Glenn Terrell.....	83.33
Dec. 3,	3925—J. Stuart Lewis.....	55.56
Dec. 3,	3926—Mary Herring.....	36.67
Dec. 3,	3927—Geo. D. Barnard & Co.....	17.35
Dec. 3,	3928—Frank A. Bryan.....	9.65
Dec. 3,	3929—Palms Publishing Co.....	15.00
Dec. 17,	3930—Western Union Tel. Co.....	5.42
Dec. 17,	3931—Geo. O. Butler.....	7.65
Dec. 17,	3932—H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	3.50
Dec. 17,	3933—W. A. Dutch.....	60.00
Dec. 17,	3934—Chas. H. Ruggles.....	358.97
Dec. 17,	3935—National Surety Co.....	12.50
Dec. 17,	3936—M. S. Knight.....	8.23
Dec. 17,	3937—Dickson Transfer.....	.50
Dec. 17,	3938—E. E. Goodno.....	75.00
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		\$259,072.23

Tallahassee, Florida, January 4, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor.  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., December, 1917 .....	\$ 175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, December, 1917 .....	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, December, 1917 .....	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, December, 1917 .....	36.67
Western Union Tel. Co., Bill, December, 1917 .....	9.27
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps for Land Salesman, \$12.00, and for office Secretary, \$7.50, bill of January 1, 1918 .....	19.50
Lewis State Bank, Principal of Note for \$10,000.00 and 95 days' interest on same at 7% per annum .....	10,184.72
	\$10,564.05

Financial Statement and Disbursements for December, 1917, were presented, approved and ordered placed on record:

Financial Statement, December, 1917.

To Bal. on hand Dec. 1, 1917....	\$54,217.94
To. Bd. Commrs. Ev.	
Dist., A. C. L. Ry., excavation .....	\$ 1,220.10



Tolls, December			
1917 .....	285.95	1,506.05	
To Interest .....		352.31	
To Land Sales, December, 1917.		1,280.13	
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		\$57,356.43	
By Disbursements, December,			
1917 .....		924.33	
To Bal. on hand January 1, 1918			\$56,432.10

## RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in banks.....	\$55,432.10	
To Cash and Cash Items.....	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$56,432.10

## Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville.	\$ 1,058.72	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	11,344.29	
Peoples Bank, Jacksonville.....	11,981.88	
Fidelity Bk. & Tr. Co., Miami...	20,980.88	
Lewis State, Tallahassee.....	10,066.33	
	<hr/>	\$55,432.10

## Disbursements, December, 1917.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1917.	No.	
Dec. 3,	3923—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., November, 1917 .....	\$175.00
Dec. 3,	3924—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, November, 1917.....	83.33
Dec. 3,	3925—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, November, 1917.....	55.56
Dec. 3,	3926—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, November, 1917....	36.67
Dec. 3,	3927—Geo. D. Barnard & Co., Stationery, bill of October 29, 1917...	17.35
Dec. 3,	3928—Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Circuit Court, Broward County, Rec. mortgage from The Tatum Land Co. to Trustees, bill of November 21, 1917 .....	9.65
Dec. 3,	3929—Palms Publishing Co., Publish-	

Date	Voucher No.	Amount.
1917.		
		lishing 2 ads for sale of lands, bills of November 5 and 15, 1917
Dec. 17,	3930—	Western Union Tel. Co., Bill, November, 1917 . . . . .
		15.00
Dec. 17,	3931—	Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Rec. mortgage from The Tatum Land Co. to Trustees, bill of Decem- ber 10, 1917 . . . . .
		5.42
Dec. 17,	3932—	H. & W. B. Drew Co., Office supplies, bill of December 4, 1917 . . . . .
		7.65
Dec. 17,	3933—	W. A. Dutch, Services in leas- ing lands, 12 days at \$5.00 per day, bills of November 10 and December 10, 1917. . . . .
		3.50
Dec. 17,	3934—	Chas. H. Ruggles, for survey- ing under contract 19.998 miles in T. 40 Rs. 32 and 33, less re- tainage, bill of November 30, 1917 . . . . .
		60.00
Dec. 17,	3935—	National Surety Co., Premium on Bond of Secretary from De- cember 15, 1917, to December 15, 1918, bill of November 30, 1917
		358.97
Dec. 17,	3936—	M. S. Knight, Expenses exam- ining Lot 2, Sec. 36, T. 2 S. R. 20 E., bill of November 27, 1917
		12.50
Dec. 17,	3937—	Dickson Transfer, Drayage of Stationery and Desk, bills of November 20 and 23, 1917. . . . .
		8.23
Dec. 17,	3938—	E. E. Goodno, Reimbursement for lands erroneously sold in Deed 16526 to Lloyd A. Hamp- ton, E. E. Goodno having pur- chased all right, title and inter- est of said Lloyd A. Hampton, (per records of Trustees, Land Dept., December 9, 1917) . . . . .
		.50
		75.00

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.



## Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 Van. C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

W. A. Dutch, For 7 days' service in re leasing of State lands, bill of Jan. 3, 1918.....	\$ 35.00
M. S. Knight, Expenses in conducting Contest in re Homestead Entry No. 015595, Sam Givens, Lot 2, Sec. 36 T. 2 S. R. 20 E., Hearing held at Macclenny, Jan. 9, 1918.....	20.70
Chas. H. Ruggles, Amt. due for Surveying as per contract, in Dec. 1917, 20 miles less amount retained .....	\$356.89
Reimbursement for stake material.	15.39
bill of Dec. 31, 1917.....	552.28
Peoples Bank, Semi-annual interest at 6% on 5 Notes of A. P. Anthony, Jr., aggregating \$12,800.00 .....	384.00
Barnett National Bank, In part payment of Principal of Note for \$15,000.00 due Jan. 24, 1918, and Interest on same for 90 days at 7% per annum .....	9,262.50
Barnett National Bank, Bal. due on Principal of Note for \$15,000.00 due Jan. 24, 1918....	6,000.00
Barnett National Bank, 90 days interest on Note for \$10,000.00 due Jan. 22, 1918, at 7% per annum .....	175.00
Atlantic National Bank, 90 days interest on Note for \$25,000.00 due Jan. 24, 1918, at 7% per annum .....	437.50
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	\$16,866.98

Miss Maud Wingfield, of Ritta, Florida, Made application to lease a tract of land containing one-half acre in Section 34, Township 43 South of Range 35 East, upon which to locate the post office.

Upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, the Trustees agreed to lease one-half acre of land to Miss Maud

Wingfield for the purpose of locating a building in which will be the post office for a period of three years for the sum of \$5.00 covering the said three years, after which the lease may be renewed, unless at the expiration of the said first three year period the Trustees are ready to place the land in Section 34, Township 43 South of Range 35 East upon the market, in which event the said Miss Maud Wingfield shall be given preference of purchase at the price fixed upon the said one-half acre of land by the Trustees.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, January 19, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Jules M. Burguières appeared before the Trustees and stated that the lands owned by the Southern States Land and Timber Company and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District should be platted and a uniform price placed upon same. After discussion, Mr. Luning moved that the Chairman appoint a Committee of three persons to meet with Mr. Burguières and investigate the lands in said Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District and set a price on same, which motion was seconded and adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos (duly seconded), the Chief Drainage Engineer was instructed to have the lands platted in the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, the

cost of such work to be paid for by the Southern States Land and Timber Company and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in proportion to the lands owned by each in said District.

Mr. Burguieres stated that through carelessness a number of fires had been started in the Everglades, that such fires did great damage to the lands, and that if some plan was not adopted by the Trustees to prevent the occurrence of such fires the damage therefrom would become greater as the water level in the Glades became reduced; whereupon Mr. Amos moved that the Chief Drainage Engineer be instructed to post by signs that portion of the Everglades Drainage District being subjected to such fires, the matter of proper form of signs to be used to be referred to the Attorney General and Special Counsel for the Board.

Upon request of C. C. Ausherman, stating that Mrs. Ausherman was not able to pay for all lands for which she had contracted with the Trustees, it was ordered that her Contract No. 16554, for Lot 4, Tier 6, Newman's Survey, be cancelled and the first payment of \$55.00 made on same be applied in part payment on Contract No. 16546 for Lot 3, Tier 4, Newman's Survey.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, January 21, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees met to consider bids for the sale and disposition of shell situated on submerged lands in Manatee

County, notice of such sale having been published in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida, in a newspaper published in the County in which said lands are located, namely, The Manatee River Journal, and the date of Monday, January 21, 1918, set for such sale.

No one had made any objections to such sale.

W. A. Walsingham, and his attorney, Roy V. Sellers, and M. G. Rushton, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, were present.

Mr. Swearingen moved that the bids be opened and a price be fixed by the Trustees for the sale of the shell, and that no one person or company be given the exclusive privilege of purchasing said shell. Mr. Luning seconded the motion and it was adopted.

The bids, each accompanied by a certified check in the sum of \$100.00, were opened and read, as follows:

W. A. Walsingham bid 21c per cubic yard,

W. B. S. Critchlow for J. W. Wilson bid 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per cubic yard,

M. G. Rushton, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, bid 10c per cubic yard.

Mr. Luning moved that 21 cents per cubic yard be fixed as the price for the sale of said shell from the said submerged lands in the Manatee River to any individual, firm or corporation, application for the purchase of said shell to be made to the Trustees, and upon sale of same the Trustees to have said land upon which the shell is sold staked out by the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Amos. Mr. Swearingen moved to amend the motion by making the price 10 cents per cubic yard for County, Municipal or State purposes, but the amendment was lost. The original motion was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 24, 1918.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met

on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol building at Tallahassee.

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Messrs. Vans Agnew and Hills, representing the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, appeared before the Trustees relative to the survey of unsurveyed lands in said district; and as there are approximately 250,000 acres of lands in the said district that have not been surveyed, and as it is essential to the proper locating of canals in the said district that such lands be surveyed, and as the survey of such lands could be made by the Trustees in connection with the survey of the said district for the location of canals, etc., at a cost of about six (6) cents per acre, Mr. Swearingen moved that the Trustees pay the cost of sectionizing the lands owned by the Trustees in the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, provided the Trustees shall not pay more than \$625.00 per month for said work, and provided further that the total cost of this work to the Trustees shall not exceed \$7,500.00, the work to be done under the supervision of the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, which motion was duly seconded and adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, January 25, 1918.

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



## Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning Treasurer,  
 Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Messrs. T. J. Campbell and E. N. Moses, of West Palm Beach, Florida, representing the Roads and Improvement Society and Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, appeared before the Trustees and stated that the said Roads and Improvement Society and Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County deemed it very important that a public hard-surfaced road be constructed from the City of West Palm Beach, in Palm Beach County, to Lake Okeechobee, in said County; that in order to construct the said hard-surfaced road it would be necessary that certain canals, necessary accessories to the Everglades drainage scheme, be constructed, in order that material might be obtained as a base for the construction of the said hard-surfaced road; and that Messrs. T. J. Campbell, George W. Laihart and J. B. McDonald had been appointed as Trustees by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County to receive any donations of land or other funds and to contract with and to co-operate with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the end that such canals might be constructed.

After a full discussion of the project as set forth by Messrs. Campbell and Moses, the Trustees decided to rescind their action of March 23, 1912, whereby they had agreed to set aside for the purpose of assisting in the construction of a certain canal in Palm Beach County, the said canal being more particularly described in their Minutes of March 15, 1915, said donation being conditioned upon the Roads and Improvement Society paying to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund the sum of \$75,000.00 to aid in the construction of the said canal, of which amount \$24,336.30 still remains unpaid, the following described lands:

Section	Township	Range
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 33, all 35.....	43 S.	39 E.
1, 3, 9, 11.....	44 S.	39 E.
7 .....	54 S.	40 E.

aggregating 4,000 acres; and their action of October 27, 1917, whereby they had agreed to sell certain lands in the amount of \$100,000.00 to aid in the construction of drainage works in Palm Beach County, in order to enter into an agreement with T. J. Campbell, George W. Lainhart and J. B. McDonald, as Trustees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, under the conditions of which agreement the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, with the co-operation and assistance of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, are to construct the said canal and deliver the same complete in accordance with plans and specifications to be approved by the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District; work on said canal to begin not later than six months after the signing of the contract and to be completed within a reasonable time from the date thereof; the right-of-way for the said canal to be furnished free of charge by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; Messrs. Campbell, Lainhart and McDonald, as Trustees, to furnish the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$100,000.00 in any Guaranty Company authorized to do business in the State; the location of the canal to be designated by the Chief Drainage Engineer and the construction of same to be at all times subject to his inspection and that the said canal shall be turned over to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund subject to his approval, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to turn over to Messrs. Campbell, Lainhart and McDonald, as Trustees, all right, title and equity in and to all notes, mortgages or other evidences of indebtedness now held by the said Trustees against the Roads and Improvement Society relating to the amount of \$75,000.00 which the said Society agreed to pay to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; and that in further consideration of the construction of the said canal the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will deed to the said Trustees in fee simple, with full power to lease, mortgage, encumber,



Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, January, 1918 .....	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, January, 1918 .....	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, January, 1918 .....	36.67
Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, Making Transcript in case Avocado Land Co. v. Catts, <i>et al.</i> , bill of December 1, 1917 .....	42.99
Dickson Transfer, Drayage on Stationery and Filing Case, bill of January 5, 1918.....	.70
Bradentown Pub. Co., Ad sale of shell in Manatee River, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., 5 issues, bill of January 19, 1918 .....	11.25
Sou. Tel. & Con. Co., Rent of phone, February, 1918 .....	3.00
Clark Jewelry and Book Store, Typewriter Ribbon, bill of January 31, 1918.....	1.00
T. J. Appleyard, 3,000 copies pamphlet, "Instructions to Secure State Lands," bill of January 23, 1918 .....	10.00
Geo. D. Barnard & Co., Transfer Filing Case and Indexes, bill of January 4, 1918....	42.90
Florida National Bank, 4 days' additional Int. on Note for \$27,500.00 account check in payment of Principal and Int. of same made on Bank Bay Biscayne and it taking 4 days' time to realize cash on same.....	21.40
Western Union Tel. Co., Services, January, 1918 .....	14.94
	\$41,294.99

Financial Statement and Disbursements for January, 1918, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, January, 1918.

To bal. on hand Jan.	
1, 1918 .....	\$56,432.10
To interest .....	37.22
To B. Commrs. Ev.	
Dr. Dist., Tolls, Jan.	
1918 .....	254.01

To J. L. Holmberg, Adm x., Bolles Estate, Payment on Mortgage Note of Dec., 1914 .....	2,000.00	
To sale Minutes.....	1.50	
To Land Sales, Jan. 1918 .....	59,579.69	\$118,301.52
By Disbursements, January, 1918 ....		<u>27,431.03</u>
To bal. on hand February 1, 1918		\$90,870.49

## RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in banks.....	\$89,870.49	
To Cash and Cash items.....	1,000.00	\$90,870.49

## Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville...	1,058.72	
Barnett National, Jacksonville....	2,081.79	
Florida National, Jacksonville...	3,138.00	
Peoples, Jacksonville .....	11,981.88	
Bank of Bay Biscayne, Miami....	35,156.00	
Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Miami .....	20,980.88	
Lewis, State, Tallahassee .....	15,473.22	\$89,870.49

## Disbursements, January, 1918.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
Jan. 4,	3939—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Dec., 1917.	\$ 175.00
Jan. 4,	3940—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Dec., 1917.....	83.33
Jan. 4,	3941—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Dec., 1917.....	55.56
Jan. 4,	—3942—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Dec., 1917.....	36.67
Jan. 4,	3943—Western Union Tel. Co., Bill Dec., 1917 .....	9.27

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
Jan. 4,	3944—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Postage, bill of Jan. 4, 1918, for Land Salesman .....\$12.00 For office Secretary.. 7.50	19.50
Jan. 4,	3945—Lewis State Bank, Principal of Note for \$10,000.00 and 95 days' interest thereon at 7% per annum .....	10,184.72
Jan. 16.	3946—W. A. Dutch, 7 days service in re leasing lands, bill of Jan. 3, 1918 .....	35.00
Jan. 16,	3947—M. S. Knight, Expenses incur- red conducting Contest in re Homestead Entry No. 015595, Sam Givens, Lot 2 Sec. 36 T. 2 S. R. 20 E., at Macclenny, Fla., bill of Jan. 10, 1918....	20.70
Jan. 16,	3948—Chas. H. Ruggles, For survey- ing Boundaries of Secs. in T. 39 R. 33, Meander of Secs. 34, 35, 36 and 25, Boundaries of Secs. in T. 40 R. 33 and Mean- der of Secs. 9, 10 and 13, 29.83 miles, less retainage, bill of Dec. 31, 1917.....	552.28
Jan. 19,	3949—Peoples Bank, ½ year's inter- est on 5 Notes (A. P. Anthony, Jr.) aggregating \$12,800.00 at 6% per annum, due Jan. 1, 1918 .....	384.00
Jan. 22,	3950—Barnett National Bank, \$9,- 000.00 on the Principal and 90 days interest at 7% per annum on Note for \$15,000.00 due Jan. 24, 1918 .....	9,262.50
Jan. 22,	3951—Barnett National Bank, \$6,- 000.00 bal. on Principal of Note for \$15,000.00 due Jan. 24, 1918 .....	6,000.00
Jan. 22,	3952—Barnett National Bank, 90 days interest on \$10,000.00 at 7% per annum.....	175.00

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
Jan. 22,	3953—Barnett National Bank, 90 days interest on \$25,000.00 at 7% per annum.....	437.50

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 5, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. H. M. Hampton, of Ocala, appeared before the Trustees relative to his proposition submitted under date of August 16, 1917, as to unsurveyed lands in Township 12 S. of Range 22 E., known as Orange Lake Lands, and stated his client would pay to the Trustees the sum of \$25,000.00 for the said unsurveyed lands, instead of \$1,000.00 in cash when the proposed contract was signed and the balance when title to said lands was approved by the United States Government to the State of Florida at the rate of \$4.00 per acre, as formerly proposed by him, and after discussion it was agreed that the matter be further investigated by the Attorney General, the same to be considered by the Trustees at an early date.

Committees representing the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, the Bradentown Board of Trade, the Manatee County Board of Trade, the

Sarasota Board of Trade and the Palmetto Board of Trade, appeared before the Trustees and presented resolutions adopted by each organization so represented requesting the Trustees to rescind their action of January 21, 1918, whereby a price of 21 cents per cubic yard was placed on all shell located on lands in the Manatee River in the custody of the Trustees.

Mr. J. H. Humphries, Judge Fish, Messrs. Edwards, Taylor and others stated that as said shell could be used for building and hard-surfacing roads in Manatee County, they were of the opinion that no charge should be made for shell mined from the Manatee River for road purposes under County supervision.

After discussion, the Trustees recessed to meet at 10 A. M. February 6, 1918.

February 6, 1918.

All present except Mr. Luning.

The matter of the sale of shell on lands in the Manatee River under the control of the Trustees was again discussed, and a communication from Hon. Wm. F. Cocke, Commissioner, State Road Department, relative to the value of said shell for road building purposes, was read and ordered filed. Upon motion of Mr. McRae, duly seconded, it was ordered that the Chief Drainage Engineer go to Manatee County and investigate the shell island in the Manatee River located in Section 22 of Township 34 S. of Range 17 E., and report to the Trustees whether or not the island comes within the province of Chapter 7304, Acts of 1917, approved May 21, 1917, also the acreage of the same.

It was agreed that no further action would be taken relative the sale of said shell until the 18th of February.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, February 16, 1918.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met



on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol building at Tallahassee.

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Geo. I. Davis, P. M., 1000 3c envelopes, bill of Feb. 12, 1918.....	\$ 33.20
Chas. H. Ruggles, Surveying Boundaries and Meander of Secs. in T. 39, R. 33 and in T. 38, R. 34, 45.47 miles at \$20.00 per mile, bill of Jan. 31, 1918.....	818.46
Remington Typewriter Co., 1 Coupon Book of Ribbons, bill of Feb. 8, 1918.....	9.00
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., attention to office machine No. 144412 from Jan. 29 to July 29, 1918, at rate of \$11.00 per year, bill of Feb. 7, 1918.....	5.50
Glenn Terrell, expenses trip to Washington in re Showalter case, Feb. 2-8, 1918, bill of Feb. 13, 1918.....	90.10
W. A. Dutch, for 10 days services in re leasing lands in Everglades Drainage District, in January, 1918, bill of Feb. 8, 1918.....	50.00
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	\$ 1,006.26

Rev. Mr. Lawler, Mr. Andrew Carter and Dr. Cline appeared before the Trustees relative to the resolution of the Trustees of December 3, 1917, regarding sale of lands on the Western side of Lake Okeechobee in Townships 38, 39 and 40 South of Ranges 32, 33 and 34 East, which the Trustees agreed to sell in tracts of 320 acres or less to one individual under date of July 7, 1917, and stated that they were of the opinion that the resolution in question worked a hardship on those who had made application to purchase said lands prior to the adoption of the said resolution, and asked that the said

resolution be rescinded as they were satisfied that over 80% of the purchasers had bought the land for the purpose of actually improving and cultivating the same. After discussion, Mr. Amos moved that the resolution of December 3, 1917, as follows:

“Resolved, in making sales of these tracts in Townships 38, 39 and 40 South of Ranges 32, 33 and 34 East, that no parties related closer than that of first cousin to those purchasing one of these tracts shall be allowed to purchase any of these lands.”

be and the same is rescinded. Seconded by Mr. Luning and unanimously adopted by those present. It was further agreed by the Trustees that in lieu of incorporating in the deed to be issued by the Trustees to the said respective purchasers of these lands a clause requiring the cultivation and improvement of a certain acreage of the land each year, that the Trustees would accept an affidavit for the respective purchaser or purchasers, duly executed, stating that they were purchasing the land for settlement, cultivation and improvement.

Mr. George T. Morgan, Secretary of the Southern Drainage District, appeared before the Trustees and stated that the lands owned by the Trustees in said District had never been surveyed, and as it was necessary for the said District to make certain surveys, and the lands of the Trustees could be sectionized in conjunction with the same at a cost of approximately \$16.00 per mile, and requested the Trustees to pay their proportion of the cost for the sectionizing of the lands owned by the Trustees in the said Southern Drainage District, and stated that the said Southern Drainage District would pay for the survey of the lands of the Trustees in said District with the understanding that the Trustees reimburse the said District therefor on December 1, 1918. Mr. Luning moved that the lands of the Trustees in the Southern Drainage District be sectionized in conjunction with the survey to be made by the Southern Drainage District, the work to be under the supervision and approved by the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, at a cost not to exceed six (6) cents per acre, the cost of such survey to be paid by the Southern Drainage Dis-





STATE OF FLORIDA,  
COUNTY OF LEON,

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the 24th day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and B. B. Tatum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited and for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said The Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, reease, remise, quitclaim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as security for the payment of said indebtedness and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for construction of railroad, as aforesaid, certain lands, tenements and hereditaments lying, being and situate in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included the following, to-wit:

Section Eleven (11), in Township Forty-five (45) South of Range Thirty-six (36) East, in Palm Beach County, Florida:

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), North Half of Lot Fifteen (N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 15), Lots Seventeen (17), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-six (26) and Thirty (30), in Section Twenty-five (25); and Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-four (24), Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27), and Twenty-eight (28), in Section Thirty (30); the

West Twenty-four and one-half ( $24\frac{1}{2}$ ) acres of Lot One (1), and Lots Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), and Eight (8), in Section Thirty-two (32); and Lots One (1), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8), in Section Thirty-six (36), all in Newman's Survey of Township Fifty (50), South of Range Forty-one (41) East; in Broward County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid Mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would execute and deliver releases of the lands conveyed by said mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the Miami Canal in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof, then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before securing such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, The said Mortgagor has made written request for a release of the lands above described from the lien of the said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed; now, therefore,

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That, in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Seventeen Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-three Dollars and Fifty-eight Cents (\$17,183.58) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid Mortgagor, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

Section Eleven (11), in Township Forty-five (45), South of Range Thirty-six (36) East, in Palm Beach County, Florida;

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), North Half of Lot Fifteen ( $N\frac{1}{2}$  if 15), Lots Seventeen (17), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-six (26), and Thirty (30) in Section Twenty-five (25); and Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven

(7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-four (24), Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27), and Twenty-eight (28) in Section Thirty (30); the West Twenty-four and one-half acres (24½ acres) of Lot One (1), and Lots Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), and Eight (8) in Section Thirty-two (32); and Lots One (1), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Section Thirty-six (36); all in Newman's Survey of Township Fifty (50) South of Range Forty-one East, in Broward County, Florida; are hereby released and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands, subject, of course, to the performance on the part of the said Mortgagor of its part of the contract for construction of railroad, as was in the said mortgage deed referred to.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED That the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF The said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto set their hands and seals and caused the seal of the said, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this Twenty-seventh day of February, A. D. Nineteen hundred and eighteen.

(Signed) SIDNEY J. CATTS, (Seal)

Governor.

ERNEST AMOS, (Seal)

Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING, (Seal)

Treasurer.

VAN C. SWEARINGEN, (Seal)

Attorney General.

W. A. McRAE, (Seal)

Commissioner of Agriculture.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

(Signed) C. B. GWYNN,

GLENN TERRELL.

Under their agreement with the Trustees of October 3, A. D. 1916, the Tatum Bros. Real Estate and Investment Company requested the Trustees to issue deed to the following described lands in Dade County, Florida:

$E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  and  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19;  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20;  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  and  $E\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29;  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $W\frac{1}{3}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  and  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 30, all in Township 57 South of Range 40 East, containing 960 acres, more or less.

The said Tatum Brothers Real Estate and Investment Company having paid to the Trustees the sum of \$4,800.00, being at the rate of \$15.00 per acre for the above described lands, and otherwise having complied with the provisions of their agreement of date October 3, 1916, it was ordered that deed be issued to them for the above described lands, which deed was executed as of this date, being No. 16524.

Upon application of Dr. E. C. Chambers it was ordered that approximately 2,100 acres of land under his agreement No. 16296, dated July 9, 1913, be deeded the Modern Land Company, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

A letter from Mr. J. H. Tatum was read requesting the Trustees to make a price on a small island in Biscayne Bay in Section 26, Township 52 South of Range 42 East, containing approximately 10 acres, and stating that he had purchased land in that locality a year ago at \$75.00 per acre. After discussion, the matter was referred to Mr. Amos and Mr. Swearingen with request that they investigate the island in question and write Mr. Tatum on the subject.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 1, 1918.

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



Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., February, 1918 .....	\$175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Feb- ruary, 1918 .....	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Feb- ruary, 1918 .....	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Feb- ruary, 1918 .....	36.67
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	\$350.56

Financial Statement and Disbursements for the month of February, 1918, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, February, 1918.

To bal. on Hand Feb. 1, 1918....	\$90,870.49
To Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dr.	
Dist., Tolls, February,	
1918 .....	\$204.09
B. Ps and Maps.....	1.25
Refund Dade Lbr. Co... 9.00	
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	214.34
To Interest .....	37.22
To Land Sales, February, 1918..	4,302.43
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	\$95,424.48
By Disbursements, February,	
1918 .....	42,301.25
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To Bal. on hand March 1, 1918..	\$53,123.23

## RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$52,123.23	
To Cash and Cash Items.....	1,000.00	
		\$53,123.23

## Deposited in following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$ 1,058.72	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	2,081.79	
Florida National, Jacksonville..	3,138.00	
Peoples Bank, Jacksonville.....	11,981.88	
Lewis State, Tallahassee .....	5,776.72	
Bank Bay Biscayne, Miami.....	7,105.24	
Fidelity Bk. & Tr. Co., Miami...	20,980.88	
		\$52,123.23

## Disbursements, February, 1918.

Date	Voucher	Amount
1918	No.	
Feb. 1,	3954—Florida National Bank, Principal of Note in the sum of \$27,500.00 and interest at 7% per annum thereon for 3 mos. and 13 days, Jan. 20, 1918.....	\$28,050.76
Feb. 1,	3955—Atlantic National Bank, Principal of Note in the sum of \$12,500.00 and interest thereon for 3 mos. and 11 days at 7% per annum, Jan. 22, 1918....	12,745.49
Feb. 1,	3956—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Jan., 1918	175.00
Feb. 1,	3957—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Jan., 1918.....	83.33
Feb. 1,	3958—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Jan., 1918.....	55.56
Feb. 1,	3959—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Jan., 1918.....	36.67
Feb. 1,	3960—Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, for making Transcript of Record in Avocado Land Co. v. Sidney J. Catts, <i>et al.</i> , bill of Dec. 1, 1917 .....	42.99

Date 1918.	Voucher No.	Amount.
Feb. 1,	3961—Dickson Transfer, drayage charges on box stationery and two sections filing case, bill of Jan. 5, 1918.....	.70
Feb. 1,	3962—Bradentown Publishing Company, Ad sale of shell on submerged lands in Manatee river, 3¾ in., 5 issues, bill of Jan. 19, 1918.....	11.25
Feb. 1,	3963—Southern Tel. & Con. Co., rent of phone, Feb., 1918.....	3.00
Feb. 1,	3964—Clark Jewelry and Book Store, 1 typewriter ribbon, bill of Jan. 31, 1918.....	1.00
Feb. 1,	3965—T. J. Appleyard, 3,000 copies pamphlet entitled, "Instructions to Secure State Land," bill of Jan. 23, 1918.....	10.00
Feb. 1,	3966—George D. Barnard and Company, Transfer Filing Case and 4 sets Indexes, bill of Jan. 4, 1918 .....	42.90
Feb. 4,	3967—Florida National Bank, 4 days additional interest account check drawn in payment of Note for \$27,500.00, due Jan. 20, 1918, made on Bank Bay Biscayne, Miami, and it taking 4 days to realize cash on it	21.40
Feb. 4,	3968—Western Union Tel. Co., services, Jan., 1918.....	14.94
Feb. 13,	3969—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., 1000 3c envelopes, bill of Feb. 12, 1918	33.20
Feb. 18,	3970—Chas. H. Ruggles, Surveying Boundaries and Meander of Sections in T. 39 Rs. 33 and 34, and in T. 38, R. 34, 45.47 Miles at \$20.00 per mile, less retainage, bill of Jan. 31, 1918 .....	818.46





worth stated that Mr. Webb was a railroad builder who was desirous of constructing a railroad from West Palm Beach to Fort Myers, a distance of one hundred and twenty-one miles, that a survey of the route of the proposed railroad had been made by Mr. Charles H. Ruggles at a cost of approximately \$30,000.00, that arrangements had been made for financing the construction of said railroad, and that it was Mr. Webb's desire to purchase from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund one hundred and forty thousand acres of land at \$5.00 per acre upon the same terms and conditions as made by the Trustees with The Tatum Land Company under date of September 24, 1917, Mr. Chillingworth submitting a list of the lands Mr. Webb desired to purchase.

The matter was thoroughly gone into by the Trustees and Mr. Amos made a motion that the proposition as submitted by Mr. Chillingworth be rejected, which motion was seconded by Mr. Luning and adopted.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. J. L. Holmberg, of Miami, Florida, enclosing a letter written by Mr. H. N. Graham, Post Office Inspector, to one E. E. Bonner, of Cedarhurst, Long Island, relative to conditions of lands in the Everglades, which letter was read, and as the representations made by Mr. Graham were not true, the Trustees condemned the action of the said Post Office Inspector; and the Governor, as Chairman, was requested to take the matter up with Mr. Burleson, the Postmaster General, condemning in no uncertain terms the untrue representations made by the said Post Office Inspector, and the Secretary was instructed to write Senators Fletcher and Trammell, and Congressmen Sears and Drane, with request that they take such action as they deemed necessary in the matter, and Messrs. W. C. Kyle, of Fort Lauderdale; E. D. Treadwell, of Arcadia; J. H. Tatum, of Miami, and Jules M. Burguieres, of West Palm Beach, with request that they take the matter up with their respective Boards of Trade and other civic organizations.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 18, 1918.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Hon. Ernest Amos was elected Chairman.

Minutes of November 2, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, December 1, 3, 7, 17, 19, 22, 1917; January 4, 12, 16, 19, 21, 24, 25, February 1, 5 and 16, 1918, were read and approved.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the Drainage Taxes due by the Trustees on their lands in DeSoto, Lee, Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Palm Beach Counties, and the Secretary was authorized to draw checks on the fund deposited in the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Miami, to the credit of the Snapper Creek Canal to pay Drainage Taxes, said amount to be replaced to the credit of the fund for the construction of the Snapper Creek Canal as soon as funds are available.

The Secretary was instructed to advise J. L. Holmberg, as Administrator of the Estate of R. J. Bolles, that settlement of mortgage given by R. J. Bolles to the Trustees must be made by April 1, and if not made by that date legal proceedings would be instituted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Attest:

Acting Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, March 20, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Jules M. Burguieres, representing the Southern States Land and Timber Company, appeared before the Trustees and stated that the said Company had excavated a canal from the West Palm Beach Canal North through Township 42 South of Range 39 East, and wanted the Trustees to join them in constructing another canal through Township 42 South of Range 38 East, the cost of said canal to be paid jointly by the Trustees and the said Company in proportion to the land owned by each.

Mr. Luning moved that all lands owned by the Trustees in Township 42 South of Range 38 East outside the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District be withdrawn from the market, that the Trustees agree to aid in the construction of canal as outlined by Mr. Burguieres, the Trustees not to make any payments on such work of construction prior to August 1, 1918, the plans, specifications and construction work of said canal to be under the control and supervision of the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, which motion was duly seconded and adopted.

The Governor appointed Mr. Swearingen and Mr. McRae, and by request of the Trustees, himself, as a committee to visit the lands in the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District in company with Mr. Burguieres, as per their action of January 19, 1918, in order to make an investigation of the same as to their value so that a price could be made upon the various tracts owned by the Trustees in the said District.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, March 21, 1918.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met



on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol building at Tallahassee.

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Hon. T. J. Campbell, of West Palm Beach, appeared before the Trustees and stated that the Trustees appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Palm Beach County, as per minutes of January 25, 1918, had sold Section 35 .....T. 43 S. R. 39 E. Lots 1, 2 and 3.....T. 43/44 S. R. 39 E. comprising 998.84 acres, of the lands that were agreed to be deeded the said Trustees, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund at a price of \$15.00 per acre to aid in the construction of a certain canal in Palm Beach County, to one, Hubert F. Krantz at \$25.00 per acre, and as the said lands had not yet been deeded to the said Trustees, Mr. Campbell requested that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund make deed for the 998.84 acres in question direct to the said Hubert F. Krantz and forward same to the First National Bank, of West Palm Beach, for delivery upon the payment of the purchase price therefor.

Upon motion, duly seconded and adopted, the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to have the deed for said lands made, and Mr. Campbell was advised that inasmuch as the Trustees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County had never furnished surety bond in the sum of \$100,000.00 as required in the agreement between them and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, that they would be required to increase the purchase price paid by the said Krantz for the 998.84 acres of land to be deeded to him by the Trustees to \$25,000.00, said \$25,000.00 to be forwarded in form of certified check to Hon. J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, and to be held by him until such time as the said Trustees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County furnish the surety



on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol building at Tallahassee.

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The State Treasurer presented a deed from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to Hubert F. Krantz, of New York City, conveying all of Section 35, in Township 43, South of Range 39 East, and Lots 1, 2 and 3, between Townships 43 and 44, South of Range 39 East, containing 998-84/100 acres, more or less, the consideration being \$14,982.60.

This land is a portion of the lands which the Trustees agreed to deed Messrs. Campbell, Lainhart & McDonald, as Trustees, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, at a price of \$15.00 per acre, on January 25, 1918, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a certain canal in Palm Beach County at a cost of not less than \$100,000.00.

The agreement with Messrs. Campbell, Lainhart and McDonald, as Trustees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, was that the said Trustees were to deposit with the Trustees for the Internal Improvement Fund a surety bond in the sum of \$100,000.00 as a guarantee that they would construct said canal, when the Trustees were to deed to Messrs. Campbell, Lainhart and McDonald, as Trustees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, the following described lands:

Sections.	Township.	Range.	Acres.
33 and 35	43 S.	39 E.	
1, 3, 9, 11	44 S.	39 E.	
7,	44 S.	40 E.	
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 embraced in the hiatus.....	43/44 S.	39 E.	630.76

Messrs. Campbell, Lainhart and McDonald, as Trustees, not having yet deposited with the Trustees of the

Internal Improvement Fund said surety bond, and having sold Section 35, in Township 43 South of Range 39 East, and Lots 1, 2 and 3 between Townships 43 and 44 South of Range 39 East, containing 998.84 acres, at a price of approximately \$25,000.00, and desiring to have the Trustees make deed to said land direct to the purchaser, the State Treasurer was directed to forward deed to said land to the First National Bank of West Palm Beach for delivery to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price of approximately \$25,000.00, Messrs. Campbell, Lainhart and McDonald to send certified check in the sum of \$25,000.00, made payable to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the State Treasurer to be held by him until the surety bond of \$100,000.00, as aforesaid, is deposited with the Trustees, when said certified check in the sum of \$25,000.00 is to be delivered as provided for in the agreement as set out in the minutes of January 25, 1918, as referred to above.

Letter from The Tatum Land Company relative to release of certain lands under the provisions of their contract with the Trustees of date September 24, 1917, was presented, and The Tatum Land Company having paid to the Trustees the sum of \$25,781.77, which is sufficient to secure the release of the lands in question, to-wit:

SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 19; All Sec. 20; W  $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec. 21; All Secs. 29, 30, 31 and 32; all being in T. 52 S. of R. 41 E., in Dade County, Florida, from the lien of the mortgage covered in said contract of September 24, 1917, the Special Counsel was instructed to prepare the following Satisfaction of Mortgage, which is in the nature of a conditional release of the said lands, and the same was executed as of this date and forwarded to the said Company:

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
COUNTY OF LEON.

#### SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and

B. B. Tatum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited and for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said The Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quitclaim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as security for the payment of said indebtedness and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for the construction of railroad, as aforesaid, certain lands, tenements and hereditaments lying, being and situate in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included the following, to-wit:

Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Nineteen (19); all of Section Twenty (20); West Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section Twenty-one (21); all of Sections Twenty-nine (29), Thirty (30), Thirty-one (31) and Thirty-two (32); all being in Township Fifty-two (52) South of Range Forty-one (41) East, in Dade County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said Mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid Mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would execute and deliver releases of the lands conveyed by said mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the Miami Canal in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof, then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before securing such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, The said Mortgagor has made written request for a release of the lands above described from the lien of the said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed; now, therefore,

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That, in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one-

Dollars and Seventy-seven Cents (\$25,781.77) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid Mortgagar, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Nineteen (19); all of Section Twenty (20); West Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section Twenty-one (21); all of Sections Twenty-nine (29), Thirty (30), Thirty-one (31) and Thirty-two (32); all being in Township Fifty-two (52) South of Range Forty-one (41) East, in Dade County, Florida; are hereby released and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands, subject, of course, to the performance on the part of the said Mortgagar of its part of the "Contract for Construction of Railroad" as was therein outlined and was also referred to in the said mortgage deed. Then and only then shall this release become full and complete.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED That the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF The said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida having hereunto 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, this Twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1918.

(Signed) SIDNEY J. CATTS, (Seal)  
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS, (Seal)  
Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING, (Seal)  
Treasurer.

VAN C. SWEARINGEN, (Seal)  
Attorney General.

W. A. McRAE, (Seal)  
Commissioner of Agriculture.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

(Signed) C. B. GWYNN,

LAURA B. HOPKINS.

The following bill was presented, approved and ordered paid:

A. R. Richardson, To expenses making examination of Shell Bed in Manatee River, February 12-14, 1918.....	\$25.61
Investigation of Secs. 25 and 36, T. 40 S.. R. 32 E., March 12-14, 1918.....	9.01
Bill of March 26, 1918.....	\$34.62

The matter of fires in the drainage lands of the Everglades, as reported by Mr. Jules M. Burguieres at meeting of January 18, 1918, was again brought to the attention of the Trustees by the Governor, and the Special Counsel for the Trustees was instructed to prepare resolution for publication in different State papers relative to same and also form of notice for posting in the District.

Request of Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald for the release of E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 4, in T. 54 S., R. 37 E., 160 acres, from a certain mortgage executed by them to the Trustees under date of March 29, 1917, was considered, and it was ordered that such release be prepared and forwarded to the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Miami, Florida, for delivery to Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald upon the payment of \$800.00 the amount due for said lands under the terms of contract of March 29, 1917, covering the sale of 20,000 acres to said Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, March 26, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. George T. Morgan, representing Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald, the purchasers of 20,000 acres of land from the Trustees to aid in the construction of Snapper Creek Canal, appeared before the Trustees and requested that under the regular plan of survey all lands in that locality should be surveyed in normal Townships and Ranges based on guide meridians and base parallels. This plan would group all excess areas or differences into single bodies of given areas. Surveys heretofore made were carried out on this plan, but when contract was started on the Tamiami Trail by Dade County, the route chosen was laid out without regard to Section and Township lines of the unsurveyed portions of the Everglades. Subsequent to the location of the road, lands along the route of said road had been platted into Sections, Lots, etc. The lots were arbitrarily platted in such manner that the South Boundaries of Sections One (1) to Six (6) inclusive, in Township Fifty-two (52) South, Ranges Thirty-seven (37), Thirty-eight (38) and Thirty-nine (39), were shown to lie alongside the road, but when the Trustees began the survey of the lands in this locality in accordance with the plan they had adopted it was found that the sub-division of Townships into Sections would not throw the route of the Tamiami Trail along the South Boundaries of the Sections numbered One (1) to Six (6) inclusive in Township Fifty-two (52) South, Ranges Thirty-seven (37), Thirty-eight (38) and Thirty-nine (39), or along any other land lines.

Mr. Morgan further stated that much of the land platted had been offered for sale in accordance with the said plat showing the location of the canal and road along the South Boundary of Sections One (1) to Six (6), as above mentioned. These lands included much of what is known at the Tamiami Trail lands sold by the Trustees to Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald. That the lands having been sold in accordance with this plat, the plat having been certified and filed in the records of Dade County,



deeds of conveyance having been made based on the said plat, that unless the lots could be delivered in conformity with the location shown on the plat, same would cause confusion and difficulties in making conveyances and in giving descriptions of the land.

On the North of Township Fifty-two (52) in Ranges Thirty-seven (37) and Thirty-eight (38), a hiatus exists by reason of certain discrepancies in the Government Surveys. This hiatus is approximately three-fourths of a mile wide, extending East and West across the Township above mentioned. The moving of the Township Exteriors, with Sections, Northward a sufficient distance to cause the Tamiami Trail to lie along the South Boundary of Sections One (1) to Six (6), as above, was approximately thirty (30) chains.

Mr. Morgan requested that the Trustees modify the plan of their survey in such manner that the South Boundary of Sections One (1) to Six (6) in Township Fifty-two (52) South of Ranges Thirty-seven (37) and Thirty-eight (38) East, would coincide with the center line of the right-of-way for the said Tamiami Trail.

Said change not being in conflict with other surveys, upon consideration, the Trustees ordered that the plan heretofore adopted be modified in such manner that the South Boundary of said Sections One (1) to Six (6) in said Township and Ranges conform to said center line of the right-of-way of the Tamiami Trail.

Mr. Morgan stated that in the contract for the sale of 20,0000 acres of land to Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald of date March 21, 1917, the Trustees agreed to let the contract for the excavation of Snapper Creek Canal when the first note of \$22,500.00 was paid, and as said note was paid August 20, 1917, and contract for the excavation of Snapper Creek Canal was not let until February 15, 1918, five months and twenty-five days after the payment of said note, he requested the Trustees to eliminate the interest due on the deferred payments for the period from August 20, 1917, to February 15, 1918, and it was agreed that interest for the period from August 20, 1917, to February 15, 1918, five months and twenty-five days at 7% per annum, be eliminated from the interest due on deferred payments, at 7% per annum, as follows:



miles to the Eastward, where the proposed road would connect with a road now under construction from Miami westward, the junction point of the two connecting roads being at or about the South Line of Township Fifty-two (52); the length of the proposed road in Lee County being approximately fifty (50) miles; and

WHEREAS, The proposed road is an essential connecting link in the Dixie Highway, as well as in the Tamiami Trail, both of which are roads of State wide value, and also of National importance from an economic and military standpoint; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District believes that the construction of a drainage canal along the line of the proposed hard-surfaced road in Lee County would form an important link in the canals necessary in the plan of the drainage of the Everglades; and

WHEREAS, The spoils bank of the above mentioned contemplated canal could be utilized in the construction of the proposed hard-surfaced road; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, in the cases of Dade and Palm Beach Counties, for the purposes of accelerating the matter of drainage and opening up and hastening the development of the Drainage District, have established a precedent of temporarily withdrawing from sale certain lands to be set aside and sold by authority of law, the proceeds of the sale of said lands to be used for the furtherance of drainage plans, and incidentally for assistance in road construction; now, therefore, it is

RESOLVED AND ORDERED, That the following described lands be, and the same are withdrawn from the market for a period of not exceeding sixty (60) days, and set aside to assist in raising the funds for the excavation of the drainage canal hereinbefore mentioned, the spoils bank of said canal to be used for road construction purposes. It is specifically resolved and ordered that the lands so set aside and withdrawn from sale shall consist of

Sections	T.	R.	Acres.
1 .....	44	35	414.00
9 .....	44	36	480.00
at \$100.00 per acre;			

Lots 1, 2, 3.....	44	36/37
at \$60.00 per acre;		
Lots 4, 5, 6.....	44	36/37
at \$40.00 per acre.		

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will set aside and use for the construction of the above mentioned proposed canal the proceeds of the sales of only so many acres of the above described lands as shall be of the total value not exceeding approximately One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00); and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, That unless within a period of sixty (60) days following the date of this resolution, Francis W. Perry, of Lee County, Florida, or some other duly accredited representative of road construction in Lee County, shall conclude an agreement with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund similar to that contained on page 370, of the Minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Volume XI., or some other mutually satisfactory agreement, the force and effect of this resolution shall cease and determine and become automatically null and void; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is the intent and purpose of this resolution to give Francis W. Perry and his Associates, of Lee County, Florida, a period of sixty (60) days from the date hereof, within which to make a selection from the lands hereinbefore described to the value of not exceeding approximately One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), the proceeds of the sale of said lands to be devoted to the construction of the drainage canal hereinbefore described, under the supervision of the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board of Commissioner of Everglades Drainage District.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 1, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., March, 1918 .....	\$ 175.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, March, 1918 .....	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, March, 1918 .....	36.67
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, March, 1918 .....	83.33
Cyril Baldwin, Tax Collector, DeSoto County, 1917, Dr. Tax on lands of the Trustees in Everglades Drainage District.....	4,274.20
P. John Hart, Tax Collector, Lee County, 1917, Dr. Tax on lands of the Trustees in Everglades Drainage District .....	2,460.00
Frank M. Tyler, Tax Collector, St. Lucie County, 1917, Dr. Tax on lands of the Trustees in Everglades Drainage District.....	32.05
E. R. Wright, Tax Collector, Okeechobee County, 1917, Dr. Tax on lands of the Trustees in Everglades Drainage District.....	938.65
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	\$8,055.46

Satisfaction of Mortgage for the balance due on Mortgage Deed given by R. J. Bolles to the Trustees on November 28, A. D. 1914, being \$2,334.56, was prepared and executed as of this date, the Executors of the Estate of Richard J. Bolles having offered to pay the said balance:

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
COUNTY OF LEON.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the Twenty-eighth day of November, A. D. 1914, Richard J. Bolles, unmarried, residing in the County of Duval, in the State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of a certain amount of indebtedness as therein more particularly recited and by the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quit-claim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, as security for the payment of said indebtedness aforesaid, certain lands, tenements and hereditaments lying, being and situate in the County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Sections Two (2), Four (4), Six (6), Eight (8), Ten (10), Twelve (12), Fourteen (14), Eighteen (18), Twenty (20), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-four (24) and Twenty-six (26), in Township Forty-six (46) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East;

All Sections One (1), Five (5), Nine (9), Seventeen (17), Twenty-one (21), Twenty-four (24) and Twenty-nine (29), in Township Forty-five (45) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East;

Also all Sections Nine (9), Seventeen (17), Twenty-one ((21) and Twenty-nine (29), in Township Forty-four (44) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East; and

WHEREAS, Section Fourteen (14), in Township Forty-six (46) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East; Section Twenty-four (24), in Township Forty-five (45) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East; and Sections Nine (9), Seventeen (17), Twenty-one (21) and Twenty-nine (29), in Township Forty-four (44) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East, have in previous releases been released from the said mortgage deed and the said mortgage deed satisfied as to said Sections; and

WHEREAS, The Executors of the Estate of Richard J. Bolles have now offered to pay the balance due on

the said mortgage deed, the said balance being Two Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-four Dollars and Fifty-six Cents (\$2,334.56), and is now secured by all the lands described in the said mortgage deed not heretofore released; now, therefore,

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That for and in consideration of the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-four Dollars and Fifty-six Cents (\$2,334.56), the same being the full amount, including the principal and interest, now due and secured by the said mortgage deed to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the Administrators of the Estate of the said Richard J. Bolles, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said above unreleased Sections being Two (2), Four (4), Six (6), Eight (8), Ten (10), Twelve (12), Eighteen (18), Twenty (20), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-four (24) and Twenty-six (26), in Township Forty-six (46) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East! and

Sections One (1), Five (5), Nine (9), Seventeen (17), Twenty-one (21) and Twenty-nine (29) in Township Forty-five (45) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East, all lying and being in the County and State aforesaid, are hereby released and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby released and satisfied as to the said Sections of land; and that all the lands described in the said deed of mortgage are hereby satisfied and released of any claim thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF The said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have hereunto set their hands and seals and caused the Seal of the "DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF FLORIDA" to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee, Florida, the Capital, this the First day of April, A. D. 1918.

(Signed) SIDNEY J. CATTS,	(Seal)
Governor.	
ERNEST AMOS,	(Seal)
Comptroller.	
J. C. LUNING,	(Seal)
Treasurer.	

VAN C. SWEARINGEN, (Seal)  
Attorney General.

W. A. McRAE, (Seal)  
Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

(Signed) MARY HERRING,  
J. STUART LEWIS.

Financial Statement and Disbursements for the month  
of March, 1918, were presented, approved and ordered  
placed of record:

Financial Statement, March, 1918.

To bal. on hand Mar. 1, 1918.....	\$53,123.23	
To Bd. Comrs Ev Dr.		
Dist., Tolls, Mar, 1918.	\$186.78	
Refund on freight.....	4.29	
Sale Blue Prints.....	3.00	194.07
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To Estate R. J. Bolles, payment on Mortgage dated Nov. 28, 1914	3,000.00	
To Land Sales.....	26,542.77	
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	\$82,860.07	
By disbursements, March, 1918....	1,336.36	
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To Bal. on hand April 1, 1918....		\$81,523.71

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$80,523.71	
To Cash and Cash Items.....	1,000.00	\$81,523.71
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Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville...	\$ 1,058.72
Barnett National, Jacksonville...	2,081.79
Florida National, Jacksonville....	3,138.00
Peoples, Jacksonville .....	11,981.88
Lewis State, Tallahassee.....	15,377.20



Fidelity Bk. & Tr. Co., Miami....	39,780.88	
Bank of Bay Biscayne, Miami....	7,105.24	\$80,523.71

## Disbursements, March, 1918.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
Mar. 1,	3975—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Feb. 1918..	\$ 175.00
Mar. 1,	3976—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Feb. 1918.....	83.33
Mar. 1,	3977—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Feb., 1918.....	55.56
Mar. 1,	3978—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Feb., 1918.....	36.67
Mar. 15,	3979—M. S. Knight, Expenses examining certain lands on Biscayne Key and securing affidavits for selecting as "Swamp and Overflowed" certain lands around Lake Istokpoga, bill of Feb. 26, 1918.....	94.08
Ma. 15,	3980—F. C. Elliot, Expenses trip to Bradentown, relative to Shell Bed, Manatee River, bill of Feb. 18, 1918.....	45.02
Mar. 15,	3981—H. & W. B. Drew Company, 2 boxes Carbon paper, bill of Mar. 1, 1918.....	8.24
Mar. 15,	3982—T. J. Appleyard, To Printing 200 Leases, bill of Mar. 1, 1918	5.00
Mar. 15,	3983—W. A. Dutch, 10 days in releasing State lands, at \$5.00 per day, bill of Mar. 8, 1918..	50.00
Ma. 15,	3984—Chas. H. Ruggles, For surveying Boundaries of Secs. in Ts. 38,39, R. 34, and Meander of Secs. in Ts. 38, 39, R. 34, 33.556 miles at \$20.00 per mile, less 20% retainage, bill of Mar. 1, 1918 .....	604.01
Mar. 15,	3985—Western Union Tel. Co., Services, Feb., 1918.....	9.58





entry was cancelled by default of payments due, January 1, 1915.

It was moved that a representative of the Trustees be sent as soon as possible to confer with parties having improvements upon SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 22, Township 8 S., Range 21 E., with authority to sell to parties having such improvements at the actual value of such improvements and the land. The motion was duly seconded and adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

J. C. LUNING, State Treasurer,  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, April 12, 1918.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Upon application of Mr. C. W. Bell, it was ordered that the North Half of Section Fifteen (N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 15), in Township Forty-two (42) South of Range Thirty-seven (37) East, except lands previously sold in said Section, be sold to Mr. Bell at \$45.00 per acre upon the following terms: One-fourth cash, one-fourth in one year, one-fourth in two years and one-fourth in three years, with interest at six (6) per cent. per annum on deferred payments.

Upon application of Mr. R. G. Johnson, it was ordered that the South half of Section Fifteen (S  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 15), in Township Forty-two (42) South of Range Thirty-seven (37) East, be sold to Mr. Johnson at \$45.00 per acre upon the following terms: One-fourth cash, one-fourth

in one ear, one-fourth in two years and one-fourth in three years, with six (6) per cent. interest per annum on deferred payments.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, April 16, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Messrs. Harris, Long and Brown, of St. Petersburg, appeared before the Trustees and stated that the City of St. Petersburg had purchased the water front for park, driveways, docks, etc., for the use of the citizens and expended \$250,000.00 on improving, draining, diking and filling said water front, and now they are of the opinion that under Chapter 7304, Acts of 1917, the lands embraced in the said water front are vested in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and if such be the case the City of St. Petersburg would like to make some arrangements to secure title to the said water front.

After discussion the following motion was made by Mr. Luning, which was duly seconded and unanimously adopted: That the Special Counsel of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund investigate the title to the property involved, rendering his written opinion relative thereto, and should he advise that title to said property was vested in the Trustees, then the Trustees send a competent person to St. Petersburg to ascertain the

true and correct value of the said property for the information of the Trustees.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, April 17, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of February 19, 27, March 1, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 26, 30, April 1, 3, 8, 12, 16, 1918, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

T. J. Appleyard, Printing various forms for Land Dept., bill of April 2, 1918.....	\$ 39.50
Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to Jax. in re. Byrne Realty Co. case, March 9, 1918 .....	\$20.38
Expenses in Avocado and Dade Muck Land cases .....	17.00
C. B. Gwynn, Expenses trip to Jax. in re. Byrne Realty Co. case, March 8-9, 1918....	18.03
Chas. H. Gordon, Clerk Circuit Court, Wal- ton Co., Rec. deed from L. & N. R. Co. to Trustees, bill of March 2, 1918.....	1.50
M. S. Knight, Expenses examining lands in Secs. 22 and 23, T. 4 S., R. 2 E., bill of March 28, 1918 .....	6.00
W. A. Dutch, 10 days' service in re. leasing State lands, bill of Apr. 7, 1918.....	50.00

J. W. Patton, Surveying and examining the SW of SE Sec. 22, T. 8 S., R. 21 E., bill of March 25, 1918.....	10.00
Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Rec. mortgage from C. L. Wilder to Trustees, bill of April 4, 1918..	3.00
Western Union Tel. Co., Services March, 1918 .....	6.09
Atlantic National Bank, 90 days' interest on \$25,000.00 at 7% per annum.....	437.50
Barnett National Bank, 90 days' interest on \$10,000.00 at 7% per annum.....	175.00
	\$ 784.00

Mr. M. S. Knight, having made an examination of the following lands, NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 22, and NW of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 23, in T. 4 S., R. 2 E., by direction of the Trustees, submitted his report, which was read and ordered filed.

The Trustees having sold the East Half of Section One (E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 1) in Township Forty-three (43) South of Range Thirty-eight (38) East on March 21, 1918, to Hon. T. J. Campbell at \$40.00 per acre with the understanding that Mr. Campbell secure a purchaser for the West Half of said Section at the said price of \$40 per acre, the matter of the sale of the West Half of said Section was again discussed and the Trustees decided that they would not sell the said West Half of Section One (W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 1) in said Township and Range at \$40.00 per acre at the present time, and their action of March 21, 1918, as to Mr. Campbell securing a purchaser for the West Half of said Section was rescinded as of this date, and the Land Salesman was requested to issue a contract of sale to Mr. Campbell for the East Half of Section One (E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 1) in Township Forty-three (43) South of Range Thirty-eight (38) East.

Mr. Luning made a motion that no contract now in effect or hereafter to be made for the sale of lands by the Trustees shall be transferable by the original purchaser without recourse, except on the written consent of the said Trustees, which motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and adopted.

Under the terms as expressed in a certain mortgage deed given by The Tatum Land Company to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, under date of September 24, 1917, the said The Tatum Land Company have made application for a full and complete release to the following described lands:

Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Nineteen (19); all of Section Twenty (20); West Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section Twenty-one (21); all of Section Twenty-nine (29), Thirty (30), Thirty-one (31) and Thirty-two (32); all being in Township Fifty-two (52) South of Range Forty-one (41) East, in Dade County, Florida.

It appears that a conditional release was executed on the part of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in favor of The Tatum Land Company under date of March 25, 1918, covering the said described lands, which conditional release was not accepted by The Tatum Land Company.

In pursuance of the terms of the said mortgage deed as above referred to The Tatum Land Company did, under date of April 6, 1918, make application to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for a full and complete release in favor of the Florida Cultivating Company, a New York corporation, to the following described lands:

South Half of Sections Eleven and Twelve (S  $\frac{1}{2}$  Secs. 11 and 12), all Sections Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24), and North Half of Sections Twenty-five (25) and Twenty-six (26), in Township Fifty-one (51) South of Range Thirty-eight (38) East; and

All of Section Eighteen (18), in Township Fifty-one (51) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East, containing in all four thousand four hundred and eighty (4,480) acres, more or less.

The said release to the Florida Cultivating Company to be made at such time prior to December, 1924, as the Florida Cultivating Company complied with the terms of its contract with The Tatum Land Company, a part of which contract was the payment on the part of the said Florida Cultivating Company to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the sum of Forty Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Dollars



(\$40,320.00), the same being a portion of the purchase price of the said above described lands.

South Half of Sections Eleven and Twelve (S  $\frac{1}{2}$  Secs. 11 and 12), all Sections Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24), and North Half of Sections Twenty-five (25) and Twenty-six (26), in Township Fifty-one (51) South of Range Thirty-eight (38) East; and

All of Section Eighteen (18), in Township Fifty-one (51) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East, containing in all four thousand four hundred and eighty (4,480) acres, more or less.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund hereby agree to grant the first above unconditional release as requested by The Tatum Land Company, and also to grant the second above full and complete release or satisfaction to the said Florida Cultivating Company, or to any other person so requested by The Tatum Land Company, on the payment to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the said sum of Forty Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$40,320.00).

The Tatum Land Company is hereby advised, however, that it is the understanding of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, which understanding is expressed in a certain deed, mortgage and contract for the construction of a railroad executed and entered into by and between the said Tatum Land Company and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under date of September 24, 1917, that the building of the railroad as provided in the terms of the said above contract therefor was one of the main considerations actuating the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to sell to The Tatum Land Company the lands as described in the said above deed on the terms therein named, of which the lands in the foregoing requests form a part, that all of the said lands as described in the said deed stand good for the construction of the said railroad, that the construction of the said railroad under the terms of the contract should have been commenced in February, 1918, and that the provision for granting releases to lands as provided for in the said deed, mortgage and contract contemplates that the said contract

for construction of railroad was being carried out as expressed therein before such releases should be granted.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are willing and ready at all times to co-operate with The Tatum Land Company in the sale and disposition of the lands as embraced in their contract and to this end they are willing to make reasonable releases thereof, but in making such releases it is expressly understood that they expect The Tatum Land Company to live up to its contract for the construction of the said railroad, that they are in no wise released therefrom, and since the time for the beginning of said construction more than two months has passed, and so far as the Trustees are advised no effort has been made in that direction, the Trustees do not feel that they would be justified in the continual granting of such releases, unless there is some indication that the said railroad will be constructed or they have substantial assurances that the contract therefor will be carried out.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, April 30, 1918.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture in the Capitol building at Tallahassee.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Upon an urgent request from Mr. C. L. Wilder for a survey of the lands owned by the State on East Beach in Township Forty-two (42) South of Range Thirty-six (36) it was ordered that the Chief Drainage Engineer have the quarter mile strip surveyed and platted into half acre tracts as soon as possible.

Upon request of Mr. A. J. Rose, Attorney for A. C. Barley, for a quit-claim deed to Section Ten (10) in Township Fifty-four (54) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) East, who purchased said land from the Bolles Estate, for the reason that the quit-claim deed from the Trustees to Bolles of date April 28, 1915, recited that the consideration of conveyance was upon the ground that the land had heretofore been sold by Bolles, and as no previous sale by Bolles appears upon the abstract and said sale must have been by unrecorded deed or contract, it was ordered that a quit-claim deed setting forth the recitals as above be issued to A. C. Barley for said land.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 1, 1918.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., April, 1918 .....	\$ 175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, April, 1918 .....	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, April, 1918 .....	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, April, 1918 .....	36.67

Sou. Tel. and Con. Co., Rent of Phone, May, 1918 .....	3.00
Wrigley Engraving and Electrotype Co., Printing 1,000 Maps, bill of April 9, 1918.....	16.07
Atlantic National Bank, Principal of Note for \$25,000.00 and Int. from April 24, 1918, at 7% per annum.....	25,048.62
Barnett National Bank, Principal of Note for \$10,000.00 and Int. from April 22, 1918, at 7% per annum.....	10,023.34
Chas. H. Ruggles, Stakes used account Survey in Jan. Feb. and Mar., 1918, bill of April 1, 1918.....	32.19
T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, 1917, Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees .....	34,715.20
W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County, 1917 Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees .....	30,083.00
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	\$100,271.98

The bill of Wrigley Engraving and Electrotype Company, of Jacksonville, for printing maps, amounting to \$14.00 as agreed upon when the order was placed, was presented together with a statement from said Wrigley Engraving and Electrotype Company showing that on account of the quality of paper used the actual cost of the work was, paper \$10.82, printing \$5.00, drayage 25 cents, total of \$16.07, with request that said amount of \$16.07 be paid. Mr. Swearingen moved that the bill be paid in the amount of \$16.07, seconded by Mr. McRae, and so ordered. Mr. Luning voted in the negative.

The Secretary presented a telegram from Hon. Francis W. Perry, of Lee County, stating that they had sold Section One (1) of Township Forty-four (44) South, Range Thirty-five (35) East, of the lands set aside by the Trustees for drainage and road purposes in Lee County, at \$105.00 per acre, and requesting that deed be issued. It was agreed by the Trustees that they could not accept the same as same was not in conformity with the conditions of the resolution adopted by them March 30, 1918, relative to the sale of these lands, and the Secretary was instructed to so advise Mr. Perry.

Financial Statement and Disbursements for April, 1918, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, April, 1918.

To Bal. on hand April 1, 1918....\$81,523.71

To Bd. of Commrs. Ev. Dr.

Dist. Tolls, April, 1918.\$202.63

B/Ps ..... 2.75      205.38

To Interest ..... 306.50

To Land Sale, April, 1918..... 6,638.39

\$88,673.98

By Disbursements, April, 1918..... 8,839.46

To Bal. on hand May 1, 1918..... \$79,834.52

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....\$78,834.52

To Cash and Cash Items..... 1,000.00      \$79,834.52

Deposited in following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville...\$ 1,064.88

Barnett National, Jacksonville.... 2,108.60

Florida National, Jacksonville.... 3,161.57

Peoples, Jacksonville ..... 11,981.88

Lewis State, Tallahassee..... 19,462.34

Fidelity Bk. and Tr. Co., Miami.. 40,716.26

Bank Bay Biscayne, Miami..... 338.99      \$78,834.52

Disbursements, April, 1918.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
Apr. 1,	3988—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Mar., 1918.	\$ 175.00
Apr. 1,	3989—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Mar., 1918.....	55.56
Apr. 1,	3990—Mary Herring, Salary as stenographer, Mar., 1918.....	36.67
Apr. 1,	3991—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Mar., 1918.....	83.33
Apr. 2,	3992—Cyril Baldwin, Tax Collector,	

Date 1918.	Voucher No.		Amount.
		DeSoto County, 1917, Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees, in Everglades Drainage District .....	4,274.20
Apr. 2,	3993—	P. John Hart, Tax Collector, Lee County, 1917, Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees, in Everglades Drainage District .....	2,460.00
Apr. 2,	3994—	Frank M. Tyler, Tax Collector, St. Lucie County, 1917, Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees, in Everglades Drainage District .....	32.05
Apr. 2,	3995—	E. R. Wright, Tax Collector, Okeechobee County, 1917, Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees, in Everglades Drainage District .....	938.65
Apr. 17,	3996—	T. J. Appleyard, For printing various forms for use in Land Dept., bill of Apr. 2, 1918....	39.50
Apr. 17,	3997—	Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to Jax. in re. Byrne Realty Co., Mar. 9, 1918.....\$20.38 Expenses in Avocado and Dade Muck Land Co. cases .....	17.00
		Bill of Apr. 17, 1918.....	37.38
Apr. 17,	3998—	C. B. Gwynn, Expenses trip to Jax. in re. Byrne Realty Co. case, Mar. 8-9, 1918.....	18.03
Apr. 17,	3999—	Chas. H. Gordon, Clerk Circuit Court, Walton Co., Rec. deed from L. & N. Co. to Trustees bill of Mar. 2, 1918.....	1.50
Apr. 17,	4000—	M. S. Knight, Expenses examining lands in Secs. 22 and 23 T. 4 S. R. 2 E., bill of Mar. 28, 1918 .....	6.00
Apr. 17,	4001—	W. A. Dutch, 10 days service	

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
		in re. leasing State lands, bill of Mar. 8, 1918.....
Apr. 17,	4002—	J. W. Patton, Surveying and examining the SW of SE of Sec. 22 T. 8 R. 21, bill of Mar. 25, 1918 .....
		50.00
Apr. 17,	4003—	Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Rec. mtg. from C. L. Wilder to Trustees, bill of Apr. 4, 1918..
		10.00
Apr. 17,	4004—	Western Union Tel. Co., Services, Mar., 1918.....
		3.00
Apr. 22,	4005—	Atlantic National Bank, 90 days interest on \$25,000.00 at 7% per annum.....
		437.50
Apr. 22,	4006—	Barnett National Bank, 90 days interest on \$10,000.00 at 7% per annum.....
		175.00
		Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller.

Attest: Acting Chairman.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 4, 1918.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,

J. C. Luning, Treasurer,

W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following telegram from the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County was read:

"West Palm Beach, Fla., May 4, 1918.

"J. C. Luning, State Treasurer,

"Tallahassee, Fla.:

"Hubert F. Krantz, purchaser of thousand-acre tract on North side Canal, connecting West Palm Beach and Hillsboro Canals under construction by County Commis-

sioners Palm Beach County, being part of lands donated by Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, requires privileges of constructing necessary drawbridges over canal to give him communication with road being constructed on South side of canal. Important to have deal closed. Please wire that this privilege will be granted him so we can close today.

“(Signed) L. TREVETTE LOCKWOOD,  
“Chairman, County Commissioners.”

After discussion, upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded and adopted, it was agreed that the Trustees would consent to erection of drawbridges mentioned above conditioned upon County Commissioners of Palm Beach County legally declared approaches both ends of bridge a public road; also upon the County Commissioners of Palm Beach County guaranteeing to Trustees that said bridge will be erected, maintained and hereafter operated without expense to the Trustees; also conditioned upon character of bridge, site and construction of same being approved by Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, and the Secretary was instructed to wire Mr. Lockwood, Chairman Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, to this effect.

Upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded and adopted, the Secretary was instructed to take up Note issued Columbia County May 12, 1916, for \$4,712.23, and interest due on same at 6% per annum for two years, being \$565.47, total of \$5,277.70, when due, the said Note having been issued Columbia County in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 6972, Acts of 1915, Laws of Florida.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County Part payment 1917 Dr. Taxes on lands of the Trustees in Everglades Drainage Dis- trict in Dade County.....	\$20,000.00
R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, Part payment 1917 Dr. Taxes on lands of the Trustees in Everglades Drainage Dis- trict in Dade County .....	2,912.20
	\$22,912.20



Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

A letter from Hon. J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, was read, stating that he had received from the First National Bank of West Palm Beach a Cashier's check in the sum of \$22,473.00, being the amount received from the sale of a portion of the lands set aside by the Trustees in Palm Beach County to the amount of \$100,000.00 to provide funds to aid in the excavation of a drainage canal in the said County under contract and specifications to be entered into by the Trustees, and asking what disposition he should make of said check. Upon motion made by Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. McRae, and adopted, it was ordered that said Cashier's check for \$22,473.00 be deposited in the First National Bank of West Palm Beach as a special fund, subject to said bank depositing sufficient security with the State Treasurer, as required by law, to secure said deposit.

Hon. Francis W. Perry, of Fort Myers, appeared before the Trustees and stated that it was not his intention to request the Trustees to deed all of Section 1, in Township 44 South of Range 35 East, containing 414 acres, to one person, as per his telegram of April 30, 1918, but that the said Section be divided into as near two equal parts as possible and deeds be issued to B. L. Paine and B. Kilgore, the amount received from each for first

payment to be simply an option on said purchases. This being a part of the lands set aside by the Trustees to aid in canal construction in Lee County, and Mr. Perry's explanation being satisfactory to the Trustees, it was agreed to make contracts of sale for said Section upon advice from Mr. Perry as to the division of same. It being understood that these sales are not to be consummated until other lands so set aside should be sold to the amount of \$100,000.00.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 30, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Pelican Lake Sub-Dr. Dist., Estimate No. 2, excavation, by Bryan and Snyder Company, April, 1918 .....	\$ 3,594.51
Chas. H. Ruggles, for survey work under contract with Trustees, March and April, 1918 .....	653.08
M. S. Knight, Expenses examining lands and conducting contests at Macclenny and Gainesville and examining lands in Lake Kissimmee and near Waldo, April 28-May 10, 1918, bill of May 13, 1918.....	79.82
H. & W. B. Drew Company, Office supplies, bill of May 4, 1918.....	3.62

T. J. Appleyard, To printing 1,000 Certificates as to Swamp and Overflowed land, bill of May 1, 1918 .....	10.00
Western Union Tel. Co., services, April, 1918..	12.92
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, bill of May 30, 1918 .....	10.00
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	\$4,363.95

Hon. J. A. Williams, Shell Fish Commissioner, appeared before the Trustees and stated that in the discharge of his official duties along the waters of the Coast of the State, he had observed instances where, in his opinion, private parties had appropriated to their own use certain submerged lands that in his opinion were the property of the State, under the control and custody of the Trustees, and if the Trustees so desired he would be pleased to advise them of instances of this nature as might come under his observation from time to time. The Trustees thanked Mr. Williams for the information, as above, and requested that he submit the same in the form of a written report to them so that the same could be referred by them to Hon. Glenn Terrell, Special Counsel for the Trustees, for his advice in the premises as to proper action.

Mr. M. S. Knight, Clerk in the Commissioner of Agriculture's office, who had been detailed to make investigations relative to certain swamp lands, submitted the following report, which report was accepted and the recommendations therein made were approved by the Trustees and the same was ordered referred to the Special Counsel for the Trustees with instructions to adjust the claims of the various parties therein named:

"Tallahassee, Florida, May 13, 1918.

"To the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

"Gentlemen:

"Lot 4 and SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 13, in Township 29 S., Range 30 E., lies on an island in Lake Kissimmee, and was selected by the State as Swamp and Overflowed land. One, Stephen E. Wood, filed with the U. S. Land Office a non-swamp affidavit and was allowed to make Homestead Entry subject to the claim of the State. I

made an examination of this land and found that it was debatable as to whether or not it was really Swamp land, but inasmuch as I could not secure enough evidence to overcome that which would be submitted by the homesteader, I thought it best not to make the contest. I, therefore, recommend that the State waive any further claim to this land.

'As to Lots 7 and 8, Section 30, Township 6 S., Range 20 E., which was selected by the State, and one, Henry Williams, made non-swamp affidavit and was allowed a Homestead Entry subject to the State's claim, a hearing was ordered before the Register and Receiver in Gainesville on the 10th instant. I appeared with two witnesses for the State. The Homesteader did not appear, and I submitted the State's evidence, which I think will cause a patent to issue to the State for this land.

"On May 2 there was a re-hearing ordered in the case of Sam Givens, attempting to Homestead Lot 2, of Section 36, in Township 2 S., Range 20 E., the first hearing being held on January 9, at which time the Homesteader did not appear, but at the hearing on May 2 he did appear with two other witnesses. I also furnished two witnesses in rebuttal, in addition to evidence that I had filed in the January hearing, which I hope will be sufficient to secure the patent to this land.

In accordance with your instructions I made an examination of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22, in Township 8 S., Range 21 E., on April 30, 1918, I found the land and improvements practically as reported by Mr. J. W. Patton. It is one and one-fourth miles southwest of Waldo. It is what I would term second class fiat woods pine land, with about one-half of it too low for use without drainage, which would be difficult to accomplish, as there are no streams right near the land.

Mr. J. D. Hagen lives on the tract and has about 18 acres in cultivation. He has an unfinished frame house worth about \$150.00. He has put up about \$75.00 worth of wire fencing, and has cut some little ditches in an effort to drain the land. Mr. Hagen bought twenty-nine acres of this forty from one, J. B. Cone, in 1914, the consideration being \$200.00. The rest of the tract is claimed by other parties, who also bought of Mr.

Cone. They are not living there, nor are they making any improvements.

The records in the Clerk's office at Gainesville show that this land was assessed as "unknown" in 1893 and sold for taxes in July, 1894. In May, 1911, Mr. J. B. Cone bought of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County all outstanding certificates and subsequent Taxes and interest, amounting to \$80.76, and the Clerk issued to Mr. Cone a Tax Deed for same.

"Mr. Hagen is a very poor man, and said he was not able to buy this land from the State, and that Mr. Cone is now dead and left no estate from which he could recover the money he paid for the land, therefore, I did not make any disposition of the land, as I did not feel that it should be sold to other parties unless some arrangeemnt could be made to reimburse Mr. Hagen at least partially for his expenditure on same.

"Respectfully submitted,

"(Signed)

M. S. KNIGHT."

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 7, 1918.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bill were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., May, 1918.....	\$	175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, May, 1918 .....		83.33

J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, May, 1918 .....	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, May, 1918 .....	36.67
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	\$ 350.56

Mr. Hector Harris appeared before the Trustees and requested an extension of time of one year in which to make the payment of \$7,837.25 on his note due July 7, 1918, for lands embraced in Deed No. 16,559, for the reason that he had been unable to get anything for his crops this season. Under the circumstances, the Trustees agreed to give him the extension of time requested, with the understanding that he is to pay the interest due on said note under date of July 7, 1918, which Mr. Harris agreed to do.

Financial Statement and Disbursements for May, 1918, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record, as follows:

Financial Statement, May, 1918.

To Bal. on hand May 1, 1918 .....	\$ 79,834.52	
To Board Comrs. Ev. Dr. Dist. Bal. on Note of Dec. 29, 1916 .....	\$79,556.93	
Tolls, May, 1918.....	261.75	
Sale House-boat ....	90.00	
Sale B/Ps. ....	6.75	79,915.43
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To Refund from Tax Collector, Palm Beach County.....	27.05	
To Interest .....	37.22	
To Bal. on R. J. Bolles Mortgage.	2,352.71	
To County Comrs. Palm Beach County, Special Canal and Road Fund .....	7,490.40	
To Land Sales, May, 1918.....	58,338.42	
	<hr/>	\$227,995.75
By Disbursements, May, 1918....	132,825.83	
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To Bal. on hand June 1, 1918....		\$95,169.92

## RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$71,696.92	
To Cash on hand and cash items..	23,473.00	\$95,169.92

## Deposited in following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville...	\$13,403.68	
Barnett National, Jacksonville....	2,108.60	
Florida National, Jacksonville....	249.37	
Peoples, Jacksonville .....	8,387.37	
Fidelity Bk. & Tr. Co., Miami....	45,116.26	
Bank of Bay Biscayne, Miami....	338.99	
Lewis State, Tallahassee .....	2,092.65	\$71,696.92

## Disbursements, May, 1918.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
May 1,	4007—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Apr., 1918..\$	175.00
May 1,	4008—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Apr., 1918.....	83.33
May 1,	4009—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Apr., 1918.....	55.56
May 1,	4010—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Apr., 1918.....	36.67
May 1,	4011—Sou. Tel. and Con. Co., Rent of phone, May, 1918.....	3.00
May 1,	4012—Wrigley Engraving and Electrotype Co., Printing 1000 Maps, bill of Apr. 29, 1918...	16.07
May 3,	4013—Atlantic National Bank, Principal of Note for \$25,000.00 and Interest on same from Apr. 24, 1918, at 7% per annum..	25,048.62
May 3,	4014—Barnett National Bank, Principal of Note for \$10,000.00 and Interest on same from Apr. 22, 1918, at 7% per annum....	10,023.34

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
May 3,	4015—Chas H. Ruggles, Lumber and Stakes used during Jan., Feb. and Mar., 1918, in survey work under contract with Trustees, bill of Apr. 1, 1918.....	32.19
May 4,	4016—T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, 1917 Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees .....	34,715.20
May 4,	4017—W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County, 1917 Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees .....	30,083.00
May 11,	4018—First National Bank of Lake City, Account Columbia County, For Note issued by Trustees May 12, 1916, for \$5,712.23, with interest to May 1, 1918, at 6% per annum, Note issued under Chapter 6972, Acts of 1915	5,277.70
May 11,	4019—R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, Part payment 1917, Dr. Taxes on lands of the Trustees .....	20,000.00
May 11,	4020—R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, Part payment 1917, Dr. Taxes on lands of the Trustees .....	2,912.20
May 31,	4021—Pelican Lake Sub-Dr. Dist., Estimate No. 2, excavation, by Bryan and Snyder Co., Apr. 1918 .....	3,594.51
May 31,	4022—Chas. H. Ruggles, For survey work under contract with Trustees, Mar. and Apr., 1918	653.08
May 31,	4023—M. S. Knight, Expenses examining lands and conducting contests at Macclenny and Gainesville and examining lands in Lake Kissimmee and near Waldo, Apr. 28-May 10, 1918, bill of May 13, 1918.....	79.82



Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
May 31,	4024—H. & W. B. Drew Co., Office supplies, bill of May 4, 1918..	3.62
May 31,	4025—T. J. Appleyard, To printing 1000 Certificates as to Swamp and Overflowed land, bill of May 1, 1918 .....	10.00
May 31,	4026—Western Union Tel. Co., Services, Apr., 1918.....	12.92
May 31,	4027—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, bill of May 30, 1918.....	10.00

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Attest: Acting Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 10, 1918.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary stated that he had received application from the Consolidated Realty Company, of West Palm Beach, representing Messrs. J. B. McDonald, T. J. Campbell and George W. Lainhart, as Trustees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, requesting that deed be made to Marion E. Gruber for Section One, in Township Forty-four South of Range Thirty-nine East, on terms of one-half cash and one-fourth in one year and one-fourth in two years with 6% interest on deferred payments. The deed to cover 640 acres at \$25.00 per acre. Also deed to Harry H. Summa

for all Section Thirty-three, in Township Forty-three South of Range Thirty-nine East, and Lots Four and Five between Townships Forty-three and Forty-four South, Range Thirty-nine East. Terms cash. Deed to cover 911.92 acres at \$25.00 per acre.

As this land had not been advertised, it was ordered that the Secretary advise the Consolidated Realty Company that upon their request the land would be advertised for sale, as required by law, subject to competitive bids.

A telegram was read from Hon. Francis W. Perry, of Fort Myers, stating that they had sold the South Half ( $S \frac{1}{2}$ ) except 25.38 acres in Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter ( $NE \frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE \frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section One (1), in Township Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East, containing 294.32 acres, to B. L. Paine at \$100.00, 15% payable cash and balance in four equal payments every six months from date, with 7% interest on deferred payments; and had sold to Barnard Kilgore and wife the South Half of North Half ( $S \frac{1}{2}$  of  $N \frac{1}{2}$ ) except the Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter ( $SE \frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE \frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section One (1), in Township Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East, containing 120 acres, and requested the Trustees to make deeds to the parties named and forward same with notes and mortgage deeds to the Bank of Largo, at Largo, Florida, for delivery upon execution by the proper parties of the respective notes and mortgage deeds and the payment of the first installment of 15%. The Secretary was instructed to have the proper papers prepared and forward same to the Bank of Largo.

Request of Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald for the release of West Half of Section Seven (7) and all Section Thirteen (13), in Township Fity-four (54), Range Thirty-seven (37), nine hundred and sixty (960) acres, from a certain mortgage executed by them to the Trustees under date of March 29, 1917, was considered and it was ordered that such release be prepared and forwarded to the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Miami, Florida, for delivery to Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald upon the payment of \$4,800.00, the amount due for said lands under the terms of contract of March 29, 1917.

It was stated by the Special Counsel that there was

\$75.00 due Hon. Samuel Herrick, of Washington, D. C., whereupon the following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Amos and unanimously adopted by all present:

WHEREAS, Allen B. Henderson did, in the latter part of 1914 or early in the year 1915, bring suit before the Department of the Interior of the United States against the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida to recover certain Swamp and Overflowed lands, the said lands being more specifically described and referred to in Serials 012696 and 013288, Gainesville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, It was deemed advisable at that time to secure the services of an attorney in Washington, D. C., to represent the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in the said suit of Allen B. Henderson v. State of Florida, or Trustees, as above named; and

WHEREAS, Honorable T. F. West, the then Attorney General of the State of Florida and member of the said Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, was authorized by the said Board to make such terms with any good and reputable attorney in Washington, D. C., for the purposes as above stated, as he saw fit and advisable; and

WHEREAS, It appears from the correspondence and files in this said cause, which correspondence is verified by the statement of the said T. F. West, now a Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, that he, the said T. F. West, did enter into an agreement with Honorable Samuel Herrick, of Washington, D. C., to represent the State of Florida in the said litigation before the Department of the Interior, and he, the said Samuel Herrick, was to receive One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) as compensation for the said service, which compensation was to be paid Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) cash and the balance when said litigation was finally closed; and

WHEREAS, It appears that the said fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) was in due course paid to the said Samuel Herrick, but that the balance of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) thereof has never been paid, but is still due and outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida that the sum of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying the said Samuel Herrick the said sum of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00)

and that the Secretary of this Board is hereby authorized to draw a warrant for that purpose.

The report of M. S. Knight, as per Minutes of May 10, 1918, showing that J. D. Hagen was an innocent purchaser of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Twenty-two (22), in Township Eight (8) South of Range Twenty-one (21) East, and had built a home on said land and made other valuable improvements, which have cost several hundred dollars, and that Mr. Hagen is now without the means to purchase this land, was again considered and it was agreed that the Trustees would sell Mr. Hagen this land at \$5.00 per acre and allow him to pay for same when able to do so.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,  
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, June 15, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

It was ordered that M. S. Knight, Clerk in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, be detailed to examine all unsurveyed islands and other lands owned by the State in Township 31 Range 15 and Township 32 Range 16 and vicinity and make a full report on same to the Trustees, as several parties have made application to purchase these lands and the Trustees desire to have full information relative to these lands before fixing prices thereon.

After reading a letter from Judge Albert Buford relative to making an estimate of the amount and value of the timber on the State lands in Lake Ocheesee, the Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to write him to come before the Trustees at some early date, to be decided upon by the Trustees, of which date he is to be notified.

The following bill was presented, approved and ordered paid:

Western Union Tel. Co., services, May, 1918...\$ 5.13

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 29, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of April 17, 30, May 1, 4, 13, 30, June 7, 10 and 15, 1918, read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Atlantic National Bank For Note of Baker County, issued July 1, 1916, and Interest 2 yrs. at 6%.....	\$ 1,230.77
Peoples Bank, Interest on Notes of J. R. An- thony, Jr., amounting to \$12,800, semi-annual interest, at 6%.....	384.00
	\$1,614.77

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 1, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luningg, Treasurer,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., June, 1918.....	\$ 175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, June, 1918 .....	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, June, 1918 .....	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, June, 1918 .....	36.67
Citizens Bank, of Madison. Note issued County of Madison under provisions of Chapter 6972, Acts of 1915, on July 1, 1916, and two years interest at 6% per annum.....	4,672.13
Western Union Tel. Co., services, June, 1918..	3.37
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	\$ 5,026.06

Mr. A. Buford appeared before the Trustees and stated that he would survey the lands in Lake Ocheese, Jackson County, and make an estimate of the timber on said lands, he to be paid \$8.00 per diem for his services and allowed \$1.50 per diem each for four men for ten days for the survey, and for making estimate of the timber he to be paid \$8.00 per diem for his services and allowed \$2.00 per diem for one man for four days. Upon motion of Mr. Luning, seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted, the Trustees decided to employ Mr. Buford on the terms named to make the survey and estimate the timber on the said lands.

The Secretary read a letter from Messrs. Kay, Adams and Ragland, Attorneys, of Jacksonville, Florida, relative to claim made by Mr. Samuel Herrick, of Washington, D. C., for legal services performed for the Trustees, and the same was ordered referred to Judge Thomas F. West for information as to the services rendered the Trustees by Mr. Herrick.

Financial Statement and Disbursements for June, 1918, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record.

Financial Statement, June, 1918.

To. bal. on hand June 1, 1918. . . . .	\$95,169.92	
To Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dr.		
Dist., Tolls, June, 1918. \$191.26		
B/Ps . . . . .	.75	192.01
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To refund Dade County Dr. Taxes	318.40	..
To refund deposit by E. J. L'Engle		
Clerk U. S. Court. . . . .	5.00	
To Interest . . . . .	37.22	
To sale 1 Vol. Minutes. . . . .	.50	
To Land Sales. . . . .	5,232.50	
To Lands leased. . . . .	177.28	
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	\$101,132.83	
By Disbursements, June, 1918. . . . .	2,045.46	
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To bal on hand July 1, 1918. . . . .		\$99,087.37

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks. . . . .	\$75,614.37	
To Cash on hand. . . . .	23,473.00	\$99,087.37
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Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville. . . . .	\$12,097.91
Barnett National, Jacksonville. . . . .	2,108.60
Florida National, Jacksonville. . . . .	249.37
Peoples, Jacksonville . . . . .	8,387.37

Lewis State, Tallahassee.....	2,515.87	
Fidelity Bk. & Tr. Co., Miami.....	49,916.26	
Bank of Bay Biscayne, Miami....	338.99	\$75,614.37

## Disbursements, June, 1918.

Date	Voucher		
1918.	No.		
June 1,	4028—	C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., May, 1918.	\$ 175.00
June 1,	4029—	Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, May, 1918.....	83.33
June 1,	4030—	J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, May, 1918.....	55.56
June 1,	4031—	Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, May, 1918.....	36.67
June 10,	4032—	Sampel Herrick, Services in re. Seriels 012696 and 013288 in suit of Allen B. Henderson v. Trustees, (See Resolution in Minutes of June 10, 1918)...	75.00
June 21,	4033—	Western Union Tel. Co., Services, May, 1918.....	5.13
June 29,	4034—	Atlantic National Bank, For Note issued Baker County under the provisions of Chapter 6972, Acts of 1915, on July 1, 1916 .....\$1,098.90 Int. 2 yrs. at 6%... 131.87	1,230.77
June 29,	4035—	Peoples Bank, Semi-annual Interest on Notes Nos. 1 to 5, for \$2,560.00 each, at 6%, issued J. R. Anthony, Jr., Dec. 30, 1916.....	384.00

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.  
Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 10, 1918.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met



on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol building at Tallahassee.

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

A letter from Mr. W. B. Alexander was read in which he stated that Mr. J. D. Hagen was unable to pay \$5.00 per acre for the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section Twenty-two (22) in Township Eight (8) South of Range Twenty-one (21) East, but if the Trustees would accept \$150.00 for the above described land he would be glad to advance the money to Mr. Hagen that he might secure deed for the same. After discussion, it was decided that under the circumstances of this case, the Trustees would rescind their action of June 10, 1918, and upon payment of \$150.00 deed to the above described land will be issued to Mr. J. D. Hagen.

The Secretary read a Resolution adopted by the Supervisors of Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District under date of June 7, 1918, and the same was ordered spread upon the Minutes of the Trustees, as follows:

WHEREAS, Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, in Palm Beach County, Florida, was recently and duly incorporated under the Laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, The system of canals and drains already surveyed and approved and being now under construction in the said Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District are necessary and supplementary to the scheme as outlined for draining the Everglades Drainage District of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District at this time has no funds in its treasury to pay for the system of canals and drains now being excavated therein, but is making ample provision for such payment by the assessment of taxes and the issuance of bonds of the said District; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the Southern States Land and Timber Company, a Louisiana corporation, are

very largely and vitally interested in the early completion of the system of canals and drains for the said Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District and to that end have heretofore made certain advances and have agreed to make certain other advances for the completion thereof, all of which advances are to be secured and redeemed by the bonds and taxes of the said Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District as soon as the same becomes available; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the said Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, that for the purposes as above indicated they accept such advances heretofore made and such future advances as the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Southern States Land and Timber Company are willing to make to them for the purposes as above specified, and that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida be and they are hereby authorized to pay from such advances to the Bryan and Snyder Company the April estimate for excavation, the said estimate amounting to \$3,594.51; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That as soon as the bonds of Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District are ready for delivery that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund shall be reimbursed for the said April estimate for excavation in the said District in an amount of such bonds equal to the said April estimate for excavation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all advances heretofore made and any future advances made on the part of the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund or the Southern States Land and Timber Company to the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District for the purposes as herein outlined shall be secured and redeemed in the same manner as the advances for the April estimate as above stated.

The following agreement between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and Messrs. T. J. Campbell, George W. Lainhart and J. B. McDonald, as Trustees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, executed under date of June 25, A. D. 1918, was ordered placed of record in the Minutes:

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida did, on March 23, A. D. 1912, enter into an agreement with certain citizens

of Palm Beach County, Florida, representing the Roads and Improvement Society of the said Palm Beach County, the said Roads and Improvement Society being a corporation not for profit organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, and composed of citizens of the said Palm Beach County, whereby the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund were to excavate a certain canal, more particularly referred to in the Minutes of the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of March 23, 1912, upon the consideration that the said Roads and Improvement Society would pay to the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund certain sums of money and other evidences of indebtedness in the total amount of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), of which total amount Twenty-four Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-six Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$24,336.30) is still outstanding and unpaid; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund did, on the 15th day of March, A. D. 1916, at a regular meeting held by them on that date, set aside and agree to donate for the purpose of assisting in the excavation of a certain canal in the Everglades of Florida, which canal is more particularly described in the Minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under date of March 15, A. D. 1916, as above, the following described lands in Palm Beach County, Florida:

Section Seven (7) of Township Forty-four (44) South of Range Forty (40) East;

Sections One (1), Three (3), Nine (9) and Eleven (11) of Township Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East;

Section Thirty-five (35) of Township Forty-three (43) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East; and

The Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Thirty-three (33) of Township Forty-three (43) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East; in all aggregating the sum of four thousand (4,000) acres; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund did, on October 27, 1917, agree to sell certain lands in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to aid in drainage works in Palm Beach County, the said drainage works being the construction of the canal as referred to in the Minutes of March 15, 1916, as above; and

WHEREAS, Messrs. T. J. Campbell and E. N. Moses, of West Palm Beach, Florida, representing the Roads and Improvement Society and Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, appeared before the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on January 25, 1918, and represented that the said Roads and Improvement Society and Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County deemed it very important that a public hard-surfaced road be constructed from the City of West Palm Beach, in Palm Beach County, to Lake Okeechobee, in said County; that in order to construct the said hard-surfaced road it would be necessary that certain canals, necessary accessories to the drainage scheme, be constructed in order that material might be secured as a base for the construction of the said hard-surfaced road; and that Messrs. T. J. Campbell, George W. Lainhart and J. B. McDonald had been appointed as Trustees by the said Board of County Commissioners to receive any donations of land or other funds and to contract with and to co-operate with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to the end that such canals might be constructed; and

WHEREAS, On the 21st day of February, 1918, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County and Miami Bank and Trust Company, a Florida corporation, as Receiver for Johnson and Company, a Florida corporation and dredging contractor, made and entered into an agreement under the terms of which the said dredging contractor agreed to construct the second section of the Okeechobee Road Extension, which includes said canal hereinbefore referred to, from a point on the Palm Beach Canal near Station 1000 to a point near the bend in the Hillsboro Canal near Station 1715, according to the plans and specifications prepared by the Engineer of said Board, payments for said work to be made by the Board monthly, upon estimates made by said Engineer, such payments to be eighty per cent. (80%) of the amount shown to be due by the said Board to the Dredging Contractor upon said estimates and twenty per cent. (20%) to be retained by said Board until the said work is fully and finally completed in accordance with said contract and accepted by the Board or its Engineer, said contract to be fully completed not

later than January 21, 1919, and said Board has begun the construction of said canal under said contract; and

WHEREAS, A bond issue of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) has been authorized by the duly qualified electors of Special Road and Bridge District Number Six to construct said Okeechobee Road Extension, which bonds have sold for One Hundred and Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000.00), and there are now sufficient monies from the proceeds of said sale of bonds in said Special Road and Bridge District Number Six funds to pay for the construction of said canal; and

WHEREAS, In order that such necessary drainage canals as would facilitate the construction of the said hard-surfaced road along the said canal in said Special Road and Bridge District Number Six might be immediately excavated, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund did, on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1918, rescind their action under date of March 15, 1916, and October 27, 1917, relating to the donation and sale of lands to aid in such drainage works as are in the said Minutes described for the purpose of entering into the following agreement:

THIS AGREEMENT, Made and entered into this Twenty-fifth day of June, A. D. 1918, by and between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a public corporation organized and existing under the Laws of Florida, parties of the first part, hereinafter designated and called the "Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund," and T. J. Campbell, George W. Lainhart and J. B. McDonald, Trustees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, parties of the second part, hereinafter designed and called the "Trustees," WITNESSETH,

That in consideration of the premises and of the conditions and payments hereinafter named, together with the payment of One Dollar (\$1.00) to each in hand, which is hereby acknowledged, agree as follows:

1.

The Trustees shall co-operate with and assist the said Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, which, at its own cost, shall furnish the neces-

sary plant, machinery, tools, implements, boats, barges and accessories which may be necessary and needful in and about the construction of the canal herein proposed and referred to in the Minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of March 15, 1916, to-wit, a canal approximately forty (40) feet wide, twelve (12) feet deep, and twelve (12) miles long, between West Palm Beach Canal and Hillsboro Canal, and that the said Trustees shall see to it that said canal shall be constructed and delivered in complete conformity with the plans and specifications relating thereto, said plans and specifications to be approved by the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District; and said canal shall be constructed in strict accordance with the said specifications relating thereto, observing the width, depth, grade of bottom, side slopes, classification of material, placing of excavated material, clearing the right-of-way, inlets for surface drains, method of doing the work, and removal of debris and discarded material, and all other provisions, requirements and directions contained in said specifications, and that said canal constructed in accordance with said specifications, shall be offered to the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for acceptance within a reasonable time from the date hereof.

## 2.

It is also agreed that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund shall furnish, free of charge, to the Trustees herein a right-of-way for the construction of the said canal and hard-surfaced roads over any lands owned by them through which the same may pass.

## 3.

It is further agreed that the location of this canal shall be designated by the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District; that the plans and specifications herein referred to shall be approved by the said Chief Drainage Engineer; that the said canal and construction thereof shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the said Chief Drainage Engineer; and that the said canal shall be turned

over to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund within the time herein specified, subject to the approval of the said Chief Drainage Engineer.

## 4.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund shall assign, transfer, and turn over to the Trustees all right, title and equity in and to all notes, mortgages or other evidences of indebtedness now held by said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund against the Roads and Improvement Society of Palm Beach County, Florida, relating to the amount of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) which the said Road and Improvement Society agreed to pay the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, which agreement is more particularly referred to in the Minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of March 23, 1912.

## 5.

In further consideration of the construction of the said canal as herein outlined the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund agree to deed to the said Trustees in fee simple, with full power to lease, mortgage, encumber, transfer, sell or convey, in any manner they deem advisable and to the best interest of all parties concerned, the following described lands:

Sections Thirty-three (33) and Thirty-five (35) in Township Forty-three (43) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East;

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Five (5) embraced in the hiatus lying between Townships Forty-three (43) and Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East, (the said Lots containing six hundred and thirty and seventy-six hundredths (630.76) acres, more or less.;

Sections One (1), Three (3), Nine (9) and Eleven (11) in Township Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East; and

Section Seven (7) in Township Forty-four (44) South of Range (40) East;

Containing in all according to surveys heretofore made by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida five thousand one hundred and ten and

seventy-six hundredths (5,110.76) acres, more or less, but that until the completion of the said canal by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County to the satisfaction of and acceptance by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and the approval thereof by the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board of Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District, the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund shall deed such lands directly to the purchasers thereof, and the monies obtained from said sales of said lands shall be deposited by the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund with any bank or trust company on such terms as they see fit to impose, preference being given to the banks at West Palm Beach, Florida, provided they meet the conditions imposed by the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will pay to the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County at the rate of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per mile for each mile and fraction of a mile completed by the said Board of County Commissioners and accepted by the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund during each month, said payment to be made on the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following that in which the work was done, and upon the certificate of the Chief Drainage Engineer that said portion has been completed in accordance with the dimensions and conditions herein agreed upon, to-wit: The bottom width of the canal shall be not less than twenty-five (25) feet, the top width shall be not less than thirty (30) feet, the depth of cut shall be not less than nine (9) feet, the sides of the canal shall be in satisfactory condition, the spoil shall be deposited in such manner that the same will not be in danger of passing back into the canal, and the canal generally shall be in such condition as will in the opinion of the Chief Drainage Engineer properly serve the purpose of drainage within the dimensions named.

And that for each mile or fraction thereof which shall have been excavated to a depth of not less than six (6) feet by a bottom width of not less than twenty-five (25) feet and top width of not less than thirty (30) feet, with the canal in satisfactory condition, as provided in the first part of this clause, the Trustees will pay at



the rate of Two Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per mile in the manner aforesaid, except that in making payment or payments at the rate of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per mile for completed work, such payments shall be limited to that completed work which shall have been connected with either the West Palm Beach Canal or Hillsboro Canal by a fully completing cut with no uncompleted portions intervening between such completed sections and the end of the said canal.

A dam placed across the canal for regulating the water levels to facilitate dredging will not be held to separate completed portions of the canal under the foregoing.

## 7.

That the Trustees shall request the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County to set side stakes, lines, levels, gauges, etc., as will enable the Chief Drainage Engineer or his representative to inspect and pass upon the said canal.

## 8.

It is further understood and agreed by all the parties hereto that all receipts from the sales of the lands as above described, after payment of the necessary and actual expense of sales thereof, together with the payment of the balance of Twenty-four Thousand and Three Hundred and Thirty-six Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$24,336.30), due by the Roads and Improvement Society to the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, therefrom, shall be used and expended on the canal as above described; that upon the final completion and acceptance of the said canal in accordance with the provisions hereof, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will, upon certificate of the said Chief Drainage Engineer as to said satisfactory completion and condition of the said canal, pay to the said Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County the remaining sum, if any, not theretofore paid derived from the sale of the lands as aforesaid, provided that the expense of sale and the said sum of Twenty-four Thousand and Three Hundred and Thirty-six Dollars and Thirty Cents

(§24,336.30), as above mentioned, have been discharged and paid.

## 9.

This AGREEMENT Shall be binding upon the successors or assigns of either or both parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties hereto have caused these presents to be duly executed in duplicate this twenty-fifth day of June, A. D. 1918.

(Signed) SIDNEY J. CATTS, (Seal)

Governor.

ERNEST AMOS, (Seal)

Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING, (Seal)

State Treasurer.

VAN C. SWEARINGEN, (Seal)

Attorney General.

W. A. McRAE, (Seal)

Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of the following witnesses for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

(Signed) J. STUART LEWIS,

MARY HERRING. (Seal)

GEO. W. LAINHART, (Seal)

Trustee.

J. B. McDONALD, (Seal)

Trustee.

T. J. CAMPBELL, (Seal)

Trustee.

And of the following witnesses for the Trustees:

E. N. MOSES,

T. L. KENNEDY.

The following Contract for the survey of lands owned by the Trustees in the Southern Drainage District was made and entered into with the said District as of this date:



ternal Improvement Fund Dec. 23, 1912," and with such special and additional instructions as he may receive from the Chief Drainage Engineer, all to be taken and deemed a part of this contract; that he will truly and faithfully survey, mark and establish the boundaries and execute standard plats of the townships and sections hereinafter enumerated.

2. The Trustees agree that they will reimburse the District for the surveys described in the list attached hereto at the rate of Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars per mile for all township lines, section lines and meander lines actually run and marked in the field, random and offset lines not included.

3. The District agrees that it will cause to be surveyed the aforesaid townships and sections and mark the boundaries of the same in accordance with the instructions herein referred to, and will cause to be set a standard monument consisting of  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch Galvanized Iron Pipe not less than 6 feet in length, having a properly inscribed marker firmly attached to the top to indicate the section and township to which it refers.

The marker on the top of the pipe shall consist of a Galvanized Iron Coupling  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch, having the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch end filled to a depth of not less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch with babbit neatly poured and finished on the outside and divided into four quadrants marked thereon to indicate the section and township to which it refers. The marker shall, when the depth to which it must be driven requires, have a cypress extension fitted into the pipe and driven with it to firmly support the said pipe. The monument shall be set so that the marker shall be 30 inches above ground.

In addition, wooden stakes shall be set to mark each length of forty (40) chains or the quarter-section corner on the section line between section corners, and also at the intersection of each course of a meander line when so run. The half mile stake shall be 1 inch x 3 inches 6 feet approximate dimensions, pine or cypress, marked with one notch on each edge or bored not less than three-fourths inch long or in diameter by one-fourth inch deep.

The material of which the monuments and markers are to be constructed will be furnished by the Trus-

tees. The same must be properly marked, assembled and placed by the Surveyor of the District.

4. The allowable error of closure on section line shall not exceed thirty-five (35) links east and west or north and south. On township lines the allowable error shall not exceed  $1\frac{1}{2}$  chains to 6 miles north and south for each mile of line. For fractional sections and townships the allowable error will be in proportion to the length of line at the above named rates. The allowable error of closure on meander lines shall not exceed one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) link for each chain of line, provided the total error of a meander line in a section shall not exceed seventy (70) links.

5. The said surveys shall be made with a transit fitted with the necessary attachments and accessories for determining the direction with reference to the true meridian independently of the magnetic needle. The measurement of distance shall be made with a steel tape not less than two (2) chains nor more than five (5) chains in length and all distances shall be reported in chains and links.

6. There shall be reported in the field notes the nature of land, the topography on or adjacent to the line, the growth encountered, improvements, buildings or clearings, etc., the depth of soil for a distance of ten (10) feet below ground, or rock if less than ten (10) feet, at each quarter mile point or section corner, and a description of the character of soil encountered.

7. The District shall cause to be prepared standard plats of the townships and sections surveyed. Said plats shall have the following caption:

1st Line PLAT OF

2nd Line TOWNSHIP....South, RANGE....East

3rd Line State of Florida

4th Line Surveyed in (*month*), (*year*)

5th Line (and continuing) Surveyed in accordance with instructions from F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida,

By.....Surveyor.

The plat shall also contain a tabulation of the sections surveyed with the area in acres set opposite each section. On the plat each section boundary shall have the length indicated thereon in chains, and each line shall

have its bearing noted. Said plat shall be executed with India ink, on a scale of 40 chains equal 1 inch, on standard cloth-back white drawing paper, having dimensions fifteen and one-half ( $15\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches north and south by twenty-two (22) inches east and west. The north boundary of the township shall be one (1) inch from the top of the sheet and the west boundary of the township shall be one and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches from the left-hand edge of the sheet. Said plat shall be further prepared in accordance with

Paragraph 215, Page 72, of the "Manual of Surveying Instructions for the Survey of Public Lands of the United States and private Land Claims." known and referred to as the Manual of 1902.

The said plat shall be accompanied by true and original field notes neatly and accurately prepared on field note sheets, which shall be furnished by the Trustees.

The field note sheets shall be filled out in the manner similar to sample sheet hereto attached. Distances shall be reported in chains in the column marked therefor. The top of the page shall be marked with the township and range referring to the notes below.

At the end of the field notes referring to each township there shall be drawn on a scale of one (1) inch equals eighty (80) chains, a skeleton sketch of the township on which is to be indicated the length in chains and bearing of each section line. No topography or detail is to be shown on the sketch. In the beginning of each volume of field notes there shall be an index referring to the subject matter of the volume. This index shall be prepared in the form of a sketch of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) inch equals eighty (80) chains and the township subdivision into sections indicated by dotted lines. On the section line a number shall be written corresponding to the page on which the field notes of that line are to be found. The townships and sections shall be numbered on the sketch.

8. The Trustees covenant and agree to reimburse the said Southern Drainage District for surveys made in accordance with the provisions and conditions of this contract at the rate hereinbefore mentioned by or before the first day of December, A. D. 1918, for the work performed by the said District in the survey, marking and

platting of the lands in said District owned and belonging to the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund at the date of this contract.

9. The surveys herein provided for shall be promptly begun by the District under contract with a surveyor properly qualified for the said work, and said contract, and said surveyor shall meet the approval of the Trustees, it being understood that the contract between the District and the Surveyor shall embody substantially the conditions and provisions relating to the work herein provided. The said surveys shall be actively and energetically carried out and it is distinctly understood that in all respects the said surveys shall be made under the direction and supervision of the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Trustees.

10. The work herein provided for shall not be sublet or subcontracted either by the District or by the Surveyor to whom the contract is awarded by the District, without having first obtained permission expressed in writing from the Trustees so to do, and that in case of such subletting said sub-contract shall in no way affect the principal contract existing between the said parties hereto.

11. In the event of additional work not included in the description herein contained, or in event of a deduction of work from that herein described, the Trustees shall have the right to make such additions or deductions without affecting other conditions or rates of payment hereinunder stipulated.

12. Any differences which may arise under the specifications or requirements as to the performance of this contract between the Trustees and the District, that they may not be able to adjust, shall be submitted to a Board of Arbitration, which shall be binding to both parties.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF The parties of this contract have hereunto set their hand and seal this 10th day of July, A. D. 1918, and to another instrument of like tenor and date.

(Signed) J. F. JAUDON, (Seal)  
Supervisor.

L. T. HIGHLEYMAN, (Seal)  
Supervisor.

J. P. CONRAD, (Seal)  
Supervisor.

Composing the Board of Supervisors of the Southern  
Drainage District.

Executed in the presence of the following witnesses as  
to the Southern Drainage District, Party of the Second  
Part.

(Signed) EDWARD WILSON,  
GEO. T. MORGAN. (Seal)  
(Signed) SIDNEY J. CATTS, (Seal)  
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS, (Seal)  
Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING, (Seal)  
Treasurer.

VAN C. SWEARINGEN, (Seal)  
Attorney General.

W. A. McRAE, (Seal)  
Commissioner of Agriculture.

Composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement  
Fund of the State of Florida.

Executed in the presence of the following witnesses as  
to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of  
the State of Florida, Party of the First Part.

(Signed) C. D. ROBINSON,  
J. STUART LEWIS. (Seal)

LIST OF LANDS TO BE SURVEYED UNDER CON-  
TRACT BETWEEN TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL  
IMPROVEMENT FUND AND  
SOUTHERN DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

TOWNSHIP 54 S., RANGE 38 E.

Section 5.....	N	S	E	W	Boundary
Section 6.....	N	S		W	"
Section 7.....		S	E	W	"
Section 8.....		S	E		"
Section 17.....		S	E	W	"
Section 18.....		S		W	"
Section 19.....		S	E	W	"
Section 20.....		S	E		"



Section 29.....	S	E	W	"
Section 30.....	S		W	"
Section 31.....	S	E	W	"
Section 32.....	S	E		"
Section 34.....	N	S	E	W

## TOWNSHIP 54 S., RANGE 37 E.

Section 1.....	N	S		W	Boundary
Section 4.....	N	S	E	W	"
Section 5.....	N	S		W	"
Section 6.....	N	S		W	"
Section 7.....		S	E	W	"
Section 8.....		S	E		"
Section 9.....		S	E		"
Section 12.....		S		W	"
Section 13.....		S		W	"
Section 17.....		S	E	W	"
Section 18.....		S		W	"
Section 19.....		S	E	W	"
Section 20.....		S	E		"
Section 24.....		S		W	"
Section 25.....		S		W	"
Section 29.....		S	E	W	"
Section 30.....		S		W	"
Section 31.....		S	E	W	"
Section 32.....		S	E		"
Section 36.....		S		W	"

Report of Mr. M. S. Knight, who was detailed by the Trustees June 15, 1918, to make an examination of certain islands in Township 31 S., Range 15 E., was ordered filed.

The following bill was presented, approved and ordered paid:

M. S. Knight, Expenses examining certain islands  
in Sec. 15, T. 31 S., R. 15 E.....\$47.31  
Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 19, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Hon. Francis W. Perry, of Fort Myers, appeared before the Trustees and stated that the contracts made by them on June 13, 1918, for the sale of the South Half of North Half ( $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $N\frac{1}{2}$ ), except Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter ( $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section One (1) in Township Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East, 120 acres, to Barnard Kilgore and wife, and for the South Half ( $S\frac{1}{2}$ ) except twenty-five and thirty-eight hundredths (25.38) acres in Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter ( $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section One (1) in Township Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East, 294.32 acres to B. L. Paine, recited that the first payment was 15% cash, whereas the same should be 10% cash, and requested the Trustees to change said contracts to read 10% cash, the remainder of the purchase price in each instance to be in four equal payments, payable 6, 12, 18 and 24 months with 7% interest on deferred payments. Mr. Perry's request was granted and the Secretary instructed to have the said contracts changed in accordance with his directions. Mr. Perry further stated that he would like to examine said contracts now deposited with the Bank of Largo, at Largo, Florida, and the Secretary was instructed to write the Bank of Largo, advising them to allow Mr. Perry to examine the said contracts, and after said examination to return said contracts to the Trustees.

Mr. Perry stated that he had secured purchasers for Section Nine (9) Township Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-six (36) East, and asked that the Trustees issue deeds or contracts for same as purchasers

made their first payment, and not wait for the purchasers of all the tracts in the Section to make first payment before issuing deeds or contracts, as it would be three or four weeks before some of the purchasers could make first payment. Mr. Amos moved that deeds or contracts be issued purchasers of lands in Section Nine (9) Township Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-six (36) East, as sales were made by Mr. Perry, which motion was seconded by Mr. Luning and adopted.

Mr. Perry stated that the lands set aside by the Trustees March 30, 1918, to aid in canal and road construction in Lee County, to-wit, Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5) and Six (6) in Township Forty-four (44) South between Ranges Thirty-six (36) and Thirty-seven (37), were not accessible and asked that Section Three (3), except Lots One (1) and Two (2), in Township Forty-four (44) South, Range Thirty-five (35) East, be substituted in lieu thereof. Upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded and adopted, the exchange was made and Mr. Perry authorized to sell such part of said Section Three (3) in Township Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East, with the exception of Lots One (1) and Two (2), in multiples of twenty (20) acres at \$100.00 per acre, to an amount sufficient to make up approximately \$11,000.00, or such excess over said amount as will be required by the conditions of sale in multiples of twenty (20) acres.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 22, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,

J. C. Luning, Treasurer,

Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,

W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Deeds Nos. 16528-A and 16529-A were issued in accordance with the following Resolution of June 27, 1918, as said payments therein specified were made as required:

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida did, on the 30th day of August, A. D. 1916, execute Contract No. 16528, embracing the North Half of Section Three (N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 3), in Township Forty-five (45) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East in favor of the Realty Securities Corporation, the same being a corporation duly authorized under the Laws of the State of Florida, and H. H. Hart, a citizen of Miami, Dade County, Florida; and the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida did, on the 31st day of August, A. D. 1916, execute Contract No. 16529, embracing the South Half of Section Three (S  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 3), in Township Forty-five (45) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East, in favor of the said H. H. Hart and Realty Securities Corporation; and

WHEREAS, The Said Realty Securities Corporation and H. H. Hart have paid Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) on the said Contract No. 16528 and there is a balance of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) still due thereon, and the said Realty Securities Corporation and H. H. Hart have paid Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) on the said Contract No. 16529 and there is a balance still due of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) thereon; and

WHEREAS, The unpaid amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) on Contract No. 16528 and the unpaid amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) on Contract No. 16529, as above, is past due and unpaid, and the said Realty Securities Corporation and H. H. Hart have requested the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that they now be permitted to pay Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) on the said Contract as above, together with all interest on the same to date, and that on such payment the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund make to them, the said Realty Securities Corporation and H. H. Hart, a deed for the East Half of the said Section Three (E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Said Sec. 3), in Township Forty-five (45) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East, the said deed so described covering one-half of the lands embraced in each of the said Contracts 16528 and 16529, as above; and it was further requested that the said

Realty Securities Corporation and H. H. Hart be given reasonable additional time to take up the balance of the deferred payments on the Contracts as above specified; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, that the said Realty Securities Corporation and H. H. Hart be advised at once that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are willing to accept their cash payment of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) together with all outstanding interest now due and that they will credit the said cash payment of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) and interest due on Contract No. 16529, as above, and that on the payment of the said Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) and said interest due and the surrender of the Contracts as above referred to that they may credit the same on the said Contract No. 16529 and make the proper entries on each of said Contracts, they are willing to forthwith deed to the said Realty Securities Corporation and H. H. Hart the said East Half of the said Section Three (E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 3), in Township Forty-five (45) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East, and will further give a reasonable extension of time to the said Realty Securities Corporation and H. H. Hart to pay the balance due on the said Contracts, the same being Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) on each of them with interest as specified.

Upon motion, duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, July 30, 1918.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General.

The Trustees met to consider bids for the following described lands located in Palm Beach County, Florida, the same having been duly advertised for sale as required by law in a paper published in the said County, to-wit, the Palm Beach Post:

Sections.	Township. Range.	
33,	43 S.	39 E.
1, 3, 9, 11,	44	39
7,	44	40
Lots		
4, 5,	43	39
	—	
	44	

containing 4,111.92 acres, more or less.

The Secretary was instructed to open the bids received and the bid submitted by George W. Lainhart and J. B. McDonald, as Trustees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, of \$15.00 per acre, being the highest and best bid presented, upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded and adopted, the said bid was accepted.

In compliance with request made by Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald, it was ordered that a release be made to them covering the following described lands:

E  $\frac{1}{2}$  Section 29, Township 54 S., Range 38 E., and forwarded to the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Miami, Florida, with draft attached for \$1,600.00, upon payment of which draft said release to be delivered to Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald, in accordance with their agreement, as per Minutes of March 23, 1917, with the Trustees, for the purchase of 20,000 acres of land.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Attest:

Acting Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 1, 1918.

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

## Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., July, 1918.....	\$ 175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, July, 1918 .....	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, July, 1918 .....	55.56
F. C. Elliot, Expenses trip to attend Cross-State Canal meeting at St. Mary's Ga., June 10-12, 1918.....	\$19.03
Trip to Jax. in re. Broward Dr. Dist., July 6, 1918.....	18.16
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Bills of June 30 and July 30, 1918..	37.19
Palms Publishing Company, Ad lands for sale, bill of July 26, 1918.....	7.50
T. J. Appleyard, To printing receipts, bill of July 1, 1918.....	3.50
Chas. H. Ruggles, To retainage account Survey Contract, due and payable Aug. 1, 1918.....	362.51
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, July, 1918 .....	36.67
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	\$ 761.26

Letter was presented by Mr. Tom M. Bryan from the W. J. Connors Farms, requesting the exchange of Section Twenty-four (24), owned by W. J. Connors, for Section Twenty-five (25), which Mr. Connors supposed belonged to the State, both Sections lying in Township Forty-two (42) South of Range Thirty-seven (37) East. It was shown, however, that Section Twenty-five (25) in said Township and Range was not owned by the State, whereupon Mr. Bryan made the proposition to exchange Sections Twenty-four (24) and Thirty-four (34), owned by Mr. Connors, for Sections Twenty-three (23) and

Thirty-five (35), respectively, owned by the State, all of said Sections lying in Township Forty-two (42) South of Range Thirty-seven (37) East, the said exchange being desired by Mr. Connors for the purpose of enabling him to block up his holdings in order that he might carry on his improvements to better advantage and without conflict with lands owned by other parties.

Upon due consideration the Trustees were of the opinion that the proposed exchange would be advantageous from the standpoint of the State's best interest, and upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded and unanimously adopted by those present, the exchange was ordered made, conditioned upon Mr. Connors furnishing the Trustees with an abstract of title and that the lands be clear in title and free from all encumbrances.

The Secretary presented a letter from Mr. George B. Hills, Engineer Manager for Isham Randolph and Company, stating that the cost of the survey of lands of the Trustees in the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District amounted to \$8,619.54, and asking that the Trustees pay this amount at their convenience direct to Isham Randolph and Company, the Trustees having entered into a contract with the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District for the survey of these lands, and Isham Randolph and Company having done the work for the District. Mr. Hills enclosed copy of Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District under date of July 8, 1918, and certified to by the Secretary of said District, authorizing the President and Secretary of said District to issue an order on the Trustees in favor of Isham Randolph and Company in the sum of \$8,619.54, to-wit:

"RESOLVED, That the President and Secretary of this Board be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Isham Randolph and Company, Chief Engineers of the District, an order upon the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida for the money due by the said Trustees to the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District amounting to the sum of \$8,619.54, on account of surveys of lands in the District made pursuant to a contract providing for such surveys, made and entered into between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District."



And the following Order having been issued by the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District in conformity with the said Resolution, to-wit:

"To the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida:

"You will please pay to the order of Isham Randolph & Co., chief engineers of the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, the sum of \$8,619.54, the same being the amount due to the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District for surveys made of lands within the District pursuant to the contract for such surveys heretofore made and entered into between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District.

"A copy of the Resolution authorizing this Order is attached hereto.

"Dated at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 8th day of July, A. D. 1918.

"NAPOLEON B. BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

"By (Signed) W. C. KYLE,  
President.

(Seal) Attest: JAMES S. RICKARDS,  
"Secretary."

It was agreed by the Trustees to accept such Order subject to the approval of the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Everglades Drainage District as to the correctness of the amount named therein, and the Secretary was instructed to draw check for \$4,300.00 in favor of Isham Randolph & Co. in part payment thereof and upon approval of the Chief Drainage Engineer of the surveys so made the Secretary was instructed to draw check in favor of Isham Randolph & Co. in payment for any balance found to be due on said surveys.

Financial Statement, July, 1918.

To Bal. on hand July	
1, 1918 .....	\$99,087.37
To Bd. Commrs. Ev.	
Dr. Dist., Tolls,	
July, 1918 .....	108.94
To Interest .....	501.31

To Redemption Dr. Tax Certfs. (1916 Tax) .....	142.95	
To Land Sales, July, 1918 .....	6,727.75	
To Land Leases, July, 1918 .....	430.80	\$106,999.12
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By Disbursements, July, 1918 .....	5,073.37	
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To Balance on hand August 1, 1918...		\$101,925.75

## RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$100,925.75	
To Cash on hand.....	1,000.00	\$101,925.75

## Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$ 7,470.37	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	2,121.69	
Florida National, Jacksonville..	259.78	
Peoples, Jacksonville .....	8,387.37	
Fidelity Bank & Trust Co., Miami .....	50,187.05	
Bank of Bay Biscayne, Miami...	338.99	
First National, West Palm Beach	22,473.00	
Lewis State, Tallahassee.....	9,687.50	\$100,925.75

## Disbursements, July, 1918.

Date.	Voucher.		Amount.
1918	No.		
July 1,	4036—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., June, 1918 .....	\$	175.00
July 1,	4037—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, June, 1918....		83.33
July 1,	4038—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, June, 1918.....		55.56
July 1,	4039—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, June, 1918.....		36.67



for said shell, this being the price heretofore agreed upon by the Trustees for the sale of such shell to municipalities, counties, etc., for use in road and street building, and the Secretary was instructed to so advise the proper authorities of the Town of Seabreeze.

A telegram from Mr. J. B. McDonald, one of the Trustees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, who had purchased certain lands from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under date of July 30, 1918, the proceeds of sale of which are to be applied to canal and road work in Palm Beach County, requesting the Trustees to make deed for Section One (1), in Township Forty-four (44) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) East, containing 640 acres, to Marion E. Gruber, and that deed for Section Thirty-three (33), in Township Forty-three (43), Range Thirty-nine (39) and Lots Four (4) and Five (5) between Townships Forty-three (43) and Forty-four (44), Range Thirty-nine (39), containing 911.92 acres, be issued to Henry H. Summa, the deed issued Gruber to be on terms of one-half cash, one-fourth in one year and one-fourth in two years with six (6) per cent. interest on deferred payments, the Summa sale all cash, was read, and upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded and adopted, it was ordered that said deeds and the necessary mortgage in the case of Marion E. Gruber be issued.

The Secretary presented a statement showing that the following amounts had been collected for Drainage Tax Certificates sold at the Tax Sales in 1917 of lands sold for the 1916 Drainage Tax:

Broward County .....	\$ 276.46
Dade County .....	88.28
DeSoto County .....	3.31
Lee County .....	70.49
Palm Beach County.....	4,385.77
St. Lucie County .....	48.09
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	\$4,872.40

which amounts had been deposited to the credit of the Drainage Tax Fund; and, whereas, under Chapter 7305, of the Acts of 1917, Laws of Florida, said amounts should have been deposited to the credit of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, it was ordered, upon motion

of Mr. Amos, duly seconded and adopted, that the amount of \$4,872.40 be credited on the account of the Trustees with the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

The Trustees granted Mr. C. L. Wilder, of Pahokee, Florida, an extension of six months on his note for \$6,529.75, due July 22, 1918, upon condition that he pay interest at the rate of six (6) per cent. due on said note from date of issue to July 22, 1918.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by those present:

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund did, in regular session held September 21, 1914, pass and adopt a resolution relative to having certain lands therein named, the said lands being located in Palm Beach County, Florida, surveyed for the Florida Everglades Land Company; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund did, on October 15, A. D. 1914, enter into a contract with the Florida Everglades Land Company for the survey of the said lands, the said contract being embraced in full in the Minutes of the said Trustees under date of October 21, A. D. 1914; and

WHEREAS, The said resolution and contract as above, among other things, provided that all funds for the survey of the said lands should be advanced to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by the Florida Everglades Land Company, and that the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund should within three years from the date thereof refund to the said Florida Everglades Land Company 97/181sts of all amounts so advanced for said surveys, unless a court of competent jurisdiction should within the said three years decree that the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund were responsible for the survey of such of the said lands as were embraced in land grants to railroad and canal companies; and

WHEREAS, It appears that the Florida Everglades Land Company, in pursuance of the said contract, advanced to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the said surveys the sum of \$6,210.92 and that 97/181sts thereof equals the sum of \$3,328.07, which last named amount, or no part thereof, has ever been paid

by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the Florida Everglades Land Company; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, that on the approval of the said amount by the Chief Drainage Engineer, the Secretary is hereby instructed to draw warrant for the sum of \$3,328.07 in full payment of all claims against the said Trustees for advances made on said surveys.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Isham Randolph and Company, In part payment of cost of survey of lands of the Trustees in Napoleon B. Broward Dr. Dist., bal. to be paid on approval of statement by Chief Dr. Engr. ....	\$ 4,300.00
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps account Land Dept., bill of Aug. 5, 1918.....	7.00
Logan and White, Office supplies, bill of July 10, 1918 .....	4.21
Florida Everglades Land Company, For survey of certain lands in Palm Beach County, as per contract of Oct. 15, 1914.....	3,328.07
	\$ 7,639.28

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 8, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor.  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.



sued for these lands until the patent from the United States Government to the State be perfected, and Hon. Glenn Terrell, Special Counsel for the Trustees, was requested to see the parties who had made application to purchase these lands and explain the matter to them in person.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. McRae, and adopted, it was ordered that the Special Counsel for the Trustees, Hon. Glenn Terrell, be instructed to draw a bill for submission to the Legislature of 1919, legalizing the various surveys and plats of the Everglades Drainage District made under the direction of the Chief Drainage Engineer for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The following bill was presented, approved and ordered paid:

Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to Jax. in re. Byrne Realty Co. case, July 15, 1918, bill of Aug. 9, 1918 .....	\$21.20
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Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, August 19, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

On request of The Tatum Land Company for an unconditional release of Section Eleven (11) in Township Forty-five (45) South of Range Thirty-six (36) East, in Palm Beach County, which said Section was included in



a certain conditional release of lands executed in favor of The Tatum Land Company under date of February 27, 1918, the following additional satisfaction of mortgage as to this said Section was made and executed as of this date:

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
COUNTY OF LEON.

#### ADDITIONAL

#### SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and B. B. Tatum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited and for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said The Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quit-claim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as security for the payment of said indebtedness and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for construction of railroad, as aforesaid, certain lands, tenements and hereditaments lying, being and situate in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included in the following, to-wit:

Section Eleven (11) in Township Forty-five (45) South of Range Thirty-six (36) East, in Palm Beach County, Florida,

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid Mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would execute and deliver releases of the lands conveyed by said mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the

Miami Canal in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof, then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before securing such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, The said Mortgagor has made written request for a release of lands above described from the lien of the said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed; now, therefore,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Dollars and Seventy-two Cents (\$5,760.72) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid Mortgagor, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

Section Eleven (11) in Township Forty-five (45) South of Range Thirty-six (36) East, in Palm Beach County, Florida, are hereby released and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED That the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto 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, this Nineteenth day of August, A. D. Nineteen hundred and eighteen.

(Signed)	SIDNEY J. CATTS,	(Seal)
	Governor.	
	ERNEST AMOS,	(Seal)
	Comptroller.	
(SEAL)	J. C. LUNING,	(Seal)
	Treasurer.	

VAN C. SWEARINGEN, (Seal)  
Attorney General.

W. A. McRAE, (Seal)  
Commissioner of Agriculture.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of  
(Signed) C. B. GWYNN,  
LAURA B. HOPKINS.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, August 21, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor.  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

It was ordered that Cashier's check of First National Bank of West Palm Beach for \$3,200.00 received of George E. Brown, as first payment on West Half (W 1/2) Section Twenty-seven (27), in Township Forty-two (42) South, Range Thirty-eight (38), be returned, as he failed to comply with the requirements of the Trustees after due notice.

Upon the request of William and John Zimmer, they were allowed to assign their agreement No. 16,620 to R. N. Price. This assignment was granted for reasons satisfactory to the Trustees, and as stated in letter from the Zimmers on file in the Land Department.

A letter from George E. Warren requesting that separate agreements be issued for each of the Lots embraced

in his Contract No. 16,627, was read, and the Trustees declined to grant his request for the reason that the transaction was completed and money turned over to the Treasurer several months ago, and that assignments are not allowed by the Trustees except in special cases.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 4, 1918.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, August, 1918 .....	\$ 83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, August, 1918 .....	55.56
C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., August, 1918 .....	175.00
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, August, 1918 .....	36.67
Southern Tel. and Con. Co., Rent of phone, September, 1918 .....	3.00
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, September, 1918 .....	5.00
	\$ 358.56

Financial Statement and Disbursements for August, 1918, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

## Financial Statement, August, 1918.

To Balance on hand August 1, 1918 .....	\$101,925.75
To Board Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist., Tolls, August, 1918 .....	\$110.81
Sale of old rubber..	4.10
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	114.91
To Interest, Thos. E. Will.....	37.22
To Redemption Dr. Tax Certfs. (1916 Tax) .....	3,343.41
To Land Sales, August, 1918....	8,956.74
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	\$114,378.03
By Disbursements, August, 1918.	11,051.35
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To Balance on hand September 1, 1918 .....	\$103,326.68

## RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$102,326.68
To Cash on hand.....	1,000.00
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	\$103,326.68

## Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville.	4,142.30
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	2,121.69
Florida National, Jacksonville...	359.78
Peoples Bank, Jacksonville.....	5,757.76
Fidelity, Bk. & Tr., Miami.....	51,787.05
Bay Biscayne, Jacksonville.....	338.99
First National, W. Palm Beach.	22,473.00
Lewis State, Tallahassee.....	15,446.11
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	\$102,326.68

## Disbursements, August, 1918.

Date	Voucher	Amount
1918	No.	
Aug. 1,	4043—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., July, 1918.	\$ 175.00

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
Aug. 1,	4044—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, July, 1918.....	83.33
Aug. 1,	4045—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, July, 1918.....	55.56
Aug. 1,	4046—F. C. Elliot, Expenses, attending Cross State Canal Meeting at St. Mary's Ga., June 10-12, 1918 .....\$19.03 Expenses trip to Jax. in re Broward Drainage District, July 6, 1918 .....	18.16
Aug. 1,	4047—Palms Pub. Co., Ad sale of lands, each Thursday, June 27 to July 25, 1918, bill of July 26, 1918 .....	7.50
Aug. 1,	4048—T. J. Appleyard, 5 books of Receipts, bill of July 1, 1918..	3.50
Aug. 1,	4049—Chas. H. Ruggles, Retainage due and payable account Survey Contract amounting to \$3,625.16, less amt. paid on current estimates, \$3,262.65.....	362.51
Aug. 1,	4050—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, July, 1918.....	36.67
Aug. 1,	4051—Pelican Lake Sub Drainage District, Excavation, by Bryan and Snyder Company, in Pelican Lake Sub. Dr. Dist., June, 1918 .....	2,629.61
Aug. 5,	4052—Isham Randolph and Company, To survey of lands owned by Trustees in Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, \$8,619.54, per order of said District of July 8, 1918, by payment on account.....	4,300.00
Aug. 5,	4053—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, Land Dept., bill of August 5, 1918 .....	7.00

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
Aug. 5,	4054—Logan and White, Office supplies, bill of July 10, 1918....	4.21
Aug. 7,	4055—Florida Everglades Land Company, 97/181sts of amount expended by Florida Everglades Land Company in survey of certain lands in Palm Beach County, as per contract of Oct. 15, 1914 .....	3,328.07
Aug. 14,	4056—Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to Jax. in re., Byrne Realty Co., case, July 15, 1918, bill of Aug. 14, 1918.....	21.20

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 19, 1918.

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

Present:

J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Hon. Van C. Swearingen, upon motion, was elected Chairman.

Hon. W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, stated that Lot 17 of Section 28 in Township 50 South Range 41 East was held by the State and was under contract of sale to one Sam Rooney, and that said land was sold for State and County Taxes 1916 and Certificate 1295 issued, 1917, and Certificate 1980 issued, 1918,

and Certificate 2234 issued, and as State land is not subject to State and County taxes, Mr. McRae made a motion that the Honorable Comptroller be requested to have such Certificates cancelled as the same are null and void. The motion was seconded and adopted. Mr. McRae also stated that Drainage Tax Certificates Nos. 1987, 903, and 838 had been issued against said land, as it has been assessed as "Unknown," and moved that the Secretary be instructed to issue check for \$11.75 to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Broward County to take up said outstanding Drainage Tax Certificates, which motion was duly seconded and adopted.

A letter from Mr. Jules M. Burguieres, Treasurer of the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, was read, stating that bonds in the amount of \$33,000 had been issued by the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District and were ready for delivery and that he could sell same at 95 and wanting to know if the Trustees would care to sell their portion of said bonds or take them. After discussion it was agreed that the Trustees would purchase their proportion of the bonds of the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District and hold the same, and the Secretary was instructed to so inform Mr. Burguieres.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by those present:

WHEREAS, On May 27, 1910, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund agreed to sell to the Estate of Herbert Sewell, deceased, certain land bordering on the South Shore of Lake Okeechobee at \$3.00 per acre, provided Mr. E. G. Sewell, Administrator of the Estate of said Herbert Sewell, would have the said land surveyed and present satisfactory evidence as to whom the deed to same should be made; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees having been satisfied through Mr. H. F. Atkinson, Attorney for E. G. Sewell, that he was the duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of Herbert Sewell, deceased, the Trustees did, on October 7, 1910, order the said land, located in Section One (1) of Township Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East, containing approximately eighty-eight (88) acres, deeded to E. G. Sewell, Executor, upon payment of \$264.00, or \$3.00 per acre; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 1910, Mr. E. G. Sewell forwarded check to the Secretary for \$264.00 with re-



quest (that deed be issued, which check was deposited by the Secretary to the credit of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in the Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Florida, and the Trustees deciding on December 10, 1910, not to issue deed in accordance with the survey made by Mr. Sewell's surveyor, as it showed only twenty-eight (28) acres in the Fractional Portion of this Section while the John W. Newman survey showed fifty-three and two-tenths (53.2) acres, it was ordered that the matter of deed be held in abeyance until a survey of the lands could be made by the Trustees; and

WHEREAS, a new Secretary was elected May 15, 1912, and not being informed of the status of this transaction, he requested Mr. Sewell to forward check for \$240.00 in payment for eighty (80) acres of land which a recent survey showed to be in said Fractional portion of Section One (1), Township Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East, and on November 20, 1916, being six years after he mailed his first check, Mr. Sewell forwarded check for \$240.00 in payment for the said eighty (80) acres of land, and said check being in double payment for said land; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Secretary is hereby instructed to refund to E. G. Sewell the amount of the first check of \$264.00, as said Trustees received the last check of \$240.00 in payment of said eighty (80) acres of land at \$3.00 per acre.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

W. A. Dutch, Salary as Agent in the leasing of lands, April, May, June, July and August, 1918, bills of May 20 and August 28, 1918 .....	155.00
Western Union Tel. Co., Services, August, 1918 .....	7.25
Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to Bradentown, Arcadia, Punta Gorda and Tampa, September 6-12, 1918, bill of September 14, 1918..	52.68
E. G. Sewell, Reimbursement of check for \$264.00 sent November 11, 1910, for purchase of land in Sec. 1, T. 44, R. 35, said land being paid for by a check of Nov. 20, 1916 .....	264.00

Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Circuit Court, Broward County, Redemption of Drainage Tax Certfs. Nos. 1987, 903 and 838, issued on Lot 17, Sec. 28, T. 50, R. 41, under contract of sale to Sam Rooney.....	11.75
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	\$ 490.68

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

VAN C. SWEARINGEN, Attorney General,  
 Attest: Acting Chairman.  
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 24, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Chief Clerk in the Land Department appeared before the Trustees and reported that he had numerous requests for information relative to the affidavit required from purchasers of land on the Northwest Shore of Lake Okeechobee, and the matter was discussed by the Trustees and the following letter was drafted and unanimously adopted and the Chief Clerk in the Land Department instructed to send a copy to each person who had made application to purchase said lands:

"Tallahassee, Fla., Sept. 24, 1918.

Dear Sir:—

Some of the parties purchasing the lands from the Trustees on the northwest side of Lake Okeechobee, having raised the question as to what the affidavit which the

Trustees require these purchasers to sign, binds them to, and which reads as follows:

'Affiant further states before me, on oath, that he is not purchasing said described lands for speculative purposes, but that he is purchasing them for the purpose of settling, cultivating and improving same for himself.'

This is to advise that the Board did not contemplate that persons acquiring these lands should be required to actually live and reside on same nor that they should be precluded from selling same should necessity or circumstances arise forcing them to do so.

The purpose and intent of having the purchaser sign the affidavit was to assure the Board that the parties buying these lands are making the purchase in good faith for their own use and benefit and not for speculative purposes. The Board can understand that conditions might arise whereby the purchaser might be forced to sell all or a portion of these lands by force of circumstances. In such cases the purchasers would be keeping absolute good faith with the Trustees in the matter.

The deeds which the parties will receive from the Trustees will have no conditions expressed in them whatever, but the Trustees rely upon the good faith of the purchaser in purchasing this land at the greatly reduced prices at which it is sold, and as an evidence of this good faith require affidavit referred to above.

The word 'settling' in the affidavit was not intended to mean that the purchaser must actually go and reside upon the land. The purchaser can improve the land through another person, thus settling the land. As stated above, the whole intent of the affidavit is to require of the purchaser an evidence of the fact that he is in good faith purchasing this land from the Trustees at the time of purchase for his own use and benefit, although the improvement and cultivation may be made by some one else.

Yours very truly,  
 TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT  
 FUND OF FLORIDA.

By J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Mr. F. C. B. LeGro, of Miami, appeared before the Trustees and requested them to advertise a submerged tract of land in Biscayne Bay containing 4.6 acres, more or less, lying in Section 4 Township 53 S. Range 42 E.,

and agreed to bid not less than \$300.00 per acre for said land when advertised for sale. The Trustees having previously agreed to advertise this tract upon deposit of certified check for \$500.00, and Mr. LeGro having deposited his check in said amount, upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded and adopted, it was ordered that the Secretary advertise said land for sale in a newspaper published in the County of Dade, in compliance with Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1917.

The following Permit was made and entered into with the Town of Seabreeze, Volusia County, Florida, for taking shell from the bed of Halifax River, and ordered placed of record in Minutes of this date:

#### PERMIT

ON THE PART OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO THE TOWN OF SEABREEZE, IN VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR TAKING SHELL FROM THE BED OF HALIFAX RIVER.

WHEREAS, Under the provisions of Chapter 610, of the Acts of 1855, and Chapter 7304, of the Acts of 1917, Laws of Florida, all swamp and overflowed lands, sand bars, and shallow banks and islands made by the process of dredging, or otherwise, in the tidal waters of this State, are vested in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, who have authority and control over the same and convey the said lands on such terms and conditions as they see fit; and

WHEREAS, There are certain shell beds in Halifax River in this State covered by the provisions of the foregoing Acts, and the Town of Seabreeze, in Volusia County, Florida, has made application to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to dredge oyster shell from the bed of the said Halifax River for the purpose of paving streets and highways in the said Town of Seabreeze; and

WHEREAS, It has been the policy of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund where shell beds could be used for such works of internal and general improvement to sell such shell as was needed therefor at the

minimum price of Five (5) Cents per cubic yard; now, therefore,

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida authorizes the Town of Seabreeze, in Volusia County, Florida, to dredge and take shell from the bed of Halifax River to the extent of fifteen hundred (1500) cubic yards, or so much thereof as may be needed for street improvement within the said Town of Seabreeze, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Town of Seabreeze will pay to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund Five (5) Cents per cubic yard for each cubic yard of shell dredged or taken from the bed of the said Halifax River, the amount of said shell so taken to be determined by actual measurement when unloaded from the barges or boats to be delivered to the said streets or highways of the said Town.

2. The said Town of Seabreeze shall dredge or mine the said shell by its own agents at its own expense from such beds or points in the bed of the Halifax River as it may deem advisable.

3. In removing the said shell from the bed of Halifax River the Town of Seabreeze, its servants or agents, shall be careful to remove or dredge the same in a manner to prevent the piling up or accumulation of debris or other sediment in the bed of the said river that would in any manner interfere with navigation or obstruct the free passage of boats or other water craft up and down the same.

4. The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida hereby agree to furnish any other or further permit that may be necessary on their part to enable the Town of Seabreeze to secure such rights from the War Department as may be necessary to dredge for the said shell.

5. That this permit shall convey no property rights, but is confined to the consent only of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the mining and dredging of such shell as may be desired on the part of the said Town of Seabreeze for its municipal improvement.

6. The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund hereby reserve the right to revoke this permit entirely, if, in the judgment of the said Trustees, conditions should arise which make such revocation necessary.

This PERMIT, duly issued by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, shall take effect by the signing of this and another instrument of like tenor and effect and date by the Mayor of the Town of Seabreeze, attested by the Town Clerk thereof, and approved by the President of the Town Council, whereby the said Town of Seabreeze accepts and binds itself as to this permit and to each and every condition thereof as hereinabove set out.

ISSUED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, September 6th, 1918.

(Seal)

By

(Signed) SIDNEY J. CATTS,  
Governor and Chairman.

Attest:

(Signed) J. STUART LEWIS,  
Secretary.

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED

By the Town of Seabreeze, in Volusia County, Florida, September 9th, 1918.

By (Signed) S. Z. HOLLAND,  
Mayor of the Town of Seabreeze.

Attest: (Seal)

(Signed) W. H. COURTNEY,  
Town Clerk.

Approved by (Signed) W. P. MATHIS,  
President of the Town Council.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 4, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The matter of purchasing the bonds issued by the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District January 1, 1918, was discussed, and as the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are interested in the work of reclamation in said District on account of owning a large portion of the lands, and had formerly agreed to purchase a portion of said bonds, and as said bonds are now available and are offered at 95% of the par value, the Trustees decided to purchase \$15,000 thereof, the same bearing 6% interest per annum, and the Secretary was instructed to draw check in the sum of \$14,925.00 for the purchase of \$15,000 of said bonds, being the amount of principal at 95% and accrued interest to October 1, 1918, in favor of said Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District and forward same to the Board of Supervisors of said District at West Palm Beach, Florida.

Mr. Luning stated that he and Mr. Swearingen in company with Mr. Highleyman's representative had visited the lands in the Everglades Drainage District which Mr. L. T. Highleyman had made application to purchase, being

Lots 1 to 6, inclusive, in Ranges 37, 38, 39 and 40, between Townships 53 and 54, containing 8,511 acres;

Also the land on which Mr. Paul C. Taylor had requested a price, being

Sections 2 and 3, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 9, and all of Sections 10 and 11, in Township 54 Range 37, containing 3,040 acres, and that they were of the opinion that said lands were worth \$7.00 per acre, and upon motion of Mr. McRae, duly seconded and adopted, it was agreed that the Trustees would accept \$7.00 per acre for said lands on terms of one-tenth cash and the remainder in four equal payments, payable six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months from date of first payment with 6% interest on deferred payments, the lands to be advertised for sale, subject to bid, and the Secretary was advised to so inform Mr. Highleyman and Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Luning advised that Tatum Bros. Real Estate and Investment Company had failed to take up Note for \$2,400 of date August 9, 1916, due on Entry No. 16525 at date of maturity, same having been forwarded to a bank in Miami for collection; and that The Tatum Land Company had failed to take up its Note No. 2, due April 1, 1918, for \$49,000.00, in accordance with agreement

dated September 24, 1917. Mr. Swearingen moved that the matter be referred to the Special Counsel for the Trustees with instructions to proceed to collect said notes legally in accordance with the respective contracts. Motion seconded and adopted.

The Secretary presented application from the Town of Daytona Beach, in Volusia, County, Florida, for the removal of 3,000 cubic yards of shell from the bed of Halifax River to be used for street paving in said Town, and upon motion of Mr. Swearingen, duly seconded and adopted, the Secretary was instructed to forward the usual permit granted by the Trustees for the use of such shell in public work, that is, at a cost of five (5) cents per cubic yard, to the Town Clerk of Daytona Beach for signature and acceptance.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Sept., 1918.....	\$ 175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsellor, Sept., 1918 .....	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Sept., 1918 .....	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Sept., 1918 .....	36.67
Western Union Tel. Co., Services, Sept., 1918 .....	4.70
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., 1000 Stamped Envelopes, bill of Oct. 2, 1918.....	31.66
Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to Washington in re. land matters, Sept. 17-22, 1918, bill of Sept. 24, 1918 .....	111.00
Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, Purchase price of \$15,000 6% Gold Bonds, issue of Jan. 1, 1918, at 95% with accrued interest to Oct. 1, 1918 .....	14,925.00
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	15,422.92

Financial Statement and Disbursements for September, 1918, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:



## Financial Statement, September, 1918.

To balance on hand Sept. 1, 1918 .....	\$103,326.68	
To Bd. Commrs., Tolls, Sept., 1918 .....	\$96.55	
Sale of B/Prints....	4.75	101.30
To Interest, Sept., 1918.....		37.22
To Redemption Dr. Tax Certfs., 1916, Tax .....		372.97
To Land Sales, Sept., 1918.....		4,899.33
To Land Leases, Sept., 1918....		122.68
	<u>\$108,860.18</u>	
By Disbursements, Sept., 1918..	1,860.97	
To Balance, Oct. 1, 1918.....		\$106,999.21

## RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$105,999.21	
To Cash on hand.....	1,000.00	\$106,999.21

## Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$ 4,142.30	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	2,121.69	
Florida National, Jacksonville..	259.78	
Peoples, Jacksonville .....	4,746.03	
Fidelity Bk. and Tr. Co., Miami.	51,787.05	
Bank Bay Biscayne, Miami.....	338.99	
First National, W. P. Beach....	22,473.00	
Lewis State, Tallahassee.....	20,130.37	\$105,999.21

## Disbursements, September, 1918.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
Sept. 3,	4057—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, August, 1918....	\$ 83.33
Sept. 3,	4058—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., August, 1918	175.00
Sept. 3,	4059—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, August, 1918.....	55.56

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
Sept. 3,	4060—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, August, 1918.....	36.67
Sept. 3,	4061—So. Tel. and Con. Co., Rent of phone, Sept., 1918.....	3.00
Sept. 3,	4062—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, Sept., 1918 .....	5.00
Sept. 19,	4063—W. A. Dutch, as agent, services in re. leasing of State lands, April, May, June, July, August, 1918 .....	155.00
Sept. 19,	4064—Western Union Tel. Co., Services, August, 1918.....	7.25
Sept. 19,	4065—Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to Bradentown, Arcadia, Punta Gorda and Tampa, Sept. 6-12, 1918 .....	52.68
Sept. 19,	4066—E. G. Sewell, Reimbursement of check of Nov. 11, 1910, sent in payment for 80 acres of land in Sec. 1 T. 44 R. 35, as said land was paid for by check sent Nov. 18, 1916, making a double payment for said tract of land	264.00
Sept. 20,	4067—Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Circuit Court, Broward County, Redemption of Dr. Tax Certfs. Nos. 1987, 903 and 838 on Lot 17 Sec. 28 T. 50 S. R. 41 E., under contract of sale to Sam Rooney .....	11.75
Sept. 24,	4068—Pelican Lake Sub-Dr. District Estimate No. 4, excavation, Bryan and Snyder Company, August, 1918 .....	1,011.73

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 7, 1918.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met

on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol building at Tallahassee.

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Mr. J. B. McDonald appeared before the Trustees, and as one of the three Trustees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, requested them to change the usual reserving clause for canal right-of-way in deeds to be issued for the lands to be sold for canal and road construction in Palm Beach County in accordance with the provisions of the agreement of June 25, 1918, and upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. Luning, the following reserving clause was adopted for use in such deeds:

"The right to use and control a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide in each section, which said strip is described as having its outside boundary along and on the section line and its inside boundary fifty (50) feet from and parallel to said section line, and on lands bordering Lake Okeechobee in addition to the foregoing a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide having its lake-side boundary the meander line or normal high-water mark of said Lake, for the purpose of constructing thereon such canals, ditches, drains, dikes, levees, or other works as the said Trustees may deem advisable, and the said Trustees shall have the right to take, use, sell or dispose of any timber, earth, shell, rock or gravel lying in or upon said strip for the purpose of drainage, reclamation or development of said lands granted by Act of Congress, approved September 28, 1850, aforesaid."

Mr. Luning moved that funds on hand and to be received from the sale of lands to aid in canal and road construction in Palm Beach County be used to pay estimates of excavation in Okeechobee Road canal approved by the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted.

Mr. Luning moved that the Roads and Improvement Society, of West Palm Beach, be and are instructed to assign, transfer, and turn over to George W. Lainhart, J.

B. McDonald and T. J. Campbell, as Trustees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, all right, title and equity in and to all notes, mortgages and other indebtedness now held by said Roads and Improvement Society relating to the amount of \$75,000.00 which the said Roads and Improvement Society had secured to aid in construction of the West Palm Beach Canal, and as referred to in the Minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of March 23, 1912. Motion seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 12, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida did on December 30, A. D. 1916, at a Special Meeting held by them, authorize and execute to one J. R. Anthony, Jr., of Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, five promissory notes in the sum of \$2,560.00 each, bearing 6% interest per annum, for the loan of \$12,800.00, and did execute a mortgage on the same date on the following lands, in Palm Beach County:

All of Sections Three (3) and Eleven (11) in Township Forty-two (42) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East; and

All Sections Seven (7) and Nineteen (19) in Township Forty-two (42) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) East;

to secure said notes to the said J. R. Anthony, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have sufficient funds on hand to take up said notes aforesaid and thereby save further interest thereon; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be, and is hereby directed to draw check for \$13,022.00, the amount of said notes and interest due thereon to October 15, 1918, in favor of the Peoples Bank of Jacksonville, Florida, holder of the said notes, and deliver same to J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, to be forwarded by him to said bank upon delivery of said notes and mortgage properly cancelled to said State Treasurer.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

T. J. Appleyard, To printing Circular Letter for Land Dept., bill of Oct. 1, 1918.....	\$ 1.50
J. C. Luning, Expenses trip to inspect certain lands in Palm Beach County, Sept. 25-29, 1918 .....	61.60
W. A. Dutch, Services as State Agent in re. leasing of State lands, Aug. 29, Sept. 30, 1918, bill of Oct. 7, 1918.....	60.00
J. H. Wood, Reimbursement account purchases made in re. trip of Mr. Cory of the U. S. Dept. of Interior, bill of Sept. 30, 1918.....	2.25
Ray E. Campbell, Supplies purchased account trip of Mr. Cory of the U. S. Dept. of Interior, bill of Sept. 30, 1918.....	9.35
Otto E. Schmidt, Supplies purchased account trip of Mr. Cory of the U. S. Dept. of Interior, bill of Sept. 30, 1918.....	32.56
Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Estimate No. 1, excavation, Okeecho-bee Road Canal, July, 1918.....	7,750.00
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	\$ 7,917.26

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 26, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Paul C. Taylor, of Miami, made application to the Trustees to purchase Unsurveyed Sections Two (2) and Three (3), Northeast Quarter and South Half (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ) Section Nine (9), and Sections Ten (10) and Eleven (11) in Township Fifty-four (54) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East, containing 3040 acres, more or less, and agreed to bid not less than \$7.00 per acre for said lands on the day of sale.

After consideration the Trustees agreed to advertise said land for sale at 10 o'clock A. M., November 30, 1918, and to make the following terms in case Mr. Taylor's bid for same was accepted: One-tenth of the purchase price in thirty (30) days after the date of sale and the balance in four equal payments, payable six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months from date of sale with six per cent. interest on deferred payments, and upon motion of Mr. McRae, duly seconded and adopted, the following advertisement was ordered placed in the Miami Metropolis, a newspaper published in Dade County, once a week for five consecutive weeks:

#### NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 26, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will receive bids until 10 A. M. November 30, 1918, for the sale of the following described lands:

All Unsurveyed Sections 2 and 3, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$  Unsurveyed Section 9, all Unsurveyed Sections 10 and 11, in Township 54 South Range 37 East, containing 3040 acres, more or less.

Certified check for \$250.00 must accompany all bids.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved by the Trustees.

Deeds subject to usual reservations.

All bids must be marked "Bids for State Lands" and be addressed to the Secretary.

By order of the Board.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 2, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Oct., 1918.....	\$ 175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Oct., 1918 .....	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Oct., 1918 .....	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Oct., 1918 .....	36.67
Western Union Tel. Co., Services, Oct., 1918...	2.86
T. J. Appleyard, 1 book of 300 Receipts, bill of Nov. 1, 1918.....	2.50
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	\$ 355.92

Financial Statement and Disbursements for October, 1918, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, October, 1918

To Balance on hand October 1, 1918 .....	\$106,999.21	
To Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist., Tolls, October, 1918.....	18.86	
To Interest .....	711.17	
To Pelican Lake Sub-Dr. Dist., Reimbursement amt. paid Estimate of May, Aug. and Sept., 1918 .....	7,235.85	
To Interest on Bonds.....	450.00	
To Redemption Dr. Tax Certfs..	514.24	
To Land Sales.....	17,737.10	
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	\$133,666.43	
By Disbursements, October, 1918	36,362.18	
To Balance, November 1, 1918..		\$ 97,304.25

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$ 96,304.25	
To Cash on hand.....	1,000.00	\$ 97,304.25

Deposited in following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$ 4,181.41	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	2,134.98	
Florida National, Jacksonville..	259.78	
Peoples, Jacksonville .....	4,746.03	
Fidelity Bk. and Tr. Co., Miami.	52,103.46	
Bank of Bay Biscayne, Miami..	338.99	
First National, W. P. Beach....	14,723.00	
Lewis State, Tallahassee.....	17,816.60	\$ 96,304.25

Disbursements, October, 1918.

Date	Voucher	No.	Amount.
Oct. 2,	4069—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Sept., 1918.		\$ 175.00



Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
Oct. 2,	4070—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Sept., 1918.....	83.33
Oct. 2,	4071—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Sept., 1918.....	55.56
Oct. 2,	4072—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Sept., 1918.....	36.67
Oct. 2,	4073—Western Union Tel. Co., Services, Sept., 1918.....	4.70
Oct. 2,	4074—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., 1000 Stamped Envelopes, bill of Oct. 2, 1918 .....	31.66
Oct. 2,	4075—Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to Washington in re. land matters, Sept. 17-22, 1918, bill of Sept. 24, 1918 .....	111.00
Oct. 4,	4076—Pelican Lake Sub-Dr. Dist., for \$15,000 par value 6% Gold Bonds Pelican Lake Sub-Dr. Dist., principal at 95% and accrued interest to Oct. 1, 1918, issued Jan. 1, 1918.....	14,925.00
Oct. 16,	4077—T. J. Appleyard, Printing 100 Circular Letters in re Affidavit as to lands NW of Lake Okeechobee, bill of Oct. 1, 1918....	1.50
Oct. 16,	4078—J. C. Luning, Expenses trip to inspect certain lands of Trustees in the Everglades near West Palm Beach, Sept. 25-29, 1918 .....	61.60
Oct. 16,	4079—W. A. Dutch, Services in re. leasing of State lands, Aug. 29-Sept. 30, 1918, bill of Oct. 7, 1918 .....	60.00
Oct. 16,	4080—J. H. Wood, Reimbursement supplies purchased account trip Mr. Cory of the U. S. Dept. of Interior, bill of Sept. 30, 1918 .....	2.25
Oct. 16,	4081—Ray E. Campbell, Supplies furnished account trip of Mr.	



been advertised in the Miami Metropolis, a newspaper published in the County in which the said lands are located, as required by law.

A letter from Mr. J. N. Lummus, President of the Ocean Beach Realty Company, of Miami, objecting to the sale of said land, was read. In the judgment of the Trustees the objections made by Mr. Lummus to the sale of the land in question not being well grounded, the Secretary was instructed to open the bids received for the said land, as follows, each being accompanied by a certified check in the sum of \$500.00:

F. C. B. LeGro, of Miami, bid \$510.00 per acre.

George R. Kline, of Miami, bid \$1,000.00 per acre.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. McRae and adopted, the bid of Mr. George R. Kline was accepted and the Secretary instructed to return checks of unsuccessful bidders. Mr. Kline, being present, stated that he wished to purchase up to the Government Channel and that a 150 foot strip be retained by the Trustees on the Eastern exposure of said tract of land, which was further agreed to by the said Trustees, and the Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to have the Chief Drainage Engineer to make a survey of said tract, giving the exact acreage, and to have deed made to George R. Kline in accordance therewith.

The Secretary stated that Tax Sale Certificate No. 468, issued July 7, 1913, on Section 1 in Township 44 South of Range 39 East, containing 640 acres, amounting to \$431.57 was outstanding, and that as this land had been sold by the Trustees to Mr. Marion E. Gruber the said Tax Certificate was a cloud upon the title to the said land, and that he had instructed the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County to forward said Certificate No. 468, of the Sale of July 7, 1913, to the Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, with Sight Draft attached for \$431.57. Upon motion of Mr. McRae, seconded by Mr. Amos, the Secretary was instructed to draw check in payment of said draft.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 21, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Lewis State Bank, For S/D drawn by Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, for Taxes due on Sec. 1, T. 44, R. 39, 640 acres, deeded Trustees by R. J. Bolles, November, 1914 .....	\$ 431.57
Van C. Swearingen, Expenses trip to Everglades, Sept. 25, 1918, bill of Nov. 19, 1918 .....	59.55
H. & W. B. Drew Company, 2 boxes Carbon Paper, bill of Nov. 15, 1918.....	7.12
Miami Metropolis, Ad sale of submerged land in Sec. 4, T. 54, R. 42, bill of Nov. 14, 1918.	10.75
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps and Postal Cards for Land Salesman, bill of Nov. 18, 1918...	13.00
Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Estimate No. 2, excavation, Okeechobee Road Canal, October, 1918....	9,657.00
	\$10,178.99

The matter of compensation due Hon. Samuel Herrick, of Washington, D. C., for services rendered in certain cases before the Department of the Interior relative to the survey of certain swamp lands described more specifically as in Serials Nos. 012696 and 013288, Gainesville, Florida, was considered, and after discussion, and the recommendation of the Special Counsel for the Trustees that in his opinion the sum of \$175.00 would be an equitable basis of settlement in this matter, upon motion of Mr. McRae, seconded by Mr. Swearingen, it was ordered that the



The Governor asked to be excused, which request was granted.

Hon. Ernest Amos was duly elected Chairman.

Minutes of August 14, 19, 21, September 4, 19, 24, October 4, 7, 12, 15, 26, November 2 and 12, 1918, were read and approved.

The Secretary stated that by direction of the Trustees at a meeting held October 26, 1918, the following lands had been advertised for sale at 10 A. M. November 30, 1918, in the Miami Metropolis, a newspaper published in the County in which said lands were located, as required by law, and affidavit of said publication had been filed:

All Unsurveyed Sections 2 and 3, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$  Unsurveyed Section 9, all Unsurveyed Sections 10 and 11, in Township 54 South Range 37 East, containing 3040 acres, more or less.

This being the day to receive bids the Secretary was instructed to open the same. The bid of Mr. Paul C. Taylor, of Miami, of \$7.00 per acre, being the best bid received, Mr. Luning moved that the same be accepted upon terms of one-tenth of the purchase price to be paid within 30 days from date of sale and the balance in four equal payments, payable six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months from date of sale with six per cent. interest on deferred payments, mortgage and notes covering same to be made to the Trustees before delivery of deed, releases to be made from said mortgage upon payment of \$8.00 per acre for each acre of land so released, the additional \$1.00 per acre paid to be credited on the final payment for said lands, no release to be made except for tracts of 320 acres, or more, which motion was duly seconded and adopted and the Secretary instructed to advise Mr. Taylor thereof.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Nov., 1918 .....	\$ 175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Nov., 1918 .....	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Nov., 1918	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Nov., 1918 .....	36.67
George O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, To rec. mortgage from Marion	

E. Gruber and Wife to Trustees, bill of Nov. 30, 1918 .....	2.75
Sou. Tel. and Con. Co., Rent of phone, Dec., 1918 .....	3.00
Miami Metropolis, Ad lands for sale on Nov. 30, 1918, under dates of 10/29, 11/5, 12, 19, 26, bill of Nov. 27, 1918.....	6.00
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, Dec., 1918.....	5.00
Samuel Herrick, Bal. in full for services in re. Serials Nos. 012696 and 013288, Gainesville, Florida, as per Minutes Nov. 21, 1918.....	75.00
H. R. Kaufman, Office supplies, work on typewriter, bill of Dec. 2, 1918.....	1.35
Western Union Tel. Co., Services, Nov., 1918	3.06
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	\$ 446.72

Financial Statement and Disbursements for November, 1918, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, November, 1918.

To bal. on hand Nov. 1, 1918... \$	97,304.25	
To Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist., Tolls, November, 1918.....	4.80	
To Interest .....	37.22	
To Redemption Dr. Tax Certfs...	271.54	
To Bd. County Commrs. Palm Beach County, Special Canal and Road Fund .....	1,620.10	
To Land Sales, November, 1918..	9,651.86	
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	\$108,889.77	
By Disbursements, Nov., 1918... \$	10,534.91	
To bal. on hand Dec. 1, 1918....		\$ 98,354.86

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks..... \$	97,354.86	
To Cash on hand.....	1,000.00	
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		\$ 98,354.86

## Deposited in following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jax. ....	\$ 4,181.41
Barnett National, Jax. ....	2,473.97
Florida National, Jax. ....	5,005.81
Fidelity Bk. and Tr. Co., Miami.	52,103.46
First National, W. Palm Beach.	11,544.90
Lewis State, Tallahassee. ....	22,045.31
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	\$ 97,354.86

## Disbursements, November, 1918.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
Nov. 2,	4085—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., October, 1918 .....	\$ 175.00
Nov. 2,	4086—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, October, 1918..	83.33
Nov. 2,	4087—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, October, 1918.....	55.56
Nov. 2,	4088—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, October, 1918.	36.67
Nov. 2,	4089—Western Union Tel. Co., Services, October, 1918.....	2.86
Nov. 2,	4090—T. J. Appleyard, Book of 300 Receipts, bill of Nov. 1, 1918	2.50
Nov. 21,	4091—Florida National Bank (Transfer of funds) .....	
Nov. 21,	4092—Barnett National Bank (Transfer of funds) .....	
Nov. 21,	4093—Lewis State Bank, for S/D drawn by Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, for Taxes due on Sec. 1, T. 44, R. 39, 640 acres, deeded Trustees by R. J. Bolles, Nov. 28, 1914....	431.57
Nov. 21,	4094—Van C. Swearingen, Expenses trip to Everglades, Sept. 25, 1918, bill of Nov. 19, 1918..	59.55
Nov. 21,	4095—H. & W. B. Drew Company, 2 boxes Carbon Paper, bill of Nov. 15, 1918.....	7.12



Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
Nov. 21,	4096—Miami Metropolis, Ad sale of submerged land in Sec. 4, T. 54, R. 42, bill of Nov. 14, 1918	10.75
Nov. 21,	4097—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps Postal Cards for Land Salesman, bill of Nov. 18, 1918....	13.00
Nov. 21,	4098—Board of County Commrs. of Palm Beach County, Estimate No. 2, excavation, Okeechobee Road Canal, October, 1918..	9,657.00

Upon motion, duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Attest:

Acting Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 2, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
 Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General,  
 W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Committee appointed by the Governor and a Committee from the Department of the Interior appeared before the Trustees and the matter of legislation to provide lands for returning soldiers and sailors was further considered, and after discussion, it was agreed to invite the Senate and House Committee on Immigration to meet in conference with the Trustees and the two Committees heretofore mentioned at 3 o'clock P. M. and the Secretary was requested to extend such invitation.

3 P. M.

All members present.

The Trustees, the Committee appointed by the Governor, the Committee from the Department of the Interior and the Committees of Immigration from the Senate and House of Representatives of the State Legislature met in joint session, and after discussion and due consideration, a Committee consisting of two members of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, one member of the Senate Committee on Immigration and one member from the House Committee on Immigration were appointed for the purpose of drafting a bill to be presented to the Senate and the House by their respective Committees on Immigration.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting recessed to meet at 5 P. M.

5 P. M.

All present.

The Committee appointed to draft a bill for presentation to the Legislature relative to providing homes for returning soldiers and sailors, presented to the Trustees the said bill, and after reading the same it was unanimously adopted and the Joint Committee from the Senate and the House stated to the Trustees that the bill would be introduced in the Senate and the House on the morning of the Third of December.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, December 23, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General.

Minutes of November 21, 30 and December 2-5, 1918, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, Sub-Drainage District Tax on lands of the Trustees in Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District .....	\$ 1,593.43
Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to West Palm Beach in re. Homestead case, November 26, 1918 .....	\$55.21
Expenses trip to Arcadia, Bradentown in re. Jax. and Tampa Ry. Co. case and Wilson v. McRae, Dec. 6, 1918 .....	\$50.75
	105.96
Bill of December 11, 1918	
National Surety Company, Premium due on Surety Bond of Secretary, bill of December 15, 1918 .....	12.50
C. E. Smith & Co., 1 Check Protector, bill of Dec. 12, 1918 .....	5.00
Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, to Certified copy of an Order in Brickell vs. Trustees, bill of Dec. 12, 1918.....	.50
Abstract Company of Clearwater, Work for Mr. Terrell in Espiritu Santo Springs case, bill of Dec. 2, 1918.....	17.00
	\$1,734.39

The matter of surveying the lands owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District was discussed, and Mr. Amos moved that the Chief Drainage Engineer proceed to survey and plat the lands of the Trustees in the said Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, which motion was seconded by Mr. Swearingen and adopted.

The Secretary reported that Sight Draft for \$382.80, which had been presented through the Fort Lauderdale State Bank with Deed No. 16436 to Henry Bloom for payment due by G. M. Weimer on Entry No. 16436, had been returned unpaid, with the information that Mr. Weimer wished additional time in which to make the payment as represented by said Sight Draft. The Trustees decided

to grant Mr. Weimer further time in which to make this payment, and as this Sight Draft had been credited as a Cash item in the Land Sales for the month of November, 1918, to charge the Land Sales with the said \$382.80 in December sales.

A letter from Mr. Paul C. Taylor, of Miami, who had purchased certain lands from the Trustees at the sale held November 30, 1918, first payment on which would be due December 30, 1918, requesting the Trustees to grant him an extension of time until February 1, 1919, in which to make said first payment, as his client for whom he was making this purchase was sick and unable to transact business at the present time, and stating that he would deposit a certified check for \$250.00 in addition to the certified check for \$250.00 now held by the Trustees, making a total of \$500.00, said amount of \$500.00 to be forfeited by him if the transaction was not consummated on February 1, 1919, was read, and Mr. Luning moved that the extension be granted under the conditions as outlined by Mr. Taylor, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.  
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

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Tallahassee, Florida, December 31, 1918.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,  
Ernest Amos, Comptroller,  
J. C. Luning, Treasurer,  
Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General.

Minutes of December 23, 1918, read and approved.

The following Resolution, relative to certain Deeds covering lands set aside to aid in canal and road construction in Lee County, was adopted:

WHEREAS, On August 1, 1918, Deed No. 16632, for the South Half ( $S\frac{1}{2}$ ), except twenty-five and thirty-eight hundredths (25.38) acres in Northeast Quarter of South-east Quarter ( $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$ ), of Section One (1) in Township Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East, containing two hundred and ninety-four and thirty-two hundredths (294.32) acres, more or less, was issued to B. L. Paine, of Pinellas County, Florida; and Deed No. 16631, for the South Half of North Half ( $S\frac{1}{2}$  of  $N\frac{1}{2}$ ), except Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter ( $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ), of Section One (1) in Township Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East, containing one hundred and twenty (120) acres, more or less, was issued to Barnard Kilgore and wife, of Pinellas County, Florida, in compliance with an agreement of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to set aside \$100,000.00 worth of lands to aid in canal and road construction in Lee County, said lands to be sold by said County; and

WHEREAS, A Representative of Lee County requested said Deeds covering lands as indicated above to be issued and forwarded to the Bank of Largo, at Largo, Florida, for delivery and collection; and

WHEREAS, Said Deeds were not taken up by said Paine and Kilgore; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Deeds Nos. 16632 and 16631, issued August 1, 1918, to B. L. Paine and Barnard Kilgore and wife, respectively, be and the same are hereby cancelled, and the Secretary and the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture requested to make such notation in the records of Land Sales.

And the following Resolution, relative to certain Deed covering lands set aside to aid in canal and road construction in Palm Beach County, was adopted:

WHEREAS, On August 7, 1918, the Trustees as appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County requested the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to issue Deed No. 16633, for all Section Thirty-three (33), in Township Forty-three (43) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East, and Lots Four (4) and Five (5) between Townships Forty-three (43) and Forty-four (44) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East, containing nine hundred and eleven and ninety-two hundredths (911.92) acres, to Henry A. Summa, of Palm Beach

County, Florida, and forward same to Farmers' Bank and Trust Company, at West Palm Beach, for collection, this being a portion of the lands set aside by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to aid Palm Beach County in constructing the Okeechobee Road Canal; and

WHEREAS, Said Deed was issued to Henry A. Summa and forwarded to said bank and said Summa failed to accept said Deed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Deed No. 16631, issued Henry A. Summa August 7, 1918, be and the same is hereby cancelled, and the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture and Secretary are authorized to make such notation in the records of Land Sales.

Financial Statement and Disbursements for the month of December, 1918, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

#### Financial Statement, December, 1918.

To Bal. on Hand Dec. 1, 1918..	\$ 98,354.86	
To Bd. Comms. Ev. Dr. Dist.,		
Tolls, Dec., 1918.....	268.41	
To Interest .....	37.22	
To Redemption of Dr. Tax Certfs.	72.12	
To Land Sales .....	3,642.02	
	<u>          </u>	
	\$102,374.63	
By Disbursements, December,		
1918 .....	2,181.11	
	<u>          </u>	
To Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1918..		\$100,193.52

#### RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$ 99,193.52	
To Cash oi hand.....	1,000.00	\$100,193.52
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#### Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville.....	\$ 4,181.41
Barnett National, Jacksonville .....	2,473.97
Florida National, Jacksonville .....	5,005.81

First National, West Palm Beach.....	11,544.90
Fidelity Bank and Tr. Co., Miami.....	52,103.46
Lewis State, Tallahassee .....	23,883.97
	\$ 99,193.52

## Disbursements, December, 1918.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1918.	No.	
Dec. 2,	4099—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Nov., 1918.	\$ 175.00
Dec. 2,	4100—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Nov., 1918.....	83.33
Dec. 2,	4101—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Nov., 1918 .....	55.56
Dec. 2,	4102—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Nov., 1918.....	36.67
Dec. 2,	4103—George O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, For rec. Mortgage from Marion E. Gruber and wife to Trustees, bill of Nov. 30, 1918	2.75
Dec. 2,	4104—Southern Tel. and Con. Co., Rent of phone, Dec., 1918....	3.00
Dec. 2,	4105—Miami Metropolis, Ad sale of land on Nov. 30, 1918, under dates of 10/29, 11/5, 12, 19, 26, bill of Nov. 27, 1918.....	6.00
Dec. 2,	4106—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, Dec., 1918 .....	5.00
Dec. 2,	4107—Samuel Herrick, Bal in full for services in re. Serials Nos. 012696 and 013288, Gainesville, Florida, as per Minutes Nov. 21, 1918 .....	75.00
Dec. 2,	4108—H. R. Kaufman, Office supplies and repair of Typewriter, bill of Dec. 2, 1918.....	1.35
Dec. 2,	4109—Western Union Tel. Co., Services, Nov., 1918 .....	3.06
Dec. 23,	4110—T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, Sub-Dr. Dist. Tax on lands of the Trus-	

