

TRUSTEES' MINUTES FOR 1937

Tallahassee, Florida,
January 12, 1937

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mrs. Leta Jones Grogan and Mrs. I. E. Sapp of Palm Beach County came before the Trustees and made complaint to the sale by the Trustees in 1932, covering certain lands in Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, and also to injunction suit filed against them and others by the Trustees. Mrs. Grogan and Mrs. Sapp claimed that they, and others, owned the land through chain of title coming down from original conveyance of swamp and overflowed lands to the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company.

Counsel for Trustees advised that the original deed to the Railroad company was for swamp and overflowed land in Section 10; that a part of unsurveyed Section 10 was below the meander line of Lake Okeechobee, lying beneath the waters of the Lake and was therefore, sovereignty land and could not have been conveyed by the Trustees as swamp land, the Supreme Court of the State having so held in similar cases; that at the time of the deed to L. & N. Railroad Company the Trustees had no authority to dispose of sovereignty land, such authority being given in 1919 when Chapter 7861 became a law and vested title of reclaimed lands around Lake Okeechobee in the Trustees; that the sovereignty land in unsurveyed Section 10 was sold under contract to J. M. Griffin August 25, 1932, and that it became necessary to file an injunction against parties attempting unlawfully to occupy the land and interfering with lessee from Trustees' grantee.

The Trustees advised Mrs. Grogan and Mrs. Sapp that there was nothing they could do, as the land had been sold under contract as above set forth and suggested that they await the outcome of the suit pending in the Court.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
January 13, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Trustees on August 5, 1936 agreed to sell to the City of Port Orange, Florida, certain right-of-way through State land to be used in the construction of a bridge across Halifax River at Port Orange and the following Notice was published in The News Journal at Daytona Beach, Florida on December 12th, 19th, 26th, 1936 and January 2nd and 9th, 1937:

Tallahassee, Florida
December 8, 1936

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Wednesday, January 13, 1937, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land in VOLUSIA County, Florida:

Commence at the intersection of the North line of the Bunch Grant (Section 41, Township 16 South Range 33 East) and the west property line

of South Halifax Drive, in the Town of Port Orange, Volusia County, Florida:

Run north 27°08' West, 289.3 feet to intersect with the center line of Dunlawton Street;

Thence North 8°30' East, along the center line of Dunlawton Street, 6.6 feet;

Thence North 61° East, 64.8 feet to the point of beginning on the Seawall along the West bank of the Halifax River;

Thence North 25°42' West along the said Seawall 100.165 feet;

Thence North 61° East 5122 feet to a point on the East bank of the Halifax River;

Thence South 25°42' East, 200.33 feet;

Thence South 61° West 5122 feet to a point in the seawall on the West bank of the Halifax River;

Thence North 25°42' West, along the said seawall 100.165 feet to the point of beginning.

All of the foregoing described land lying in Sections 2 and 3, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

David Sholtz, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Objections were submitted to sale of the land from W. C. Earnhardt, and from Martin M. Hagan for himself and Elizabeth Hagan, or Edith Sirguy.

It was the opinion of the Trustees that should the parties making protest be advised of the purpose for which the land is desired, the objections would be withdrawn. Whereupon it was ordered that issuance of deed to the City of Port Orange be withheld until parties filing objections can be advised of the nature of the conveyance.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

Jentye Dedge,
Assistant Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
January 15, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.

The following bills were approved and order paid:

Marvin C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla.	\$ 16.90
The Citizen Publishing Company, Key West, Fla.	12.00
Daytona Beach News-Journal, Daytona Beach, Fla.	15.00
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	8.55
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	32.37
Pennsylvania Rubber Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	82.98
Tallahassee Office Supply Company, Tallahassee, Fla. ....	.50
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	2.46
Proctor and Proctor, Tallahassee, Fla.	74.98
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	5.60
F. E. Bayless, Land Agent, Tallahassee, Fla.	28.95
	<u>\$280.29</u>

Following is Financial Statement for the month of December, 1936:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER, 1936
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account various land sales	\$ 7,595.45
Sale of Tax Certificate land under Chapter 14,717, Acts of 1931	119.20
Mineral Lease	75.00
Farm Leases	895.50
Grazing Lease	30.00
Timber Lease	375.00
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	326.27
Sale of blueprints	8.10
Proceeds of coupons on collateral de- posited by Axel Jensen — Entry 17839	10.50
Total Receipts during month	\$ 9,435.02
Balance on hand December 1, 1936	60,135.23
	<u>\$69,570.25</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	1,569.77
Balance December 31, 1936	<u>\$68,000.48</u>

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in Banks	67,000.48
	<u>\$68,000.48</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS DECEMBER 31, 1936

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$43,714.67
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,536.15
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	5,749.66
	<u>\$67,000.48</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1936			
Dec. 19,	10702	The H. & W. B. Drew Co. —	\$ 62.50
	10703	American Oil Co.	22.09
	10704	Proctor & Proctor	2.00
	10705	Saint Marks Supply Company	90.35
	10706	Western Union Telegraph Co.	4.04
	10707	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	1.23
	10708	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.20
30,	10709	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	10710	F. E. Bayless	261.85
	10711	A. R. Richardson	125.00
	10712	M. O. Barco	175.00
	10713	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	10714	H. L. Shearer	25.00
	10715	Sam Ellerbe	125.00
	10716	W. V. Knott, State Treasurer	50.00
	10717	Standard Oil Company	26.91
	10718	Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.	18.60
	Total	Disbursements during December, 1936	<u>\$ 1,569.77</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

Jentye Dedge,
Assistant Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
January 27, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

This being the first regular meeting of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under the new administration, the following resolution was presented and adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been the custom of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to organize quadriennially by designating the incoming Governor as chairman of said Trustees, Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund designate Honorable Fred P. Cone, Governor of Florida, as Chairman of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and that, pursuant to custom, in his absence the next member of the Trustees, according to the order in which their names appear as designated in the Act creating the Internal Improvement Fund, shall preside as Chairman.

The Trustees on August 26, 1936, agreed to quit-claim to Miami Beach Bay Shore Company, at a price of approximately \$13 an acre, certain areas bulkheaded and filled, located on Sunset Islands. The following advertisement for objections was published in the Miami Herald on dates of December 24, 31, 1936 and January 7, 14, and 21, 1937:

Tallahassee, Florida,
December 16, 1936

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Wednesday, January

27, 1937, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described lands located in Dade County, Florida:

PARCEL NO. 1: Of the North Island as bulkheaded and filled, known as Island No. 1 of Sunset Islands, that part which lies in Section 27, Township 53 South, Range 42 East. Further defined as that part lying East of the West line of Lake Avenue and that line projected to the north and south boundaries of said Island. Containing 4.62 acres, more or less.

PARCEL NO. 2: Of the Island bulkheaded and filled, known as Island No. 2 to the southward of Island No. 1, that part which lies in Section 27, Township 53 South, Range 42 East. Further defined as that part lying east of the west line of Lake Avenue and that line projected to the north and south boundaries of said Island. Containing 5.42 acres, more or less.

PARCEL NO. 3: Of the Island bulkheaded and filled, known as Island No. 3, to the southward of Island No. 2, that part which lies in Section 27, Township 53 South, Range 42 East. Further defined as that part lying east of the west line of Lake Avenue and that line projected to the north and south boundaries of said Island. Containing 3.36 acres, more or less.

PARCEL NO. 4: Of the South Island bulkheaded and filled known as Island No. 4, that part which lies in Section 27, Township 53 South, Range 42 East. Further defined as that part lying east of the west line of Lake Avenue and that line projected north to the north boundary of said Island and lying north of the south boundary of Section 27. Containing 2.60 acres, more or less.

PARCEL, NO. 4-A: Of the aforesaid Island No. 4, that part which lies East of the west boundary and south of the north boundary of Section 34, Township 53 South, Range 42 East. Containing 0.64 acres, more or less.

PARCEL NO. 4-B: Of the aforesaid Island No. 4, that part in Section 33, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, lying south of the north boundary and west of the east boundary of said Section. The said eastern boundary of said Section being

in projection of the west line of Lake Avenue.
Containing 4.57 acres, more or less.

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

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

David Sholtz, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

No objections being filed or presented, the Trustees authorized issuance of quit-claim deed to Miami Beach Bay Shore Company at the price agreed upon, plus cost of advertising.

Application was presented from Port St. Joe Dock & Terminal Railway Company requesting release of oil and mineral reservations on lands recently purchased from the State and offering 50 cents an acre for such release.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the release of oil and mineral rights be granted Port St. Joe Dock and Terminal Railway Company on lands purchased from the State upon payment of 50 cents an acre cash.

Mr. Bayless presented letter from C. P. Kelly of Madison, Florida, in which he requests that his turpentine lease allowed March 4, 1936, on Sections 29 and 32, Township 2 South, Range 8 East, Taylor County, located on San Pedro Bay, be changed to a turpentine and saw mill lease in order that he might cut 12 or 13 saw mill trees on the land and offering \$50 additional for such trees, or a total of \$400 for the combined lease.

The Trustees deferred action on Mr. Kelly's request for sawmill timber, pending report from the Field Agent.

Application was submitted from J. H. Bright to lease for grazing purposes 300 acres of land in Section 4, Township 50 South, Range 40 East, Broward County, with an offer of 10 cents an acre annually, carrying option to renew yearly for a period of five years.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that Mr. Bright be given a year's lease on the Broward County land on the basis of ten cents an acre annually, but declined to give option for renewal each year for five years.

Letter was presented from Miller, Walker & Peterson of St. Petersburg, Florida, on behalf of Smith Service Company of Tampa, applying for shell lease covering territory in Long Bayou in the vicinity of the Veteran's Hospital, offering five (5) cents a cubic yard for such material.

The Trustees deferred action on application from Smith Service Company pending investigation of prices prevailing for sand and shell.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of \$3 an acre from B. F. Padgett of Macclenny, Florida, on behalf of O. D. Rewis, for 40 acres of State land in Baker County, being the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, Township 1 South, Range 21 East.

Action of the Trustees was that this offer be declined.

The Trustees declined offer of \$2 an acre from H. M. Wilson on behalf of Turpentine Rosin Factors, Inc., of Jacksonville, Florida, for 70 acres of State land in Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 25 East.

Application from Thos. H. Horobin for adjustment on land purchase in Biscayne Bay, was denied.

Mr. Bayless submitted request from Dillon Hartridge of Jacksonville, Florida, on behalf of Mrs. Ella F. Phillips, formerly Ella F. Mills, for refund of \$1030 paid by her to the Trustees in 1927 for ten (10) acres of land on the St. Johns River in Section 6, Township 2 South, Range 28 East, representation being made that the land was thought to be adjacent to the river; that subsequent to the purchase other parties claimed title to the water front property, thus cutting Mrs. Phillips off from the river.

The matter was referred to the Attorney General for his opinion and recommendations.

Application was received from Streety Durrance of Lake Placid, Florida, making offer of ten (10) cents an acre for grazing lease on 400 acres of State land in Highlands County East of Lake Placid.

The Trustees declined the offer of Mr. Durrance but directed the Land Clerk to advise him that if he desired to submit a better offer, they would be glad to consider it.

Application was submitted from Joe Friedheim of Belle Glade, Florida, offering \$50 an acre for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and \$30 an acre for the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, all in Section

11, Township 44 South, Range 45 East, lying East of Miami Canal.

The offers of Mr. Friedheim were declined and the Land Office was requested to so advise him.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary—Salary\$	400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary\$250.00	
Expense 4.50	254.50
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A. R. Richardson, Field Agent—Salary	125.00
Jentye Dedge, Asst. Secretary to Trustees—Salary	175.00
M. O. Barco, Sec. to Engineer—Salary	.....	175.00
Sam Ellerbe, Mechanic Launch Josephine—Salary	.....	125.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	.....	25.00
M. C. McIntosh, Asst. Attorney General—Expense	11.60
A. A. A. Jackson, Tallahassee, Fla.	3.00
A. C. Bridges, Treasurer's Office	50.00
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		\$1,334.10

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
February 10, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Honorable Dillon Hartridge, Attorney of Jacksonville, Florida, presented request of Mrs. Ella F. Phillips, formerly Mrs. Ella F. Mills, for adjustment on 2.4 acres of land included in 10.3 acres in Deed No. 17789, sold to Mrs. Ella F. Mills by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund January 24, 1927, as sovereignty lands ad-

joining Lot 1 of Section 6, Township 2 South, Range 28 East, Duval County.

Upon motion duly carried, it was ordered that a check in the sum of \$300 be drawn in favor of Mrs. Ella F. Phillips in full adjustment of all claims in connection with said 10.3 acres conveyed in Deed 17789, upon execution and delivery of release by her and her husband to said Trustees releasing all claims in connection with the sale to her of such 10.3 acres of land.

Request was presented from Mr. Elmore Cohen of West Palm Beach, Florida, on behalf of Ridgeway Beach settlers, to purchase the "A" Lots adjoining their upland at a price of \$50 each Lot.

Mr. Cohen also requested action on his application to lease land between the old State dike and the new Government Levee.

The Trustees postponed action on requests of Mr. Cohen and directed that he be advised that the board will visit that section within the next few weeks and will look into his matters at that time.

Mr. Charles R. Pierce of Miami, Florida, representing Royal Citrus Groves, applied to purchase marginal lands in Sections 17 and 18, Township 55 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, approximating 175 acres and offering \$1000 cash for the land.

The matter was held in abeyance pending investigation and report by the Attorney General as to title to the lands applied for by Mr. Pierce.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date certain islands in the St. Johns River applied for by Mrs. W. M. Bostwick, Jr., of Jacksonville, Florida, and the War Department having filed objection to sale of such areas, the objection was upheld and the land withdrawn from sale.

Upon being advised of the objection from the War Department Mrs. Bostwick stated that it was satisfactory with her that the land be withdrawn from sale.

On December 16, 1936 the Trustees agreed to advertise for objections certain submerged land in Pinellas County, upon offer of \$100 an acre from applicants, plus cost of advertising, and the following Notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on dates of January 11, 18, 25 and February 1 and 8, 1937:

Tallahassee, Florida,
January 6, 1937

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Wednesday, February 10, 1937, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in PINELLAS County, Florida:

PARCEL 1: From the NW cor. of Sec. 15, Tp. 31 S., Rge. 15 East, as established by D. E. Rose and W. T. Hoofnagle, June 24, 1927, run S. 658.21 feet; East 1309.91 feet for a point of beginning.

From said point of beginning run East 75 feet; Thence South 50° E. 65'; S 46° 12' E. 156 feet; S 79° 16' E. 62 feet; thence S 10° 44' W. 40 feet; thence N 79° 16' W. 70 feet; N 49° 21' W. 85 feet; N 30° 21' W. 70 feet; N 49° 21' W. 87 feet; thence N 17° 37' W. 39.95 feet to the point of beginning.

Lying and being in Township 31 South, Range 15 East. Containing 0.29 acres. Correct description to be furnished with deed.

PARCEL 2: Beginning at the intersection of the high water mark in Clearwater Harbor and the south line of Government Lot 5, Section 32, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Run thence North 4348.9 feet;

Thence West 2331.1 feet for a POB (and further described as lying 610 feet West of the northeast corner of Lot 20 of the First addition to Mandalay Point Sub.)

Run thence N 9° 05' East 890.0 feet;
Thence N 80° 55' W 200 feet;
Thence S 9° 05' West 890 feet;
Thence S 80° 55' East 200 feet to POB.
Containing 4.086 acres, more or less.
Correct description to be furnished with deed.

PARCEL 3: From the SW corner of Section 10, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, run due North 1463.22 feet;

Thence South 40° East 114.18 feet; South 19° East 110 feet for point of beginning;

From said point of beginning run South 19° East 352 feet; South 48° East 594 feet; North 41° East 165 feet; From thence by a curve to the right, Radius 185 feet chord N 55° 23' 35" West 133.52 feet; thence North 49° 04' W. 400 feet; thence by a curve to the right Radius 1437.69 chord 368.82 feet; North 41° 41' 40" West, thence S 43° 08' West 10 feet to the point of beginning. Containing in all 2.55 acres, more or less. Correct description to be furnished with deed.

All above land located in Pinellas County, Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Fred P. Cone, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

No objections being filed or presented, sales were consummated as follows:

Parcel 1—Sold to Edward T. Campbell for Frank J. Erxleben—\$100 an acre;

Parcel 2—Sold to Paul F. Randolph Incorporated—\$100 an acre; and

Parcel 3—Sold to Paisley & Stone—\$100 an acre.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid: Ella F. Phillips (Ella F. Mills), Jacksonville, Fla.

Adjustment on land conveyed to Ella F. Mills in Deed No. 17789 dated January 24, 1927—\$300.00

The following right-of-way granted to the State Road Department November 10, 1936, was ordered placed of record:

GRANT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL
IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA

TO

STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT OF
THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, pursuant to application of the State Road Department of the State of Florida dated the 6th day of

October A. D. 1936, for right-of-way across certain lands held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, and pursuant to approval of said application by the said Trustees at a meeting held on the 10th day of November A. D. 1936, Now Therefore,

THIS INDENTURE made this the 3rd day of December A. D. 1936, by and between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the State Road Department of the State of Florida,

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the public convenience and welfare, and for encouraging the construction of a state road, and for the improvement of the North New River Canal for drainage and for navigation as incident to the construction of said road, and for the benefit of the Everglades Drainage District, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida hereby grant to the State Road Department, subject to the conditions hereinafter named, perpetual easement for right-of-way purposes for said road in and to a parcel or parcels of land described as follows, to-wit:

AS TO LANDS OWNED BY THE TRUSTEES

Beginning at the North boundary of Section 31 in Township 45 South, Range 37 East, southward and south-eastward along and bordering upon the west bank of said North New River Canal, a strip of land 180 feet wide as measured at right angles to the axis of said Canal:

Through Hiatus in Township 45 South, Between Ranges 36 East and 37 East;

Through said Section 31 of Tp. 45 South, Rg. 37 East;

Through the hiatus between Townships 45 South and 46 South in Range 37 East;

Through Sections 3, 5, 9, 11, 15, 23 and 25 of Township 46 South, Range 37 East;

Through Section 31 of Township 46 South, Range 38 East;

Through Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21, 22, 27, 34 and 35 of Township 47 South, Range 38 East;

Through Sections 1, 2, 11, 12 and 13 of Township 48 South, Range 38 East;

Through Sections 18, 19, 20, 28, 32 of Township 48 South, Range 39 East;

Through Section 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$; Sections 22, 34 and 36 of Township 49 South, Range 39 East;

Through Section 31 of Township 49 South,
Range 40 East;

Through Sections 6, 4 and 10 of Township 50
South, Range 40 East.

AS TO LANDS THROUGH WHICH THE TRUSTEES
OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND HOLD
RESERVATIONS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY

That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, in so far as the rights of the Trustees may appear, authorize the State Road Department to occupy with a state road a strip of land on the west side of and adjoining said North New River Canal 130 feet wide as measured at right angles from the center line of said North New River Canal through:

Sections 23 and 35 of Tp. 44 South, Range 36
East ;

Sections 11, 23 and 25 of Tp. 45 South, Range
36 East;

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4 and Section 28 of Tp. 49
South, Rg. 39 East;

Sections 2 and 12 of Tp. 50 South, Rg. 40
East.

That the State Road Department shall have the right to construct on the lands aforesaid a state road and to do all those things necessary and incident to said construction, including the removal of any earth, stone or other material from said right-of-way, and to maintain, police, and protect the said road thereon, all in pursuance of such authority as may be vested in the said State Road Department therefor. The rights herein vested in said State Road Department shall extend to its officers, engineers, representatives and contractors, and to the Federal Government as its interest in said road may appear.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that in the event the parcels of land hereinabove described shall not be used for a right-of-way, or construction thereon shall not have begun within two (2) years from this date, or shall thereafter be abandoned for road purposes, then the rights and privileges hereby granted to said Road Department shall automatically revert to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and

PROVIDED FURTHER, that said rights and privileges hereby granted shall not be in conflict with the legal and lawful use, construction, improvement, operation and

maintenance by Everglades Drainage District of said North New River Canal.

DAVID SHOLTZ,
Governor.
J. M. LEE,
Comptroller.
W. V. KNOTT,
State Treasurer.
CARY D. LANDIS,
Attorney General.
NATHAN MAYO,
Commissioner of Agriculture.
Of and composing the Trustees
of the Internal Improvement
Fund of the State of Florida.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

F. C. ELLIOT,
Secretary.

AND PURSUANT to the aforesaid as set forth in indenture from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and subject to the same conditions, a right-of-way 180 feet wide:

Through Section 16 of Township 47 South,
Range 38 East;

Through Section 16 of Township 49 South,
Range 39 East,

is hereby granted by the State Board of Education.

DAVID SHOLTZ,
Governor.
R. A. GRAY,
Secretary of State.
CARY D. LANDIS,
Attorney General.
W. V. KNOTT,
Treasurer.
W. S. CAWTHON,
Superintendent of Public
Instruction.
Of and composing the State
Board of Education (SEAL)

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

NATHAN MAYO,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

Financial Statement for the month of January is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY, 1937
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 3,460.92
Sale of land under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931	19.14
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel.....	712.96
Mineral Lease	225.00
Timber Lease	150.00
Sale of wood	4.88
Sale of Minutes	2.00
Interest on deposits in banks	81.45
Farm Lease (Entry No. 227)	187.50
Total receipts during month	\$ 4,843.85
Balance on hand January 1, 1937	68,000.48
	<u>\$72,844.33</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below).....	1,624.39
Balance January 31, 1937	\$71,219.94

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in Banks	70,219.94
	<u>\$71,219.94</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS JANUARY 31, 1937

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$46,879.61
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,557.95
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	5,782.38
	<u>\$70,219.94</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1937	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Jan. 10,	10719	Marvin C. McIntosh	\$ 16.90
	10720	The Citizens Publishing Co.....	12.00
	10721	Daytona Beach News-Journal.....	15.00
	10722	Standard Oil Company—Jacksonville	8.55
	10723	American Oil Company—Jacksonville	32.37
	10724	Pennsylvania Rubber Co.	82.98

	10725	Tallahassee Office Supply Co.....	.50
	10726	Western Union Telegraph Co.....	2.46
	10727	Proctor & Proctor	74.98
	10728	Southeastern Telephone Co.....	5.60
	10729	F. E. Bayless	28.95
30,	10730	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	10731	F. E. Bayless	254.50
	10732	A. R. Richardson	125.00
	10733	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	10734	M. O. Barco	175.00
	10735	Sam Ellerbe	125.00
	10736	H. L. Shearer	25.00
	10737	M. C. McIntosh	11.60
	10738	A. A. A. Jackson	3.00
	10739	A. C. Bridges	50.00
		TOTAL disbursements during January,	
	1937	.....	\$1,624.39

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

Jentye Dedge,
Assistant Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
February 18, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Messrs. A. A. Poston, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and A. L. Rankin, Attorney for such Board, discussed with the Trustees matter of foreclosures being brought in the name of the State by Palm Beach County under Chapter 14572, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1929, and requested that Palm Beach County be advised of procedure necessary in order that the lands could be promptly sold and returned to tax roll of said county.

The Trustees advised that pursuant to former practice of the Trustees under the above Chapter, when deed shall

have been issued to the said Trustees, the lands will be disposed of for an amount not less than the decree of the Court, based upon the total tax debt resting upon the lands at the date of foreclosure, unless, by action of the County Commissioners, a less amount was recommended by them for satisfying the equity of the county in the lien for taxes foreclosed under such suit; that in the event the lands are to be disposed of for less than the amount of the tax debt, the County Commissioners should adopt a Resolution setting forth the amount necessary to satisfy the equity of the County as determined by said Board, and request the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to sell the property in such manner as would return to the County the amount so determined; also that the amounts represented by the State's equity and costs must be paid in cash, together with an amount to the Trustees to cover expense of handling.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
February 25, 1937

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education met in joint session on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
R. A. Gray, Secretary of State.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. Charles R. Pierce of Miami, Florida, appeared before the joint boards and made application for deeds to certain marginal lands in Dade County as follows:

TRACT A: Quit-claim deed from State Board of Education to Royal Citrus Groves for Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, in Section 18, Township 55 South, Range 41 East—46.61 acres with an offer of \$466.10

TRACT B: Quit-claim deed from Trustees Internal Improvement Fund to Royal Citrus Groves for SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, Township 55 South, Range 41 East—100 acres with an offer of \$500

TRACT C: Quit-claim deed from Trustees Internal Improvement Fund to Hayford C. Enwall for SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 55 South, Range 41 East—40 acres, with an offer of \$200.

Mr. Pierce stated that abstract of title had been furnished the Land Department showing that no adverse claims are involved; that Royal Citrus Groves had already obtained deeds from the State to the areas in Tracts "A" and "C" as well as deed to the land adjacent to Tract "B"; that as to Tract "A", Coconut Grove Investment Company, a former claimant, has joined with Royal Citrus Groves in requesting that deeds be issued as requested.

Upon discussion of Tract A, Mr. Gray moved that the State Board of Education accept \$466.10 offered by Mr. Pierce for Lots in Section 18, when certified copy of release of mortgage against the land is received and recorded. Motion seconded and duly adopted by State Board of Education.

Motion was made on behalf of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that action on Tracts "B" and "C" be deferred until Mr. Richardson, Field Agent, can make investigation of the condition of the land and the present value of that portion to which Royal Citrus Groves has not received deed from the State. Upon being seconded the motion was adopted and Mr. Richardson was directed to make the necessary inspection and report to the Trustees.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Middle Florida Ice Company, Tallahassee, Fla. —	\$ 14.50
The Tallahassee Office Supply Co. Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	6.10
Marvin C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla.	5.50
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	14.75
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.85
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	2.74
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	9.00
The Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla.	25.50
The Miami Herald, Miami, Fla.	8.25

The Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, Florida	15.75
W. Hiram Lawrence, Sheriff, West Palm Beach, Fla.	20.25
George O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Fla.	10.00
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	43.53
Proctor & Proctor, Tallahassee, Fla.	25.75
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	16.64
F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary—Salary	400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary & Expenses	286.00
A. R. Richardson, Field Agent—Salary	125.00
M. O. Barco, Sec. to Engineer—Salary	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Asst. Secretary to Trustees—Salary	175.00
Sam Ellerbe, Mechanic Launch Josephine—Salary	125.00
A. C. Bridges, Treasurer's Office, part salary	50.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	25.00
	<hr/> \$1,581.11

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

Jentye Dedge,
Assistant Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
March 3, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Minutes of the Trustees for December 16, 21, 23 and 30, 1936, and January 12, 13, 15, 27, February 10, 18 and 25, 1937, were ordered approved.

Mr. Velma Keen, Attorney of Tallahassee, presented offer from Dabro Investment Corporation of St. Petersburg, Florida, to purchase mortgage #17460 held by the Trustees on approximately 212 acres of submerged land

south of Passagrille. Mr. Keen stated that the original purchasers had been notified of an offer for this mortgage, but evidenced no interest in protecting their equity; therefore, his client makes application to purchase, based on tax deed issued, and offers \$1000 for the State's interest in the land.

The Trustees were acquainted with the facts in the case: That the mortgage amounts to approximately \$31,000 while the tax deed held by Dabro Investment Corporation represents a cost of approximately \$25. Whereupon, the Trustees declined the offer of Mr. Keen's client.

Upon request of Mr. Keen, the trustees indicated that they would consider an offer for the land based on its real value and not on the tax deed, contingent upon foreclosure of the mortgage.

Application was submitted from J. E. Young of St. Petersburg, Florida, owner of Coon Key in Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 16 East—Pinellas County, for right-of-way over State land as a site for construction of causeway connecting Long Key and Coon Key. His proposal is that the Trustees convey a certain area and, upon definite location and construction of the causeway, all areas except a right-of-way strip 100 feet wide be reconveyed to the State. Compensation for such strip to be \$100.

It was the action of the Trustees that upon Mr. Young furnishing a correct description of the right-of-way strip on which it is proposed to construct the causeway the area will be advertised and if no objections, sale will be made to Mr. Young at a price of \$100 an acre, plus cost of advertising.

Mr. Bayless reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees on December 16, 1936 that certain timber land in Lake and Volusia Counties be cruised, he has secured names of several parties competent to make the cruise for the State.

Upon consideration of the subject, the Trustees selected S. S. Savage of Ocala, who has done timber cruising for years and who agreed to do the work on a basis of \$10 a day plus expenses, and mileage on a car at the rate of five cents a mile.

Mr. Bayless was directed to notify Mr. Savage that the Trustees had selected him to make the cruise; also Mr. Bayless to get a competent civil engineer to run out the lines of the state's holdings in order that an accurate cruise may be made.

Mr. Edward A. Fleming of Miami, Florida, on behalf of Alfred G. Hoffman, applied for an eight-foot strip of land adjoining Lot 3 of Block 3, San Marco, one of the Venetian Islands in Biscayne Bay, stating that the bulkhead around this island had been shifted during the 1928 storm and this additional strip is needed for bulkheading and filling purposes.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to sell the eight-foot strip to Mr. Hoffman, subject to advertising for objections—consideration to be \$10 plus cost of advertising.

Application was presented from Robert L. Williams of Orlando, Florida, representing W. R. and Forest Calaway, to purchase approximately three-fourths of an acre of land adjacent to upland property on Lake Conway, Orange County, Section 8, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, and offering \$20 for the parcel.

The Trustees, upon motion seconded and adopted, accepted the offer of Mr. Williams and directed that deed be executed to his clients.

C. M. Larrick of Lake Harbor, Florida, made application to purchase two and one-half acres of reclaimed land adjacent to his upland property in Section 2, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, lying between his land and the new Government levee right-of-way. An offer of \$50 an acre was made for the tract.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to defer action on this application for further information.

The Trustees recessed to meet at Four o'clock P. M.

FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

The Trustees convened pursuant to recessed meeting of the morning with all members present except Mr. Lee, Comptroller.

C. M. Larrick also requested that the Trustees foreclose Mortgage No. 17,354 of Kretex Realty Company on Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, stating that he will offer \$50 an acre for twenty acres of such land when foreclosure is completed.

The Land Office reported that Kretex Realty Company purchased this land at a price of \$50 an acre and that a cash payment of \$625 was made, leaving a balance due on principal of \$1875.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees deferred action on Mr. Larrick's offer, but requested the Attorney General's office to foreclose Mortgage No. 17,354; also that Mr. Larrick be notified that upon completion of foreclosure any offer he desires to make will be considered at that time.

The Trustees denied application of Thomas H. Horobin for adjustment on lands purchased several years ago.

Report was submitted from A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, on timber in Collier County, Section 15, Township 47 South, Range 30 East, applied for by T. T. Scott of Live Oak, Florida.

The Trustees declined Mr. Scott's offer of \$6000 for the cypress timber on Section 15, but agreed to accept the appraised value—\$6400 for approximately 640,000 feet.

Offer of \$250 was presented from William Fisher of Cross City, Florida, to purchase approximately 44,000 feet of timber located on the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 2, Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, Gilchrist County.

The Trustees declined offer of \$250 for the timber, but agreed to accept \$350 cash.

A. R. Johnson of West Palm Beach, Florida, representing D. T. Connell, applied for marginal lands between Conners Highway and Florida East Coast right-of-way, offering \$50 for two lots located in Section 27, Township 41 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

The action of the Trustees was that offer of Mr. Connell be declined, but that he be offered the lots at \$100 each.

Rasco & Gautier, Attorneys of New Smyrna, Florida, petitioned the Trustees to sell John B. Hinckley the submerged land adjacent to his upland property in the town of Edgewater on the Indian River, such area having been created by dredging operations of the War Department in East Coast Canal.

Upon discussion, the Trustees agreed to sell the area applied for at a price of \$100 plus cost of advertising.

Action on application of Mr. Streety Durrance of DeSoto City for grazing lease on Highlands County land was deferred until the return of Mr. Lee, Comptroller.

The application of Ernest Metcalf was presented for release of mineral and canal reservations on land of C.

E. Reidell, being Lots 104 and 105, a subdivision of Lot 34, Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, town of Belleglade. A check of \$1.50 was offered in payment for such release.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to release reservations requested upon payment of \$5.

Application was presented from Mark R. Tennant of Miami, Florida, to purchase approximately five acres of land north of Moorehaven in Section 9, Township 41 South, Range 32 East, with an offer of \$6 an acre.

The Trustees declined the offer of Mr. Tennant and directed the Land Office to request W. B. Granger, Manager at Florida State Farm No. 2, Belleglade, to examine the land and report as to its character and value.

The Trustees took action as follows: That W. B. Granger be furnished with list of state lands around Lake Okeechobee and whenever it is possible for him to contact prospective renters of such land that he notify the Land Office of the character of the land and his recommendations as to rental price.

V. H. Miller made application to purchase for J. T. Miller of Trenton, Florida, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 10 South, Range 16 East—40 acres in Gilchrist County, offering \$4 an acre for the land.

Motion was made and seconded that the offer be declined.

Milam, McIlvaine & Milam, Attorneys of Jacksonville, Florida, requested that the Trustees sell to their clients for a nominal consideration an area of land filled in through dredging operations by the War Department in East Coast Canal at a point near Ft. Pierce. Statement is made that the filled parcel is adjacent to upland ownership of clients.

Upon discussion, the Trustees deferred action on the application pending investigation and report by A. R. Richardson, Field Agent.

Mr. Bayless reported that in the exchange of lands for the Seminole Indian Reservation, the Federal Government has requested abstract of title to Lots 11 and 12; W $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 13; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 14, Section 36, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, which land had been sold by the Trustees and later reconveyed.

Motion was made seconded and adopted, that the Land Clerk have the necessary abstract prepared as requested by the Federal authorities.

The Trustees declined application of Miller, Walker & Peterson, presented January 27, on behalf of Smith Service Company, for shell lease in Long Bayou in the vicinity of the Veterans Hospital near St. Petersburg.

Application was submitted from H. M. Bailey of Clermont, Florida, with an offer of five cents a yard for sand lease in Lake Minnehaha, Lake County.

The offer was accepted and lease ordered prepared.

Mr. Bayless presented application from H. D. Holloway of Geneva, Alabama, to purchase timber on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 16 West—Holmes County—offering \$125 for approximately 35,000 feet.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees deferred action on Mr. Holloway's request, pending information as to the character of timber applied for.

The Trustees directed that timber lease heretofore granted C. P. Kelly be delivered to him, but declined his offer of \$50 for sawmill timber applied for in the same locality.

Application was presented from Westbury Corporation and John H. Phipps of Tallahassee, for grazing lease on Lake Jackson, Leon County, adjacent to upland ownership. An offer of \$60 annually in advance was made for approximately 1400 acres, statement being made that a good portion of the land is under water.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the offer for grazing lease on Lake Jackson was declined, but the Trustees agreed to lease the land at a price of twenty-five cents an acre annually.

Application from Blumenfeld Company of Memphis, Tennessee, for exclusive lease to take mussel shell from the Dead Lakes, was deferred for further information.

Upon motion, the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

Jentye Dedge,
Assistant Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
March 27, 1937

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary, Salary	_____	\$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	_____	250.00
A. R. Richardson, Field Agent—Salary	_____	125.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	_____	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	_____	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	_____	25.00
Sam Ellerbe, in charge Launch Josephine	_____	125.00
J. R. Peacock, Clerk Circuit Court, Sarasota, Fla.	_____	37.19
W. V. Knott, State Treasurer	_____	3.20
H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	_____	21.25
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	_____	14.99
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	_____	46.23
Proctor and Proctor, Tallahassee, Fla.	_____	2.80
Underwood Typewriter Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	_____	1.25
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	_____	7.00
Saint Marks Supply Co., St. Marks, Fla.	_____	30.05
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	_____	9.85
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	_____	4.77
Tallahassee Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	_____	4.75
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk, Tallahassee, Fla.	_____	28.00
S. S. Savage, Ocala, Fla.	_____	95.15
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	_____	744.60
		<u>\$2,326.17</u>

The following is financial statement for the month of February 1937:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY 1937
RECEIPTS

Sale of lands under Chapter 14717,		
Acts of 1931	_____	\$ 486.25
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	_____	743.98
Oil and Mineral lease	_____	5.57
Grazing lease	_____	99.06
Farm lease	_____	112.50

Reimbursement on account of publication of notice to sell land	15.00
Final dividend payment of First National Bank of St. Augustine .....	.66
Total receipts during month	\$ 1,463.02
Balance on hand February 1, 1937	71,219.94
	<u>\$72,682.96</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	1,881.11
Balance February 28, 1937	\$70,801.85

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in Banks	69,801.85
	<u>\$70,801.85</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS FEBRUARY 28, 1937

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$46,308.49
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,572.95
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	<u>5,920.41</u>
	\$69,801.85

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1937			
Feb. 11,	10740	Ella F. Phillips	\$ 300.00
25,	10741	Middle Florida Ice Co.	14.50
	10742	Tallahassee Office Supply Co.	6.10
	10743	Marvin C. McIntosh	5.50
	10744	Southeastern Telephone Co.	14.75
	10745	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	1.85
	10746	Western Union Telegraph Co.	2.74
	10747	Rose Printing Co.	9.00
	10748	The Clearwater Sun	25.50
	10749	The Miami Herald	8.25
	10750	The Florida Times-Union	15.75
	10751	W. Hiram Lawrence	20.25
	10752	George O. Butler, C.C.C.	10.00
	10753	American Oil Co.	43.53
	10754	Proctor & Proctor	25.75
	10755	Standard Oil Co.	16.64
27,	10756	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	10757	F. E. Bayless	286.00
	10758	A. R. Richardson	125.00
	10759	M. O. Bareo	175.00

10760	Jentye Dodge	175.00
10761	Sam Ellerbe	125.00
10762	A. C. Bridges	50.00
10763	H. L. Shearer	25.00
Total disbursements during February,		
1937	.....	\$1,881.11

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
March 31, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Land Clerk submitted application from R. J. Taylor, Tax Assessor of Jefferson County, on behalf of J. M. Livingstone, offering \$1.50 an acre for the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 6 East, 80 acres in Jefferson County, located in the Aucilla River swamp. It was stated that the land is needed to block up an area to be included in a game preserve and no timber is to be removed therefrom.

The Trustees declined to sell the land to Mr. Livingstone at the price offered, but agreed to lease the tract on a yearly basis at the rate of fifteen cents (15c) an acre annually, conditioned that no timber will be cut and that the land will be used for a game preserve.

Mr. M. G. O'Neal of Miami, Florida, appeared before the Trustees and requested extension of one year in which to make payment of \$3,085.32 due April 1, 1937, on Martin County land vesting in the State by Ch. 14572 purchased by B. G. Dahlberg, of Woodlands Corporation, on March

18, 1936. Mr. O'Neal stated that Woodlands Corporation was contemplating the purchase of approximately 45,000 acres additional land in the same locality and extension of the April payment would make it possible for the corporation to secure such area.

Upon discussion the Trustees agreed to extension of six (6) months in payment due April 1, 1937 by Woodlands Corporations, subject to written consent from the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County.

Mr. John A. O'Rourke of Miami, Florida, appeared before the Trustees and offered \$100 annual rental for Shoal No. 46 located on Key Biscayne South of Cape Florida and north of Soldier Key, Township 42 South, Range 56 East, containing approximately ninety (90) acres, all of which is under water except about one and one-half acres at extremely low tide; such Shoal to be used as site for a private fishing camp.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to lease Shoal No. 46 to Mr. O'Rourke at a yearly rental of \$100 for a period of four years, such lease to contain cancellation clause in case of sale prior to expiration date.

The Land Clerk submitted letter from S. S. Savage of Ocala, Florida, reporting 5,455,000 feet of standing cypress timber and 174,000 feet of trespassed timber on the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Township 17 South, Range 29 East.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that legal action be commenced at once to recover damages from parties trespassing on State land in above township.

Bill for \$300 was submitted from E. G. Chesley employed to run out lines of state lands; also bill from timber cruiser S. S. Savage amounting to \$120. The two bills were approved and ordered paid as follows:

E. G. Chesley, Tallahassee, Fla. To services rendered self and party—survey of Township 17 South, Range 29 East—12 days	\$300.00
S. S. Savage, Ocala, Fla. Timber cruise account Trustees—March 22 to 27, incl. Self and Compass man	120.00
	\$420.00

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 7, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Judge A. G. Powell of Atlanta, Georgia, and Mr. Tom Sale of Panama City, Florida, Attorneys for Atlanta and St. Andrews Bay Railway Company, came before the Trustees with reference to purchase of reclaimed sovereignty land, adjacent to property of the railroad, which area the company has leased to Standard Oil and Gulf Refining companies for storage plant sites. Judge Powell stated that there was some question in his mind as to the authority of the Trustees to deed the leased land, owing to its depth before filling, and suggested that an act of the legislature might clarify the points in question.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that Mr. McIntosh, Assistant Attorney General, confer with Judge Powell and Mr. Sale and prepare a bill on the subject for presentation to the legislature, arranging for the necessary advertisement incident to passage of such bill.

E. B. Casler, Jr., of Clearwater, Florida, submitted offer of \$100 an acre for submerged land in Clearwater Bay, adjacent to upland of his clients, Frank J. Kingston, Ethel F. Primm, Mable A. Kitchen and Allen Roy Kingston, as trustees, such area containing .886 of an acre in Section 16, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to sell that parcel of land at the price offered, plus cost of advertising, conditioned upon investigation by the Land Clerk of the property in reference to its location and value as compared with other sales in that vicinity.

Mr. Lee, Comptroller, was excused from the meeting on account of a business engagement out of town.

Mr. Harley Watson of Arcadia, Florida, came before the Trustees and made an offer of \$1000 cash for assignment of his mortgage securing payment of land purchased from the State under Entry No. 17233. Statement was made that the agreed price was \$75 an acre and a total of \$23,917.33 principal and interest has been paid on the land, leaving a balance due of \$21,522.51; that of the 490 acres, 170 acres are within South Florida Conservancy District, the remaining 320 being outside of such district and unimproved by drainage and reclamation works; that the amount paid together with the \$1000 offer will net the Trustees \$75 an acre for the area within the district and \$38 an acre for the 320 outside.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that action be postponed for a full membership to be present.

Mr. Bayless was requested to submit a report on the transaction.

The Land Clerk reported that letter had been received from E. R. Bennett, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Broward County, stating that holder of tax certificate has applied for tax deed on land covered by State mortgage. The Trustees were advised that this land was sold to James Sotile November 4, 1925 in Entry 17356; that the sale covered 20 acres of land in Section 12, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County and the amount of the mortgage was \$5,906.25.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, check was ordered issued for \$160.63, amount necessary to redeem the tax certificate, and the Attorney General was authorized to foreclose mortgage on the land.

Application was presented from T. T. Scott of Live Oak, Florida, for additional timber in Collier County, accompanied by report from Mr. Scott's timber cruiser giving the number of feet of timber applied for.

The Trustees postponed action on application of Mr. Scott until a cruise can be made by the Trustees.

The Land Clerk submitted report from A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, covering submerged land in the City of Fort Pierce, applied for March Third, by Milam, McIlvaine & Milam for clients Fort Pierce Financing and Construction Company.

Upon discussion of the application and report, the Trustees decided to postpone action until a later date, directing the Land Office to so advise applicants.

Report was presented from A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, covering marginal lands in Township 55 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, applied for by Charles R. Pierce under date of February 25. Mr. Richardson reported that due to the location of the land with reference to the city of Miami and to proposed developments, he would appraise the area at \$50 an acre.

Motion was made, seconded and carried, that the offer of \$5 an acre submitted by Mr. Pierce be declined.

Attorney General Landis was excused from the meeting in order to fill an engagement out of town.

Mr. J. M. Sutton of Washington, D. C., came before the Trustees with reference to closing up matters presented February 28 and March 1, 1934, having reference to credit of \$13,000 with the Trustees and settlement of contract dated March 9, 1923.

Upon motion of the Trustees, duly seconded and adopted, the Governor appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Knott, Landis and Mayo to confer with Mr. Sutton and make report to the board with their recommendations.

Mr. Bayless reported that on March Third offer of \$50 a Lot was received from D. T. Connell and others for marginal lots between Conners Highway and upland ownership, but the Trustees had set a price of \$100 each for such lots; that Mr. Paul Rardin, representing D. T. Connell, I. N. Marquis and Stephen Solick, is requesting reconsideration of this action, owing to a price of \$50 each lot having been agreed to in the case of other lands similarly located.

Action on the application was postponed for a full membership of the Trustees.

Application was presented from W. M. Franklin, colored, offering \$60 an acre for the $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County.

Mr. Harley Watson being present stated that this land adjoined his property; that the applicant is a good negro and a good citizen, and recommended that the land be sold to him.

Motion was made, seconded and carried, that this land be investigated along with Mr. Watson's application and reported on at a later meeting.

Westbury Corporation and John H. Phipps submitted a second application for lease of Lake Jackson land for grazing purposes, offering Ten cents an acre, statement being made that it would require approximately ten miles of fencing and maintenance of same to protect the grazing lands and provide proper separation of farming areas from grazing pastures.

The Trustees postponed action for further consideration.

Mr. Bayless reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees March 3, he had written H. D. Holloway of Geneva, Alabama, who had offered \$125 for approximately 35,000 feet of timber on State land in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 16 West, Holmes County, and had information that the timber applied for is Tupelo gum.

The Trustees declined the offer of Mr. Holloway and requested the Land Office to so advise him.

Report was presented from W. B. Granger, Belleglade Farm No. 2, on application of Mark R. Tennant of Miami, Florida, appraising the land as follows:

\$25 an acre for land in Section 9, Tp. 41, Rg.

32;

\$30 an acre for land in Sections 21 & 28, Tp. 41, Rg. 32.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to accept \$25 an acre for approximately five and one-half acres lying between his upland and the Levee, but postponed action on applications for land in Sections 21 and 28, same township and range.

The Trustees declined offer from H. A. Dawley for Postal Glade Realty Co., Inc., of \$30 an acre for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Block 4 in Hiatus between Townships 43 and 44 South, Range 37 East, containing 120 acres, located about two miles East of Belleglade.

Motion was adopted to decline \$1.50 an acre from H. C. Lister of Wewahitchka, Florida, for the purchase of Gulf County land.

Mr. Bayless presented letter from Mr. Elmore Cohen, requesting action on his application to lease a strip of land lying between the old State levee and the new Government levee, from the City limits of Clewiston easterly toward Lake Harbor.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to lease the area owned by the State upon payment of \$250 in advance for the first year and \$3.33 an acre for each year thereafter; such lease to run for a period of five (5) years with option to extend for an additional five years at a price to be agreed upon.

Request from F. C. B. LeGro of Miami, for adjustment of his purchase of islands in Biscayne Bay, was held for the full membership of the Trustees to be present.

Knight, Adair, Cooper & Osborne, attorneys of Jacksonville, Florida, representing Barbara D. Danielson and Marian D. McCormick of Miami, Florida, applied to purchase a spoil area in Biscayne Bay created by dredging operations in East Coast Canal, offering \$100 an acre for the tract.

Mr. Bayless reported that objection had been filed to the sale of this spoil bank by F. C. B. LeGro on behalf of Bigelow Properties, Incorporated, stating that the application over-lapped area granted from which to obtain fill material necessary in the building of Venetian Islands owned by Bigelow Corporation.

Upon discussion it was decided to withhold action on this matter until a full membership can be present.

Letter was submitted from C. L. Craig of No Name Key, offering \$50 for the purchase of a shoal known as Bahia Honda Rocks, one acre of which is exposed at high tide; such shoal to be used as a private fishing camp.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the offer of Mr. Craig be declined, but that the shoal be leased to him at a price of \$10 annually.

Applications from Streety Durrance and G. A. DeVane to lease State land in Highlands County for grazing pastures, were held for further consideration when the entire membership of the Trustees can be present.

The Trustees postponed action on request of Marie Mann Boyd of Daytona Beach, Florida, for adjustment of Mortgage No. 17912.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

E. R. Bennett, Clerk Circuit Court, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To redemption of tax certificate on land covered by State mortgage 17356	\$160.63
J. M. Sutton, Washington, D. C. To commission due from Timber lease No. 18356 to C. S. Russ	30.00
	<u>\$190.63</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 13, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Trustees declined offer of \$1 an acre from Knight, Adair, Cooper and Osborne of Jacksonville, Florida, for the purchase of land in Citrus County.

The Secretary reported that on December 16, 1936, the Trustees agreed to sell to Fort Pierce Port District, certain submerged lands adjacent to Fort Pierce Ship Channel; that the area has been advertised to be sold on April 14, 1937; that protest has been filed by Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company, owners of property in the same locality, and it being ascertained that a quorum of the Trustees will not be present on the Fourteenth, applicant and objectors request a hearing on this date.

The Trustees agreed to hear representatives of both parties at this time, final action to be taken at a meeting subsequent to April 14.

Mr. George W. Milam of Jacksonville, Judge Otis R. Parker and M. A. Ramsey of Fort Pierce, representing Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company, presented written protest to sale of submerged area to Fort Pierce Port District, in which claim was made that sale of this land will interfere with Government development of the channel at Ft. Pierce; also that property of adjacent land owners will be injured and riparian rights interfered with.

Mr. Dan McCarty, Representative in the Legislature from St. Lucie County, W. N. Crooks and E. G. Gustafson, on behalf of Fort Pierce Port District, and R. R. Martin, resident of St. Lucie County, requested that sale or dedication of the land be made to the Port District, agreeing that 100 foot strip be reserved for future development of the Government Channel and denying that riparian rights of any adjacent property owners will be interfered with.

Mr. Martin reviewed the history of the Port District from its organization in 1917, giving amount of bond issues, tax collections, expenditures and benefit from such work to the people of St. Lucie County and the public generally, and urged that the Trustees make this area available to the Port District in order to provide the District with an area suitable for the construction of docks and other improvements in connection with the Port of Fort Pierce and also to make it possible for the tax payers to reap some benefit from the proposed improvements.

Mr. Elliot reported that on February 18, A. A. Poston, Chairman, and A. L. Rankin, Attorney, for County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, appeared before the Trustees with reference to foreclosure suit instituted under authority of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929; that pursuant to action taken certain Lots at Kelsey City have vested in the State, and J. C. Bills, representing Kelsey City Land Company, the original owners, is making application to purchase the land, offering \$15,665.24, which amount represents all taxes, costs and fees; that the County Commissioners of Palm Beach County are recommending the sale and requesting that it be closed immediately in order that the land can be placed on the 1937 tax roll.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the offer of Kelsey City Land Company be accepted for the land and that checks be drawn in amounts due the State and County, but that fee due the Attorney for the Board be withheld as requested by the Internal Revenue Collector, pending settlement of tax lien; all subject to approval of the Attorney General.

Request was presented from Glenn H. Curtiss Properties, Inc., for cancellation of reservation for canal purposes in deed covering land in Hialeah. Mr. Elliot reported that there was no further necessity for the Trustees to hold the reservation as the canals and drainage works on the land have been constructed.

The Trustees agreed to request of Curtiss Properties and the Land Office was directed to issue quit-claim deed for canal reservations.

The Secretary reported that he was holding several applications to purchase Sarasota lots, title to which vested in the Trustees under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Upon discussion it was the action of the Trustees that the following procedure be followed for a period of six months.

That Sarasota Lots be sold at a price according to their value, preference being given to the person who was the owner at time of foreclosure if he can be found, but if he cannot be found that sale be made to any other person making satisfactory offer. The foregoing is the procedure previously authorized.

After six months from this date, lands may be sold without reference to owner at the time of foreclosure, but if he should submit an offer equal to that of any other person, such offer being satisfactory to the Trustees, he shall have preference of purchase.

Mr. Elliot was directed to issue and deliver deeds where action has already been taken on applications heretofore presented.

The Secretary reported that the Trustees own certain land in Martin County, acquired through foreclosure under the 1929 Act; that timber has been removed from the land without permission from the Trustees; that through the cooperation of Mr. George F. Bense, of Southern States Land and Timber Company, and officers of Martin County, the amount of \$2000 has been collected from parties trespassing on the land; and that authority is asked to disburse the \$2000—first, toward the payment of costs in connection with the foreclosure suit as provided by law and, second, in payment to the State and County of their respective equities or proportions of equities in said land.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that Mr. Elliot accept the \$2000 collected and have check drawn in payment of fee due the County Attorney, which settles in full his account for foreclosure of the Martin County land, the balance to be paid to the State and County on account of

their respective equities. Also that effort be made to prosecute the trespasser for balance due on timber taken from the land.

The Secretary submitted letter dated January 26, 1937, from Mr. Scott M. Loftin, Co-Receiver for Florida East Coast Railway, requesting extension of time for construction of line between Belleglade-Chosen and Hialeah.

The Minutes of the Trustees disclose that by original agreement between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Florida East Coast Railway, dated June 14, 1922, the Trustees conveyed to said Railway Company an option covering right-of-way located as described in said agreement on which was to be constructed a line of railroad. The foregoing agreement has been renewed from time to time, (the last of which expired January 1, 1937) under substantially the same terms and conditions as the original agreement.

Since there does not appear to be any probability of the construction of said road along the line of the right-of-way provided for in said agreements, and since a continuance of said option in favor of the Florida East Coast Railway would not permit the use of the land for other purposes, such as right-of-way for roads, or for some other railroad, or for purposes which would conflict with the use of the right-of-way by the Florida East Coast Railway, the Trustees are of the opinion that such grants of right-of-way should be discontinued and the request of the Florida East Coast Railway for an extension of the agreement which terminated January 1, 1937, be not allowed.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from H. Lutes, Division Merchandise Manager for The J. L. Hudson Company of Detroit, Michigan, requesting a grant from the State of approximately 100,000 acres of swamp or marsh lands in the Everglades now delinquent for taxes, stating that he wanted to pay practically nothing for the land.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the request of Mr. Lutes be declined.

Letter was presented from Mr. A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, requesting that he be granted leave of absence for a period of six months; also offering to make examinations during such leave on a per diem basis if desired by the Trustees.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that Mr. Richardson be granted leave of absence for six months as requested.

Mr. Bayless submitted application from Charles G. Hancock of Miami, Florida, representing Ross M. Barrett, to purchase a thirteen (13) foot extension adjacent to the Isle of Normandy, which area contains 0.29 acres and was included within the bulkhead around the island after a storm had washed away the former fill.

The Trustees agreed to accept \$100 for the area applied for, plus cost of advertising.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla.	
Products from Martin County land	\$ 55.46
J. R. Pomeroy, C.C.C., Stuart, Fla.	647.40
Evans Crary, Attorney for Martin Co., Stuart, Fla.	1,097.14
W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla.	2,958.29
George O. Butler, C.C.C., West Palm Beach, Fla.	12,041.34
	<u>\$16,799.64</u>

Financial Statement for the month of March 1937 was ordered recorded as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH 1937
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various lands sales	\$ 330.10
Land sales under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931	15.13
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	195.30
Sale of cord wood	6.90
Sale of minutes	7.00
Grazing lease	168.75
Turpentine lease	262.50
Reimbursement on account advertising land sale	41.00
Total receipts during month	\$ 1,026.68
Balance on hand March 1, 1937	70,801.85
	\$71,828.53
Less disbursements (itemized below)...	2,326.17
Balance March 31, 1937	\$69,502.36

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in banks	68,502.36
	<u>\$69,502.36</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS MARCH 31, 1937

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$44,931.17
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,589.95
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	5,981.24
	<u>\$68,502.36</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1937	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Mar. 31,	10764	F. C. Elliott	\$ 400.00
	10765	Canceled	
	10766	A. R. Richardson	125.00
	10767	M. O. Barco	175.00
	10768	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	10769	H. L. Shearer	25.00
	10770	Sam Ellerbe	125.00
	10771	J. R. Peacock, C.C.C.	37.19
	10772	W. V. Knott, State Treasurer	3.20
	10773	The H. & W. B. Drew Com- pany	21.25
	10774	Standard Oil Company, Jack- sonville	14.99
	10775	Americal Oil Company, Jack- sonville	46.32
	10776	Proctor & Proctor	2.80
	10777	Underwood Typewriter Co. ...	1.25
	10778	Capital Office Equipment Co. ...	7.00
	10779	St. Marks Supply Co.	30.05
	10780	Southeastern Telephone Co. ...	9.85
	10781	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	4.77
	10782	Tallahassee Office Supply Co. ...	4.75
	10783	F. E. Bayless	28.00
	10784	S. S. Savage	95.15
	10785	Rose Printing Company	744.60
	10786	F. E. Bayless	250.00
			<u>\$2,326.17</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 21, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Upon request of the City Officials of Fort Pierce, Florida, the Trustees postponed action on sale of land applied for by Fort Pierce Port District.

Mr. J. E. Yonge of Miami, presented application of Pan American Airways, Inc., for an area of submerged land adjoining Dinner Key property on which is located the Aviation Base of the Pan American Airways. Mr. Yonge stated that his information is that private parties have been making inquiry about this property with a view to purchasing, and as it is necessary that his company have this land as a landing basin for flying boats entering the Miami Terminal, he makes an offer of \$25 an acre for approximately 400 acres.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees sell the land to Pan American Airways at a price of \$50 an acre plus cost of advertising, conditioned upon deed containing a reversion clause should the land be used for other than aviation purposes for the use of the public; also that there be no fills or obstructions to navigation placed within the area, and that the area be advertised for objections.

Mr. Yonge accepted the action of the Trustees on behalf of Pan American Airways, Inc., and the land was ordered advertised as required by law.

Request was made that the Trustees pay 1936 taxes on their land in South Florida Conservancy District, statement being made that unless these taxes are paid it is likely the District will default in payment of interest on loan from the Federal Government, which default might react unfavorably on the refinancing plan for Everglades Drainage District.

It was reported that the Trustees have a credit of \$6,483.18 with South Florida Conservancy District, leaving a balance of approximately \$3000 due on 1936 taxes. Whereupon the Trustees directed that balance due on such taxes be paid, such amount to be credited entirely toward payment of interest on loan from the Federal Government to South Florida Conservancy District.

Frank P. Ingram, attorney of Jacksonville, Florida, representing W. D. McAdoo of St. Petersburg, requested that the Trustees refund cash payment of \$6,380.50 made on land in Section 36, Township 31 South, Range 31 East, Pinellas County.

Statement was made that in 1926 Mr. McAdoo made an offer of \$100 an acre for the land and deed No. 17670 was executed by the Trustees, together with mortgage and notes to secure payment of balance due; that mortgage and notes were forwarded to Mr. McAdoo but were never signed by him and returned to the Trustees.

Upon consideration of the request, the Trustees declined to refund amount paid on account of land purchase, it being shown that there was no failure on the part of the Trustees to carry out the transaction. It was, however, agreed that Mr. McAdoo receive deed to an area of land equal to payments made based on the price offered and accepted.

Mr. Tom Conely of Okeechobee, Florida, came before the Trustees and made an offer of \$5 an acre for 1200.56 acres of land lying in Township 39 South, Range 33 East and in Townships 38 and 39 South, Range 34 East, Glades County. Also offered ten cents an acre annually for one-year grazing lease on 1029 acres of land in Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 18, 29 and 30, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, and Section 6, Township 39 South, Range 34 East, or for a ten-year lease an offer of ten cents an acres annually for the first four years and fifteen cents an acre for the last six years.

Mr. Bayless reported that a portion of the land applied for by Mr. Conely for grazing purposes is under lease to Wesley Harvey, who recently made assignment to Pearl Pearce.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that action be deferred on application to purchase, pending report from the Land Clerk, but it was agreed that a one-year grazing lease be granted Mr. Conely on the area applied for, excluding that portion under lease to Wesley Harvey, consideration to be ten cents an acre annually.

Applications of Streety Durrance and G. A. DeVane for grazing lease on land in Highlands County in Sections 14 and 23, Township 37 South, Range 30 East, were considered.

The action of the Trustees was that leases be granted for a period of one year each to Messrs. Durrance and DeVane upon payment of ten cents an acre annually, or if applicants will comply with provisions of the Federal Agricultural Adjustment Administration for developing pasture lands, a five year lease will be given upon terms and conditions to be agreed upon.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees go on record as being in favor of granting five-year grazing leases to applicants who will comply with the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for developing pasture lands; terms to be payment of ten cents an acre annually for the first two years, fifteen cents an acre for the third year, twenty cents an acre for the fourth year and twenty-five cents an acre for the fifth year.

Mr. Bayless reported as to prices being received for shell in different localities and submitted application of Miller, Walker & Peterson, on behalf of Smith Service Company, for shell lease in Long Bayou in the locality of the Veteran's Hospital near St. Petersburg.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that shell lease be granted Smith Service Company for a period of one year, upon payment of twenty-five (25) cents per cubic yard for all shell taken, conditioned upon \$500 bond being furnished as guaranty of royalty payments.

The Trustees having declined offer of \$1 an acre from Knight, Adair, Cooper & Osborne, for the purchase of 2098 acres of Citrus County land, letter was submitted from applicants requesting that the Trustees advertise the land for highest bid, based on their agreement to offer not less than \$1 an acre.

The Trustees declined to advertise the land as requested by Knight, Adair, Cooper and Osborne.

The Trustees declined offer of \$2.50 an acre from H. C. Lister for Gulf County land.

Letter was presented from A. B. Edwards of Sarasota, Florida, in which he stated that deed No. 17148 dated April 22, 1924 was issued to him conveying land in Sarasota Bay, purchased at a price of \$230 an acre, or a total purchase price of \$11,306.80; that cash payment of one-

fourth the purchase price was made together with three notes and mortgage executed to the Trustees; that payments totaling \$7,709.75 have been made and it is now requested that the Trustees assign the mortgage to Mr. Edwards upon payment of \$50.

Motion was made, seconded and carried, that if Mr. Edwards will make a payment of \$2,290.75, which, added to amounts already paid the Trustees, will total \$10,000 the mortgage will be assigned and the unpaid notes cancelled.

The Land Clerk presented application from Mr. Larry Die Polder of St. Petersburg, Florida, to purchase Dead Man's Key, containing approximately four and one-half acres in Section 36, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, for which he offers \$80 an acre.

The Trustees declined the offer of Mr. Die Polder and directed that he be so advised.

Mr. Bayless submitted letter from David E. Watt of St. Petersburg, in which he states that he is the owner of Lots 18, 19 and 20, Jungle Shores, S/D No. 3, in Sections 1 and 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East—Pinellas County—and offers \$100 an acre for 0.62 of an acre of the submerged land adjacent to his lots.

The Trustees directed that investigation be made of this land before action is taken on the application.

The Trustees had for consideration application of D. T. Connell, I. N. Marquis and Stephen Solick, presented by Paul Rardin at a meeting held April 7th with request that price of Lots on Conners Highway, adjacent to upland ownership, be reduced to \$50 each lot.

Upon discussion, the Trustees declined to sell the lots as applied for at this time.

Letter was presented from M. G. Rowe of Daytona Beach, representing Marie Mann Boyd, offering \$500 cash for assignment of mortgage No. 17912 held by the Trustees on 59.28 acres of land sold to Marie Mann Boyd, July 20, 1928 at a price of \$25 an acre. Letter states that the greater portion of this land is required by Florida Inland Navigation District for spoiling ground, but clear title cannot be given until the mortgage is satisfied.

The Land Office records disclose that at the time this land was sold a cash payment of \$370.50 was made, leaving a balance due of \$1,111.50 and nothing further has been paid on the purchase price.

The Trustees declined the offer of \$500 for assignment of mortgage No. 17912, and the Land Clerk was requested to notify Mr. Rowe of such action.

The Trustees had for consideration letter from Charles R. Pierce of Miami, addressed to A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, having reference to offer of \$5 an acre for marginal lands in Township 55 South, Range 41 East—Dade County.

Upon consideration of the application, the Trustees declined to sell the land applied for by Mr. Pierce at the price offered.

Mr. Elliot presented request from McGeachy and Jernigan of Milton, for modification of lease to dredge and take diatomaceous earth from creeks, basins and bayous connected with or emptying into Blackwater River, Santa Rosa County. It was recommended that should the Trustees agree to re-date the lease, that the following changes be made, original lease dated May 17, 1935 to remain in full force and effect in all other respects:

“That the new beginning date shall be May 1, 1937.

That in lieu of the provisions of Section 1, in reference to royalties to be paid to said Trustees, payments shall be as follows:

For the first year during which said plant operates, ten cents (10c) per ton of Two Thousand (2000) pounds;

For the second year twenty cents (20c) per ton of Two Thousand (2000) pounds;

For the third year and thereafter, thirty cents (30c) per ton of Two Thousand (2000) pounds;

All based upon the output of said plant as evidenced by the billing or shipping weights upon all products growing out of said lease outgoing from said plant, payment therefor to be made by the 10th of each month covering the month preceding.”

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the recommended changes be agreed to subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

The Secretary reported that in 1929 the Trustees erroneously listed a section of Lake Bottom land for assessment of Everglades Drainage District taxes, which resulted in the issuance of tax sale certificate in the amount of \$53.12, and that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of

Okeechobee County is asking that the purchaser of such certificate be reimbursed the amount paid.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that check be drawn in the amount of \$53.12 and forwarded to the Clerk of the Court upon receipt of the cancelled certificate.

Application was submitted from R. O. Watson for proxy to represent the Trustees at an election of Supervisors in Southern Drainage District.

It was the action of the Trustees that they continue to follow the policy heretofore adopted, of not voting the Trustees acreage in the election of supervisors for sub-drainage districts, and the request of Mr. Watson was denied.

The Secretary presented telegrams from J. W. Watson, Jr., City Attorney, and L. L. Lee, City Manager, of the City of Miami, requesting that the Trustees make no disposition of land on and adjacent to Virginia Key, pending outcome of PWA application for harbor and park development.

The Trustees directed the Secretary to advise the City officials of Miami that the land in question will be withdrawn from other disposition pending action by the United States on the city's application for loan.

The Trustees were advised that a bill was introduced in the 1935 session of the legislature, requiring payment by the Trustees of \$5000 to Bluett Anderson of Duval County as compensation for land originally purchased from the State; that such bill failed of passage last session, but information is that a similar bill will be introduced at the present session of the legislature.

The Secretary stated that the land in question was thought to have been deeded to the State under the Swamp Land Grant Act of 1850 and was in turn deeded to C. J. Raulerson in 1883 for a consideration of ninety cents an acre. Later is developed that a part of the land was not deeded to the State of Florida by the United States and the area claimed by Mr. Anderson was included in the portion not deeded.

The Trustees deemed it unnecessary to take any action until the bill is introduced, and the information was ordered filed for the present.

The Land Office presented final report of timber cruise made by S. S. Savage of Ocala, Florida, on State owned land in Township 17 South, Range 29 East, giving amount

of standing and trespassed timber. The report of Mr. Savage was accepted and ordered placed of record in the Minutes as follows:

"Ocala, Florida,
May 10th, 1937.

Trustees of I. I. Fund
of the State of Florida,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Gentlemen:

In response to your request under date of May 5th, I am herewith submitting my combined reports of March 27th, April 19th and 20th, 1937, covering my estimate of standing merchantable timber taken down to 8" diameter of logs not less than 16 feet long; and my report of trespass on state owned lands in Township 17 South, Range 29 East, as follows:

Section 2: All of that part of this section which is state owned and inspected by us, is prairie and devoid of any timber of value.

Section 3: This Section has	624,500 ft. of Cypress
Section 4: Has	684,200 ft. of Cypress
Section 5 has	28,500 ft. of Cypress
Section 9 has	106,000 ft. of Cypress
Section 10 has	170,000 ft. of Cypress
Section 11 has	130,000 ft. of Cypress
Section 23: This is a very low Island and has no timber	
Section 24 and 25 have	1,498,500 ft. of Cypress
Section 26 has	88,500 ft. of Cypress
Section 35 has	3,872,000 ft. of Cypress
	7,202,200

In addition to the above Cypress timber there is the following material on the lands:

Section 3 has 5,000 ft. of Scaly Hickory & 24,500 Gum
Section 4 has 5,000 ft. of Scaly Hickory & 22,500 Gum
Section 5 has 5,500 ft. of Ash—Sec. 10 has 10,000 Gum
Section 10 has 25,000 ft of Scaly Hickory & 720 Cyp.

Poles

Section 11 has 16,000 ft. of Gum

Section 25 has 3,500 ft. of Pine, 16,000 ft. Gum; 9,000 Oak.

Approximately 350,000 feet of the Cypress timber is scattered over the cut-over area, and will be rather more expensive to log than the other, and is small or mostly so; second growth Cypress so not very desirable. The scaly hickory is also of questionable value, as at this time I know of no market for this type of material.

The trespass report covering the same lands as described in the earlier part of this report is as follows:

Section 3	has had cut from it	100,000 feet of Cypress
Section 4	has had cut from it	673,500 feet of Cypress
Section 5	has had cut from it	130,500 feet of Cypress
Section 9	has had cut from it	1,030,000 feet of Cypress
Section 10	has had cut from it	605,000 feet of Cypress
Section 11	has had cut from it	177,000 feet of Cypress
Section 26	has had cut from it	144,000 feet of Cypress
Section 35	has had cut from it	30,000 feet of Cypress
Total Cypress timber		<u>2,890,000</u>

In addition to the above, recently there has been cut from Lot 2 of Section 10—82 Cross ties.

This Cypress timber was cut many years ago and the amount taken from the land is based on an estimate made by counting the stumps on a portion of each tally just as we estimate timber, and computing the amount of timber from the size and number of stumps, and is a conservative estimate of the amount of trespass.

Respectfull,

S. S. Savage,
Cruiser."

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Attorney General go into the matter with a view to making settlement for trespassed timber and report back to the Trustees.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

S. S. Savage, Timber Cruiser, Ocala, Fla.	\$ 303.10
News Tribune, Inc., Fort Pierce, Fla.	12.00
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	29.77
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	8.69
O. P. Shields, Saint Marks, Fla.	5.88
Western Union, Tallahassee, Fla.	9.05
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.89
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.90
H. L. Chandler, c/o J. L. Barber, Okeechobee, Fla.	53.12
South Florida Conservancy District, Clewiston, Fla.	3,000.00
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	250.00
A. R. Richardson, Field Agent—Salary	125.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00

H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	25.00
Sam Ellerbe, in charge Launch Josephine	125.00
	<hr/> \$4,703.40

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 28, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Minutes of the Trustees dated March 3, 27 and April 7, 13 and 21, 1937 were approved and adopted.

Messrs. Jack Wells and Edwin G. Fraser made application to purchase several sections of State land in West Broward County on which to grow sisal hemp, stating that they did not wish to pay more than thirty or forty cents an acre for such land.

The action of the Trustees was that they would not accept the price offered, but would consider a higher offer if applicants desired to make one.

The Land Clerk presented application from Tatom Wofford and Mark Byron, III, offering \$50 annually for a four year lease with renewal option, on Shoals Nos. 2 and 5, located South of Cape Florida on Key Biscayne, containing approximately 43 acres, on which they desire to construct private fishing camps.

The Trustees declined to lease the area applied for, but indicated that they would consider a lesser area if desired.

The Trustees declined the request of William W. Muir for permit to salvage buried treasure under the bay bottoms of sovereignty lands owned by the State of Florida.

An offer from Mr. Larry Die Polder of \$80 an acre for Dead Man's Key in Section 36, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, having been declined, Mr. Die Polder submitted a second offer of \$102 an acre for the area, which offer also was declined by the Trustees.

The Trustees declined offer of \$100 from Leila Powell of Zolfo Springs for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 35 South, Range 26 East—40 acres in Hardee County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that when offers of less than \$3 an acre are received for State Land, the Land Clerk is hereby authorized to notify applicants that their offer is declined, without presenting such bid to the Trustees for action.

The Trustees having declined, offer of \$30 an acre from H. A. Dawley, on behalf of Postal Glades Realty Company, for Hiatus Lots in Blocks 4 between Townships 43/44 South, Range 37 East, the Land Clerk presented supplemental offer of \$45 an acre for the lots.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined offer of \$45 an acre from Mr. Dawley, but agreed to accept \$60 an acre for the lots applied for.

Request was submitted from Luther Jones of Belleglade, for converting into contract Mortgage No. 17993 of N. N. Starling.

The Land Clerk reported that Mortgage No. 17993 covered 101.60 acres of land sold to N. N. Starling in 1929 at \$50 an acre, or a total purchase price of \$5,080.00, one-fourth cash payment having been made on date of sale; that last year Mr. Starling agreed to make settlement on the purchase not later than November 15th, but failed to do so and the mortgage was ordered foreclosed.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined to grant request of Mr. Jones, feeling that the use of the land for a period of eight years at an average rental of \$1.50 an acre annually is ample return on the investment. Whereupon, the Attorney General was requested to proceed with foreclosure of Mortgage No. 17993.

Mr. L. L. Stuckey and Mr. Fitzpatrick, representing Richlands, Inc., came before the Trustees with request for

credit of \$2,322.10 on payment due the Trustees on Pelican Bay lands leased to their company, claim being made that it was necessary for them to construct certain protective works against water pumped by Pahokee Drainage District onto Pelican Bay lands.

Upon discussion of the request, the Trustees directed that the matter be referred to the Attorney General and the Engineer and Secretary for report and recommendations.

On December 16, 1937, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund agreed to sell to Fort Pierce Port District certain submerged areas located near property of Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company, the sale to be subject to advertisement for objections as required by law. Pursuant to such action the following notice was published in the Fort Pierce Tribune of March 15, 22, 29, and April 5 and 12, 1937:

Tallahassee, Florida,
March 13, 1937

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Wednesday, April 14, 1937, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described lands located in Saint Lucie County, Florida:

A parcel of submerged land or shallow bottoms described as follows:

The said parcel lies north of the Fort Pierce Causeway a distance of approximately 450 feet at its east end and 525 feet at its west end and extends northerly to the Fort Pierce Harbor channel. The parcel has an approximate width of 208 feet at its west end and 563 feet at its east end. Its length from the east end, which lies northwesterly from the east end of Fort Pierce Causeway, to its west end, which lies northwesterly from the causeway draw bridge and adjoins the Intracoastal Waterway channel, is approximately 5320 feet. Correct description to be furnished with deed.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may

have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Fred P. Cone, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary."

Consideration of the sale was advertised for April 14, but on account of contemplated absence on the 14th of a majority of the Trustees, hearing was had on April 13, at which meeting objection was interposed by Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company. Representatives of the Port District replied to the objections and requested that sale be consummated as originally contemplated.

The engineer reported that the proposed sale had recently been discussed with engineers of the War Department in order to obviate any possible conflict with future development of the Government channel at Fort Pierce, and upon consideration of all interests it was suggested that should the Trustees agree to the sale or grant of the submerged bottoms, that the area be decreased by reserving a 100-foot strip adjacent to the Ship Channel for any future work and that the length of the strip be shortened in order that there be no possible conflict with upland ownership on the easterly end or with the Intracoastal Waterway at the westerly end of such strip.

Upon discussion of the subject motion was made, seconded and carried, that the Trustees lease to Fort Pierce Port District for a period of ninety-nine (99) years the area suggested, conditioned upon the land being used for public dock and wharves and such other public uses as may be incident to port purposes. Consideration for such lease to be \$500 cash plus cost of advertising. Such lease to be forfeited if the conditions thereof, in the judgment of the Trustees, are violated.

The Secretary reported that Senate Bill No. 306 has been introduced in the legislature, amending Chapter 17275, Acts of 1935, which Act created the State Planning Board, and providing that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund together with the Chairman of the Road Department shall constitute the State Planning Board, without appropriation for expense.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees took action as being opposed to the passage of Senate Bill No. 306, placing additional duties on the Trustees without appropriation for carrying on the work, and requested the

Secretary to convey such information to the proper committee in the Senate.

The Secretary submitted for the consideration of the Trustees a proposed bill which he had prepared for carrying out the provisions of Chapter 13664, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1929, having reference to right-of-way grants from the State to the United States for an Inland Waterway extending from Jacksonville to Miami.

Chapter 13664 authorizes and directs that the Trustees grant right-of-ways designating such areas as being a definite number of feet each side of the center line of said waterway. Plats and descriptions of these grants are to be filed for record in the respective counties. Chapter 10275, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1925, known as the "Plat Filing and Survey Law", has reference to filing of plats for public record and requires that the area described in said plat shall be referenced to Government survey corners with permanent monuments along the boundary of the survey at distances not exceeding 2000 feet apart.

To carry out the provisions of the 1925 Act, in reference to this Inland Waterway with approximately 360 miles of channel, the greater portion of which lies through open water, will entail considerable expense and since the location of the waterway has already been determined, marked by reference monuments and channel markers, both established by the United States, and also since such right-of-ways may be described in reference to the center line of the waterway with sufficient accuracy for all practical purposes, it will be desirable to waive certain requirements of Chapter 10275 by having necessary legislation passed.

The Trustees upon consideration of the subject approved the bill as prepared and directed that the same be presented to the Legislature for its action.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
May 6, 1937

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk, Tallahassee, Fla.	\$ 10.50
Marvin C. McIntosh, Asst. Attorney General	5.45
F. C. Elliot, Engineer, Tallahassee, Fla.	11.55
Proctor and Proctor, Tallahassee, Fla.	27.00
State Road Department, Tallahassee, Fla.	5.65
Wayne Thomas, Plant City, Florida	2.33
The Miami Herald, Miami, Fla.	9.00
Tallahassee Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	4.00
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	.90
J. R. Peacock, Clerk Circuit Court, Sarasota, Fla.	92.16
W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla.	7.79
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.20
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.75
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	7.72
	<u>\$190.00</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
May 12, 1937

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Secretary reported that lists of State owned lands are ready to be certified to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District for transmittal by such Board to the Tax Assessors of the various counties within Everglades Drainage District.

Upon motion seconded and carried, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 8412, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1921, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida are required to ascertain and certify the assessed value of lands of the Internal Improvement Fund within Everglades Drainage District, and the said Trustees having ascertained the assessed valuation of such lands, Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That the assessed value of lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as ascertained by the said Trustees for the year 1937, be and the same is hereby certified to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District as set forth on the attached lists, which said lists are identified by the signature of the Governor and attested by the Secretary, under the seal of the said Trustees.

The Secretary submitted lists of lands held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund lying within Okeechobee Flood Control District and advised that such lists are ready for certification to the Tax Assessors of the several counties within Okeechobee Flood Control District. Whereupon, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 16090, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1933, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida are required to ascertain and certify the assessed value of lands of the Internal Improvement Fund within Okeechobee Flood Control District to the Tax Assessors of the several counties within said District, and the said Trustees having ascertained the assessed valuation of said lands, Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the assessed value of lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as ascertained by the Trustees for the year 1937, be and the same is hereby certified to the Tax Assessors of the counties of Broward, Collier, Dade, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie, within Okeechobee

Flood Control District as set forth on the attached lists, which said lists are identified by the signature of the Governor and attested by the Secretary under the seal of the said Trustees.

Mr. Franklin West of Milton, Florida, presented request of McGeachy & Jernigan for assignment of their Mineral Lease No. 18299 to Oliver S. Jernagan, Jr.

Upon consideration, the Trustees agreed to assignment by R. A. McGeachy and C. S. Jernigan of Mineral Lease No. 18299 dated May 17, 1935, with amended date of May 1, 1937, to Oliver S. Jernagan, Jr., as evidenced by notice filed with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund bearing date of April 29, 1937.

Mr. Knott, State Treasurer, reported that Mr. R. L. Dowling, Supervisor of Conservation, requested that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund turn over the launch "Josephine" to his Department for use of the same.

The Trustees agreed to permit the Conservation Department to use the launch Josephine, provided that all expenses of operation, maintenance, repairs, upkeep and employment of the man in charge of the boat be assumed by the Conservation Department, subject, however, to withdrawal by the Trustees at any time in case of sale or other disposition by the Trustees of said launch.

Messrs. Holtzberger, Reed, Coleman & Nottingham, representing the City of Fort Pierce, submitted application for a part of the submerged area recently applied for by Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company, located on the west side of Indian River and extending to Taylors Creek, which area if sold to the City will be used for docks and wharves for the benefit of the public, the City at present owning only a 320 foot slip. Statement is made that if this property can be secured Government aid will be allowed for widening the channel and for other improvements, which will permit the handling of large fuel tankers and other tonnage craft being turned away at present. Also that Florida East Coast Railway anticipates moving its oil supply plants from Key West to Fort Pierce and is only awaiting assurance that the City will provide proper facilities.

Upon discussion, motion was made, seconded and carried that no action be taken on application of the City of Fort Pierce until Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company has an opportunity to be heard, or others interested in the area.

It was suggested that the Financing Company be notified by wire to be present on the 13th if they desired to be heard, and the Secretary was requested to send such message.

Application was submitted from Ft. Pierce Financing & Construction Company for the purchase of submerged land known as Spoil Area No. 5, located on the Atlantic Ocean side south of the Inlet to the port of Fort Pierce, adjacent to uplands of the Company.

The Secretary presented resolutions from City Officials, the County Commissioners, and others, protesting sale of this area on the ground that it was the only public bathing beach the town had.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the Trustees decline to sell the area applied for by Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company to any individual or corporation, whether of a public or private nature, taking the position that this beach should be kept for the use of the public.

Action was deferred from May 5, 1937, to this date on sale of land applied for March 3, by Edward A. Fleming for client Alfred G. Hoffman. The Secretary reported that in compliance with the Statutes, the following Notice was published in the Miami Herald on March 30, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1937:

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Wednesday, May 5, 1937, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land located in Dade County, Florida:

Commence at an iron pipe marking the most southerly corner of Lot 3, Block 3, San Marco Island, according to Plat Book 9 at Page 21 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida;

Thence southeasterly along the southwest boundary of said Lot 3 produced southeasterly 8.00 feet;

Thence northeasterly along the circumference of a circular curve having a radius of 358.0 feet parallel to the southeasterly boundary of said Lot 3, 106.47 feet to the point of intersection of the northeasterly boundary of said Lot 3 produced southeasterly;

Thence northwesterly 8.0 feet to the most easterly corner of said Lot 3, Block 3, San Marco Island;

Thence southwesterly along the southeasterly boundary of said Lot 3, 103.96 feet to the point of beginning.

Correct description to be furnished with deed.

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

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Fred P. Cone, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

No objections were filed or presented, whereupon motion was made, seconded and adopted, that sale be consummated to Alfred G. Hoffman upon payment of \$10 plus cost of advertising.

The Trustees agreed April 7, to sell Pinellas County lands applied for by E. B. Casler, Jr., for clients, at a price of \$100 an acre, and the following Notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on April 12, 19, 26 and May 3 and 10, 1937:

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Wednesday May 12, 1937, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described lands located in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Beginning at the NW corner of Lot 5, Block "A" of John R. Davie, et al re-sub of Earll Mumford, Ross and Starr's Subdivision in Clearwater, Florida, as shown by map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 87, Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida, which said point is 2,495 feet, more or less, West and 1391.17 feet, more or less, South of the NE corner of Section 16, Township 29, R. 15 East, and from said point of beginning run thence Westerly parallel to a projection of the North boundary of said Lot 5, 257.65 feet, more or less, to intersection with the Eastern boundary of the 3 foot contour in Clear-

water Bay; thence southerly along said boundary of said channel 155.69 feet, more or less, to intersection with the westerly projection of the south boundary of the said Lot 5; thence easterly parallel to a projection of the south boundary of the said Lot 5, 257.65 feet, more or less, to the SW corner of said Lot 5; thence in a northerly direction along the shore line as shown by the map or plat of said sub-division of the point of beginning. Containing .886 acres.

Correct description to be furnished with deed.

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

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Fred P. Cone, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

No objections were filed to the sale of the land applied for, but Mr. Casler and Senator J. Locke Kelly were present and stated that there were certain judgments and a mortgage against the upland adjacent to the area applied for, however, that such claims had been paid off but had not yet been cancelled of record.

Motion was made seconded and carried, that sale of the submerged land described in the foregoing notice be sold to Mr. Casler's clients Frank J. Kingston, Ethel F. Primm, Mable A. Kitchen and Allen Roy Kingston, at \$100 an acre, plus cost of advertising, with provision in the deed stipulating that the area will follow title to the upland, which provision is satisfactory to applicants.

The Trustees set this date for considering sale of submerged area in Indian River, at Edgewater, Florida, applied for March 3rd by Rasco & Gautier, for client John B. Hinckley, and evidence was submitted that the following notice was published in the New Smyrna News in the issues of April 10, 17, 24, May 1 and 8, 1937:

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Wednesday, May 12, 1937, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land in VOLUSIA County, Florida:

Description of the accretion lying East of Lots 45-A and 46-A, Palmetto Park Subdivision, Edgewater, Florida;

Commencing at the point where the South line of the Robt. Shepard Grant, Section 50, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, intersects the original shore line of the Indian River North, as shown on the United States Land Office map of said township and the Volusia County Records; thence N 19° W 1067 feet to the SE corner of Lot 46-A, Palmetto Park Subdivision, Edgewater, Florida, as recorded in the said Volusia County records, for the point of beginning—at the point where the south line of the said Lot 46-A intersects the original shore line of the said Indian River North; thence N 69° 45' E 233 feet to the present shore line of the said Indian River North; thence northerly along said present shore line 125 feet, more or less, to the continuation eastward of the North line of Lot 45-A of said subdivision; thence S 69° 45' W 234 feet to the original shore line; thence southerly along said original shore line 125 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Containing .67 of an acre.

The above description is intended to cover the accretion now overlying the original submerged lands lying and being eastward of Lots 45-A and 46-A of the said Palmetto Park Subdivisions.

Correct description to be furnished with deed.

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

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Fred P. Cone, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

No objections were filed or submitted and the Trustees, upon motion seconded and adopted, declared the land described in the foregoing notice sold to John B. Hincley at a price of \$100 plus cost of advertising.

The Land Clerk submitted offer of \$125 an acre from Mr. Larry Die Polder of St. Petersburg for the purchase

of Dead Man's Key in Section 36, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, containing $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres in Pinellas County, Florida.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees advertise the island for objections, based on offer of \$125 from Mr. Die Polder, definite action to be taken on date advertised for consideration of the sale.

Action was deferred on application of Tatom Wofford and Mark Byron, III for lease of Shoals 2 and 5, located on Key Biscayne, Dade County, Florida.

Application was presented from B. J. Allen of Panacea, Florida, for permit or lease of a shoal or sand bar off shore at Panacea to be used as a fishing camp site, and offering \$50 annually for such lease.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to accept \$50 annually for use of the shoal applied for by Mr. Allen.

Mr. Bayless reported that in November, 1932, option was granted the United States Department of Agriculture to purchase certain lands bordering the St. Marks and Aucilla Rivers for inclusion in a Migratory Bird Refuge; that a part of the lands applied for have been purchased at the price agreed on—\$2.50 an acre, and the Federal Government is applying to purchase other lands under the option.

The Trustees authorized the advertisement of Fractional Section 35, Township 4 South, Range 3 East, Jefferson County, containing approximately 198.03 acres, applied for by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and to become a part of the St. Marks Migratory Bird Refuge.

Letter was presented from Mr. Jack Wells, submitting supplemental offer of \$5 an acre for approximately 10 sections of State land located in West Broward County, to be used in the growing of sisal hemp.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined offer of Mr. Wells, but stated they would entertain a proposal to lease the land.

The Secretary submitted application from William Fauer, E. B. Grutzbach and Edward A. Ernest, all of Miami, Florida, for the purchase of a parcel of land on Miami Canal, known as the Lock Site.

The action of the Trustees was to decline offers of Messrs. Fauer, Grutzbach and Ernest.

Request was submitted from A. D. Barnes, Procurement Officer for State Park Division of the National Park Service, that the Trustees set aside and dedicate perpetually for park purposes Parcels 1 and 2, being submerged areas in Biscayne Bay located in Sections 5 and 8 of Township 55 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, such parcels constituting sand bars in front of Matheson Hammock County Park.

The Trustees deferred action on the application till some future date when the full membership can be present.

The Trustees denied application of O. C. Wilkes to purchase Lock Site at Moore Haven, Florida, on which to construct an oil station.

Telegram was read from Charles A. Thomas, Secretary of the Civic Club of Coconut Grove, Florida, protesting sale of submerged areas in Biscayne Bay, applied for by Pan American Airways, Inc., on the ground that any fills or obstructions in the waters of the Bay will be objectionable.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Trustees a bill introduced in the House of Representatives—No. 514—providing for appraisal of any or all State lands prior to purchase and for appointment of appraisers in each county.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees go on record as being opposed to the passage of such bill.

Mr. W. P. Fuller of St. Petersburg, Florida, was present and submitted proposal for joint shell lease between the Trustees, himself and a Mr. Allen for taking shell from submerged bottoms one mile north of Seminole Bridge in the vicinity of the U. S. Soldier's Home near St. Petersburg, payment for such lease to be at the rate of ten cents per cubic yard, the Trustees receiving one-half and Fuller and Allen one-half. It was explained that the joint contract was necessary on account of the State land being located in a Bayou dividing the two privately owned parcels and in order to reach the shell deposits, the Lessee will have to construct a 300 foot causeway.

The Trustees agreed to join in lease with Fuller and Allen based on payments to the Trustees at the rate of five cents per cubic yard, concession in price being made owing to inaccessibility of the area.

Mr. W. P. Fuller requested adjustment on Entry No. 18007 covering land purchased by Snell Isles, Inc., in 1929, offering \$500 cash for assignment of mortgage on which he states there is a balance due of \$4000.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that offer of \$500 be declined, but it was agreed to take the matter under consideration at a meeting when the full membership is present if Snell Isles, Inc., will make an offer of \$750 for assignment of the \$4000 mortgage.

The Trustees requested Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless to confer with W. P. Fuller and report their recommendations on the matter of payments on submerged land adjoining upland property of Mr. Fuller.

Financial Statement for the month of April was ordered placed of record as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1937
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 533.01
Land sales under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929	15,797.23
Land sales under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931	21.70
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	461.81
Sale of cross ties	33.75
Sale of minutes	1.00
Sale of products from lands (Chap. 14572, Acts 1929)	2,000.00
Timber lease	4,800.00
Commercial lease	18.75
Interest on deposits in banks	83.29
Reimbursement account advertising land sale in Pinellas County	10.00
Quit claim to oil and mineral rights	3.75
Total receipts during month	\$23,764.29
Balance on hand April 1, 1937	69,502.36
	<u>\$93,266.65</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	22,113.66
Balance April 30, 1937	\$71,152.99

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in banks	70,152.99
	<u>\$71,152.99</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS APRIL 30, 1937

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$46,333.90
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,744.34
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	6,074.75
	<u>\$70,152.99</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1937			
April 1,	10787	E. G. Chesley	\$ 300.00
	10788	S. S. Savage	120.00
8,	10789	E. R. Bennett, C.C.C.	160.63
	10790	J. M. Sutton	30.00
15,	10791	W. V. Knott, State Treasurer	55.46
	10792	J. R. Pomeroy, C.C.C.	647.40
	10793	Evans Cray	1,097.14
	10794	W. V. Knott, State Treasurer	2,958.29
	10795	George O. Butler, C.C.C.	12,041.34
22,	10796	S. S. Savage	303.10
	10797	News-Tribune, Inc.	12.00
	10798	American Oil Company	29.77
	10799	Standard Oil Company	8.69
	10800	O. P. Shields	5.88
	10801	Western Union Telegraph Co.	9.05
	10802	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. ...	.89
	10803	Southeastern Telephone Co. ...	5.90
	10804	H. L. Chandler	53.12
	10805	South Florida Conservancy District	3,000.00
30,	10806	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	10807	F. E. Bayless	250.00
	10808	A. R. Richardson	125.00
	10809	M. O. Barco	175.00
	10810	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	10811	H. L. Shearer	25.00
	10812	Sam Ellerbe	125.00
		Total Disbursements during April,	
	1937		<u>\$22,113.66</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
May 13, 1937

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees on the 12th, wire was sent to Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company. Mr. Robert Milam of Jacksonville came before the Trustees on behalf of the Company and asked that no action be taken at this time on application of the City of Fort Pierce for purchase of submerged land on the west side of Indian River at Fort Pierce, submitting that his company has not had sufficient time to go into the matter and present their rights to the board. He advised that Mr. John Stead, President of Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company, will be in Fort Pierce the latter part of May and he feels that after conferences with the City and County authorities something satisfactory to all parties may be worked out; that if sale is made to the City at this time it will work a hardship on his company.

Mr. McCarty, Representative from St. Lucie County, and City officials were asked if delay in taking action on the application to sometime in June would be injurious to the City. Mr. McCarty replied that the contemplated location of the Florida East Coast oil storage plants was a rather vital and urgent matter and the company is anxious to know if the City will be in position to take care of their needs. The majority of the City's representation was of the opinion that delay until the close of the legislature would not be objectionable.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that action on application of the City of Fort Pierce be deferred until some date to be set during the month of June, allowing

the Governor time to study the matter, and giving all interested parties opportunity to be heard.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
May 26, 1937

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

Present:

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Trustees on April 21, 1937 agreed to advertise for objections submerged areas adjoining Dinner Key in Biscayne Bay, applied for by Pan American Airways, Inc., and the following Notice was published in the Miami Daily News April 24, May 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1937:

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Wednesday, May 26, 1937, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land located in Dade County, Florida:

"That area of submerged land or shallow bottoms in Biscayne Bay lying southeasterly from United States Coast Guard Station and from Pan American Airways base which said area extends southeasterly into Biscayne Bay a distance of six thousand feet more or less, has a width of five thousand feet more or less at its southeastern end and one thousand feet more or less at its northeastern end, which said northeastern end lies off shore three hundred feet more or less from said Coast Guard Station and Airways base and contains approximately four hundred acres. Accurate description to be furnished with deed."

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

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Fred P. Cone, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

The Secretary reported that objections to the sale had been filed by L'Engle & Shands, attorneys for Central Hanover Bank & Trust Company and Hamlin F. Andrus, as Trustees, and William H. Taylor, as successor trustee, and by Hudson & Cason for Hugh M. Matheson and Albert H. Swetland, and upon notice to J. E. Yonge, Attorney for Pan American Airways, Inc., of such objections it was agreed to postpone further consideration of the sale till after adjournment of the legislature.

The Trustees ordered that action on the proposed sale be deferred till a later date to be fixed to meet the convenience of the various parties concerned.

On April 13, 1937, the Trustees agreed to sale of thirteen foot strip of submerged land adjacent to South Normandy Isle applied for by Charles G. Hannoek on behalf of Ross M. Barrett. Notice of intended sale was published in the Miami Herald April 26, May 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1937, as follows:

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Wednesday, May 26, 1937, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land located in Dade County, Florida:

From the NW corner of Section 11, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, run S a distance of 1548.48 feet to an intersection with the South line of the South Isle of Normandy;

Thence run N 89° 17' E a distance of 310.1 feet to the point of beginning.

From the point of beginning continue N 89° 17' E. along said S line a distance of 206.17 feet to a point of curve;

Thence northerly along a circular curve having a radius of 300 feet and a central angle of 120° 17' an arc distance of 629.8 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence N 31° W along tangent a distance of 192.97 feet to the NE corner of the property herein described;

Thence southeasterly along a circular curve having a radius of 210.59 feet and a central angle of 13° 44'3" an arc distance of 50.48 feet to a point of reverse curve;

Thence southeasterly along a circular curve having a radius of 210.59 feet and a central angle of 13° 44'3" an arc distance of 50.48 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence S 31° E along tangent a distance of 133.6 feet to a point of curve; thence southerly along a circular curve having a radius of 220 feet and a central angle of 34° 28' 43", an arc distance of 120.35 feet to a point of compound curve; thence southwesterly along a circular curve having a radius of 400 feet and a central angle of 23° and 8' an arc distance of 161.5 feet to a point of compound curve;

Thence southwesterly along a circular curve having a radius of 270 feet and a central angle of 63° 55', an arc distance of 301.02 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence N 89° 28' 37" W along tangent a distance of 235.83 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.29 acres, more or less.

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

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Fred P. Cone, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

No objections being presented, the Trustees declared sale made to Ross M. Barrett and deed was ordered issued upon payment of \$100 plus cost of advertising.

Mr. C. Perry Snell of St. Petersburg appeared before the Trustees with reference to Entry No. 18007, requesting adjustment on his purchase.

Upon discussion, the Trustees withheld action on the request of Mr. Snell until a full membership can be present.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Tallahassee Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	\$ 12.78
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	7.75
New Smyrna Daily News, New Smyrna, Fla.	19.14
Eugene Dietzgen Co., New Orleans, La.	.79
Pennsylvania Rubber Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	52.32
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	8.43
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	30.53
Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	5.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk	15.00
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	250.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office—Salary	25.00
Sam Ellerbe, in charge launch Josephine	125.00
	<u>\$1,301.74</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

W. V. KNOTT,
Treasurer—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 9, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Attorney General reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund April 7, 1937, House Bill No. 1320 was enacted into law by the legislature and such Bill was approved by the Governor May 22; that the Bill authorizes conveyance by the Trustees of certain submerged or heretofore submerged lands adjacent to uplands in Bay County, Florida, and that Atlanta and Saint Andrews Bay Railway Company, own-

ers of adjoining uplands, is desirous of acquiring lands mentioned in House Bill No. 1320.

Upon consideration of the subject, the Trustees were of the opinion that a committee should be appointed to investigate the lands applied for and report their recommendations. Whereupon, the Governor appointed the Attorney General and the Engineer and Secretary of the Trustees to make an examination of the land and submit their report.

Mr. C. Perry Snell of St. Petersburg, Florida, requested that the Trustees accept \$750 for assignment of his mortgage securing payment of 160 acres of land, located North of Snell Isle in Tampa Bay, purchased under Entry No. 18007, of which area fifty acres have been released. Mr. Snell stated that at a former meeting Senator W. P. Fuller, in representing him, unintentionally informed the board that balance due was \$4000 when in fact such balance was \$11,000 plus eight per cent interest since 1929.

The Trustees deferred action on Mr. Snell's request until a later meeting when the full membership is present.

Mr. C. Perry Snell applied to purchase 53.88 acres of submerged land on Long Key in Boca Ceiga Bay, approximately one-half of which area will be used for harbor development, and offered \$60 an acre, or \$1560, for 26 acres which will represent the reclaimed area.

Mr. Snell also submitted an offer of \$60 an acre for that part of Government Lot 2 lying south and east of Gulfport Channel, located in Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, containing approximately 25 acres. Both offers to include release of oil and mineral reservations.

The Trustees agreed to consider the applications submitted and take action at a later meeting when the full membership can be present.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees April 28, with reference to request from Richlands, Inc., that credit of \$2,322.10 be allowed on payment of \$10,000 due May 1st upon lease of Pelican Bay lands, the following report was submitted by the Attorney General and the Engineer and Secretary of the Trustees:

“May 12, 1937

Trustees of the Internal
Improvement Fund,
Capitol Building.

Gentlemen:

On April 28th Richlands, Inc., presented to the Trustees request for credit upon payment now due on Pelican Bay lands leased by said Trustees to Richlands, Inc. The request for credit is on account of expense incurred by such company for certain works necessary to protect the leased land against waters from Pahokee Drainage District in order that the company might farm the said land. The matter was referred to the Attorney General and to the Engineer and Secretary of the Trustees.

Pursuant to the foregoing, we report as follows:

1. In August, 1927, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund issued permit to Pahokee Drainage District, which said permit authorized said District:
 - (a) To occupy a parcel of land containing approximately two acres with a pumping plant, said parcel being located at the north edge of Pelican Bay, then a shallow arm of Lake Okeechobee.
 - (b) To discharge water from said pumping plant through the levee into Pelican Bay.

Pursuant to the above Pahokee Drainage District constructed its pumping plant, connected the same with Lake Okeechobee at Pelican Bay, and in the drainage operations of the said District pumped water into Pelican Bay and has continued to do so under authority from said Trustees as above described.

2. In 1933-35 the United States constructed what is known as Lake Okeechobee Levee, extending from the southern end of Pelican Point south-easterly across the mouth of Pelican Bay to the mainland, thereby making it practicable to drain and reclaim the said Bay.
3. In March 1935 the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund leased to Richlands, Inc., all of the Pelican Bay area, which at that time was covered by water, within the confines of the Levee for the following considerations:
 - (a) \$5000 to be paid the first year, and thereafter \$10,000 annually;

- (b) The installation of drainage works at the cost of Richlands, Inc., necessary to drain and reclaim Pelican Bay.

In reference to "b" the drainage works required to be installed were indicated on a plat entitled "Pelican Bay Drainage and Irrigation Project". This plat shows certain drainage ditches together with a pumping plant designed by the Trustees for draining and reclaiming said area. The description of the drainage works makes no reference to any work to be performed by Richlands, Inc., for diverting the waters pumped into Pelican Bay under authority from the Trustees.

Richlands, Inc., constructed the drainage works aforesaid.

4. When Richlands, Inc., began the cultivation of the lands leased to them by the Trustees they found that they had to contend with water pumped upon the area from Pahokee Drainage District, the area of which was considerably larger than Pelican Bay, and that it was not practicable to attempt farming operations upon the area leased to them so long as Pahokee Drainage District pumped water from said district, under permit from the Trustees, into Pelican Bay area. Richlands, Inc., thereupon undertook to provide certain works which would prevent the water pumped by Pahokee Drainage District from passing onto and over Pelican Bay lands. These works consisted of the following:
- (a) A dam to prevent the water pumped from Pahokee Drainage District area from passing across Pelican Bay area.
 - (b) A canal leading from the Pahokee Drainage District pump westward to Lake Okeechobee.
 - (c) A levee along the south side of such canal to prevent the water pumped into said canal from overflowing the banks of the same and spreading across the Pelican Bay area.
 - (d) A ditch to the southward of said drainage canal and levee to collect the seepage water passing from the drainage canal through the levee and into said ditch and to divert such seepage water away from the lands through ditches and canals of Pelican Bay area.
 - (e) A bridge across the outlet canal constructed for Pahokee Drainage District, which

bridge was for carrying traffic on a paved county road along the shore of Lake Okeechobee.

- (f) Connecting the canal receiving the waters pumped from Pahokee Drainage District with a culvert or passage through the Okeechobee Levee constructed by the United States.

The cost of all of the above according to statement submitted by Richlands, Inc., was \$2,322.10. Examination into these costs discloses that excavation cost at the rate of 6.4 cents per cubic yard was reasonable. The cost of the bridge was for material only and amounted to \$267.32. Richlands, Inc., arranged with the County Commissioners for the construction of said bridge without cost to the company and no item is entered on account of constructing same.

5. The above discloses the situation as it has developed since 1927 to the present date. Our conclusions are as follows:

FIRST: That the issuance to Pahokee Drainage District of permit for occupying a parcel of land on which to construct their pumping plant and a permit authorizing said district's discharge into Pelican Bay was a responsibility as between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and Pahokee Drainage District.

SECOND: That when Richlands, Inc., leased Pelican Bay lands from the Trustees such Company did not assume any responsibility or obligation in reference to disposing of the water from Pahokee Drainage District authorized by said Trustees to be discharged into Pelican Bay.

THIRD: That there appeared to be no alternative for Richlands, Inc., except to protect themselves against inundation and flood caused by the operations of Pahokee Drainage District under authority of permit issued by said Trustees, and that Richlands, Inc., was warranted in taking the measures described above for their protection.

Our recommendation based upon the foregoing is that the Trustees allow a credit in the amount of \$2,322.10 in favor of Richlands, Inc., to be deducted from \$10,000 pay-

ment due the Trustees by said corporation on account of Pelican Bay lease.

Respectfully submitted,
 CARY D. LANDIS,
 Attorney General.
 F. C. ELLIOT,
 Engineer and Secretary.''

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Upon motion seconded and adopted the report and recommendation of the Attorney General and Engineer and Secretary was accepted by the Trustees, and the amount of \$2,322.10 was authorized deducted from the \$10,000 payment due May 1, 1937.

Financial Statement of the Trustees for the month of May, 1937, is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY, 1937
 RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 3,350.77
Farm Lease	8,771.96
Mineral Lease	179.25
Grazing Lease	30.00
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	342.23
Sale of cedar stumps	6.37
Sale of maps	1.10
Sale of minutes	7.50
Sale of blue prints .....	.50
Reimbursements account of costs of land sale in Sarasota Co., under Chapt. 14572, Acts of 1929	2.25
Reimbursement on account of advertising land sale in Dade County	9.00
Total receipts during month	\$12,700.93
Balance on hand May 1, 1937	71,152.99
	<u>\$83,853.92</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	1,491.74
Balance May 31, 1937	\$82,362.18

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in banks	81,362.18
	<u>\$82,362.18</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS MAY 31, 1937

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. _____	\$57,208.57
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. _____	17,744.34
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. _____	6,409.27
	<u>\$81,362.18</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1937			
May 7,	10813	F. E. Bayless _____	\$ 10.50
	10814	Marvin C. McIntosh _____	5.45
	10815	F. C. Elliot _____	11.55
	10816	Proctor & Proctor _____	27.00
	10817	State Road Department _____	5.65
	10818	Wayne Thomas _____	2.33
	10819	The Miami Herald _____	9.00
	10820	The Tallahassee Office Supply Company _____	4.00
	10821	Capital Office Equipment Co. _____	.90
	10822	J. R. Peacock, C.C.C. _____	92.16
	10823	W. V. Knott, State Treasurer _____	7.79
	10824	Southeastern Telephone Co. _____	5.20
	10825	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. _____	.75
	10826	Western Union Telegraph Co. _____	7.72
26,	10827	Tallahassee Office Supply Co. _____	12.78
	10828	Burroughs Adding Machine Co. _____	7.75
	10829	New Smyrna Daily News _____	19.14
	10830	Cancelled _____	
	10831	Eugene Dietzgen Company _____	.79
	10832	Pennsylvania Rubber Co. _____	52.32
	10833	Standard Oil Company _____	8.43
	10834	American Oil Company _____	30.53
	10835	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster _____	5.00
	10836	F. E. Bayless _____	15.00
31,	10837	F. C. Elliot _____	400.00
	10838	F. E. Bayless _____	250.00
	10839	Jentye Dedge _____	175.00
	10840	M. O. Barco _____	175.00
	10841	H. L. Shearer _____	25.00
	10842	Sam Ellerbe _____	125.00
		Total disbursements during May, 1937 _____	<u>\$1,491.74</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 17, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Miami Herald Publishing Co., Miami, Fla. _____	\$ 15.00
Proctor and Proctor, Tallahassee, Fla. _____	20.20
Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla. _____	13.21
American Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla. _____	34.06
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ____	4.94
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. _____	.76
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla. _____	5.20
Marvin C. McIntosh, Asst. Atty. General, Tallahassee, Fla. _____	9.45
Cary D. Landis, Atty. General, Tallahassee, Fla. ____	26.25
F. C. Elliot, Engineer, Tallahassee, Fla. _____	7.65
	<hr/> \$136.72

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 29, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary ____	\$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary _____	250.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary _____	175.00

M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	25.00
Sam Ellerbe, in charge Launch Josephine—Salary one-half month at \$125	62.50
Saint Marks Supply Co., St. Marks, Fla.	8.04
B. A. Meginnis, Attorney, Tallahassee, Fla.	10.00
	<u>\$1,105.54</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
July 13, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Secretary presented applications from three parties to purchase Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Block 49, Revised Siesta, in the town of Sarasota, Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County and submitted the following bids:

J. V. Keen for Leon Cooler, bid \$225 for the six lots;

Charles M. Williams bid \$200 for the six lots;

Tom W. Butler bid \$150 for the six lots.

Upon consideration of the bids, the Trustees accepted the bid of J. V. Keen, on behalf of his client, and deed was ordered issued to Mr. Cooler.

Mr. D. F. Howell of Olustee, Florida, made an offer of \$3 an acre for approximately 480 acres of land in Section 22, Township 4 South, Range 20 East, Baker County.

The Trustees advised Mr. Howell that they would take action on his application at the same time consideration was given to application for School land in the same territory.

The Trustees declined to renew shell leases of Atlantic Shell Company and Duval Engineering & Contracting Company at the same price per ton, such leases having expired June 15th this year.

The Land Clerk reported that the Trustees granted option in November, 1932, to the United States Department of Agriculture for the purchase of certain lands in Jefferson County, bordering the St. Marks River, for inclusion in the St. Marks Migratory Bird Refuge. Application to purchase was submitted May 12, 1937, based on the agreed price of \$2.50 an acre plus cost of advertising, and pursuant to such application the following Notice was published in the Monticello News of May 21, 28, June 4, 11 and 18, 1937:

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, June 23, 1937, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described lands in Jefferson County, Florida:

Unsurveyed Fractional Section 35, Township 4
South, Range 3 East, containing approximately
198.03 acres, more or less.

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

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Fred P. Cone, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Owing to no meeting of the Trustees having been held June 23rd, sale was postponed till this date. No objections being filed or presented, the land was sold to the United States to become a part of the St. Marks Migratory Bird Refuge.

Application was presented from J. Willis Walker of Bradenton, Florida, to rent the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section

27, Township 36 South, Range 21 East, Manatee County, located on the Myakka River, offering \$20 annually for the lease; also request for option to purchase at expiration of such lease.

Upon consideration the Trustees agreed to lease the land applied for by Mr. Walker on a yearly basis at the price offered—\$20 annually, but declined to grant option to purchase.

Letter was submitted from Studstill & Hollenbeck of West Palm Beach, Florida, offering \$20 an acre for 18 acres of land in Lake Clark, Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 43 East.

Action of the Trustees was that the offer be declined.

Application was presented from Tom Pierson of Tallahassee to purchase dead head cypress timber in Lake Ochee-see with offer of \$5 per thousand.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the offer of Mr. Pierson be declined.

H. T. Holloway, President of Ottawa Holding Company of Belleglade, Florida, made application for release of canal and mineral reservations in deed conveying Lot 11, Block 5, Hiatus between Townships 43/44, South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, said lot being located in the town of Belleglade.

The Trustees agreed to release reservations for canal and mineral rights on lands described by Mr. Holloway upon payment of \$5.

Letter was read from Louis F. Snedigar, Mayor of Miami Beach, Florida, requesting that the Trustees issue quit-claim deed to adjacent owners conveying the interest of the State in a lagoon at the south end of Lake Pancoast, which area the City is desirous of having filled in, owing to its unsanitary condition caused by deposit of refuse coming from Indian Creek on the outgoing tide. Statement is made that this lagoon was dug by Miami Beach Improvement Company and as the original owners they are agreeable to having the area filled and then deeding the land to the adjacent property owners; that it is necessary, however, to ascertain whether or not the State has any claim to the bottoms.

Upon information as to the character of the land, the Trustees declined to issue quit-claim deed to the Lagoon in Lake Pancoast, but agreed to give consideration to any offer that might be made.

Request was presented from Donald C. McMullen of Tampa for corrective deed to be issued Mrs. Collins C. Thompson, original deed of August 20, 1888 having given her name as Mrs. Colius C. Thompson.

Mr. Bayless reported that records in the Land Office disclose that corrective deed is entirely in order. Whereupon, the Trustees directed that correction deed be executed upon payment of \$5.

Offer of \$100 was submitted from L. A. Deen of Trenton, Florida, for pine timber on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Gilchrist County, located approximately four miles southeast of Trenton.

The Trustees declined offer of Mr. Deen and directed that investigation be made of the timber.

The Trustees declined offer of \$100 an acre from Paul F. Randolph, Inc., for the purchase of 11.29 acres of submerged land adjacent to upland ownership, such land being located in the vicinity of Hog Island west of Dunedin.

Mr. Bayless reported that grazing lease issued to Wesley Harvey for a period of one year, covering State land in Glades County, was assigned to Edna and Pearl Pierce; that the present lessees are requesting a five-year lease in order that they may enter into a program under the United States Agricultural Adjustment Administration for grazing lands.

Upon consideration the Trustees agreed to grant request of the Misses Pierce and directed that the five-year grazing lease be issued conditioned upon the land being put under the A. A. A. program.

The Trustees declined offer of \$5 an acre from George Marsh of Zolfo Springs, Florida, for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 35 South, Range 26 East Hardee County.

Application was presented from Ammon McClelland of Frink, Florida, and from Ralph Rhames of Wewahitchka, for permit to take dead head timber from the Chipola River and the Dead Lakes, offering \$3 a thousand for pine and \$5 a thousand for Cypress.

Upon motion duly adopted, the offer was declined.

Letter was submitted from Ross Beason of Miami Beach, Florida, requesting that the Trustees exchange with him

certain lands in Sarasota County in the vicinity of Myakka Park, in order that he might block up his holdings in a contiguous body.

The Trustees declined to make exchange requested, but indicated that an offer for the State lands would be considered if submitted.

J. J. Lewis of Wabasso applied to lease an acre of land on right-of-way of Wabasso Bridge connecting the mainland with the peninsula, offering \$25 a year for the lease; such land to be used as a fishing camp site.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the offer of Mr. Lewis be accepted and lease was ordered issued.

Applications were submitted from the following to purchase marginal lands, approximately forty feet in width, adjacent to upland ownership on Lake Conway, Orange County, with offers of \$25 an acre:

Giles & Gurney

Akerman & Hodges for client Sterling Carmichael

Akerman & Dial for client Frank J. Sharp.

The Trustees accepted the above offers for the marginal land on Lake Conway upon proof being furnished of upland ownership.

The Land Clerk submitted applications from Grover Cleveland and Ed Young to use approximately four acres of mangrove land in Section 23, Township 44 South, Range 22 East, Lee County, adjacent to right-of-way to Pine Island.

Upon consideration of the two applications, the Trustees agreed to rent the land to Mr. Young at a price of \$50 annually. Preference was given Mr. Young as it was represented that he was the bridge tender at that point, had made some improvements on the land and had made his home there for some years.

The Trustees declined offer of \$50 an acre from H. A. Dawley, on behalf of Postal Glades Realty Company, for Hiatus Lots between Townships 43-44 South, Range 37 East, 120 acres in Palm Beach County, \$60 an acre having been agreed on as the price which the Trustees would accept.

Application accompanied by offer of \$17.50 was received from William W. Muir of Miami Beach, Florida, for release of oil and mineral reservations on land conveyed to Miami Beach Improvement Company in Deed No. 16848.

The offer of \$17.50 was accepted by the Trustees and quit-claim deed was ordered issued to clients of Mr. Muir.

The Trustees accepted offer of \$20 from Mary A. Leddy, on behalf of William E. and Madeline E. Budreau, covering reservations contained in deed 18109 conveying Lots 13 and 14, Block 4, DeLido Island, known as Island No. 2 of the Venetian Islands.

Application was presented from County Commissioners of Gulf County for forty foot right-of-way through Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 1 West, on which to construct a highway.

Upon motion duly adopted, it was ordered that right-of-way requested by Gulf County be granted.

Letter was presented from Thomas H. Anderson of Miami, Florida, stating that in July, 1888, Alonzo Sawyer made application to purchase the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 61 South, Range 39 East, Monroe County; that in the deed the land was described as SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said section, township and range; that subsequently the Trustees sold to Island Holding Company Lot 6 of Section 26, Township 61 South, Range 39 East Monroe County, which is the same land deeded to Mr. Sawyer in 1888 and described as the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$; that in order to remove cloud from title of Island Holding Company request is made for correction deed to be issued Mr. Sawyer to land applied for by him.

Upon being advised that the records in the Land Office appear to agree with statements made by Mr. Anderson, the Trustees agreed to issue correction deed if the interested parties are contacted and this action satisfactory.

The following is financial statement of the Trustees for June, 1937:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE, 1937
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 1,393.80
Proceeds of coupons detached from collateral deposited by Axel Jensen— Entry 17839	10.50
Reimbursement on account of advertising land sale	34.14
Grazing lease	77.18
Farm lease	1,167.75

Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	455.58
Sale of certified copies of excerpts from minutes	4.00
Sale of cord wood	6.45
Total receipts during month	\$ 3,149.40
Balance on hand June 1, 1937	82,362.18
	<u>\$85,511.58</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	1,242.26
Balance June 30, 1937	\$84,269.32

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in banks	83,269.32
	<u>\$84,269.32</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS JUNE 30, 1937

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$58,859.01
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,744.34
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	6,665.97
	<u>\$83,269.32</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amounts
1937			
June 17,	10843	Miami Herald Publishing Co.	\$ 15.00
	10844	Proctor & Proctor	20.20
	10845	Standard Oil Co.	13.21
	10846	American Oil Company	34.06
	10847	Western Union Telegraph Co.	4.94
	10848	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.76
	10849	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.20
	10850	Marvin C. McIntosh	9.45
	10851	Cary D. Landis	26.25
	10852	F. C. Elliot	7.65
30,	10853	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	10854	F. E. Bayless	250.00
	10855	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	10856	M. O. Barco	175.00
	10857	H. L. Shearer	25.00
	10858	Sam Ellerbe	62.50

10859	Saint Marks Supply Co.	8.04
10860	B. A. Meginnis	10.00
Total disbursement during June, 1937		\$1,242.26

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
July 14, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

At a joint meeting with the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, the Trustees agreed that the car heretofore used by A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, be turned over to W. B. Granger, Manager State Farm No. 2, Belle-glade, for use at the Farm.

It was the action of the Trustees that Mr. Elliot take the necessary steps to make the car available to Mr. Granger.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
July 28, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.

Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Minutes of April 28, May 6, 12, 13, 26, June 9, 17, 29, and July 13, 14, 1937, were approved.

Mr. W. W. Muir of Miami Beach, Florida, made application on behalf of clients for lease to dredge 160 acres of submerged lands about three miles off shore from Boca Grande and offered \$100 annually for such lease. It was stated that the purpose of this lease was for dredging the area with a view to locating a sunken boat believed to be in that locality and that there would be no material removed from the bottoms. Dredging operations to be subject to permit from the War Department.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that lease for one year, with option to renew for an additional year, be issued to Clem W. Johnson, W. Carey Johnson and Jim F. Atwood, clients of Mr. Muir, upon payment of \$100 annually. Lease to permit dredging for a sunken vessel, but without removal of material from the area.

Judge W. J. Oven of Tallahassee submitted request from Blumenfeld Company of Memphis, Tennessee, for permission to gather fresh water clam from Apalachicola River and Dead Lakes and offering \$1 a ton royalty for such privilege.

Upon discussion the Trustees requested Mr. Elliot to go into the matter with Judge Oven and report his recommendations; also confer with Dr. Kennedy of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission on the subject.

The Trustees on March 3, agreed to advertise for objections a strip of submerged land owned by the State lying between Coon Key (owned by applicant) and Long Key, such strip to be used as right-of-way on which to construct a causeway connecting the two keys. Application made by J. E. Young of St. Petersburg. Pursuant to such action, the following Notice was published May 20, 27, June 3, 10 and 17, 1937:

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Wednesday, June 23, 1937,

at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described lands in Pinellas County, Florida:

From a point on the west boundary line of Gulf Blvd., at its intersection with the south line of Sec. 6, T. 32 S., R. 16 E., run eastwardly along said section line 1655.28 feet for a point of beginning.

Thence westwardly from said point of beginning along said section line 103.77 feet;

Thence North 27° East to an intersection with the Government meander line of Government Lot 3, T. 32 S., R. 16 E.;

Thence in a southeasterly direction along said Government meander line to an intersection with a line North 27° East from the point of beginning;

Thence South 27° west to the point of beginning.

Containing in all one acre, more or less, and lying and being in Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 16 East. Correct description to be furnished with deed.

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

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Fred P. Cone, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Consideration of the sale was postponed from June 23rd to this date, and upon discussion the offer of \$100 an acre was declined.

Based on an offer of \$125 an acre submitted by Larry Die Polder of St. Petersburg, Florida, the Trustees agreed to advertise Dead Man's Key, in Boca Ceiga Bay, Pinellas County, and the following Notice was published in the Clearwater Sun, June 5, 13, 19, 26, July 3, 1937:

“NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Wednesday, July 7, 1937,

at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land in PINELLAS County, Florida:

"Dead Man's Key," being a shoal in Boca Ceiga Bay, located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Containing 4 and $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, more or less, and lying and being in the County of Pinellas, State of Florida.

Correct description to be furnished with deed.

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

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Fred P. Cone, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary."

Alliance Investment Corporation filed objections to sale of the Island claiming ownership, but survey furnished by Mr. Die Polder discloses that the island is separated from and is not a part of the area claimed by such company.

Upon consideration of the offer of \$125 submitted by Mr. Die Polder, the Trustees declined to sell the island at that price.

Mr. Bayless reported that agreement had been reached sometime ago to exchange Lots 7, 8, and 11 of Section 25, Township 43 South, Range 36 East—40 acres owned by the State, for forty acres owned by Pat L. Burke in Section 19, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, within the boundaries of the Prison Farm at Belleglade; that the exchange has never been completed and Mr. Burke is asking that it be closed up.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees satisfy outstanding tax certificates purchased by Messrs. Luning and Squires, and other taxes against the land, after which deed be issued to Mr. Burke for the Lots in Section 25, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, upon receipt of deed from him conveying to the Trustees the forty acres in Section 19, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, accompanied by abstract showing all taxes and liens paid up.

Letter was submitted from Ira C. Haycock, representing the town of Homestead, making an offer of \$50 for Mort-

gage No. 17292 amounting to \$32,156.00 from Stavinar Investment Corporation, statement being made that the town has acquired the interest of the State's grantee in the mortgage and desires to acquire this land as it adjoins forty acres in Section 18, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, deeded to the city by the Trustees for airport purposes for a consideration of \$50.

The Trustees declined to accept the offer submitted by Mr. Haycock on behalf of the town of Homestead.

Offer of \$4 an acre was submitted from J. G. Cross of Jacksonville, Florida, for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 1 North, Range 23 East—40 acres in Nassau County, located eleven miles north of the town of Baldwin.

The Trustees declined to sell the land applied for by Mr. Cross at the price offered.

Application was submitted July 13, by D. F. Howell of Olustee, for the N $\frac{1}{2}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 4 South, Range 20 East—480 acres in Union County, with an offer of \$3 an acre.

Action on the subject having been deferred, motion was made seconded and adopted that offer of Mr. Howell be declined, but it was agreeable to lease the land for grazing privileges at an annual rental of ten cents (10c) an acre, provided the land will be enclosed and that lessee will protect the timber from trespass.

The Trustees declined request of D. F. Howell to exchange certain lands owned by the State within his pasture area for other lands owned by him outside such pasture.

The Trustees declined offer of \$5 an acre from D. F. Canfield for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 39 South, Range 30 East.

Mr. Bayless presented statement in amount of \$1141.46 from E. R. Bennett, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Broward County, for individual tax certificate on 160 acres of land in Section 10, Township 50 South, Range 40 East, which land reverted to the Trustees through foreclosure of the Tatum mortgage. Mr. Bennett advises that application is being made for tax deed based on this certificate and if it is not redeemed deed will be issued.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees redeem certificate referred to by Mr. Bennett.

Application was submitted from Nelson G. Pearce offering \$100 an acre for tidal island and \$50 an acre for adjacent shallow bottoms on the landward side of Long Key, Pinellas County, located in Sections 5 and 32 of Township 31 South, Range 15 East; the island containing nine acres and the shallow bottoms twelve acres.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined offer from Mr. Pearce for the submerged areas in Pinellas County.

L. E. Goetz of Miami, Florida, made an offer of \$500 for assignment of D. Z. Filer Mortgage No. 17566 covering 108.73 acres of land on Long Key, lying between the mainland and Key West.

The Land Clerk reported that the value of Mortgage No. 17566 was \$37,074.39 and that no payments have been made on the purchase since the cash payment of \$12,358.13.

Upon motion, the Trustees declined offer from Mr. Goetz for Mortgage No. 17566.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Land Clerk prepare a list of mortgages held by the Trustees that are delinquent in payments and where the purchaser is showing no interest in meeting his obligations, or where payments are unsatisfactory; that such list be certified to the Attorney General for foreclosure proceedings to be instituted at the earliest date possible.

The Trustees authorized the issuance of quit-claim deed to Waite Nursery & Development Company releasing reservations in Deed No. 58—25 issued to such company July 17, 1937, the Secretary having explained that release should have accompanied original deed.

The Trustees declined offer of \$5 an acre from C. H. Downs of Sarasota, Florida, for $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 20 East—79.60 acres in Sarasota County.

Petition was submitted to the Trustees on behalf of the City of Fort Myers for order directing removal of certain buildings and structures located in the Caloosahatchee River lying within the city limits of Fort Myers.

The Attorney General advised that the Legislature of 1915 enacted Chapter 6962, granting to the City of Fort Myers such submerged lands as were located within the corporate limits, and for that reason the Trustees had no jurisdiction over said land.

The Trustees declined offer of \$5 an acre from John R. Rogers of Lynne, Florida, for the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 15 South, Range 23 East, Marion County.

A. C. Preston, for himself and Wm. G. Blanchard, made application for permit to make geophysical and geological explorations on lands owned by the Trustees in Monroe County in the following townships and ranges, such permit to terminate March 31, 1938:

Townships 56, 57, 58, 59 in Ranges 31, 32, 33, 34, and also applied for option to lease the oil and mineral rights on certain of the above lands.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant to A. C. Preston and Wm. G. Blanchard the privilege of conducting geophysical and geological surveys and explorations on the lands owned by the State in the above townships and ranges upon payment of \$1000 cash, such permit to terminate March 31, 1938. Also agreed to grant option to lease for petroleum purposes two townships of the above described land; lessee to make selection of land in a contiguous body upon completion of explorations in March 1938. Lease to conform to standard requirements with royalty payments of five cents an acre annually; provision that no assignments be given without consent of the Trustees; absolute forfeiture of lease if conditions are not carried out to the satisfaction of the Trustees; all subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

Mr. Preston agreed that the Trustees should have the benefit of all information and discoveries on account of the explorations to be made on State lands by his company.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	\$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	250.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
M. O. Bareo, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	25.00
Marvin C. McIntosh, Asst. Attorney General—Expenses	4.15
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Expenses	4.25
Wm. Logan Hill, Clerk U. S. Court, Pensacola, Fla.	2.00
John F. Burket, Attorney, Sarasota, Fla. Transcript of record Taliferro vs. Caples, suit, Manatee County	50.00
John F. Burket, Attorney, Sarasota, Fla. Transcript of record Taliferro vs. Caples, Sara- sota County	50.00

E. R. Bennett, C. C. C. Broward Co., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Redemption of tax certificate State and County taxes on land formerly covered by Tatum mortgage	1,180.77
	\$2,316.17

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
August 11, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Assistant Attorney General, presented letter dated July 29, from Casey Watson & Spain of Miami, Florida, in which request is made that deed of correction be executed to J. Wesley and Dorothy K. Pape, covering Island "B" in Section 12, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County, formerly deeded to W. C. Kyle on September 1, 1921 and again conveyed to said Kyle April 28, 1926.

The Trustees tentatively agreed to grant request for correction deed to J. Wesley and Dorothy K. Pape, conditioned upon approval by the Attorney General.

Attorney General Landis submitted letter from G. E. Barksdale, Sanitary Officer for Taylor County Health Department, in which it is stated that the WPA has a project operating in Taylor County for malaria control by drainage, in connection with which permission is requested of

the Trustees for removal of logs and debris from Fenholloway River and Rocky Creek.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the WPA be granted permission to remove logs and debris from Fenholloway River and Rocky Creek over lands on which the Trustees hold tax certificates or tax deeds as outlined in their malaria control program.

The Attorney General was requested to advise Mr. Barksdale of the action of the Trustees.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
August 12, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. Larry Die Polder of St. Petersburg, Florida, came before the Trustees with request that Dead Man's Key, applied for by him several weeks ago with an offer of \$125 an acre and which was advertised for objections based on his bid, be sold at this time.

The Land Clerk explained that claim of ownership filed by Alliance Investment Corporation was eliminated as survey disclosed that Dead Man's Key was outside the limits of Alliance's ownership; that the Key was desired as a site for a fishing camp for employees of Florida Power & Light Company.

Upon discussion, the Trustees declined to sell the Key at the price offered, but agreed to lease the area for a period of twenty (20) years upon payment of \$100 annually lease to carry a provision for removal of buildings by lessee at expiration of lease if desired.

Application was submitted from G. Fred Andrews of Lake Butler offering thirty-five cents (35c) per pole for trees twenty-two inches in diameter, six feet from the butt, thirty to fifty feet long, on State land in Section 22, Township 4 South, Range 20 East, located six miles northeast of Lake Butler.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined offer from Mr. Andrews.

The Trustees declined offer of \$10 from L. G. Jones of Tampa, Florida, for quit-claim deed to oil and mineral rights on forty acres of land in Section 23, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, Polk County.

Trustees declined offer of \$300 from C. A. Bailey of Pahokee to purchase Lot 57-A in Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, located within the town of Pahokee.

On July 28th the Trustees declined offer of \$50 from Ira C. Haycock, on behalf of the town of Homestead, Florida, for assignment of mortgage securing indebtedness of \$36,000. Mr. Haycock now makes supplemental offer of \$100 stating that the thirty-five acres in Section 18, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, covered by the mortgage adjoins forty acres under development as an airport and is very necessary to such improvement.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the offer from Mr. Haycock be declined.

Ocala Manufacturing Ice & Packing Company made an offer of \$800 cash for the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 15 South, Range 23, East—80 acres in Marion County, located about nine miles from Ocala.

The Trustees declined to sell the land at the price offered, but were agreeable to leasing for grazing purposes.

Application was received from A. M. McAuley of Lake Placid, offering ten cents an acre for grazing lease on E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 37 South, Range 30 East—80 acres in Highlands County.

Upon being advised that the State owns 320 acres in that section, it was the action of the Trustees that they would lease 320 acres on yearly lease at ten cents an acre annually, but would not lease just the eighty acres applied for.

Offer of \$200 cash was submitted from Senator Wallace Tervin of Bradenton, on behalf of Milton R. Thomas, for

the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 36 South, Range 21 East, Manatee County, located on Miakka River about two and a half miles from the town of Miakka City.

The offer of Mr. Thomas was declined.

Letter was submitted from Alfred A. Green of Daytona, representing Florida Inland Navigation District, requesting that certain lands be released from Mortgage No. 17912 of Marie Mann Boyd, such area being necessary as spoiling ground for the Intracoastal Waterway. Mr. Green stated that the District has secured deed from Mrs. Boyd to the land requested released from the mortgage.

Mrs. Boyd having purchased land covered by Mortgage 17912 in 1928 and no interest or principal payments having been made since that time, and the mortgage being subject to foreclosure, motion was made seconded and adopted that the mortgage be foreclosed at the earliest date possible and that the Trustees then deal direct with Florida Inland Navigation District with reference to spoiling ground.

Mr. Bayless presented request from Thomas H. Horobin that description in Deed No. 18128 be changed in order that his ownership on Biscayne Point be projected northward 400 feet, this being necessary to meet requirements of the War Department that he stay away 400 feet from adjacent property in dredging fill material from an area leased from the Trustees.

Upon being advised that there would be no increase in acreage and that the submerged areas were of the same value, the Trustees agreed to issue new deed as requested upon receipt of conveyance from Mr. Horobin to the Trustees of land described in deed No. 18154, together with abstract showing no liens against the property.

Offer of \$5000 cash was submitted from F. A. LeFills of Belleglade, for assignment of N. N. Starling Mortgage No. 17993.

A similar request having been declined by the Trustees on April 28, based on no payments having been made on the principal or interest since date of purchase, the Trustees decided to abide by former action, whereupon offer of Mr. LeFills was declined.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees do not continue the practice with reference to allowing foreclosure of mortgages by mortgagees and the deed by the Trustees of land equal to payments made on original purchase.

The Land Office submitted request from R. H. Sumner, Jr., of St. Petersburg, that he be allowed to foreclose in the name of the State Mortgage No. 17460 in the amount of \$31,908 securing purchase in 1926 of 212.6 acres of submerged land in Boca Ceiga Bay, and upon completion of such foreclosure, without cost to the Trustees, that the Trustees deed him land equal to payments made. Mr. Sumner stated that foreclosure was necessary to eliminate a tax deed against the property.

Upon discussion, the Trustees declined to allow foreclosure by Mr. Sumner, action having been taken at a recent meeting that all delinquent mortgages coming within a certain class be foreclosed; also that any adjustment on amount paid will be considered after foreclosure.

Offer of \$100 an acre was submitted from John F. Burket of Sarasota, on behalf of client W. R. Grove, for 1.24 acres of sovereignty land adjacent to upland ownership of client in Section 26, Township 38 South, Range 18 East—Sarasota County.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to accept offer of Mr. Burket's client and directed that the land be advertised for objections upon evidence of upland ownership being furnished.

Mr. C. Perry Snell of St. Petersburg submitted offer of \$60 an acre for 25 acres of submerged land in Section 18, and 53.88 acres in Section 6, all in Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, located on Boca Ceiga Bay side of Long Key and adjacent to upland ownership.

Mr. Snell also submitted offer of \$1600 for assignment of Mortgage No. 18007 securing indebtedness of \$11,000 principal with six per cent interest from June 1930.

Upon consideration of the offers submitted by Mr. Snell, the Trustees declined to accept either the \$60 an acre for the land described or \$1600 for assignment of Mortgage No. 18007.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

W. B. Granger, Belleglade, Fla.	\$ 70.70
Broward Abstract Company, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	43.00
E. R. Bennett, Clerk Circuit Court, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	1.60
The Frank Shepard Company, New York City	39.00
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	36.33
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	2.80
W. M. Green, Tallahassee, Fla.	49.15
Proctor and Proctor, Tallahassee, Fla.	14.00

Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	6.50
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	9.21
Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	1.13
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.20
	<u>\$278.62</u>

The following is the Financial Statement for the month of July, 1937:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY, 1937
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 6,510.25
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	1,115.11
Land sales under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929	676.50
Land sales under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931	203.22
Sale of blueprints .....	.50
Sale of minutes	4.50
Interest on deposits in banks	97.67
Grazing lease	111.48
Farm Lease	67.50
Mineral Lease	112.50
Timber Lease	2,250.00
Total receipts during month	\$11,149.23
Balance on hand June 1, 1937	84,269.32
	<u>\$95,418.55</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	1,301.64
Balance July 31, 1937	<u>\$94,116.91</u>

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in Banks	93,116.91
	<u>\$94,116.91</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS JULY 31, 1937

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$68,632.32
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,766.88
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	6,717.71
	<u>\$93,116.91</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1937			
July 15,	10861	Marvin C. McIntosh	\$ 20.95
	10862	F. E. Bayless	21.15
	10863	Proctor & Proctor	6.50
	10864	American Oil Company	15.48
	10865	Standard Oil Company	2.94
	10866	Saint Marks Supply Co.	18.80
	10867	Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	21.85
	10868	Capital Office Equipment Co.	1.60
	10869	Western Union Telegraph Co.	2.78
	10870	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. ...	1.19
	10871	Southeastern Telephone Co. ...	7.50
	10872	Monticello News	6.50
	10873	The Clearwater Sun	39.00
31,	10874	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	10875	F. E. Bayless	250.00
	10876	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	10877	M. O. Barco	175.00
	10878	H. L. Shearer	25.00
	10879	Marvin C. McIntosh	4.15
	10880	F. E. Bayless	4.25
	10881	Wm. Logan Hill	2.00
	10882	Jno. F. Burket	50.00
	10883	Jno. F. Burket	50.00
		Total disbursements during July, 1937	\$1,301.64

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
August 13, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
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F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. Bayless submitted offer of \$5 an acres from H. C. Lister of Wewahitchka, for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 7 South, Range 9 West, and Lots 11, 12, 14, Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 11 West. Also an offer of \$5.50 an acre from W. G. Hardee of Overstreet, for the Lots in Section 30.

The Trustees declined offers submitted by Messrs. Lister and Hardee.

Mr. Bayless reported that on April 21, 1937, the Trustees agreed to assign Mortgage No. 17148 to A. B. Edwards upon payment of an additional \$2,290.25, which would net the Trustees \$10,000 on the total purchase price of \$11,306.80; that Mr. Edwards now requests assignment upon payment of \$50 cash.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to abide by action taken in April.

The Land Clerk reported that there was pending request of Mr. Harley Watson of Arcadia, for adjustment of Entry No. 17233, which was presented to the Trustees April 7, 1937.

Upon consideration, the Trustees postponed action at this time and requested Mr. Bayless to prepare statement of the account and submit at the next meeting.

Upon request from McGeachy and Jernigan, the Trustees approved assignment of diatomite lease from original lessee to Milton Diatomite & Mineral Company of Milton, Florida, assignee to carry out all requirements and conditions as contained in original lease.

Application was submitted from George E. Holt of Miami, on behalf of client H. O. Enwall, for quitclaim deed from the Trustees covering the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 55 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, with an offer of \$500 for the forty acres, claiming equity in the land by reason of former conveyance to Adam C. Richards covering the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ now owned by Mr. Enwall.

The Trustees having an appraisal of \$50 an acre on this land, the offer of Mr. Holt was declined.

The Trustees accepted offer of \$30 annually from Mark Byron, Tatom Wofford, Ed. Romfh, T. V. Moore, L. L. Lee, Harold Basso and L. Edwards, for yearly lease of Shoal No. 5 containing 23.59 acres located on Key Biscayne, Dade County.

Mr. Bayless presented request from Frederick S. Van Roy of Crystal River, for exchange of lands owned by him for other land owned by the State in Township 18 South, Range 17 East, in order to block up his holdings.

The Trustees being advised that the lands in question are of the same character and of equal value, agreed to make the exchange requested by Mr. Van Roy upon payment of \$5 and the furnishing of abstract on the land coming to the State.

Mr. Bayless reported that Walter F. Rogers of Jacksonville has made application for quitclaim deed to the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, based on the fact that patent was issued by the Federal Government to client of Mr. Rogers, but through error the Commissioner of Agriculture in 1916 issued certificate stating that the lands had been patented to the State, thus creating a cloud on the title.

Mr. Bayless stated that the facts set forth by Mr. Rogers are true, the State never having had an interest in the land and the certificate of the Commissioner of Agriculture having been issued in error.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees directed that quitclaim deed be issued to client of Mr. Rogers upon payment of \$5 to cover cost of deed.

Application was presented from Elmore Cohen of West Palm Beach for lease of three concrete piers lying off shore between the mainland and Key West. The Trustees were advised that letter from Mr. Duncan states that the piers were constructed by the WPA in connection with Overseas Highway but have since been abandoned.

The Trustees deferred action pending further investigation.

The Land Clerk reported that in August 1936 E. M. Baynes, representing C. A. Shive, and Dr. L. W. Armstrong both applied to purchase 1.75 acres of marginal reclaimed lands in Section 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, within the town of Pahokee, and that the Trustees agreed to sell this land to Dr. Armstrong at a price of \$100 an acre conditioned upon his donating certain lands owned by him as a site for a State Market; that the site was not acceptable to State Agricultural Marketing Board with the restrictions specified by Dr. Armstrong and therefore the sale of Trustees land was not consummated. Mr. Shive now offers \$300 an acre for this land.

Motion was made seconded and adopted, that the Trustees withdraw this land from sale for the present and that the offer of \$300 an acre from Mr. Shive be declined.

Mr. Bayless reported that he has offers of \$50 an acre for marginal lots along Connors Highway and between it and the Florida East Coast Railway, such lots containing from one-fourth to one-half acre each and lying in front of property owned by applicants.

The Trustees declined to sell the lots applied for at the price offered and directed that applicants be so advised.

Motion was made seconded and adopted, that in reference to lands coming to the Trustees through Everglades Drainage District tax certificates, by virtue of settlement between the Trustees and the District, that where former owner makes application to purchase and offers not less than an amount equal to what the Trustees have in the certificate, if such offer is as great as any offer already received, plus fee for handling, conveyance of such land be made to former owner subject to all taxes from and including the year 1932.

Mr. Elliot submitted application from R. H. Fite of New York City, former owner of 35 acres of land in Section 20, Township 56 South, Range 39 East, Dade County, for deed conveying the interest of the Trustees in Everglades Drainage District tax certificate No. 5359—Dade County, covering this land.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to accept \$11.15 for deed to the property applied for by Mr. Fite, conveyance to be subject to all taxes subsequent to 1931.

Charlton and Associates of Fort Lauderdale, representing former owners, having applied for deed from the Trustees conveying equity represented by Everglades Drainage District tax certificate No. 1308—Broward County, the Trustees agreed to issue deed to former owners upon payment of \$342.35 such deed to be subject to all taxes subsequent to 1931.

T. M. Pullen of Damascus, Georgia, having applied to purchase land covered by Everglades Drainage District tax certificate No. 5791 Dade County, the Trustees agreed to issue deed to Mr. Pullen upon payment of \$5.93, conveyance to be subject to all taxes subsequent to 1931.

The Trustees agreed to accept \$7.44 offered by Mrs. R. C. Denicke of Miami, for deed to land in Dade County covered by Everglades Drainage District tax certificates No. 3365 and 3366, such conveyance to be subject to all taxes since 1931.

The Trustees agreed to issue deed to Miss Cleo Lucas Brooks of Miami Beach, to certain land in Dade County on which the Trustees hold Everglades Drainage District tax certificate No. 6044, upon payment of \$6.32 provided Miss Brooks will furnish evidence of ownership of the land at the time certificate was issued; conveyance to be subject to all taxes since 1931.

Mr. Elliot reported that he has a number of applications from parties desiring to purchase land in Sarasota County, which land vested in the Trustees through foreclosure under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Upon consideration of the offers and applications submitted, the following action was taken:

Upon application from C. B. Pierson to purchase Lots 15 and 17, Block H, Towles Subdivision; Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 22, Revised Siesta; Lots 11 and 12, Block G, McClellan Park, and several other lots, with an offer of \$1496.50, the Trustees agreed to accept \$1600;

Upon offer of \$113.30 from M. L. Townsend, a price of \$200 was placed on Lots 21 and 22, Block A, Grove Heights;

Upon request from S. B. Dearmond, a price of \$500 was placed on Lots 7 and 8 of Block B, S/D Lots 7 and 9;

Upon request from S. B. Dearmond, a price of \$325 was placed on Lots 3, 5, 7, Harvey's S/D;

Upon offer of \$114.39 from Glover E. Ashby, a price of \$200 was placed on Lot 1, Block E, Avondale;

Upon applications from R. H. Kennedy, J. B. Gaines and Charles E. Cole a price of not less than \$250 was placed on Lots 14, 15, 16, 17, Block C, Revised Siesta;

Upon offer from Tom W. Butler of \$118.51, a price of \$130 was agreed on for Lot 13, Block 18, Sarasota Beach;

Upon application from Frank A. Logan Company, a price of not less than \$200 was agreed on for Lot 1, Block E, Avondale;

Upon application of J. F. Miller, the Trustees agreed to accept not less than \$240 for Lots 7 & 8, Block C, S/D of Block 8, and \$250 for Lots 9 and 10, Block C, S/D Block 8;

Upon application from N. G. and John Fite Robertson, the Trustees agreed to accept not less than the following:

Lots 13, 14, 43 and 44, Block 50 not less than \$100
 Lots 26 and 27, Block 51 not less than \$250

Lots 14, 15, 16 and 17, Block 60 not less than \$100

Upon application from H. W. Booth, the Trustees agreed to accept not less than \$325.00 for Lots 3, 5, & 7, Block A, J. W. Harvey's S/D.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
 Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
 Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
 August 26, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
 J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
 W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 Cary D. Landis, Attorney General
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
 F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk

Mr. R. W. Farnell of Lake City came before the Trustees and made application to purchase cypress timber owned by the State in Lake County, recently cruised by S. S. Savage, and stated that he would offer the market price for such timber.

The Trustees having taken this timber off the market for the present, Mr. Farnell was advised that no offers would be considered at this time.

Attorney General Landis reported that he is now ready to proceed with foreclosure of delinquent mortgages held

by the Trustees. Whereupon, Mr. Bayless, Land Clerk, was directed to secure abstracts on lands to be foreclosed and transmit such abstracts with all necessary information to the Attorney General at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Bayless reported that he has information from Waters Consolidated Naval Stores that their employee in cutting ties from their property had through error cut some ties from State land and that they were holding such ties subject to whatever adjustment the Trustees desired to make.

Motion was made seconded and adopted, that Mr. Bayless dispose of the ties cut from State lands to the best advantage.

Letter was presented from Senator Wallace Tervin of Bradenton, requesting that the Trustees reconsider action taken at a recent meeting and accept \$5 an acre for land in Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 20 East, Sarasota County, applied for by C. H. Downs.

The Trustees declined to sell the land applied for by Mr. Downs at the price offered, but stated they would be agreeable to leasing such land.

The Land Clerk submitted offer of \$125 an acre for 11.29 acres of submerged land located in a pass between Clearwater Key and Hog Island, which was applied for July 13th by Paul F. Randolph on behalf of T. R. Palmer, owner of an adjoining island, for which an offer of \$100 an acre was made. Such offer having been declined applicant submits the offer as above.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the offer of \$125 an acre be declined.

Request was submitted from George E. Tedder of Belleglade for release of canal and mineral reservations on Lots 46, 47, 48, 55 and 56, town of Belleglade, owned by him, such release being desired in order to secure a government loan on the lots.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to execute release of canal and mineral reservations requested by Mr. Tedder upon payment of \$5 and furnishing proof of ownership.

Mr. Bayless advised that C. L. Sackett, representing Central Florida Paper Company, had requested an appointment with the Trustees for September 1st, for the

purpose of applying for an extension and the re-dating of sawgrass lease No. 18219 dated August 23, 1933, executed in favor of his company.

Upon discussion of the lease the Trustees stated that they would not be agreeable to extending and re-dating Saw Grass Lease No. 18219 upon the same terms and conditions as contained in the present lease, but directed the Land Clerk to notify Mr. Sackett that a meeting will be held September 1st at which time he can present the matter.

Mr. Elliot reported that from time to time requests are made to the Trustees for conveyance of strips on which bulkheads and fills have been constructed around artificial islands and bulkheaded parcels located on tracts purchased from the Trustees along the coast of Florida, such bulkheads in most cases having been constructed on land owned by the State; that in several instances conveyances of these strips have been made to title owners of the parcels or islands; that in the case of conveyance of bulkhead strip to Kathryn A. Highleyman question has arisen as to status of mortgage lien against a certain parcel of the island; that in order to prevent future conflict in conveyances of this kind it is proposed that the land owned by the State, on which bulkheads or fills have been constructed, shall be set aside and dedicated in perpetuity for the benefit and protection of the parcels or islands which they surround. The proposed resolution of dedication approved by the Attorney General was submitted to the Trustees for consideration.

Upon motion seconded and duly carried, the Trustees adopted a form of resolution for dedication of the necessary strips, not to exceed twenty (20) feet in width, where bulkheads have already been constructed, but not to apply where fills or bulkheads may be constructed subsequent to this date. It was ordered that such form be used in making dedications for the purposes above defined.

Letter was submitted from Shutts & Bowen of Miami, in which application is made for a strip eight or ten feet wide around Star Island in Biscayne Bay on which the bulkhead surrounding the island is constructed. The original conveyance of the island—Deed No. 16546 dated February 9, 1917, did not include the strip, or a portion thereof, and clients of Shutts & Bowen, Miami Ocean View Company, are applying to purchase such strip.

The Land Clerk was requested to advise Shutts & Bowen of action taken with reference to dedication of land on

which bulkheads have been constructed around islands and parcels in Biscayne Bay and other localities.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
August 27, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees August 13th, the Land Clerk submitted the following report on request from Harley Watson, of Arcadia, for adjustment of Entry No. 17233:

“Entry No. 17233 covers 170 acres of land in Section 34 and in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 3, and 320 acres in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 3. Section 34 is in Township 43 South, and Section 3 is in Township 44 South, both in Range 35 East. This land was sold in December 1919 to several Arcadia men for a consideration of \$75 an acre, or a total purchase price of \$36,750.00. In July, 1925, the several mortgages were consolidated into one and a payment of \$10,000 applied on the purchase, the balance due being represented by three notes of \$7,174.17 each securing the mortgage which was given by Wise Perry for Ritta Farms Development Company. Since these various transactions Mr. Watson has acquired the interest of all parties and is legal title holder to the lands and his indebtedness to the Trustees amounts to \$21,512.51 principal with six per cent interest from December 1925. The Trustees have received the equivalent of \$48 an acre on the agreed price of \$75 an acre.

Mr. Watson's proposal is that the original price be adjusted as follows:

\$75 an acre net on 170 acres in Section 34 and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 3, or a total of	\$12,750.00
\$38.02 an acre net on 320 acres in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 3, (reducing the price from \$75 an acre), or a total of	12,167.13
	<u>\$24,917.13</u>

Plus \$1000 cash to be paid upon acceptance of this proposal."

Upon discussion of report of Mr. Bayless and of the proposal made by Mr. Watson, the Trustees declined to make adjustment requested and directed that mortgage No. 17233 be transmitted to the Attorney General for foreclosure along with other delinquent mortgages.

Mr. Bayless submitted application from Dr. Joseph H. Adams, represented by Judge W. E. Walsh, both of Miami, to purchase approximately 33.26 acres of submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, located at the north end of 79th Street Causeway, offering \$50 an acre for the land.

Motion was made seconded and adopted, that the offer from Dr. Adams be declined.

The Trustees declined request from Thomas H. Horobin that the city of Miami, Florida, be given permission to use surplus fill material, taken from an area leased to him, for the purpose of filling land to be used as a street.

Final approval of permit and option for oil lease in favor of A. C. Preston and W. G. Blanchard was postponed till the regular meeting next Wednesday.

Mr. J. W. Watson, Jr., City Attorney, the Mayor and the Engineer of the City of Miami, came before the Trustees with request for additional areas in the vicinity of Virginia Key, lying between Biscayne Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, for the purpose of improving and extending the harbor and dock facilities for the City of Miami, stating that a portion of the submerged land requested is covered in Chapter 13666, Acts of 1929 having reference to reserving certain parcels for public purposes of Miami.

The Trustees agreed to take the request under consideration, and the matter was referred to the Attorney General for report.

Mr. Elliot submitted offer of \$20 from W. B. Selby Critchlow for Lots 4 and 5, Block 28, Sarasota Beach.

The Trustees declined the offer of \$20 but agreed that they would accept a price of \$150 for the two lots.

The Trustees agreed to accept \$125 for Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 22, Revised Siesta, Sarasota, applied for by A. B. Edwards.

The Trustees accepted offer of \$300 from J. E. Barth for the purchase of Lots 9 and 11 of Block C, DeSoto Park, Sarasota.

Offer of \$2 an acre was submitted from Lester Mikell for the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 13 South, Range 18 East, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 14 South, Range 18 East, Levy County, which land came to the Trustees under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

The Trustees declined Mr. Mikell's offer, but agreed to lease the land at a price of fifty cents an acre annually on a yearly lease.

The Trustees declined offer of 65 cents an acre for land owned by the Trustees in Levy County in Townships 13 and 14, South Range 18 East, which was applied for by L. B. Bevis.

Application was submitted from M. K. Poole of LaBelle, for purchase of locktender's house and site located on the Caloosahatchee River at the old lock site.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees not sell the land applied for, but it was agreeable to lease the house and site at a price of \$250 annually.

Mr. Elliot reported that the State Road Department has made application for right-of-ways through State land in Gilchrist, Citrus and Broward Counties necessary in the construction of certain highways.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the following right-of-ways were granted to the State Road Department:

Right-of-way 89.9 feet wide by 1039.5 feet long along the eastern edge of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 16 East—2.46 acres in Gilchrist County, for use in connection with State Highway No. 82;

Right-of-way 100 feet wide granted across State land through Lake Consuello and Lake Bradley in Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 20 East, Citrus County, on which to construct a portion of State Highway No. 22;

On request for 300 foot right-of-way in Broward County for purposes of State Road No. 26, the Trustees agreed to grant 100 foot right-of-way and an easement for a specified time of an additional 100 feet on each side of said right-of-way from which to procure or deposit material in the building of the road.

The Secretary was requested to prepare the necessary grants for execution by the Trustees.

Action was deferred for further investigation on application of the Port of Palm Beach to secure additional areas in Lake Worth in connection with Lake Worth Inlet.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	—\$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	250.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	25.00
	<u>\$1,025.00</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
September 1, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Minutes of the Trustees dated July 28, August 11, 12, 13, 26 and 27, 1937, presented and ordered approved.

The Secretary presented proposed permit for conducting geophysical surveys and explorations and option to lease petroleum and mineral rights, applied for by A. C. Preston and W. G. Blanchard, action having been postponed from August 27 till this date.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to grant Permit and Option in favor of Preston and Blanchard, and the Secretary was requested to forward such Permit and Option to Mr. Preston for execution.

Mr. Elliot submitted application from Frank J. Robertson of Lake Harbor for lease on a parcel of land forty feet wide East and West by fifty-eight feet long North and South, on the east bank of Miami Canal, located in Section 2, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, for which he offers \$100 annually.

Motion was made seconded and adopted, to accept offer of \$100 annually from Frank J. Robertson, and the Land Office was requested to prepare lease to Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Elliot submitted letter from F. C. B. LeGro, Assistant General Manager Everglades Drainage District, requesting that the Trustees do not lease areas along the canal banks to private individuals; also that Everglades Drainage District is desirous of having title to canal right-of-ways transferred to the District in order to protect the canal banks against squatters and other nuisances.

Upon discussion, it was the action of the Trustees that the ownership of the canal right-of-ways within Everglades Drainage District remain in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, as the title to such lands will be less liable of impairment and danger from litigation if in a State Agency; also it was the opinion of the Trustees that leasing of right-of-ways along the canals be continued where applicant and compensation are satisfactory.

Mr. Elliot submitted requests from Judge W. E. Walsh, Dr. Joseph H. Adams and Mr. George J. Baya, all of Miami, for a meeting with the Trustees on September 8, 1937.

It being ascertained that a quorum would be present September 8th, Mr. Elliot was requested to advise the above parties that a meeting is scheduled for that date.

The Trustees having agreed in December, 1936, to issue permit to Wilson Cypress Company for clearing out Spring Garden Creek and digging a canal from the Creek through lands owned by the State, the Secretary presented form of permit for consideration.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees approved Permit to Wilson Cypress Company and directed that same be forwarded to J. V. Walton, Attorney, for acceptance and execution by the Company.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
September 8, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. Duke Baya of Miami, Florida, representing clients, requested permission to bring suit in the name of the Trustees to declare quitclaim deed issued to Kathryn A. Highleyman cancelled, such proceedings to be without cost to the Trustees.

Upon discussion, the Trustees declined to authorize Mr. Baya to bring suit in the name of the Trustees for the purpose of cancelling deed issued to Mrs. Highleyman, but the matter was referred to the Attorney General for attention.

Mr. Duke Baya requested that his firm be notified before the Trustees make sale of additional submerged land in Biscayne Bay to the City of Miami in order that they may have the right in future of access to and from their property across the causeway proposed by the City.

The Trustees directed that record be made in the Land Office of Mr. Baya's request and that he be notified of any proposed sales to the City of Miami of bottom lands in Biscayne Bay.

Judge W. E. Walsh and Dr. Joseph H. Adams submitted two proposals to the Trustees as follows:

- 1: Request two-year lease for taking fill material from an area surrounding property of Dr. Adams in North Biscayne Bay, the area from which to take material containing approximately 300 acres, a small portion of which is included in a non-exclusive lease to M. C. Gryzmish. For such lease an offer of \$500 is made payable \$125 cash and balance in three equal semi-annual payments with six per cent interest.
- 2: An offer of \$75 an acre for 33.26 acres in Section 9, Township 53 South, Range 43 East, Biscayne Bay, Dade County.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that with reference to application for lease, Mr. Elliot make investigation of the area from which M. C. Gryzmish is taking fill under lease from the Trustees and ascertain if an adjustment can be made for surrendering from his lease the fifty-acre tract immediately adjacent to Dr. Adams' land; that upon report from the Engineer action will be taken.

With reference to second proposal, it was decided to postpone action on offer of \$75 an acre for bay bottom land until report has been received from the Engineer on fill material.

The Trustees accepted offer of \$325 from J. V. Keen, on behalf of client A. E. Beck, for Lot 1, subdivision of Lots 14 and 16, Block H, Sarasota, upon evidence being furnished that former owner does not care to re-purchase the lot.

Attorney General Landis presented letter from the County Commissioners of Sarasota County in which statement is made that several years ago the Trustees executed deed to the County, conveying eighty acres of land to be used as a poor farm for a consideration of \$80; that the poor farm has since been abandoned and the County has an opportunity to sell the land to a private individual at a price of \$2 an acre if they can secure waiver from the Trustees of the provision that the land is to be used for county purposes only.

The Trustees deferred action on request of Sarasota County until a full membership of the board can be present.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
September 15, 1937

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

Present:

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Polk County Abstract Co., Bartow, Florida	\$20.30
William T. Hull, Clerk Circuit Court, Labelle, Fla.	2.00
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	6.44
Proctor and Proctor, Tallahassee, Fla.	5.50
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.20
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	4.30
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.63
	<u>\$44.37</u>

Following is the financial statement of the Trustees for the month of August, 1937:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST, 1937
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 427.49
Land Sales under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931	27.16
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	195.31
Sale of oil and mineral rights (lease)	16.88
Sale of crossties	7.50
Land lease	75.00

Farm lease	960.00
Reimbursement on account advertising land sale	15.00
Quitclaim deed	15.00
Total receipts during month	\$ 1,739.34
Balance on hand August 1, 1937	94,116.91
	<u>\$95,856.25</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	1,303.62
Balance August 31, 1937	\$94,552.63

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in banks	93,552.63
	<u>\$94,552.63</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS AUGUST 31, 1937

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$69,068.04
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,766.88
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	<u>6,717.71</u>
	\$93,552.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1937			
Aug. 12,	10884	W. B. Granger	\$ 70.70
	10885	Broward Abstract Co.	43.00
	10886	E. R. Bennett, C.C.C.	1.60
	10887	The Frank Shepard Company	39.00
	10888	American Oil Company, Jack- sonville	36.33
	10889	Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville	2.80
	10890	M. W. Green	49.15
	10891	Proctor & Proctor	14.00
	10892	Rose Printing Company	6.50
	10893	Western Union Telegraph Co.	9.21
	10894	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	1.13
	10895	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.20
31,	10896	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	10897	F. E. Bayless	250.00
	10898	M. O. Barco	175.00

10899	Jentye Dedge	175.00
10900	H. L. Shearer	25.00
Total disbursements during Aug. 1937		\$1,303.62

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

W. V. KNOTT,
Treasurer—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
September 28, 1937

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	—\$	400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	.....	250.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	.....	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	.....	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	.....	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Engineer—Expense Account	.....	73.42
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Expense Account	.....	29.30
		<u>\$1,127.72</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
September 29, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
E. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Trustees held for further consideration the request of Messrs. Cole and Whitney, Aviation Division of the State Road Department, for dedication of seventy-five acres of land covered by Trustees' mortgage to be used as a State Airport at the town of Homestead.

C. L. Sackett, representing Central Florida Paper Company, appeared before the Trustees with request for four-year extension of sawgrass lease which was executed to his company in 1933, such extension to carry the same terms and conditions as the original lease.

The Trustees, upon motion seconded and adopted, agreed to take the matter under consideration and advise Mr. Sackett when action is taken.

Mr. Prevatt, representing Shaw Brothers Company of Miami, Florida, appeared before the Trustees in the interest of oil explorations in the southern part of Florida and stated that in order for his company to be justified in making a proposal for leasing lands, it will be necessary that some definite determination be made of delinquent leases on state lands; that before the larger oil companies will put money into prospecting for oil they will require that all delinquent leases be cancelled.

Mr. Prevatt was advised that all delinquent leases have been cancelled except Price Oil and Gas lease, which is now in the hands of the Attorney General for cancellation.

Mr. Bayless submitted letter from E. B. Leatherman, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dade County, stating that application for deed has been made, based on State and County tax certificates 11029, 11402, 11409 and 11411 issued against land on which the Trustees hold mortgage from Bay State Investment Company executed in August, 1925.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees directed that certificates enumerated by Mr. Leatherman be redeemed, the total amount of which is \$74.86.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:
E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C., Miami, Florida—To
amount necessary to redeem Tax Deed Applica-

tion covering State and County tax certificates
 Nos. 11029, 11402, 11409 and 11411 issued
 August 1, 1937\$ 74.86

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
 Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
 Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
 September 30, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
 J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
 W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
 F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Trustees deferred action, pending the return of the
 Attorney General, on request of Messrs. Cole and Whitney,
 Aviation Division of the State Road Department, that the
 Trustees dedicate an additional thirty-five acres of land
 as a State Airport for the town of Homestead, Florida,
 a forty acre tract having been deeded to the town for the
 sum of \$50.

Arvid Swanson, Lakeport, Florida, made application to
 apply credit of \$441.19 which he has with the Trustees to
 the purchase of 128.14 acres of low land east of Lakeport
 in Section 23, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, based
 on a price of \$3 an acre.

The Trustees declined to accept offer made by Mr. Swan-
 son, but agreed to apply credit toward grazing lease on
 the land at the rate of fifteen cents an acre annually;
 lease to be on a yearly basis.

W. B. Norton, Lakeport, Florida, offered ten cents (10c)
 an acre for lease on 929.95 acres of state land in Glades
 County south of Indian Prairie Canal, located in Sections

25, 34, 35 and 36, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, and in Section 3, Township 40 South, Range 33 East, in payment for which he desires to apply credit of \$100 he holds with the Trustees.

The Trustees declined to lease the land applied for at ten cents (10c) an acre, but agreed to issue lease on a yearly basis for grazing purposes upon payment of fifteen cents (15c) an acre annually, applying credit of Mr. Norton toward payment of the lease.

Application was presented from John M. Boring, Ft. Myers, Florida, offering \$20 an acre for an island in Section 2, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Lee County, lying at the lower end of Pine Island and containing approximately four acres.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined offer of \$20 an acre for the island, but agreed to lease the area for a period of four years at the rate of \$25 a year.

Request was submitted from F. W. Zander, Okeechobee, Florida, for adjustment of amounts due on 19.14 acres of land in Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, purchased from the Trustees in 1926 at a price of \$30 an acre.

The Land Clerk reported that no payments have been made on the principal since the cash payment of \$150 and no interest has been paid on the balance due—\$424.20. Whereupon, the Trustees declined request for adjustment.

The Trustees accepted the offer of \$115 submitted by Duncan Padgett for Lot 57-A in Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, containing 0.23 of an acre, being an extension of Lot 57 out to the Government Levee; such sale conditioned on Mr. Padgett furnishing proof of ownership to Lot 57.

Application was submitted from Willard Utley, representing Port of Palm Beach, for 10.1 acres of submerged land in Lake Worth adjacent to ownership of Lake Worth Inlet District on Peanut Island, Section 33, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, with request that a price be placed on the land.

The Trustees were advised that Lake Worth Inlet District paid \$100 an acre for the adjacent land to be used for public purposes only.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined to sell the area applied for by Port of Palm Beach, but indicated that they would consider a proposal for leasing.

The Trustees declined offer of \$50 an acre from Lawrence T. McGee, representing Inlet Village, Inc., for the purchase of 0.92 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to property owned in Section 15, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, located about two and one-half miles north of Boynton.

The Trustees declined offer of \$100 cash from F. B. Nance, on behalf of Mrs. Lena B. Eades of South Bay, for two acres of land lying between the Old State Meander and the new Government Levee, adjacent to her property in Section 9, Township 44 South, Range 36 East.

Upon consideration of application from John W. Watson of Ft. Meade, Florida, the Trustees declined offer of \$2 an acre for Lots 3 and 4 in Section 33 and \$1.50 an acre for Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Section 32, all in Township 35 South, Range 30 East, containing a total of 178.02 acres. The Trustees, however, were agreeable to leasing the land for grazing purposes on a yearly basis upon payment of fifteen cents (15c) an acre annually, or a five year lease upon lessee agreeing to enter into the Soil Conservation Program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Action was postponed on proposed sale of Sarasota County land applied for by J. F. Burket on behalf of client W. R. Gove, located in Section 26, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, to which sale protest was filed by James D. Bruton, Jr., for client William D. Dampier.

Request of Harley Watson for reconsideration of land adjustment was deferred until the return of the Attorney General.

Offer of \$75 an acre for submerged land in Biscayne Bay, applied for by Dr. Joseph H. Adams and W. E. Walsh, was deferred for a later meeting when the Attorney General can be present.

Sam Chastain of Canal Point, Florida, made an offer of \$50 for a lot containing .092 of an acre in front of his property, separated therefrom by Connors Highway

and lying between the highway and Florida East Coast Railway in Section 27, Township 41 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

Mr. Bayless stated that he has applications from Mary F. Geiger, M. D. Carmichael, I. N. Marquis, D. T. Connell and Stephen Solick for lots in front of their property situated the same as Mr. Chastain's.

The Trustees declined to sell the lots applied for by the foregoing parties, but agreed to lease such areas to adjacent property owners at the rate of \$5 annually each lot upon evidence of ownership being furnished.

The Trustees declined offer of \$5 an acre submitted by Thomas B. Dowda of Palatka, representing Loveland and Tanner, for sub-marginal land in Section 28, Township 11 South, Range 27 East—61.5 acres in Putnam County, located on Pomona Lake about ten miles south of Palatka on the DeLand highway.

Offer of \$1500 was submitted from Mrs. Carolyn H. Snell for two tracts of submerged land on Boca Ceiga Bay, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County. Mrs. Snell also protests sale to J. E. Young and C. C. Irving of an area to be used as a right-of-way for causeway connecting Coon Key and Long Key.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined offer from Mrs. Snell of \$1500 for the two tracts of land.

Mr. Elliot was requested to take up with the State Road Department the matter of causeway right-of-way for connecting Long Key and Coon Key, applied for by J. E. Young and C. C. Irving.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined offer of \$150 for Conch Key containing approximately three and one-half acres, applied for by L. E. Goetz of Miami, Florida. The Trustees, however, indicated that they would consider a proposal for leasing the Key if desired by Mr. Goetz.

The Trustees declined offer of \$200 submitted by C. L. Craig of Ramrod, Florida, for Bahi Honda Rocks in Monroe County, containing approximately three fourths of an acre, but indicated that they would consider proposal to lease the area if offer was submitted.

Offer of \$500 was submitted from D. G. Haley, Sarasota, Florida, on behalf of Bellair Estate, Inc., for assignment of mortgage amounting to \$2,859.75 plus interest since June 3, 1926, which mortgage secures payment on 38.13 acres of submerged land in Clearwater Bay adjacent to property of Bellair Estates.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined offer from Mr. Haley, the mortgage having already been transmitted to the Attorney General for foreclosure.

The Trustees declined offer of \$250 from J. P. Hendry of Arcadia, Florida, for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 35 South, Range 26 East, located six miles southeast of Zolfo Springs in Hardee County.

Offer of \$5 an acre was presented from M. D. Hill of Lake City, Florida, for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 1 South, Range 16 East Hamilton County, containing 80.04 acres, and located six miles northeast of White Springs.

Mr. Bayless reported that information has been received in the Land Office that for twenty years this land has been worked for turpentine.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined offer from Mr. Hill and directed that investigation be made of trespass on the land with a view to collecting for turpentine operations.

Application was submitted from Andrew Kilby, Mayor of the town of Lantana, Florida, for a grant to the town of approximately six acres of reclaimed land adjacent to Lantana Avenue Bridge for use as a public park.

Mr. Bayless reported that in July, 1935, the Trustees agreed to sell this land to the town of Lantana for public purposes only; that upon publication of notice to sell, Lantana Finance Corporation protested sale claiming ownership based on reclamation work done under permit from the War Department; that deed was never delivered and in October, 1936, both parties applied for deed, Lantana Finance Corporation making an offer of \$100 an acre for the tract; that both offers were declined and now request is made that the reclaimed area be donated to the town for Park purposes.

Upon discussion, the Trustees declined to sell or donate the property to the town of Lantana, but stated they would consider a lease should the town desire to make an offer on that basis.

Offer of \$10 was received from C. M. McKenny of Orlando, Florida, for marginal strip containing one-sixth of an acre, lying between his property and the waters of Lake Conway, Orange County, such land having been formed by the lowering of the waters of the Lake.

Motion was made seconded and adopted, that the Trustees sell the strip adjacent to Mr. McKenny's property at a price of \$25 conditioned upon proof of ownership being furnished.

The Trustees declined offer of \$1000 from A. C. Preston and William G. Blanchard for option on approximately twenty-two townships of State land in Broward and Dade Counties with the privilege of selecting two or three townships to be leased June 30, 1938 for a period of five years on a basis of five cents an acre annually.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees granted request of Miss Edna Pearce of Bassenger, Florida, to include 676 additional acres in her present grazing lease, all of which to be incorporated in the Soil Conservation program under direction of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The Trustees declined offer of \$125 an acre submitted by Paul F. Randolph on behalf of T. R. Palmer, for the purchase of 11.29 acres of submerged land in Section 32, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, lying between the south end of Hog Island and Clearwater Key, Pinellas County.

The Trustees declined to grant ten-year lease to client of Elmore Cohen, West Palm Beach, covering three concrete piers at Barnes Sound, Monroe County, constructed under a W. P. A. Program for an over-seas highway and later abandoned. The Trustees were agreeable to leasing such piers for a period of five years upon payment of \$1000.

Mr. Elliot submitted resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, requesting that the Trustees dedicate to the County land owned by the State in Sections 29 and 32, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, located on Lake Osborne, a part of which land the Trustees agreed in June last year to set aside for the Boy Scouts of Palm Beach County to be improved under certain conditions. The Resolution sets forth that the Boy Scouts were unable to carry out the proposed improve-

ments and the County is desirous of securing the land for a park.

The Trustees declined to dedicate the area applied for as a park for Palm Beach County. Mr. Elliot was requested to advise the Board of County Commissioners that a lease of approximately twenty acres might be worked out to be used as a Park.

The Trustees authorized payment of taxes for the year 1936 on land owned by the State in Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District and Pahokee Drainage District.

Mr. Elliot was authorized to allow C. B. Pearson of Sarasota to select certain other lots in Sarasota County in lieu of several applied for by him with an offer of \$1600 part of which had already been sold prior to acceptance of his bid.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees August 13th setting a price on certain lots in Sarasota County, Mrs. Mercedes Speir of New York and Sarasota, the original owner, and Frank A. Logan Company of Sarasota, had both submitted bids of \$200 for Lot 1, Block 3, Avondale; that check from Frank A. Logan Company was received prior to check from Mrs. Speir, (Mrs. Speir being in New York at the time) and it is necessary for the Trustees to indicate which bid shall be accepted.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees directed that bid of Mrs. Speir, as the original owner of the Lot, be accepted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, Canal Point, Fla., 1936 taxes on State lands	\$2,946.58
Pahokee Drainage District, Canal Point, Fla., 1936 taxes on State lands	1,541.42
Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, Canal Point, Fla., Interest on delinquent taxes	353.58
Pahokee Drainage District, Canal Point, Fla., Interest and advertising costs on delinquent taxes	191.59
Frank A. Logan Company, Sarasota, Florida. Refund account deposit Sarasota Lot	200.00
	<u>\$5,233.17</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
October 25, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. Landis brought to the Trustees' attention application of Sarasota County to approve the sale of certain lands sold to the County by the Trustees for a Poor Farm, which deed carries the condition that the lands be used for County purposes only. It was stated that the County wished to use the proceeds derived from the sale for other purposes.

Upon discussion the Trustees were unwilling to permit the land to be disposed of and the proceeds to be so used, whereupon, motion was made that the \$80 paid by the County for the land to be used for Poor Farm purposes be refunded and that the County of Sarasota be requested to reconvey such land to the Trustees. Motion seconded and agreed to by all present.

Mr. Elliot presented application of Peoples Water and Gas Company of Miami for permit to lay gas pipe line from Miami to Miami Beach across Biscayne Bay bottoms, the gas to be used for domestic purposes. Mr. Elliot stated that several weeks ago he was in Miami and went over the location with the Company's representative; that draft of permit has been prepared and is in the form used for similar permits. He read to the Board the conditions as imposed therein.

Governor Cone stated he thought it unwise to grant the permit until further examination can be made, as the pipe line might be in the way of other improvements such as wharves, bulkheads, etc., that will probably come on later.

Mr. Landis asked how large the pipe line was. Mr. Elliot stated that it was a six inch pipe line.

Governor Cone inquired if any compensation would be received by the Trustees for pipe line permit. Mr. Elliot stated that no charge was being made as only the consent

and permission, in so far as the Trustees were concerned, was given; that the Company would also have to secure the consent of the Federal Government because of the navigation feature.

Motion was made that the permit as drafted be referred to the Attorney General for examination and that he report on the matter at the next meeting. Seconded, and upon vote being taken, motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented application of the Retort Chemical Company of Gainesville, Florida, for purchase of stumps and down and dead timber on lands in Levy County owned by the Trustees through tax foreclosure under authority of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. Offer of ten cents per thousand pounds was made for this material, estimate being made by the Company that amount involved would be approximately fifty cents an acre on an area of around nineteen thousand acres.

Governor Cone said fat lightwood stumps and logs were valuable material and becoming more valuable from year to year. He suggested that this offer be passed over for further consideration, which was agreeable to the other members.

Mr. Elliot stated that the State Board of Conservation and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund were jointly interested in shell leases in the Saint Johns River and adjoining streams. Since Mr. Dowling, Supervisor of Conservation, was present, Mr. Elliot suggested that he be heard.

Mr. Dowling stated that in the dredging of shell the Duval Engineering and Contracting Company and the Atlantic Shell Company had gotten into live oyster beds and had been pumping live oysters; that this had been going on for several years and the oyster beds in Sisters Creek have been completely destroyed.

Mr. Landis said, as he understood it, the main difficulty had been to define exactly where the ownership and rights of the Trustees ended and the rights of private owners began.

Mr. Elliot reported that Mr. Dowling, Mr. Bayless and himself had carefully gone into the matter and had all agreed that the only thing that could be done in issuing new contracts was for the dredging companies to pay for the damage done in taking out the shell and use this money to plant new oyster beds.

Mr. Dowling explained that in taking shell and separating it from the sand and mud the shell went one way and

the mud another; that the waste material was carried down the stream and covered live oyster beds considerable distances away from the site of operation and destroyed them and since this damage has already been done in this locality dredging operations might as well continue.

Shell has been sold to shell companies heretofore at the rate of five cents per cubic yard where it is definitely property of the Trustees and one-half cent where not owned by the Trustees. Offer now being made is Seven and one-half (7½) cents per cubic yard for all shell taken, which takes into consideration damage to live oysters, a part of which revenue will be used to plant new beds replacing those destroyed.

Discussion was had as to what might be considered a proper division of the moneys received as between the Trustees and the Conservation Department and the best manner to prevent dredging on live beds.

Governor Cone asked if all amounts due under the existing contract had been paid, and Mr. Bayless replied that the Trustees had been paid the amount due under the present contract.

Mr. Dowling said that the dredging companies had stated they would be unable to pay more than seven and one-half cents (7½c) per yard for the shell and continue to operate, and he believed that would be a fair price.

Motion was made that the Trustees agree to accept seven and one-half cents per cubic yard within the area where the dredging companies have been operating, provision to be made that the Conservation Department keep a man on the job for checking amount of shell removed. It was also considered advisable to stake locations from which shell companies are to remove material. Motion seconded and upon vote unanimously adopted.

It was also moved, seconded and adopted that two-thirds of the revenue received from shell operations go to the Conservation Department and one-third retained by the Trustees.

Upon inquiry as to authority of the Trustees to pay such amounts to the Conservation Department, the Attorney General advised that on account of damage to the oyster beds the dredging companies were paying more than the usual amount for shell; that the Conservation Department being charged with preservation of oyster beds this damage money should be paid to them and the lease could provide that one-third would be paid to the Trustees and two-thirds to the Conservation Department.

Upon vote being taken, all were in agreement with this

division of funds, except Mr. Lee who desired his vote recorded No.

It was stated by Mr. Bayless that these two leases to Atlantic Shell Company and Duval Engineering and Contracting Company were to be exclusive.

Mr. Bayless presented application of N. Thompson of Key West for removal of fill material from a certain area in the town of Key West to be used in filling his property and for selling to other parties. An offer of five cents (5c) per cubic yard was made for the material to be dredged from an area of fifteen or sixteen acres, or tract about one thousand feet square.

Upon inquiry it was ascertained that applicant was the adjacent land owner and the sale would not cover the bottoms, only sand to be removed therefrom.

After discussion it was agreed to defer action on application and make further investigation.

Mr. Bayless submitted offer of \$5 from Glenn H. Curtiss for release of oil and mineral rights on two lots in Country Club Estates in the vicinity of Hialeah, Dade County, Florida, statement being made that loan from the Federal Government could not be procured until these reservations were removed.

Upon motion the Trustees agreed to accept offer from Mr. Curtiss and release of reservations was authorized.

The Land Clerk brought to the attention of the Trustees request from Shutts and Bowen of Miami, Florida, representing Miami Ocean View Company for dedication of a ten foot strip around Star Island in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, for bulkhead purposes.

Upon discussion the Trustees deferred action on request of Shutts and Bowen.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Minutes of the Trustees be read and approved at each meeting before proceeding with other business, thereby apprising the members of action taken at previous meeting.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 26.86
The Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	2.16
Proctor & Proctor, Tallahassee, Fla.	40.48
Alford Chevrolet Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.98

Dade-Commonwealth Title Co., Miami, Fla.	95.00
Florida Title & Guaranty Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	29.00
Polk County Abstract Co., Bartow, Fla.	61.10
D. H. Sloan, Jr., Clerk Circuit Court, Bartow, Fla.	7.50
Rex Sweat, Sheriff Duval Co., Jacksonville Fla.	1.85
Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, Canal Point, Fla. ....	.60
Sarasota Tribune, Inc., Sarasota, Fla.	10.50
Eugene Dietzgen Company, New Orleans, La. ....	.79
Tallahassee Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.00
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	12.00
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	8.00
Underwood Typewriter Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.25
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	3.28
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.40
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	250.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	25.00
	<u>\$1,333.75</u>

Following is financial statement of the Trustees for the month of September, 1937:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1937
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 307.29
Land Sales under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929	1,135.00
Land Sales under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931	21.43
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	515.46
Farm Lease	88.80
Timber lease	10.50
Land lease	75.00
Oil and gas lease	750.00
Trespass on lands—payment for 69 cross-ties cut	25.88
Total receipts during month	\$ 2,929.36
Balance on hand September 1, 1937.....	94,552.63
	<u>\$97,481.99</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below).....	1,246.95
Balance September 30, 1937	<u>\$96,235.04</u>

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in Banks	95,235.04
	<u>\$96,235.04</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS SEPTEMBER 30, 1937

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$70,727.95
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,766.88
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	6,740.21
	<u>\$95,235.04</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1937	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Sept. 15,	10901	Polk County Abstract Co.,	\$ 20.30
	10902	William T. Hull, C.C.C.	2.00
	10903	Amercian Oil Company, (Jacksonville)	6.44
	10904	Proctor & Proctor	5.50
	10905	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.20
	10906	Western Union Telegraph Co.	4.30
	10907	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.63
30,	10908	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	10909	F. E. Bayless	250.00
	10910	M. O. Barco	175.00
	10911	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	10912	H. L. Shearer	25.00
	10913	F. C. Elliot	73.42
	10914	F. E. Bayless	29.30
	10915	E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C.	74.86
		Total disbursements during September, 1937	<u>\$1,246.95</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
November 3, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Request was made by Kenneth W. Kerr, representing client Dunedin Syndicate, Inc., that the Trustees release Lots 9, 10 and 11 of Block 38, Dunedin Isles, Unit No. 1, upon payment of \$25 each lot, which price was agreed on for releases at a meeting September 26, 1934. It was stated that there is a balance due on this Entry No. 17534 of approximately \$45,000 and the purchaser is desirous of making settlement and getting the land back on the tax rolls, but upon securing discount on city taxes he finds that the Trustees have discontinued policy of releasing the lots at the price agreed on in 1934.

The Attorney General reported that he had investigated this mortgage, along with numerous other delinquent mortgages, and it appears that there is some complication in this case with reference to a Federal loan, a solution of which Mr. Kerr and associates are trying to work out; that in his opinion it will be next July before all mortgage foreclosures will be completed and a postponement in this case till that date would not be objectionable and would allow purchaser time to make settlement; also that the releasing of these lots on the basis of \$25 each will be satisfactory to him.

Discussion was had as to agreement at this time for releasing lots in future at the rate of \$25 each, but upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to release only the three lots applied for at this price, the remaining sixty to be voted on when request is made for release.

Mr. Tom Yancy, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Marianna, Florida, appeared before the Trustees in reference to a fish hatchery to be established in Jackson County with funds which the Federal Government has agreed to furnish in the amount of \$75,000. Mr. Yancy stated

that it will be necessary to have a deed from the Florida Board of Forestry to approximately 56 acres of land in Section 21, Township 5 North, Range 10 West, Jackson County, and the concurrence of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in the issuance of such deed; that deed has been prepared by the Forestry Department and is awaiting approval of the Trustees. Also that abstract to the land has been examined by S. Bryan Jennings of Jacksonville and B. A. Meginnis of Tallahassee.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees concur in issuance of deed by the Florida Board of Forestry to the United States Fish Hatcheries and that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Florida Board of Forestry on behalf of the State of Florida, has acquired certain lands in Jackson County, Florida, comprising 1,024 acres, and has created said lands into a State Forest Park, pursuant to authority of said Board of Forestry, and

WHEREAS, for furthering the purposes of a State Forest Park and for cooperating with the Federal Government in the improvement and utilization of said area to the common interest of the United States and the State of Florida and for the public benefit, said Florida Board of Forestry has effectuated arrangements with Federal authorities for the establishment and operation by the United States Bureau of Fisheries of a fish hatchery for the propagation and distribution of fresh water fish, and for such purposes requires a portion of said State Forest Park to the extent of approximately 56 acres; and it being deemed desirable to cooperate in the creation and establishment of a fish hatchery aforesaid, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that, pursuant to Section 4 of Chapter 17027, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1935, the said Trustees hereby concur in the conveyance of 56 acres of land in said park to the Federal Government by the Florida Board of Forestry for the purpose aforesaid, which said land shall be as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point approximately 600 feet South of the West midsection corner of Section 21 Township 5 North, Range 10 West, running East approximately 500 feet to a point 100 feet from the West bank of the Blue Hole Run, running thence in a southeasterly direction parallel to the said bank of Blue Hole Run, running to the South line of Section 21, thence West along

said Section line for approximately 1600 feet, thence North 511 feet, thence West 511 feet, thence North to the point of beginning, containing, 56 acres more or less.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
November 4, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Minutes of the Trustees for September 1, 8, 15, 28, 30, 1937, presented and approved.

Mr. J. V. Keen of Tallahassee submitted an offer of \$7.50 an acre from Mrs. E. R. Fritsche for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 36 South, Range 21 East, Manatee County, containing 40 acres, said parcel being located in the middle of her ownership of seven thousand acres which she contemplates fencing for cattle range.

The Trustees declined to sell the land applied for at the price offered, but upon motion duly adopted it was agreed to lease the State's land to Mrs. Fritsche at a price of fifty cents an acre annually on a yearly basis. The Trustees also agreed to give Mrs. Fritsche an opportunity to purchase the land when sale is contemplated.

Attorney General Landis reported on form of permit requested by Peoples Water and Gas Company of Miami for laying gas pipe line across certain bottoms in Bis-

cayne Bay, which request was presented to the Trustees October 25th. The Attorney General stated that the form of permit is satisfactory, the only question being whether or not the Trustees desire to grant such right and privilege without compensation; also should sale be made of the land purchaser would have to take into consideration perpetual reservation of the twenty-five foot strip.

Upon discussion, motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees decline request of Peoples Water and Gas Company of Miami for right-of-way across a certain portion of the bottoms of Biscayne Bay.

Mr. Elliot submitted the application of Dade County for dedication of two parcels of submerged land in Biscayne Bay adjacent to property of Matheson Hammock County Park, such parcels to become a part of the Park and be used for bathing beaches. The land desired from the Trustees comprises forty acres in Section 5 and twenty and four tenths acres in Section 8, all in Township 55 South, Range 41 East, Dade County.

The Trustees were of the opinion that they should not dispose of large areas of submerged land without compensation, whereupon motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees decline request of Dade County to acquire this area for the present.

Application was presented from the City of Miami Beach for right-of-way one thousand feet wide across certain portions of Biscayne Bay on which to install water supply main from Miami to Miami Beach, tentative location to be from 39th street in Miami across the Bay to the Nautilus Hotel near 44th Street in Miami Beach, in Section 22, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees declined to grant request from City of Miami Beach on the ground that the width of right-of-way is excessive and that it crosses privately owned property over which the Trustees have no control.

The Trustees had before them for consideration the request of the City of Miami, presented August 27 by J. W. Watson, Jr., City Attorney, for additional areas in Biscayne Bay approximating 1200 acres, the greater portion of which was reserved by Chapter 13666, Acts of 1929 legislature, for public purposes of the City of Miami. At the August meeting the Trustees were advised that the City had assurance from Federal authorities that application for WPA project would be allowed for improvement

of harbor and docking facilities and construction of an airport, but that it would be necessary to have the area applied for in order to carry out the proposed plans.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees not make deed to the area applied for until approval is given the Project by the Federal Government, at which time they will arrive at a price for the land.

Mr. Elliot presented form of permit to be executed by the Trustees and State Board of Conservation in favor of Duval Engineering and Contracting Company (Senator Butler having advised the Secretary that Atlantic Shell Company had disposed of its interest to Duval Engineering and Contracting Company and would not require lease), for taking shell from certain portions of the St. Johns River, agreement having been reached that exclusive permit be issued upon payment of two and one-half cents per cubic yard to the Trustees and five cents per cubic yard to the State Board of Conservation for all shell taken in addition to monthly payments of \$100 to the Board of Conservation and \$50 monthly to the Trustees. The Attorney General reported that he had gone over the permit with Mr. Elliot and that the terms and conditions are in line with action taken October 25, 1937.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to approve permit as submitted in favor of Duval Engineering and Contracting Company, and the Land Clerk was requested to forward permit to the Company for execution and preparation of bond and upon being returned signatures of the Trustees to be affixed.

The Trustees had request from C. L. Sackett for reconsideration of action taken August 26, denying application for extension of saw grass lease executed August 23, 1933 to Central Florida Paper Company. Request was also made that name of Lessee be changed to Southern Florida Paper Corporation.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to extend the saw grass lease in favor of Central Florida Paper Company for a period of two years from August 23, 1937, and waive payment of any royalty during that period.

A. C. Preston came before the Trustees making application for himself and William G. Blanchard for permit to make geophysical surveys and explorations on State land in Broward and Dade Counties, the Trustees to be furnished all information secured by such survey in consideration

for which applicants desire two drilling locations. Mr. Preston stated that his company would like to explore the lands covered by Price Oil and Gas Company lease and would bear the expense of foreclosing such lease if agreeable to the Trustees.

The Trustees were of the opinion that the lands covered by Price Oil and Gas Company be eliminated from the area to be explored and that foreclosure of such lease be handled by the Attorney General's office as heretofore directed with disposition of such area to be deferred until cancellation is completed.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that A. C. Preston and William G. Blanchard be authorized and permitted to make geophysical examinations and explorations for a period not exceeding one year from this date on all State lands not under lease—copy of all material and data gathered from such explorations to be furnished the Trustees; that if and when the Trustees desire to lease such lands so explored A. C. Preston and William G. Blanchard will be given preferential right to lease at the same price any other party will pay; that the area to be leased shall not exceed two townships for each drilling location with drilling to commence within sixty days after lease is executed.

The Secretary presented application of Retort Chemical Company of Gainesville, Florida, presented October 25, at which time action was deferred.

Upon discussion the Trustees declined offer of ten cents per thousand pounds for stumps and the down and dead timber located on land in Levy County acquired by the Trustees through foreclosure of county and state tax certificates under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Mr. Elliot presented offer of \$5 an acre from Lester Mikell of Morriston, Florida, for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 14 South, Range 18 East, and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 13 South, Range 18 East—80 acres in Levy County. Mr. Elliot advised that this land came to the Trustees through foreclosure proceedings under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

The Trustees declined offer made by Mr. Mikell and directed that examination be made of the land to ascertain its character and value.

The Secretary was requested to advise Mr. Mikell that the Trustees would be agreeable to a grazing lease at a price of twenty-five cents an acre on a yearly basis.

Letter was presented from Hillsborough County Board of Public Instruction applying to purchase Lot 14, Block 7 of Bell's Addition to Tampa, which land vested in the Trustees through Masters Deed under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Upon motion seconded and carried, the Trustees agreed to sell the land applied for to the Board of Public Instruction of Hillsborough County for an amount equal to final decree, plus ten per cent, totaling \$540.53.

The following is the financial statement of the Trustees for October, 1937:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER, 1937
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 218.81
Land sales under Chapter 14717, Acts 1931	32.10
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	453.71
Interest on deposits in banks	72.22
Total receipts during month	\$ 776.84
Balance on hand October 1, 1937	96,235.04
	<u>\$97,011.88</u>
Less disbursements itemized below	6,366.92
Balance October 31, 1937	\$90,644.96

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in banks	89,644.96
	<u>\$90,644.96</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS OCTOBER 31, 1937

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$65,112.35
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,781.36
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	6,751.25
	<u>\$89,644.96</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Octo. 1,	10916	Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District	\$2,946.58

	10917	Pahokee Drainage District	1,541.42
6,	10918	Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage Dis- trict	353.58
	10919	Pahokee Drainage District	191.59
26,	10920	American Oil Company	26.86
	10921	Standard Oil Company	2.16
	10922	Proctor & Proctor	40.48
	10923	Alford Chevrolet Co.	1.98
	10924	Dade Commonwealth Title Co.	95.00
	10925	Florida Title & Guaranty Co.	29.00
	10926	Polk County Abstract Co.	61.10
	10927	D. H. Sloan, Jr., C.C.C.	7.50
	10928	Rex Sweat, Sheriff	1.85
	10929	Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage Dis- trict .....	.60
	10930	Sarasota Tribune, Inc.	10.50
	10931	Eugene Dietzgen Co. ....	.79
	10932	Tallahassee Office Supply Co....	1.00
	10933	Capital Office Equipment Co....	12.00
	10934	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co....	8.00
	10935	Underwood Typewriter Co.	1.25
	10936	Western Union Telegraph Co....	3.28
	10937	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.40
30,	10938	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	10939	F. E. Bayless	250.00
	10940	M. O. Barco	175.00
	10941	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	10942	H. L. Shearer	25.00
	Total	disbursements during October,	
	1937	.....	\$6,366.92

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
November 16, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

The Secretary reported that telegrams had been received and also telephone messages from Peoples Water and Gas Company of North Miami Beach, through their attorney John P. Stokes, urging that the Trustees grant right-of-way for laying gas pipe line across certain portions of Biscayne Bay over to Miami Beach; that the piping has been bought; consent has been given to lay the pipe line through the three small towns north of the city limits of Miami, and the Company has no other alternative by which gas may be furnished Miami Beach during the coming winter season.

Upon discussion the Trustees were still of the opinion that permit under its suggested form should not be granted, based on the following objections:

- 1: That pipe line should not be laid across Biscayne Bay except along a causeway;
- 2: That regardless of restrictions in permit there may be danger of difficulty arising in connection with said pipe line which might interfere with the uses to which the Trustees may desire to put the bay bottoms, or improvements thereon;
- 3: That litigation involving the Trustees might arise with reference to the pipe line;
- 4: That permit as drafted grants perpetual right-of-way if pipe line is constructed within the time allowed;
- 5: That no consideration is mentioned in permit and the Trustees feel that there should be proper compensation for use of the strip desired by the Company.

The Secretary was requested to notify Mr. Stokes of the objections the Trustees have to granting lease or permit as drawn.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
November 22, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. John P. Stokes, Attorney, and Mr. Bond Collins, President, Peoples Water and Gas Company, came before the Trustees again requesting that permit be granted Peoples Water and Gas Company for laying a gas pipe line extending from 88th Street out into Biscayne Bay and across bottoms owned by the Trustees to connect with Miami Beach, such pipe line to be six inches in diameter, buried thirty inches deep and covered with rock and sand to prevent interference to navigation. Mr. Stokes stated that this is the only way the Gas Company can get another main from the Gas Plant on the west side of the Bay over to Miami Beach to give adequate service to residents of that town; that permission has been secured from the three small towns between North Miami Beach and the city limits of Miami to lay pipe line under the streets, but the City of Miami cannot give similar permission without the passage of an ordinance and the holding of an election to vote on the question.

Mr. Collins advised the Trustees of the location of the proposed line and gave information as to its distance from the shore, the purpose for which the line will be used and agreed to the conditions set forth in the proposed permit.

After due consideration motion was made, seconded and carried that permit as drafted be granted to Peoples Water and Gas Company upon payment of \$750 annually for such time as the same is used under the terms of this permit for the first five years, and for such time as the same may be used for the second five years the sum of \$1250 annually, and subsequent to such periods the matter to be settled and determined by and between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and Peoples Water and Gas Company.

The Secretary was requested to add the consideration clause to the form of permit prepared and upon ~~execu-~~

tion to forward the same to Peoples Water and Gas Company with request that permit be executed by the Company and returned, together with check for first year's rental.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
November 24, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Minutes of the Trustees of October 25, November 3, 4, 16, 18 and 22, 1937 read and approved.

R. C. Horne of Madison came before the Trustees and offered \$1000 cash for Trustees Mortgage No. 17566 dated March 4, 1926 from D. Z. Filer, principal amount of which is \$36,570.37.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that action be deferred on offer of Mr. Horne and that the Land Clerk be requested to submit full information on the subject.

Mr. Cody Fowler of Tampa and Mr. Harley Watson of Arcadia came before the Trustees with request for adjustment of Entry No. 17233 on the following basis: That the original price of \$75 an acre stand for the 170 acres in Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, within South Florida Conservancy District; that the price of \$75 an acre be reduced to \$40 an acre for the 320 acres in Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, which lies outside the district; that the amount paid in—\$23,917.00 principal and interest—be applied on a new con-

tract to be entered into and the balance due be paid in several payments with all taxes paid up to date.

The Trustees were not willing to waive interest on the purchase from 1925 to date, whereupon Mr. Watson proposed that from 1925 to the present the interest be figured at the rate of 3 per cent instead of 6 per cent on the basis of \$75 an acre for the 170 acres of land and \$40 an acre for the 320 acres; that a new contract be entered into as of this date with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for report and recommendations before action is taken.

Mr. Elliot submitted request from the State Road Department for right-of-way easement for bridge purposes across West Palm Beach Canal at a point where State Road No. 176 crosses the canal, such parcel or right-of-way being located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, and in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County—Project No. 1266-B.

By reason of Everglades Drainage District having jurisdiction over the canal and the lock and dam therein, motion was made, seconded and adopted that the State Road Department be granted permission, in so far as the rights of the Trustees appear, to occupy the premises described with a road and bridge.

Upon request from the State Road Department the Trustees agreed to grant right-of-way one hundred thirty feet wide from the mainland out to Coon Key in Pinellas County on which to construct a public road.

The Secretary submitted request from the State Road Department for partial release of mortgage No. 17543 from W. B. Harvard and Ethel J. Harvard dated March 17, 1926, the parcel desired being a 200 foot right-of-way for road purposes across the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 39 South, Range 21 East, Sarasota County.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees not issue partial release as the mortgage is now in process of foreclosure, but that letter be addressed to the State Road Department advising that no objection will be interposed to the Road Department occupying the parcel described for highway purposes and upon completion of foreclosure that grant of such right-of-way will be executed to the State Road Department.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Dade County for correction of description contained in easement along Snapper Creek Canal issued March 2, 1932.

Motion was made seconded and carried to correct description as requested and the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on March 2, 1932, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund granted permission to the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, Florida, for planting trees, shrubs, flowers and grass and to otherwise beautify a strip of land on either side of Snapper Creek Canal for a distance of One Hundred (100) feet west of the western boundary of Red Road in a described location, and

WHEREAS, the description set forth in said Permit has been found to be erroneous, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that in lieu and to take the place of the description set forth in said permit the following shall be entered therein as a supplemental description to become part and parcel of the said Permit of March 2, 1932, and subject to all conditions thereof:

"A strip of land on either side of Snapper Creek Drainage Canal constituting the right of way of same, running back 100 feet west of the western boundary of Red Road in Section 1, Township 55 South, Range 40 East.

Also that portion of land lying North and East of the banks of Snapper Creek Drainage Canal around a curve in same for a distance of 100 feet from the eastern side of Red Road in Section 6, Township 55 South, Range 41 East, constituting the right of way of Snapper Creek Drainage Canal.

Also all that portion of land lying between the western edge of Snapper Creek Canal and the eastern boundary line of Red Road in Section 6 and 7, Township 55 South, Range 41 East, constituting the right-of-way of Snapper Creek Drainage Canal."

The Secretary was requested to forward copy of Resolution as adopted to the County Commissioners of Dade County.

Letter was presented from L. M. Nelson of Venice, Florida, requesting grant of a small island in Venice Bay,

located in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, at a point where Casey's Pass and Douma Bay divide, to be used as a camp site for Boy Scouts of that section.

Upon discussion the Trustees agreed to issue permit to a proper Boy Scout official for occupying this Island exclusively as a camp site for the Boy Scouts, such permit to be on a yearly basis.

The Trustees had before them for consideration letter from R. D. Hill, President Palm Beach Council No. 85, Boy Scouts of America, requesting a certain area of land on Lake Osborne, Palm Beach County, to provide camping grounds for Council No. 85 which includes the counties of Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee.

The Trustees having recently declined to grant this area to Palm Beach County for a County Park, motion was made, seconded and adopted, that yearly permit be granted Boy Scout Council No. 85 to be used exclusively as a Boy Scout Camp site.

The Trustees accepted offer of \$200 from W. B. Granger of Florida State Farm No. 2, for chevrolet car owned by the Trustees and formerly used by the Field Agent.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees on April 28, 1937 agreed to lease to the Port of Fort Pierce certain submerged lands within the town of Fort Pierce, for a period of ninety-nine (99) years, to be used for the improvement of public docks and wharves; that proper description has been prepared and the lease is ready for final approval.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the lease as presented be approved and that the instrument properly executed be forwarded to the Port of Fort Pierce.

The Secretary presented request from the town of Belleglade to take rock along the Hillsboro Canal for use in street construction work.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees grant permit to the town of Belleglade for removing rock from an area along the Hillsboro Canal a distance of four miles, provided permit is secured from Everglades Drainage District in so far as its rights are concerned.

The Trustees deferred action on request from Copeland

and Therrell for dedication of a bulkhead strip around an island owned by their client.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Security Abstract & Insurance Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	\$ 664.00
Broward Abstract Corporation, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	15.00
The Polk County Record, Bartow, Fla.	12.35
Florida Title & Guaranty Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	45.10
W. W. Chase, Sheriff Polk County, Bartow, Fla. ....	.25
The Monticello News, Monticello, Fla.	13.25
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk, Tallahassee, Fla.	18.85
Proctor & Proctor, Tallahassee, Fla.	8.90
American Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	37.61
Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	10.74
Burrughs Adding Machine Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	7.75
H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	1.90
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.20
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	3.15
Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	10.00
Eugene Dietzgen Co., New Orleans, La. ....	.79
M. C. McIntosh, Asst. Attorney General, Tallahassee, Fla.	9.90
E. R. Bennett, C.C.C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	4.25
Geo. O. Butler, C.C.C., West Palm Beach, Fla.	361.85
Stetson P. Sproul, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla.	164.41
Stetson P. Sproul, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla.	124.68
	<u>\$1,519.93</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
December 15, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Minutes of the Trustees for November 24, 1937 were read and approved.

The Secretary presented offer of \$300 from J. O. Pugh of Kissimmee, on behalf of George C. Bronson, for approximately 85 acres of land in Colonial Estates, Osceola County, which land came to the Trustees through Masters Deed secured under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. Letter from Mr. Pugh states that Mr. Bronson desires this land to block up a 12,000 acre pasture he owns adjoining the City limits of Kissimmee.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that offer of \$300 be declined, but it was agreeable to lease the land for grazing purposes for a period of five years if lessee will agree to place the area under the U. S. Soil Conservation Program.

Offer of \$500 was submitted from J. P. Gaines, Jr., and Tom W. Butler, jointly, for the purchase of Lots 14, 15, 16 and 17, Block 60, Revised Siesta, Sarasota. The Secretary reported that these lots vested in the Trustees through foreclosure proceedings under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929; that the amount of the decree is \$52.07 and applicants have furnished quit-claim deed from original owner.

Motion was made seconded and adopted, to accept \$500 offered by Messrs. Gaines and Butler for the lots applied for.

Pending return of the Attorney General, action was deferred on request from Copeland and Therrell, representing William Wallace McCallum and James A. McCallum of Miami, for bulkhead strip adjacent to Lot 4, Block 1, San Marino Island in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida.

The Secretary was authorized to purchase new equipment for his office amounting to approximately \$375.

Letter was presented from Okeechobee Flood Control District requesting permission for the United States to use certain land located near the mouth of Taylors Creek, in Okeechobee County, as spoiling ground in connection with work being done along the north shore of Lake Okeechobee and in Taylors Creek.

Upon discussion the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pursuant to resolution adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on September 18, 1935, and others of like nature, said Trustees have granted certain right to the United States for the purpose of constructing, improving and maintaining certain works of flood protection in and about Lake Okeechobee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, request is made by Okeechobee Flood Control District under date of November 9, 1937, for conveyance of certain rights to the United States in the interest of flood protection and for the construction, improvement and maintenance of works in the district for such purposes, Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, as the owner on behalf of the State of Florida, hereby authorizes the United States acting by and through the District Engineer, U. S. Engineer Office, War Department, and his assistants, engineers and contractors, to enter upon, occupy and deposit within the limits of the following described parcel of land such material as may be necessary or advisable to the construction and maintenance of said flood control works:

DESCRIPTION OF PARCEL

Commence at the northeast corner of Section 35, Township 37 South, Range 35 East; thence South $0^{\circ} 49' 21''$ East 2551.98 feet along the east boundary and said boundary projected of said Section 35, to the north right-of-way line of U. S. Government Levee; thence South $74^{\circ} 34' 44''$ West 1071.83 feet along the north boundary of said Levee right-of-way to its intersection with the west right-of-way line of U. S. Government Taylor Creek improvement, the point of beginning; from said point of beginning run thence South $74^{\circ} 34' 44''$ West 1600 feet along the north right-of-way line of U. S. Government Levee; thence North $3^{\circ} 57' 36''$ West 1131.50 feet to the South right-of-way line of State Road No. 194; thence North $74^{\circ} 50' 45''$ East 1598.00 feet along the south right-of-way line of State Road No. 194 to the intersection of said line with the west right-of-way line of U. S. Government Taylor Creek improvement; thence South $3^{\circ} 57' 36''$ East 1123.91 feet along the west right-of-way line of

U. S. Government Taylor Creek improvement to the point of beginning first above described. Comprising 40.59 acres, All lying and being in Section 35, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, and as further defined by plat hereto attached marked "T.I.I.F. Parcel T.C.1".

Subject, however, to the following conditions:

- 1: That material deposited shall be first upon the East Six Hundred feet of said parcel and when and if such part of said parcel shall have been filled to elevation twenty (20) feet, the said United States will thereafter discontinue deposit of material thereon and the use of said portion shall revert to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and
- 2: That the use of the remainder of said parcel for the purposes herein described shall be in the United States as a perpetual easement.

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event it is deemed necessary by the United States the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will supplement this authorization by conveying to the United States that part of said parcel for which perpetual easement is hereby granted.

The Secretary was requested to furnish the necessary copies of the foregoing resolution to Okeechobee Flood Control District for transmitting to the United States Engineers in charge of the work.

Request for permit was submitted from Florida Power and Light Company to occupy a certain strip of land on which to construct an electric transmission line, such strip to follow along State Road No. 140 as surveyed and staked through part of unsurveyed Section 13, Township 9 South, Range, 30 East, lying south of the Matanzas River and East of the Florida Coast Line Canal, thence across swamp and marsh areas following the Coast Line Canal to a point in Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 31 East, near the Flagler and St. Johns County line.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that Florida Power and Light Company be given permit to construct transmission line as requested, the Secretary to prepare permit and upon approval of the Attorney General submit the same to the Trustees for final action.

Offer of \$100 was submitted from J. W. Eaton of DeLand, Florida, for cypress timber on Lots 4 and 6 of Section 4, and Fractional NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 16 South, Range 29 East, Volusia County, located in the St. Johns River marsh west of DeLeon Springs. Also statement is made that Wilson Cypress Company has recently girdled this timber and it is supposed they intend removing it.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees declined offer from Mr. Eaton for the cypress timber applied for.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that S. S. Savage of Ocala, Florida, be requested to visit the location referred to in the foregoing paragraph and report to the Trustees the amount of trespass with any information as to parties girdling or taking the timber.

The Trustees requested the Secretary to ascertain what action has been taken with reference to trespass on State land cruised by S. S. Savage, report on which is copied into Minutes of April 21, 1937, and directed that the matter be pushed and settlement made with parties trespassing on such lands.

The Secretary reported that there was a larger area of submerged land owned by the State between the mainland and Coon Key, in Pinellas County, than at first thought and asked that permit to the State Road Department be not delivered until check of the area can be made.

The Trustees authorized Mr. Elliot to hold up permit in favor of the State Road Department for right-of-way from the mainland to Coon Key pending investigation of correct area of state owned land.

Mr. Elliot brought to the attention of the Trustees request from Thomas H. Anderson of Miami, representing Island Holding Company, submitted July 13th, for corrective deed. Statement is made that Mr. Anderson has been unable to secure release from successor in title to the Sawyer land and requests that the Trustees deed his client the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 61 South, Range 39 East, in lieu of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, same section, township and range, which was deeded his client and Mr. Sawyer by different descriptions.

The Trustees deferred action on request of Mr. Anderson and requested that map or plat be submitted at the

next meeting showing the location of the two tracts with reference to roads, highways and towns.

Application was submitted from David A. Watt to purchase sixty-two hundredths of an acre of submerged land on Long Bayou in Boca Ceiga Bay, adjacent to his upland property in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline to sell the area applied for by Mr. Watt, but agreed to lease out to the three foot contour at a price of \$10 annually.

Request was submitted from M. G. Rowe of Daytona Beach, on behalf of client Helen S. Osborn, for a fourth of an acre of submerged land adjacent to her property in the City of New Smyrna, for which she offers \$25.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the submerged area be sold to Mrs. Osborn at a price of \$50 if, upon investigation, it is found that this parcel is not necessary for right-of-way for Intracoastal Waterway.

The Trustees deferred action, pending return of the Attorney General, on the following applications for adjustment of mortgages:

- C. C. Commander for D. Z. Filer mortgage
- R. C. Horne, for D. Z. Filer mortgage
- D. G. Haley, for Bellair Estates
- Frank Duhme, for himself
- Morey Dunn, for Histed Holding Company
- R. M. Cantey, for himself
- George B. Conley for himself
- L. J. Levins, successor to Sara Jane Spooner mortgage.

Application was submitted from Dr. Joseph H. Adams of Miami, offering \$75 an acre for 33.26 acres of submerged land adjoining his ownership along 79th Street Causeway in Biscayne Bay.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees decline offer of Dr. Adams for land applied for, it being decided that the price was too low for the land.

The Trustees accepted offer of \$5 each lot from Glenn H. Curtiss Properties, Inc., for release of mineral rights on lots owned by the company in Country Club Estates, adjoining the town of Hialeah, Florida. The Land Office

was directed to issue releases on the lots as requested by Curtiss Properties.

Offer of \$125 an acre was submitted from Paul F. Randolph of Clearwater, Florida, for the purchase of 11.29 acres of submerged land in Section 32, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, lying between the south end of Hog Island and Clearwater Key.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the offer of Mr. Randolph be declined.

The Trustees deferred action, pending return of the Attorney General, on request of property owners on Star Island for dedication of a strip around the island on which bulkhead was re-built.

Offer of \$3 an acre was submitted from William P. Simmons of Tallahassee, Florida, for the purchase of 13,123.08 acres of land in Township 55 South, Range 38 East, and Township 55 South, Range 39 East, Dade County, the land being desired for cattle raising and the growing of tropical plants for stock feed.

The Trustees declined the offer made by Mr. Simmons.

Application was presented from T. O. Mann of Sanderson, offering \$5.50 an acre for Lot 9, Section 36, Township 2 South, Range 20 East, containing 40 acres, located in Baker County one mile south of Sanderson.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined offer from Mr. Mann.

C. A. Bailey of Pahokee, on behalf of client H. J. Anderson, offered \$150 an acre for lake bottom land in Section 24, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, containing approximately 10.34 acres lying between the meander line and the Old State dike on the north side of Pelican Bay.

The Land Office advised that this land was being rented to O. B. McClure on the basis of \$10 an acre cash.

The Trustees declined to sell the land applied for by Mr. Bailey at the price offered.

The Trustees declined offer of \$230 submitted by C. A. Bailey for client, B. C. Denton, with application to purchase Lots 54-A and 55-A of Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, containing forty-six hundredths of an acre located on the Bacom Point Road south of Pahokee.

Application was presented from Phillip Rubin offering fifteen cents (15c) a cord for cedar driftwood to be taken from a small island in Citrus County, his lease based on payments of ten cents a cord having expired.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that offer of fifteen cents a cord be declined and that the matter be taken up with the Conservation Department to ascertain whether or not they have any deputies in that section who could check on the amount of driftwood.

Perry Sellers of Venus, Florida, made application to renew grazing lease on 120 acres of land in Section 36, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, offering fifteen cents (15c) an acre for a lease of one year.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that a five year lease be granted Mr. Sellers if he will enter into the Soil Conservation Program with the United States; if not the land can be leased for one year upon payment of twenty-five (25) cents an acre annually.

The Trustees declined offer of \$5 an acre from John W. Watson of Fort Meade, for Lots 3 and 4 of Section 33, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, located on the west shore of Lake Istokpoga, Highlands County.

Application was submitted from A. R. Richardson, on behalf of client John H. Phipps, Jr., owner of an area of land fronting Lake Jackson, Leon County, for leasing the exposed lake bottom land adjacent to his property for a period of five years. The land to be placed under the United States Soil Conservation Program.

The Trustees were of the opinion that should the land be leased the consideration should be twenty-five (25) cents an acre annually with fishing privileges reserved to the public; also that owing to its character it would not be necessary to place this land under the Soil Conservation Program.

Motion was made seconded and adopted, that action be deferred for the present and that the Secretary submit sketch of the Phipps ownership showing the frontage on the Lake and the Trustees' ownership exposed and suitable for leasing.

The Trustees deferred action on application of D. S. Hood of Westville, Florida, to purchase the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 16 West,

Holmes County, located about three miles north of Westville, with an offer of \$5 an acre.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to accept offer of \$15 from Paul Hodge of Coconut Grove, for one-year lease of a mud flat in the vicinity of Cape Florida in Biscayne Bay. The flat containing one-half of an acre is to be used as a fishing camp site.

Application of S. H. Duggar of Apalachicola was presented with an offer of \$4 a thousand b.m., for deadhead cypress timber to be salvaged from Apalachicola River and tributaries, including Chipola River and Dead Lakes.

The Trustees declined to accept \$4 a thousand for the timber applied for by Mr. Duggar, but agreed to accept \$10 per thousand feet conditioned upon applicant taking an agreed minimum number of feet each month.

The Trustees declined offer of \$250 cash from W. G. Hardy of Overstreet, Florida, for four-year turpentine lease on 120 acres of State land in Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County.

Offer of \$50 was submitted from C. Fred Culver of Orlando, for two acres of reclaimed land in Lake Conway, which Mr. Culver states was formed by his dredging operations in the Lake in 1926.

Motion was made seconded and adopted, to decline offer of \$50 from Mr. Culver.

The Trustees voted to hold in abeyance application from R. H. Sampson of Sarasota, Florida, for exchange of land owned by his company for 120 acres of State land in Section 20, Township 36 South, Range 20 East, Sarasota County. Report from the Engineer was that the two tracts are of approximately equal value.

Request was submitted from Arvid Swanson of Lakeport, for settlement of credit he holds with the Trustees on account of overpayment on lands due to reduction in price. Proposal from Mr. Swanson is that the Trustees refund \$350 and cancel his credit in the amount of \$604.58.

The Trustees being advised that Mr. Swanson is critically ill, motion was made seconded and adopted that the compromise suggested by him be accepted and that refund of \$350 be made immediately.

R. L. Mixon of Okeechobee applied for five-year grazing lease on 31.82 acres of State land in Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, agreeing to place the land under the U. S. Soil Conservation Program, offering ten cents an acre annually for the first and second years, fifteen cents an acre for the third year, twenty cents an acre for the fourth year and twenty-five cents an acre for the fifth year.

The Trustees agreed to lease the land applied for to Mr. Mixon on the basis as set forth above.

The Trustees declined offer of \$20 an acre from Walter L. Moore for five acres of land in Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, located in the Eagle Bay section.

The Trustees declined request of Phillips & Thompson, representing Dunedin Syndicate, for release of twenty-five lots covered by State mortgage upon payment of \$25 each lot.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees not accept offer from Grover Cleveland, Punta Gorda, of \$50 annually for a four year lease on four acres of State land adjacent to Pine Island Road in Section 23, Township 44 South, Range 22 East, Lee County. However, it was agreeable to lease a smaller area if desired.

The Trustees were advised that this is the same tract applied for by Mr. Ed Young, but he has not accepted the proposal made by the board.

Thomas B. Dowda made application on behalf of client to purchase marginal land on Lake Broward in Putnam County, located approximately eleven miles from Palatka at Pomona. An offer of \$5 an acre was submitted.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to decline to sell the land at the price offered by Mr. Dowda, but it was indicated that a lease might be secured conditioned upon the land being placed under the U. S. Soil Conservation Program.

Motion was made seconded and adopted, to decline offer of ten cents an acre submitted by Knight, Adair, Cooper & Osborne of Jacksonville, on behalf of Frank Adair, Atlanta, Georgia, for a five-year lease on approximately two thousand acres of State land in Sections 22,

23, 26, 27 and 35, Township 20 South, Range 16 East; lease to be for hunting privileges. However, the Trustees set a price of twenty cents an acre annually for a five-year lease on the land and directed that applicant be advised of this action. Land located in Citrus County.

Application was received from M. L. Townsend, Sarasota, Florida, on behalf of client, offering \$50 for a small island in Section 33, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, comprising 1.37 acres, such island being opposite upland property of applicant.

Motion was made seconded and adopted, that offer of Mr. Townsend be declined, however, it was agreeable to lease the island at a price of \$10 annually.

Action was deferred on application from A. R. Raulerson to lease for turpentine purposes Lot 9, Section 36, Township 2 South, Range 20 East, Baker County, located about one mile south of Sanderson, Florida, with an offer of fifteen cents a cup on a four-year lease.

H. B. Bailey of Tampa, Florida, makes offer of \$25 annually for ten-year lease, with option to extend for additional ten-year period, on Conch Keys in Township 65 South, Range 34 East, Monroe County, containing approximately three acres.

Upon discussion, the Trustees declined offer from Mr. Bailey and set a price of \$50 annually for lease by the year on the two Keys.

The Trustees declined request from N. Thompson, Key West, Florida, for sand lease in the vicinity of Key West, offering five cents a cubic yard for material for filling his land and that of other parties.

Offer of \$100 an acre was submitted from F. M. Valz of Jacksonville, on behalf of client National Container Corporation, for 2.67 acres of submerged land on the St. Johns River adjoining the paper mill site owned by such corporation.

The Trustees declined to sell the land applied for, but agreed to lease the area upon payment of \$50 annually.

Application was received from Leo H. Wilson, Production Manager of Domino Citrus Association, for the purchase of dead pine timber on Sections 26, 27 and 36,

Township 34 South, Range 20 East, Manatee County, offering fifty cents (50c) a cord stumpage, the timber to be used for firing the orange groves in that county.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees accepted the price offered by Mr. Wilson for dead pine timber applied for. The Engineer and Land Clerk were requested to make an estimate of the available timber and report to the Trustees.

On September 30th the Trustees agreed to grant client of Elmore Cohen a five-year lease on three concrete piers on lower Matecumbe Key. Supplemental request is made for a ten-year lease owing to cost of structure his client desires to place on the piers.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees abide by action taken September 30th, but it was agreeable that Mr. Cohen's client be given refusal of additional five year lease upon terms to be agreed upon at expiration of original lease.

The Trustees granted request of the First State Bank of Miami Springs, Florida, for release of canal reservations on Tracts 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Section 6, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, upon payment of \$10.

Application was submitted from M. T. Whidden of Okeechobee, for grazing lease on 26.23 acres of State land in Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, the area to be placed under the United States Soil Conservation program.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that grazing lease be issued to Mr. Whidden conditioned that the land be placed under the Soil Conservation program and that payments be at the rate of ten cents an acre annually for the first two years, fifteen cents an acre for the third year, twenty cents an acre for the fourth year and twenty-five cents an acre for the fifth year.

The Trustees declined offer of \$110 an acre from Orrin Manning for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, located about two and one-half miles west of Southbay.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Lawrence A. Truett, Asst. Attorney General, Tallahassee	\$ 19.15
Elliot W. Butts, C. C. C., Jacksonville, Fla.	7.50

Eugene Dietzgen, New Orleans, La. ....	.79
Proctor and Proctor, Tallahassee, Fla.	7.45
Pennsylvania Rubber Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	27.84
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	19.56
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	10.05
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.50
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.01
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	4.71
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	15.90
M. C. McIntosh, Asst. Attorney General, Tallahassee, Fla.	12.00
	<u>\$127.46</u>

Following is the financial statement of the Trustees for the month of November, 1937:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER, 1937
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 56.25
Land sales under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929	200.00
Land sales under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931	40.00
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	367.50
Land lease	3.75
Farm lease	613.47
Oil and gas lease and contract	2.00
Mineral lease	112.50
Quit claim to reservations in Deed No. 16571 to Tatum Land Company	3.75
Total receipts during month	\$ 1,399.22
Balance on hand November 1, 1937	90,644.96
	<u>\$92,044.18</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	3,925.70
Balance November 30, 1937	<u>\$88,118.48</u>

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in banks	87,118.48
	<u>\$88,118.48</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS NOVEMBER 30, 1937

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$62,549.62
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,781.36

The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	6,787.50
	\$87,118.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1937	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Nov. 18,	10943	E. R. Bennett, C. C. C. Broward Co.	\$1,180.77
	10944	Frank A. Logan Company	200.00
26,	10945	Security Abstract & Ins. Co. ...	664.00
	10946	Broward Abstract Corp.	15.00
	10947	Polk County Record	12.35
	10948	Florida Title & Guaranty Co. ...	45.10
	10949	W. W. Chase, Sheriff Polk Co. ...	.25
	10950	The Monticello News	13.25
	10951	F. E. Bayless	18.85
	10952	Proctor & Proctor	8.90
	10953	American Oil Company	37.61
	10954	Standard Oil Company	10.74
	10955	Burroughs Adding Machine Co. ...	7.75
	10956	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	1.90
	10957	Southeastern Telephone Co. ...	5.20
	10958	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	3.15
	10959	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	10.00
	10960	Eugene Dietzgen Company .....	.79
	10961	M. C. McIntosh	9.90
	10962	E. R. Bennett, C. C. C. Broward Co.	4.25
	10963	Geo. O. Butler, C. C. C., Palm Beach Co.	361.85
	10964	Stetson P. Sproul, T. C., Palm Beach Co.	164.41
30,	10965	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	10966	F. E. Bayless	250.00
	10967	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	10968	M. O. Barco	175.00
	10969	H. L. Shearer	25.00
	10970	Stetson P. Sproul, T. C. Palm Beach Co.	124.68
Total disbursements during Nov. 1937			\$3,925.70

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
December 22, 1937

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. E. Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla.—Expenses	\$ 28.35
Arvil Swanson, Lakeport, Fla.	350.00
Lawrence A. Truett, Asst. Attorney General— Expenses	15.35
E. E. Boyce, Sheriff, St. Johns Co., St. Augus- tine, Fla.	3.20
Rex Sweat, Sheriff Duval Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	10.80
E. R. Bennett, C. C. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	10.20
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	22.80
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	250.00
M. O. Bareo, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	25.00
	<u>\$1,465.70</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
December 29, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. Harley Watson of Arcadia and Mr. Cody Fowler of Tampa, requested that the Trustees take action on request for adjustment of Mortgage No. 17233 dated December 1919, whereupon Attorney General Landis, to whom the matter was referred on November 24th, submitted the following report and recommendations:

Principal of Mortgage No. 17233	\$36,750.00
Purchase price of land located in Section 34, Township 43 South, and in Section 3, Township 44 South, both in Range 35 East, aggregating 490 acres	75.00 an acre
Total payments principal and interest	23,917.13
Balance due	21,512.51
With interest at 6% from 1925 to date.	

Recommendations: That the proposal submitted by Mr. Watson November 24, 1937 be declined; that the Trustees permit Mr. Watson to institute proceedings in the name of the State to foreclose Mortgage No. 17233 without cost to the Trustees; that upon completion of foreclosure a new contract be executed by the Trustees to be dated December 29, 1937, agreeing to convey to Mr. Watson the land covered by Mortgage No. 17233 subject to all taxes. Consideration to be the payment of \$10,000 with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from December 29, 1937 and allocated over the contract period of ten years; that payments for the first four years be \$500 annually, thereafter balance to be paid in six equal annual payments. First payment of \$500 to be made Dec. 29, 1937. (See Minutes Jan. 5, 1938)

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees accept report of Attorney General Landis and adopt as their action the recommendations made by him.

Mr. Watson requested that as a part consideration in the adjustment of Mortgage No. 17233, he be allowed to purchase at a price of \$75 an acre the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 35 East—20 acres in Palm Beach County—which adjoins and blocks up his land under the mortgage.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that offer from Mr. Watson of \$75 an acre for the twenty acres in Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, be accepted, but that separate contract be prepared to cover this sale with payments commencing immediately.

The Trustees requested the Land Clerk to submit to

each member of the board a statement showing all lands under lease with amount of collections and amounts due for the past year.

The Land Clerk presented request from Shutts and Bowen, Attorneys of Miami, representing Miami Ocean View Company, for a ten-foot strip around Star Island on which the present bulkhead is constructed.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, it was agreed to dedicate a ten-foot strip around Star Island for the benefit of the entire island, in accordance with form of dedication heretofore authorized, title to such strip to remain in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Request was submitted from the United States Department of Agriculture for quit claim deed from the Trustees to the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 24 West, Okaloosa County. The Land Clerk reported that the identical land was originally deeded by the Trustees to Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company as the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lots 5 and 6, but since there is no official plat or survey showing subdivision of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of this Section, the description should be corrected as requested by the United States.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees execute corrective deed to the United States Department of Agriculture to the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 24 West. The Land Department was directed to prepare corrective deed for execution by the Trustees.

Request was submitted from Walter J. Bryson, Jacksonville, Florida, for permit to remove stone dredged from the St. Johns River channel from a point opposite Commodore's Point to a point opposite Mayport, Florida, for which he offers ten cents a cubic yard for a five year lease.

The Trustees deferred action on request of Mr. Bryson and directed that the matter be taken up with the War Department to ascertain its attitude in connection with removal of this material. Also find out whether or not the Conservation Department could check removal of this material should permit be granted. Report to be submitted to the Trustees at an early date.

The Secretary presented request from M. G. O'Neal, Miami, representing B. G. Dahlberg and Woodlands Cor-

poration, for extension to January 15, 1938 of payment in the amount of \$3,085.32 due April 1, 1937 extended to October 1, 1937. Mr. Elliot advised that information by telephone from Mr. O'Neal is that the purchaser is very ill and hospital attendants refuse to have him attend to business, hence request for extension.

Upon discussion, the Trustees were of the opinion that they would not be justified in granting extension in view of the fact that a third payment amounting to \$2,920.04 will be due April 1, 1938. Whereupon, motion was made seconded and adopted, that request for extension be declined.

The Land Clerk reported that Albert Pack has secured tax deed on 102.5 acres of land covered by D. Z. Filer Mortgage, which mortgage is in process of foreclosure, and stated that amount necessary to redeem land from tax deed is \$1,286.02.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to withhold action on tax deed until completion of foreclosure at which time this item can be disposed of.

The Secretary submitted offer of \$50 each for two old iron safes owned by the Trustees which, owing to their size and arrangement, are of no further use.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Agriculture be appointed a Committee to act in this matter, after ascertaining whether or not any of the State Departments would be interested in taking the safes.

The Secretary presented offer of \$13.47 from David Marshall, Homestead, Florida, for land contained in Everglades Drainage District tax certificate No. 3469 dated August 15, 1929, Dade County, described as the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 32, Township 56 South, Range 39 East—20 acres. Mr. Elliot reported that the equity the Trustees have in the certificate is \$3.47 and purchaser will have to pay Everglades Drainage District taxes since 1931 and other special assessment taxes.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to accept offer of \$13.47 from David Marshall as original owner, and deed was ordered executed.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees rescind all former action as to policy for sale of

land coming to the Trustees under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, having reference to tax foreclosure lands under such chapter, with title coming to the Trustees by Masters deeds from certain counties.

Also the same motion was made seconded and adopted with reference to sale of land held by the Trustees by virtue of Everglades Drainage District tax certificates acquired through settlement with Everglades Drainage District under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931.

The Trustees declined offer of \$100 an acre from W. W. Steele, St. Petersburg, Florida, for submerged land adjacent to his property in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, in Boca Ceiga Bay near the town of Gulfport in Pinellas County.

The Secretary stated that on November 3, 1937, the Trustees adopted resolutoin concurring in conveyance from Florida Board of Forestry to the Federal Government of 56 acres of land within a State Forest Park in Jackson County, which resolution is now ready for execution, the Attorney General having rendered favorable opinion on title to the lands to be conveyed.

Upon motion seconded and carried, the Trustees executed Resolution as adopted November 3, and the Governor separately concurred as required by Chapter 17027, Acts of 1935.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:

W. B. Granger, Manager Fla. State Farm No. 2, Belleglade, Fla. Expenses incurred account	
Trustees land	\$ 154.45

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
December 30, 1937

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Trustees had presented to them for consideration numerous applications for adjustment on mortgages delinquent in payments.

Upon consideration, motion was made seconded and adopted, that all applications for adjustment on mortgages be declined and that the Attorney General proceed with foreclosure, except in cases where total amount due is paid. The Land Clerk was directed to notify applicants of action taken.

The Land Clerk was directed to contact J. V. Walton, Palatka, Florida, attorney for Wilson Cypress Company, and request report as to tract of timber on State land in Volusia County, reported recently girdled by Wilson Cypress Company, and upon receipt of such report to transmit the same to the Attorney General.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
January 5, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Attorney General Landis reported that with reference to action taken by the Trustees December 29, 1937, on request of Harley Watson for adjustment on Mortgage No. 17233, he has letter from Mr. Watson asking that payments on new contract be as follows:

January 15, 1939	\$ 500
January 15, 1940	500
January 15, 1941	500
January 15, 1942	500

Balance in six equal annual payments.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that action taken December 29, 1937, having reference only to annual payments to be made by Mr. Watson, be rescinded and that payments be made as follows:

January 15, 1939	\$ 1,000
January 15, 1940	1,000
January 15, 1941	1,000
January 15, 1942	1,000

Balance in six equal annual payments.

All interest to be figured at the rate of six per cent per annum from December 29, 1937 and to be allocated over the period of the contract.

Mrs. Laura Brown of Tampa, Florida, requested that the Trustees convey to her certain submerged lands around an island which her husband, Robert M. Brown, purchased from a private individual, such submerged area being located in Government Lot 2, Section 15, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County; that she has since learned that title to the submerged lands was not in the person conveying and she is now asking that the Trustees deed her this submerged land.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the matter be deferred until a meeting at which the Governor can be present.

Minutes of the Trustees for December 15, 22, 29 and 30, 1937, presented and ordered approved.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
January 22, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

John F. Burket, Sarasota, Florida	\$ 71.71
Rex Sweat, Sheriff Duval Co., Jacksonville, Fla.....	1.20
First Title Guaranty & Abstract Co., Key West, Fla.	45.00
Glades Title Organization, Moore Haven, Fla.....	186.62
W. G. Larkins, C.C.C., Bristol, Fla.	4.50
Tyrus A. Norwood, Asst. Atty. General, Tallahassee, Fla.	19.75
Lawrence A. Truett, Asst. Atty. General, Tallahassee, Fla.	161.30
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	23.88
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	8.47
Underwood Typewriter Agency, Tallahassee, Fla.	6.75
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	360.12
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	1.30
Western Union, Tallahassee, Fla.	2.76
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	5.50
E. B. Mayerhoefer, St. Louis, Mo.	42.85
	\$941.71

Following is the Financial Statement of the Trustees for the month of December, 1937:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER, 1937
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 199.80
Proceeds F.F.M.C. Coupons (Axel Jensen Entry 17839)	10.50
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	522.16
Land lease	375.00
Permit to lay pipe line—Dade County	562.50
Sale of Minutes	2.00
Refund from Tax Collector P.B. County	6.58
Grazing lease	140.04
Fishing Camp	11.25

Land Sales Dade Co., Chapter 14717	
Acts of 1931	13.47
Quit Claim to oil & mineral reservations in Deeds 16571, 16187, 16187-A	7.50
Total receipts during month	\$ 1,850.80
Balance on hand December 1, 1937	88,118.48
	<u>\$89,969.28</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	1,747.61
Balance December 31, 1937	\$88,221.67

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in Banks	87,221.67
	<u>\$88,221.67</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS DECEMBER 31, 1937

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$62,617.59
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,781.36
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	6,822.72
	<u>\$87,221.67</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Dec. 16,	10971	Lawrence A. Truett, Asst. Atty. Gen.	\$ 19.15
	10972	Elliot W. Butts, C.C.C. Duval Co.	7.50
	10973	Eugene Dietzgen, N. O., La.	.79
	10974	Proctor & Proctor	7.45
	10975	Pennsylvania Rubber Co.	27.84
	10976	American Oil Co.	19.56
	10977	Standard Oil Co.	10.05
	10978	Capital Office Equipment Co.	1.50
	10979	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	1.01
	10980	Western Union Telegraph Co.	4.71
	10981	Southeastern Telephone Co.	15.90
	10982	M. C. McIntosh, Asst. Atty. Gen.	12.00
23,	10983	F. E. Bayless	28.35
	10984	Arvid Swanson	350.00
	10985	Lawrence A. Truett	15.35
	10986	E. E. Boyce, Sheriff St. Johns County	3.20
	10987	Rex Sweat, Sheriff Duval Co.	10.80

	10988	E. R. Bennett, C.C.C., Brow-	
		ard County	10.20
	10989	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	22.80
31,	10990	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	10991	F. E. Bayless,	250.00
	10992	M. O. Barco	175.00
	10993	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	10994	H. L. Shearer	25.00
	10995	W. B. Granger	154.45
	Total disbursements during Decem-		
		ber, 1937	\$ 1,747.61

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
January 26, 1938

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

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	\$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	250.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	25.00
Proctor and Proctor, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	43.25
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk, Expense Account	31.25
F. C. Elliot, Secretary—Expenses .....	.75
James A. Ellis Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	3.55
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	14.85
Doyle Schumacher, Sheriff, Sebring, Fla.	3.45
D. C. Coleman, Sheriff, Dade Co., Miami, Fla.	1.85
Frank Karel, Sheriff Orange County, Orlando, Fla.	3.70

Lawrence A. Truett, Asst. Attorney General, Tallahassee	60.20
	\$ 1,187.85

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
February 5, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. Elliot submitted the following report on examination of submerged land in Boca Ceiga Bay west of St. Petersburg, located near Pasadena on the east side of the Bay and adjoining what is known as Crescent Beach on the west side, stating that he has visited this location and contacted parties interested in about ninety per cent of the area:

“W. P. Fuller, R. E. Milliken and W. H. Hill Estate recently made application to the War Department for permit to fill the bottoms adjoining their uplands as shown on plat submitted, basing their application on the theory that the bottoms when filled would become vested in them, but upon objections filed by the Trustees as owner of such bottoms the permit was held up; that Messrs. Fuller, Milliken and the Hill Estate now acknowledge the title of the State and are anxious to purchase the submerged lands immediately in order that objection to permit may be withdrawn and the dredging work be allowed to continue while the necessary equipment is on the ground.

Mr. Elliot stated that the acreage owned by the Trustees could only be estimated, but sur-

veys are being made by applicants and when completed will be checked with Government Plats in the Land office to determine the exact ownership of the State."

Mr. J. Velma Keen, Attorney representing applicants, submitted offer of from \$100 to \$125 an acre for the submerged bottoms, stating that a portion of this area will be used as right-of-way for a Causeway connecting the islands with the mainland, which construction will be at the cost of applicants. Also pending advertisement and completion of sale his clients would be willing to furnish the Trustees with letter acknowledging the State's ownership in the submerged lands and agreeing that no claim will be assumed on their part by reason of withdrawal of objection to the dredging permit.

Upon discussion the Trustees were of the opinion that the offer made for the land was insufficient, whereupon motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees accept \$200 an acre for the bottoms applied for by Fuller, Milliken and the Hill Estate with cash payment of twenty-five per cent of the total purchase price upon delivery of contract, and the immediate payment of five per cent of the purchase up to \$3500 as earnest money. It was agreed that upon payment of earnest money the Trustees will request the War Department to release dredging permit to applicants. Final details as to terms and conditions of sale to be worked out and agreed upon at a later meeting.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
February 9, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. S. Henry Harris of St. Petersburg, representing C. Perry and Carolyn Snell, submitted an offer of \$1500 for approximately twelve acres of submerged bottoms in Boca Ceiga Bay, adjacent to their uplands, located about four miles South of Central Avenue in St. Petersburg.

The Trustees deferred action on offer from Mr. Harris' clients pending further investigation of submerged bottoms in that locality, action to be taken at a later meeting at which the Governor can be present.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that Mr. Elliot make a thorough investigation of submerged lands owned by the State in the vicinity of St. Petersburg and report to the Trustees his findings. Also that all applications for purchase of submerged lands in that area be filed pending report from the Engineer.

Application presented by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown of Tampa for certain submerged lands in Boca Ceiga Bay was held pending report from the Engineer.

M. B. McRae of Sarasota, Florida, applied to the Trustees for authority to sell at public auction certain lots in Sarasota County, title to which vested in the Trustees through foreclosure proceedings by the County under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, agreement to be entered into that auction sales would be made subject to final approval by the Trustees.

The Trustees were not willing to enter into agreement with Mr. McRae for auctioning the lots in Sarasota County owned by the State, but advised Mr. McRae that they would consider any bids submitted for purchase of the land.

W. R. Smith, Orlando, Florida, representing F. Burton Smith and Thomas F. Kenney, requests permit to conduct geophysical surveys and explorations on State lands in Townships 65 and 66 South, Ranges 29, 30 and 31 East, and Sections 1 to 6, inclusive, in Township 67 South, Ranges 29 and 30 East, for which permit applicants agree to pay \$500. Also applies for option to lease for petroleum and mineral rights approximately twenty thousand (20,000) acres of the area explored upon payment of five cents an acre annually during the period of the lease.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that subject to the approval of the Governor the Trustees grant per-

mit to Smith and Kenney for a period of one year in which to make geophysical surveys and explorations on the land described upon payment of \$500, and that option be granted for taking lease at expiration of Permit upon payment of five cents (5c) an acre annually under terms and conditions of standard petroleum lease; the same form of permit and lease to be used as allowed Preston and Blanchard.

The Secretary presented two Resolutions adopted by the County Commissioners of Leon County, one dated January 29, requesting that the Trustees deed to Leon County a seventy-five (75) foot right-of-way for a public road on the west side of Lake Jackson below the established high water mark extending from Lot 3 in Section 32, northerly along the meander of the Lake to Lots 3 and 4 of Sections 27 and 28, all in Township 2 North, Range 1 West. The second resolution dated February 7, requested that the Trustees do not lease to any corporation or private party the bottoms of any of the Lakes of Leon County as it would work a hardship on the farmers around the lakes by depriving them of pasturage for stock.

Mr. Guyte McCord, representing Mrs. Louise Roberts Bevis, owner of land on Lake Jackson, personally submitted written protest to conveyance by the Trustees to Leon County of right-of-way for a public road around a part of Lake Jackson described in resolution adopted by the County Commissioners under date of January 29, on the following grounds:

That Lot 3 is owned by protestant and if a road is constructed in front of her property it will destroy the use of the land for cattle raising and will cut off free access to the waters of the Lake;

That it will destroy her riparian rights in fact if not as a matter of law because cattle on the land cannot be confined by fences and have access to the Lake waters with the proposed highway open for traffic;

That the proposed road will end at a plantation which already has ample highway facilities and is not asking for any additional; also that all other land owners along the proposed road have convenient highway facilities and will not be benefitted by the road proposed by the County;

That by reason of the road traversing only one

shore of the Lake will be an unfair discrimination against the land owner adjacent to such proposed road.

That the public has ample access from Highway No. 1 to the Lake for hunting, fishing, boating and other like uses as well as through plantation roads;

That by reason of the proposed road cattle around the lake will be exposed to cattle thieves operating from trucks, and cattle raisers confining cattle to their own land and riparian rights connected therewith should be encouraged rather than penalized.

Based on the above objections, Mr. McCord requests that the Trustees decline to deed right-of-way as requested by Leon County.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, representing John H. Phipps, owner of a large acreage on Lake Jackson, submitted verbal protest to granting right-of-way around a portion of the Lake on the ground that such road will be of no benefit to land owners as they already have available highways and the construction of the proposed road will cut his client off from the Lake; that other land owners around the Lake will protest the deeding of the right-of-way. Therefore the Trustees are urged to decline request of Leon County Commissioners for right-of-way around Lake Jackson.

Mr. Richardson again submitted application of his client, John H. Phipps, for grazing lease on lake bottom lands adjacent to his upland property on Lake Jackson, making an offer of fifteen cents (15c) an acre annually for such lease on an estimated area of 1200 acres.

Upon discussion of request from Leon County for right-of-way around a portion of Lake Jackson for road purposes, motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees decline to grant the right-of-way requested.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that no action be taken at this time on resolution from County Commissioners of Leon County dated February 7th requesting that no leases be granted on lake bottoms in Leon County.

As to application of John H. Phipps for lease of lake bottoms adjoining his uplands on Lake Jackson, motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees as a whole make a personal examination of Lake Jackson before any action is taken on application of Mr. Phipps or on resolution adopted by Leon County Commissioners dated February 7th.

Comptroller Lee stated that he was opposed to making any change in the natural state of the Lake, but thought it should remain as it now exists for the benefit of all the people of the County and State.

Proposed permit to the State Road Department for right-of-way from the mainland to Coon Key in Pinellas County was held in abeyance pending further examination by the Engineer of submerged areas in that vicinity.

Mr. Elliot reported that with reference to resolution adopted December 15th granting spoiling area to the War Department, request is made that the resolution be amended as to Condition No. 1, allowing spoiling to elevation twenty-five feet instead of twenty.

Motion was made seconded and carried that the request of the War Department be granted, whereupon the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated December 15, 1937, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund granted to the United States an easement to enter upon, occupy and deposit material within the limits of a certain parcel of land along the shore of Lake Okeechobee on the west side of the entrance to Taylors Creek, which said Resolution authorized the filling of a portion of said parcel to elevation 20 feet above mean low water, and

WHEREAS, it appears that on said parcel it is desirable that fill be permitted to elevation 25 feet, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that the Resolution adopted by said Trustees on December 15, 1937, be amended and modified to provide for fill to elevation 25 feet upon the east 600 feet of said parcel; that otherwise the said Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

Report was made as to application of Walter J. Bryson and Ralph M. Smith submitted December 29, 1937, for authority to take rock from the St. Johns River from a point opposite Commodore's Point to a location opposite Mayport. Mr. Elliot advised that he had taken the matter up with applicants and they have raised their offer from Ten to Fifteen cents a cubic yard for all rock taken plus a monthly payment of \$50 and in addition to such payments they propose to pay the Trustees \$50 each month

during the term of the lease provided the board will waive posting of bond usually required in such leases.

Upon discussion motion was made seconded and adopted that the proposal of Bryson and Smith be accepted and lease covering a period of three years was ordered granted upon terms of fifteen cents a cubic yard for all material taken plus \$50 monthly payment, and in addition the payment of \$50 each month in lieu of bond. The above action was taken after advice from the War Department Office in Jacksonville that there would be no objection to the taking of rock, provided the same did not interfere with any structures provided by the United States in connection with maintenance of St. Johns River channel. The Trustees directed that such provision be incorporated in the lease.

Letter was presented from Boozer and Boozer, West Palm Beach, Florida, requesting adjustment on mortgage covering land on the north and northwest end of Kraemer Island sold their client, John B. Beach.

The Trustees being advised that foreclosure proceedings have been filed on this mortgage, motion was made seconded and adopted that request of Boozer and Boozer be denied.

Offer of \$50 was presented from Mrs. E. H. Knight, Sarasota, Florida, for Lot 17, Block B, Grove Heights, Sarasota.

Upon report from the Engineer that the amount of decree on two lots applied for is \$96.84, the Trustees declined offer submitted from Mrs. Knight.

The Trustees declined offer of \$750 from I. G. Archibald for Lots in Sarasota, Florida, the amount bid being less than the amount of the decree, which is \$954.69.

Mr. Elliot presented checks from Woodlands Corporation in amount of \$3,085.32 representing payment on land due April 1, 1937 and extended to October 1, 1937, together with check for \$51.38 amount of overdue interest, with statement that if the Trustees will accept the above amounts on the land the company will anticipate the third and last payment of \$2,920.04 due April 1, 1938.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to accept proposal of Woodlands Corporation as outlined by Mr. Elliot and the checks presented were ordered placed to the credit of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Upon statement of L. D. Breckenridge, claiming to be original owner of land held by the Trustees under Everglades Drainage District Tax Certificate No. 5874, sale of July 7, 1930, motion was made seconded and adopted to accept \$12.75 for the Trustees' equity in the land amounting to \$2.75.

The Trustees agreed to accept \$12.51 for equity amounting to \$2.51 represented by Everglades Drainage District Tax Certificate No. 5287 covering land in Section 14, Township 56 South, Range 39 East, Dade County, applied for by W. H. Owens claiming to be the original owner.

A. R. Richardson, representing Bessemer Properties Corporation, owners of approximately 34 acres of land on Lone Cabbage Island in Lake Worth, requests release of petroleum and other reservations on lands owned by his client.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to release reservations on Lone Cabbage Island as applied for by Mr. Richardson upon payment of fifty cents (50c) an acre. The Land Office was directed to prepare releases to the title owner of the land.

Request was presented from the City of Fort Lauderdale for deed to Causeway right of way connecting Fort Lauderdale and Las Olas, which strip the State Road Department has requested the City to convey to it.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees follow its usual policy and make conveyance direct to the State Road Department of the right of way required, conditioned that there will be no interference with rights of Florida Inland Navigation District. The Secretary was requested to prepare the necessary instrument of conveyance.

The Secretary was authorized to purchase and have installed steel shelving in the vault in his office and also have certain painting work done, total amount to be approximately \$200.

Request for land exchange from R. H. Sampson of Sarasota, Florida, was ordered held until the return of the Governor.

The same action applies to a number of other matters the Land Department has for presentation to the Trustees.

Mr. Bayless submitted request from Dr. Charles E. Creel, Pahokee, Florida, successor in title to land purchased from the State by M. G. Langford in Entry No. 18057, which request was accompanied by check for \$410.56 covering one note of \$233.50 with interest as well as interest on a second note of like amount. Dr. Creel agrees to pay the remaining note within two months if the Trustees accept his proposal and withdraw foreclosure proceedings.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees accept check for \$410.56 representing principal of one note together with interest on the entire indebtedness to January 18, 1938, it being understood that the remaining note will be paid within three months together with accrued court costs.

Mr. Elliot reported that some months ago the Trustees agreed to sell certain lands in Palm Beach County which would vest in the State upon completion of then pending foreclosure instituted under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929; that Master's deed has since been received conveying numerous lots in Sections 20 and 21, Township 42 South, Range 43 East; that the County Commissioners of Palm Beach County have adopted a Resolution recommending that sale of these lots be made to J. C. Bills, Jr., Trustee for Kelsey City Land Company, owner of the land prior to foreclosure, based on an amount equal to twenty-five cents on the dollar of amount of decree, out of which the interest of the State and the fee of the Trustees to be paid in full. The County Commissioners agree that in order to get the land back on the tax roll they will assume the loss by reason of reduction, the price agreed on for the land being \$5,462.57.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees accept the proposal of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County and agree to deed the Lots in Kelsey City to J. C. Bills, Jr., as trustee for Kelsey City Land Company upon payment as outlined in foregoing paragraph.

Mr. Bayless submitted requests from L. J. Levins as follows: That he be allowed to foreclose in the name of the State, at his expense, mortgage of D. S. Spooner covering 2.05 acres of land near Pahokee; that Lot 9 and Tract 9, except the north 55 feet, were sold to him by Mr. Spooner without mention of the State's mortgage and to protect his interest he is willing to pay up the mortgage if the Trustees will allow foreclosure.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the request of Mr. Levins be declined and that foreclosure by the State be carried out.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

D. C. Coleman, Sheriff, Miami, Fla.	\$ 5.00
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	29.67
Security Abstract & Insurance Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	13.50
Legal News, Jacksonville, Fla.	4.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	8.05
Postal Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ....	.38
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	4.03
Proctor & Proctor, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	20.05
F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee, Fla.—Expense Account ...	36.00
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	35.41
	<u>\$156.09</u>

Financial Statement for the month of January 1938 is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY 1938
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 1,131.96
Land Lease	3.75
Grazing Lease	15.76
Farm Lease	1,296.45
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel ...	426.87
Quitclaims to reservations in deeds ...	18.75
Sale of Chevrolet Car to W. B. Granger	200.00
Sale of Minutes	2.50
Total receipts during month	\$ 3,096.04
Balance on hand January 1, 1938 ...	88,221.67
	<u>\$91,317.71</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below) ..	2,129.56
Balance January 31, 1938	\$89,188.15

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in Banks	88,188.15
	<u>\$89,188.15</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS JANUARY 31, 1938

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$63,563.89
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The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. _____	17,781.36
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. _____	6,842.90
	<u>\$88,188.15</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1938	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Jan. 22,	10996	John F. Burket _____	\$ 71.71
	10997	Rex Sweat, Sheriff Duval County _____	1.20
	10998	First Title Guaranty & Ab- stract Co., Key West _____	45.00
	10999	Glades Title Organization _____	186.62
	11000	W. G. Larkins, C. C. C., Liberty County _____	4.50
	11001	Tyrus A. Norwood _____	19.75
	11002	Lawrence A. Truett _____	161.30
	11003	American Oil Company _____	23.88
	11004	Standard Oil Company _____	8.47
	11005	Underwood Typewriter Agency	6.75
	11006	Capital Office Equipment Co. ...	360.12
	11007	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. ...	1.30
	11008	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	2.76
	11009	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.50
	11010	E. B. Mayerhoefer _____	42.85
28,	11011	F. C. Elliot _____	400.00
31,	11012	F. E. Bayless _____	250.00
	11013	Jentye Dedge _____	175.00
	11014	M. O. Barco _____	175.00
	11015	H. L. Shearer _____	25.00
	11016	Proctor & Proctor _____	43.25
	11017	F. E. Bayless _____	31.25
	11018	F. C. Elliot _____	.75
	11019	James A. Ellis Company _____	3.55
	11020	Capital Office Equipment Co.	14.85
	11021	Doyle Schumacher, Sheriff Highlands Co. _____	3.45
	11022	D. C. Coleman, Sheriff Dade Co. _____	1.85
	11023	Frank Karel, Sheriff Orange Co. _____	3.70

11024	Lawrence A. Truett	60.20
Total disbursements during January		
	1938	\$2,129.56

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
February 17, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Attorney General Landis presented to the Trustees the subject of a bill now pending in Congress providing for deeding to the Federal Government certain coastal lands within the boundaries of the State of Florida and other coastal States of the Union. He advised that letters from the States of Louisiana and Texas request that Florida join them in opposing the passage of such an Act. The Attorney General was of the opinion that this was a very important matter and that the State of Florida should send some one to appear before the House Committee meeting scheduled for February 23rd, and suggested that Mr. Elliot, Engineer, and Mr. Truett, Assistant Attorney General, go to Washington to appear before the Committee and present the protest of the State of Florida to the enactment of such a law.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the recommendations of the Attorney General be carried out and that Mr. Elliot and Mr. Truett go to Washington to protect the State's interest in its coastal lands.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin came before the Trustees with request for correction deed covering submerged areas

on Biscayne Point and adjacent thereto, submitting that the description contained in deed to him, according to survey made several years ago, did not close at certain points so he is informed by the Engineer for an Abstract Title Company and such company declines to approve title until correction is made.

The Trustees advised Mr. Horobin that they would take the matter under consideration and after examination of plat or map showing adjoining areas and changes requested, action will be taken.

Mr. Horobin also requested that the Trustees reimburse him an amount of \$7500 on account of expense incurred defending title to land deeded him by the Trustees.

The Trustees agreed to consider this request along with other matter submitted by Mr. Horobin.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
February 26, 1938

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. KROTT, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	—\$	400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	_____	250.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	_____	175.00
M. O. Bareo, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	_____	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	_____	25.00
H. H. Bohler, Tallahassee, Fla.	_____	60.00
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	_____	10.00
R. Clyde Simmons, C. C. C., Hardee County, Wauchula, Fla.	_____	1.75

LAND FORECLOSURE EXPENSE

J. J. Wiggins, Sheriff Glades Co., Moore Haven, Fla.	3.45
Rex Sweat, Sheriff Duval County, Jacksonville, Fla.	9.25
D. C. Coleman, Sheriff Dade Co., Miami, Fla.	4.35
Walter R. Clark, Sheriff Broward Co., Ft. Lau- derdale, Fla.	13.95
J. R. McLeod, Sheriff Hillsborough Co., Tampa, Fla.	3.45
W. Hiram Lawrence, Sheriff Palm Beach Co., West Palm Beach	272.85
Ted Mack, P. O. Box 374, Bartow, Fla.	10.00
Legal News, Jacksonville, Fla.	5.00
Lewis E. Purvis, County Judge, Arcadia, Fla.	2.00
The Polk County Record, Bartow, Fla.	20.25
The Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla.	147.00
M. C. McIntosh, Asst. Atty. General, Tallahassee, Fla.	10.75
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk, Tallahassee, Fla.	23.32
Board County Commissioners Palm Beach County	4,531.73
	\$6,154.10

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
March 2, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Minutes of the Trustees for January 5, 22, 26, February 5, 9, 17 and 26, 1938, presented and ordered approved.

W. H. Rogers, Attorney of Jacksonville, representing A. O. Henderson, asked for rescission of contract entered into by the Trustees and Mr. Henderson June 19, 1925 for purchase of submerged lands in Dade County, advising that four suits had been filed enjoining the sale of the land resulting in expense to his client of approximately \$11,000 in addition to \$10,000 spent in attempting to secure permit from the War Department to fill the area and \$5,000 to expedite surveys; that at this time two suits are still pending and Mr. Henderson has not received title to any of the land. Mr. Rogers requests that in view of the fact that his client has not been able to get title to the land or secure permit from the War Department for filling, that the Trustees cancel the contract and refund payments made totaling \$21,757.16.

The Trustees advised Messrs. Rogers and Henderson that the request would be given consideration at an early date and they would be advised of action taken.

Permit for geophysical surveys and Option for oil lease granted Smith and Kenney February 9th, subject to approval of the Governor, was held for consideration at a later meeting.

A. R. Richardson, on behalf of John H. Phipps, requested that the Trustees lease to Mr. Phipps the bottom lands in Lake Jackson adjacent to his upland property.

The Trustees agreed to consider the request, together with objections by the County Commissioners of Leon County to leasing Lake Jackson lands.

The Trustees deferred action till the next meeting on request submitted by W. B. Leatherman that he be allowed to pay the principal of the third and last note due on land purchased in Entry No. 17076 and waive the interest. Principal of note is \$1,368.44 plus six per cent interest from March 20, 1926.

The Trustees deferred action on request of L. B. Kirtley, Miami, on behalf of Thos. H. Horobin, for adjustment of expenses incurred in defending title to nineteen acres of land sold Mr. Horobin by the State at a price of \$75,000. Mr. Kirtley stated that approximately \$7500 has been spent in attorneys fees and court costs in defending title to the land and he felt his client should be allowed some adjustment.

Action was deferred also on application of Mr. Horobin for correction deed to land adjoining Biscayne Point and for extension of sand leases for a period of two years from expiration date—July 1938.

The Trustees passed for further consideration lease granted Walter J. Bryson and Ralph M. Smith for taking rock from the St. Johns River. The Secretary presented check for \$50 which covers payment agreed on in lieu of bond.

Request from Everglades National Park for action on land exchange program was held for consideration at a later date.

The Trustees declined \$75 offer from Mrs. E. H. Knight for Lot 17, Block B, Grove Heights, Sarasota, Florida.

Mr. J. O. Pearce and associates came before the Trustees and offered ten cents an acre annually for grazing lease on 1054.48 acres of State land in Sections 1 and 2, Township 38 South, Range 33 East, and Sections 5 and 7, Township 39 South, Range 34 East, Glades County. Also apply to lease at the rate of five cents an acre annually all lake bottom lands in Township 38 South, Range 34 East. Request is that both leases run for a period of from three to five years.

Mr. Pearce also registered protest against Misses Edna and Pearl Pearce, lessees from the State, for fencing a greater area of land than their lease calls for and thereby cutting off other grazing lands from access to Lake Okeechobee.

The Trustees advised Mr. Pearce and associates that the matters submitted would be given consideration at a later meeting and they would be notified of action taken.

Mr. R. E. McNeill, Okeechobee, on behalf of Nathan Zelmenovich applied to lease for grazing purposes an acre of submerged land in Sections 11 and 12, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, lying between the channel of the Kissimmee River and the right of way of Okeechobee Levee, for which he offers five cents an acre annually.

The Trustees deferred action on application of Mr. Zelmenovich until the next meeting.

Mr. Bayless submitted letter from Mr. Dowling, Conservation Commissioner, requesting that the Trustees do not renew or grant shell leases anywhere in the State without giving the Conservation Department opportunity to be heard with reference to possible damage to oyster bars.

It was the action of the Trustees that the Conservation Department be notified of any shell leases applied for before disposition is made of the application.

Mr. Bayless presented to the Trustees numerous applications and requests for land exchange, release of reservations, timber leases, land purchases, fill material permits, removing cedar logs and cypress posts, turpentine leases and adjustment on land purchases, all of which were ordered held for consideration at the next meeting of the Trustees.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Lawrence A. Truett, Asst. Atty. General, Tallahassee, Fla.—Expense account West Palm Beach and Washington trips	\$159.15
F. C. Elliot, Engineer, Tallahassee, Fla.—Expense account trip to Washington	81.75
	<u>\$240.90</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
March 10, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Walter J. Bryson of Jacksonville came before the Trustees and requested that lease authorized February

9th in favor of Bryson and Smith be executed and delivered, payment in lieu of bond having been presented as required under terms of the lease.

The Governor stated that it was satisfactory with him that lease be executed to Bryson and Smith, provided one-half the amount of royalty paid in shall be turned over to the Conservation Department, since an employee of that Department will be required to check amount of rock taken by lessee.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the lease be executed and delivered and that one-half the royalties paid in for removal of rock be turned over to the Conservation Department.

Mr. Elliot reported that lists of land owned by the State lying within Everglades Drainage District were ready for approval of the Trustees as required by law, whereupon the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 8412, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1921, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida are required to ascertain and certify the assessed value of lands of the Internal Improvement Fund within Everglades Drainage District, and the said Trustees having ascertained the assessed valuation of such lands, now therefore,

BE IS RESOLVED That the assessed value of lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as ascertained by the said Trustees for the year 1938, be and the same is hereby certified to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District as set forth on the attached lists, which said lists are identified by the signature of the Governor and attested by the Secretary under the seal of the said Trustees.

The Secretary was requested to have the lists properly executed and forwarded to Everglades Drainage District for extension on the 1938 assessment rolls.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
March 22, 1938

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Senate Chamber at the Capitol.

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Minutes of the Trustees for March 2 and 10, 1938 presented and order approved.

The Trustees had before them for consideration the matter submitted March 2nd by W. H. Rogers, Attorney of Jacksonville, for Arthur Henderson Properties, Inc., requesting cancellation of contract for purchase of all submerged areas, islands, sand bars and shallow banks covered by water not more than three feet deep, located near Ragged Keys in Biscayne Bay, Dade County.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Assistant Attorney General, who was formerly Counsel for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, reviewed the history of the proposed sale and the several law suits filed, which suits resulted in preventing the Trustees from making conveyance and Henderson Properties, Inc., from developing the area.

Upon discussion of the subject, and in view of the fact that continued litigation has prevented the Trustees from delivering the lands applied for to Henderson Properties Inc., motion was made seconded and adopted that upon surrender of the contract between the Trustees and Arthur O. Henderson, dated June 19, 1925, assigned by said Arthur O. Henderson to Arthur Henderson Properties, Inc., September 12, 1925, and execution of quit claim deed from Arthur Henderson Properties, Inc., relinquishing all right, title and interest in the lands; upon evidence that all pending litigation has been dismissed and title put back in the State in its original status, the Trustees agree to return to Arthur Henderson Properties Inc., the amount of \$10,000 deposited with them, and refund \$11,757.16 first payment on contract for purchase, such refunds to be made upon final approval by the Attorney General of completion of all transactions as set forth by the Trustees.

Upon discussion of reimbursement to the Trustees of an amount equal to the one-fourth paid into the State School Fund from the \$11,757.16 payment made by A. O. Henderson or Arthur Henderson Inc., motion was made seconded and adopted that the Land Clerk withhold from future payments to the School Fund, and deposit to the credit of the Internal Improvement Fund, a sufficient amount to off-set the payment on account of the Henderson contract.

Attorney General Landis reported with reference to cancellation of Price Oil and Gas Company lease which was referred to him for disposition, advising that upon examination of the terms of the lease he has reached the conclusion that the lease has been cancelled according to the terms thereof; that he has so held and expects to stand on the cancellation as provided in the lease.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees accept the opinion of the Attorney General with reference to cancellation of Price Oil and Gas Company lease and that the records show such lease to be cancelled.

The Trustees were advised that Drake and Reeder of Miami, Florida, had made application in 1935 to lease the lands covered by the Price Oil and Gas Company lease.

Action on application of Drake and Reeder was deferred.

Mr. Elliot presented statement of taxes due on Trustees' land located in South Hastings Drainage District, being the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 28 East—37 acres in Putnam County. Taxes covering a period from 1931 to 1937 inclusive amount to \$366.47.

The Trustees were advised that the District has brought suit for collection of the taxes but if payment is made before the next Rule Day the case can be dismissed.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that taxes of South Hastings Drainage District amounting to \$366.47 be paid and that the Attorney General's office have the suit against the Trustees dismissed.

The Trustees directed that information be obtained as to the value of the land owned by the State within South Hastings Drainage District with a view to advertising such land for sale to the highest bidder.

The Secretary presented the matter of application from Misses Edna and Pearl Pearce for grazing lease on lands owned by the State adjoining lands on Lake Okeechobee heretofore leased to applicants. Map was displayed showing lands now under leases No. 18383-A and No. 18430 as well as the area being applied for.

Upon consideration, motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees issue grazing lease to Misses Edna and Pearl Pierce and Mrs. Clara Pearce on the following described lands in Glades County:

Lands between the meander of Lake Okeechobee and the Lake southward from Kissimmee River in Townships 38 and 39 South, Range 34 East, to Indian Prairie Canal in Township 39 South, Range 33 East, Glades County,

on a basis of two thousand (2000) acres at a rate of fifteen (15) cents an acre annually. The lease hereby granted shall run concurrently with Leases No. 18383-A and No. 18430.

Consideration was given to application of John H. Phipps, submitted March 2nd by A. R. Richardson, for grazing lease on bottoms of Lake Jackson in Leon County, adjacent to upland ownership of Mr. Phipps.

Discussion was had as to whether any of the lake bottoms should be leased to adjacent owners, or other interested parties, as has been done with similar lands of the State, or whether the area should remain as at present for the use of the public generally.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that action be deferred pending preparation of map showing upland ownership with lines projected out into the lake.

The suggestion was offered that the lake bottoms might either be leased to adjacent owners or advertised and leased to highest bidder. No action taken. The Comptroller and the Commissioner of Agriculture requested that their vote be recorded as opposing the leasing of Lake Jackson lands.

The Trustees deferred action on application of F. Burton Smith and Thomas F. Kenney for permit to make geophysical surveys and option to lease for mineral purposes certain submerged lands along the Florida Keys in Monroe County, the Governor not having had an opportunity to study the terms of the proposed lease.

The Trustees considered application of W. B. Leatherman submitted March 2nd, requesting that he be allowed to make payment of last note on land purchase without interest from 1926.

The Attorney General advised that foreclosure on this land is nearing completion.

Upon consideration of the application, two plans were suggested by which Mr. Leatherman might pay balance due on his land:

- 1: That he be allowed to pay principal of the remaining note together with costs of foreclosure and take up the interest in deferred payments over a specified period, or
- 2: That upon delivery of Master's Decree in the foreclosure suit, the Trustees execute contract to purchase in favor of Mr. Leatherman, payments to be made over a period of two or three years.

Action of the Trustees was that the matter be referred to the Attorney General with final action to be taken when foreclosure proceedings are completed.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Marvin C. McIntosh, Asst. Atty. General, Tallahassee, Fla.	\$ 31.94
W. P. Allen, Asst. Atty. General, Tallahassee, Fla.	75.19
D. C. Coleman, Sheriff, Miami, Fla.	4.70
D. H. Sloan, Jr., C. C. C., Polk County, Bartow, Fla.	4.75
J. R. McLeod, Sheriff, Tampa, Fla.	5.95
The Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla.	51.00
Clerk Circuit Court Sarasota Co., Sarasota, Fla. ...	1,084.68
W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. ...	104.97
Pennsylvania Rubber Co., Jacksonville, Fla. ...	27.89
Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	12.59
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	20.04
Tallahassee Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ...	80.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ...	6.95
Postal Telegraph Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ...	20.29
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ...	5.71
W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. ...	931.84
South Hastings Drainage District, Palatka, Fla.	
Taxes on Trustees' lands 1931 to 1937 Incl.	366.47
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	250.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00

Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	25.00
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	\$3,859.96

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
March 23, 1938

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Senate Chamber at the Capitol.

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Cary D. Landis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Miss Edna Pearce and Mrs. Clara Pearce appeared before the Trustees on this date and accepted the terms of lease granted at a meeting held March 22nd.

Consideration was requested on two matters presented by Thomas H. Horobin March 2, 1938:

- 1: Request for reimbursement of expenses incurred in defending title to lands purchased from the State, and
- 2: Request for quit claim deed from the Trustees to correct description in Deed No. 18126 from the Trustees to Mr. Horobin dated May 8, 1931.

The Engineer explained the reason for the quit claim deed and advised that he could see no objection to the Trustees executing such an instrument, provided the following conditions are incorporated in the deed:

- 1: That the lands be deeded in trust to the person or corporation in whose name drawn in order that the benefits therefrom may inure to all owners of property and holders of rights in property

which is a part of the area conveyed by said deed, and that grantee from Trustees shall, upon demand from such owner, quit claim to him the rights inuring to Trustees' grantee under this deed.

- 2: That this deed will in no way impair or affect any mortgage, lien, contract, or other instrument involving any property described in said deed.
- 3: That this deed is for the purpose of correcting and clarifying the description contained in Trustees' deed, Entry No. 18126, dated May 8, 1931, purporting to describe the same area as that herein.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees decline to reimburse Mr. Horobin expenses incurred in suit against land title as requested.

Upon discussion the Trustees agreed to issue quit claim deed to Mr. Horobin for the purpose of clarifying and correcting description recited in Entry No. 18126 with the conditions as recommended by Mr. Elliot, all subject to final examination and approval by the Attorney General.

The Trustees accepted offer of \$12.08 from Mrs. Mary W. Moore for the interest of the Trustees in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, less SAL R/W Section 36, Township 56 South, Range 38 East—0.24 acres in Dade County, as represented by Everglades drainage District tax certificate No. 3285, Sale of August 5, 1929. The Secretary reported that the amount the Trustees have in the certificate is \$2.08.

The Trustees deferred action on offer of \$66.98 from Lincoln Investment Company, on behalf of Record Realty Company, present title holder, to purchase interest of the Trustees in five Everglades Drainage District tax certificates totaling \$16.98.

The Engineer was requested to ascertain if possible the method by which Record Realty Company came into possession of the land and report at the next meeting of the board.

Offer of \$194.92 from Sarasota Dairy & Produce Company was accepted by the Trustees for Lots 15 and 16, Block 16, Sarasota Beach, the offer being twice the amount of decree which vested title to the land in the Trustees.

The Trustees having declined to sell Lot 17, Block B, Grove Heights, Sarasota, to Mrs. E. H. Knight at a price

of \$75, the Secretary presented letter from Mrs. Knight asking what the Trustees will take for the lot. Statement was made that \$96.84 is the amount of decree covering two lots in Sarasota, one of which is Lot 17 applied for by Mrs. Knight.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees accept \$200 for Lot 17 applied for by Mrs. Knight, and the Secretary was requested to so advise her.

The Trustees declined offer of \$100 from Edwin R. Williams for 960 acres of land in Levy County coming to the State through foreclosure under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Geo. W. English, Attorney for City of Fort Lauderdale, for deed in favor of the City to the parkway along the causeway between Las Olas and New River Sound.

Upon being informed that the Trustees at a recent meeting authorized conveyance to the State Road Department of the right of way adjoining the parkway applied for by Mr. English, motion was made seconded and adopted that action be withheld and that the matter be referred to the State Road Department for whatever disposition it deems necessary in reference to granting Parkway to the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Letter was presented from A. C. Preston and William G. Blanchard requesting extension for twelve months of Option to lease State lands and Permit to make geophysical surveys thereon, for which extension they offer to pay \$1000.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that request of Preston and Blanchard be declined.

The Secretary submitted request from Florida Forest and Park Service for exchange of land in connection with Myakka River State Park, explaining that a parcel containing eighty acres within the park area, located on the River, was owned by an individual and it is desirable that this tract be exchanged for State owned land on the edge of the Park. Mr. Elliot recommended that the exchange be made on a basis of 320 acres of State Land for the eighty acre tract privately owned, in view of the fact that the state land is inferior in character to the tract on the River.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the exchange be authorized, the Trustees to receive the SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 20 East, 80 acres, in exchange for the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19, same township and range, 320 acres.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline request from Florida Forest and Park Service for dedication of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, owned by the Trustees, to become a part of Myakka River State Park, and the Secretary was requested to so advise the Park Service.

Attorney General Landis reported that on a recent trip to Miami he had visited an area of submerged land located in Biscayne Bay, Section 9, Township 53 South, Range 43 East, in the vicinity of the 79th Street Causeway; that Judge W. E. Walsh and Dr. Jos. H. Adams had called on him with reference to their application to purchase and had indicated that they would pay as much as \$125 an acre for the area.

Upon discussion the Trustees declined to sell the land at the price offered and directed that this area be taken off the market for the present. Also that application of Dr. Adams for fill material be declined.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Miami Military Academy, signed by Colonel J. R. Williams, President, requesting permit to secure material from certain spoil banks thrown up by Inland Waterway in Biscayne Bay for filling a portion of an area owned by the Academy.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees grant permit to Miami Military Academy for taking spoil material from the spoil area of Inland Waterways at a price of five cents a cubic yard, provided the War Department has no objection to removal of the material.

The Engineer was requested to ascertain the approximate amount of material to be taken for making the fill.

The Trustees declined offer of \$2 an acre from T. T. Scott of Live Oak for purchase of land in Levy County, title to which came to the Trustees under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Letter was presented from the War Department requesting information as to whether or not the Trustees

would enter objections to application from the City of Daytona Beach to construct seawalls and to fill an area on which to build a city auditorium.

Upon information from the Engineer as to the proposed improvement, motion was made seconded and adopted that no objection be interposed on the part of the Trustees to the proposed improvement by the City of Daytona Beach.

Expense account from W. B. Granger amounting to \$91.45 for mileage in connection with Trustees work was presented and approved for payment.

The Trustees requested that the Land Clerk furnish each member with report as to lands leased through efforts of W. B. Granger, the parcels reported on by him and the amount of money collected by him or on account of his examinations or recommendations.

Consideration was given to request of R. H. Sampson of Sarasota for exchange of land owned by him in Townships 36 and 37, Ranges 19 and 20, 240 acres in Sarasota County for 240 acres of land owned by the Trustees in Section 20, Township 36 South, Range 20 East, Sarasota County.

The Trustees declined to make exchange requested by Mr. Sampson, but indicated that the State land might be leased if placed under the Government program for soil conservation, based on a price of ten cents an acre annually for the first two years, fifteen cents an acre for the third year, twenty cents an acre for the fourth year and twenty-five cents an acre for the fifth year.

The Trustees agreed to release canal reservations on Lot 1, Block 74, Country Club Estates, Dade County, requested by First State Bank of Miami Springs, Florida, on behalf of Glenn H. Curtiss Properties, upon payment of \$10 by applicant.

Mr. Knott reported that it has become necessary to provide drainage for certain State land being used by State Farm at Belleglade and that private ownership of adjacent land is objecting to ditches being cut through his land for drainage into Hillsboro Canal.

The Engineer was requested to make an examination of this condition on his next trip to that locality and report his recommendations for drainage of the area.

The Trustees held for further information request of D. H. Conkling, on behalf of Palm Beach Yacht Club Association, for price on submerged land in Lake Worth to become a part of the Association's property.

Request was submitted from E. M. Stubbs of Monticello, as to whether or not the Trustees would sell cypress timber in Lake Ocheesee, Jackson County.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees decline to dispose of cypress timber in Lake Ocheesee at this time.

The Trustees considered the advisability of employing a person to make examinations of lands, appraise and value the same from the standpoint of products and character of the land and submit reports to be filed as permanent records of the office.

No definite action taken on the subject.

Application was submitted from Evans and Glenn of Sarasota for quit claim deed to oil and mineral reservations on Lot 21, Block 23, Sarasota Beach Subdivision.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees quit claim oil and mineral reservations as requested by Evans and Glenn upon payment of \$10.

The Trustees deferred action on offer of \$20 an acre from C. J. Miller of Lakeland, Florida, for E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 28 South, Range 23 East, 30 acres in Polk County, located about three miles northwest of Lakeland.

The Trustees declined offer of \$50 an acre from C. A. Bailey, on behalf of S. W. Bollinger of Pahokee, for seventeen acres of Lake bottom land adjacent to upland ownership in Section 26, Township 42 South, Range 36 East lying between the meander line and right of way of Okeechobee Levee near Bacom Point.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to defer action on application of E. C. Webb to lease land applied for by C. A. Bailey with an offer of \$10 an acre for the crop season.

The Land Office was requested to have Mr. Granger report as to fair rental price for the land.

Offer of \$150 was submitted from C. B. Carroll of Pinellas Park for one acre of submerged land in Section

22, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, on the Dunedin-Oldsmar Highway, such land to be used in connection with his fishing industry.

Action was deferred pending investigation and report from the Engineer.

The Trustees declined to sell to Leila Powell of Zolfo Springs, Florida, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 35 South, Range 26 East, Hardee County, at the price offered—\$5.50 an acre, but indicated that it would be agreeable to lease the land for grazing purposes.

Financial Statement for the month of February is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY 1938
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 3,199.90
Land sales under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929	9,146.62
Land sales under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931	12.75
Farm lease	105.00
Grazing lease	9.00
Sale of minutes	4.05
Sale of certified copies of sales contract	4.80
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	320.42
Quit claim deed to oil and mineral rights	13.50
Total receipts during month	\$ 12,816.04
Balance on hand February 1, 1938 ..	89,188.15
	<u>\$102,004.19</u>
Less disbursements (Itemized below) ..	6,310.19
Balance February 28, 1938	\$95,694.00

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in Banks	94,694.00
	<u>\$95,694.00</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS FEBRUARY 28, 1938

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla	\$ 69,924.17
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,781.36
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	6,988.47
	<u>\$94,694.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1938			
Feb. 10,	11025	D. C. Coleman, Sheriff Dade Co.	\$ 5.00
	11026	American Oil Company	29.67
	11027	Security Abstract & Insurance Co.	13.50
	11028	Legal News, Jacksonville, Fla.	4.00
	11029	Southeastern Telephone Co.	8.05
	11030	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. ....	.38
	11031	Western Union Telegraph Co.	4.03
	11032	Proctor & Proctor Inc.	20.05
	11033	F. C. Elliot	36.00
	11034	Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville	35.41
28,	11035	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	11036	F. E. Bayless	250.00
	11037	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	11038	M. O. Barco	175.00
	11039	H. L. Shearer	25.00
	11040	H. H. Bohler	60.00
	11041	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	10.00
	11042	R. Clyde Simmons, C. C. C. Hardee Co.	1.75
	11043	J. J. Wiggins, Sheriff	3.45
	11044	Rex Sweat, Sheriff	9.25
	11045	D. C. Coleman, Sheriff	4.35
	11046	Walter R. Clare, Sheriff	13.95
	11047	J. R. McLeod, Sheriff	3.45
	11048	W. Hiram Lawrence, Sheriff	272.85
	11049	Ted Mack	10.00
	11050	Legal News	5.00
	11051	Lewis E. Purvis, Co. Judge, DeSoto Co.,	2.00
	11052	Polk County Record	20.25
	11053	The Everglades News	147.00
	11054	M. C. McIntosh, Asst. Atty. General	10.75
	11055	F. E. Bayless	23.32
	11056	Board Co. Commrs. Palm Beach Co.	4,531.73
	Total	disbursements for February 1938	\$6,310.19

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
April 21, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary presented form of quit claim deed as approved by the Attorney General's Office, which deed was authorized at a meeting March 23rd for the purpose of correcting and clarifying description contained in Deed No. 18126 dated May 8, 1931, executed in favor of Thomas H. Horobin.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the deed form as passed on by the Attorney General's Office be approved and that the Deed be executed for delivery to the proper party.

Request was submitted from the City of Fort Lauderdale for deed to parkway along the road from Las Olas Boulevard to New River Sound.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline request of the City of Fort Lauderdale for deed to the Parkway, the Trustees having on Feb. 9, agreed to convey the entire right-of-way to the State Road Department.

The Trustees held for action at a later date the request of Miami Military Academy of Miami for permit to remove rock from an area in front of property of the Academy, which rock was dredged by Florida Inland Navigation District from the channel of East Coast Canal.

Offer of \$100 was submitted from Glover E. Ashby for Lots 10 and 11, Block 8, Siesta Beach, Sarasota County, which lots came to the Trustees through foreclosure of State and County taxes under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

The Trustees declined offer made by Mr. Ashby, but agreed to accept \$150 for the two lots.

Offer of from \$350 to \$400 was presented from Charles M. Williams for Lots 7 and 8, Sub. of Lots 7 and 9, Block H. Platt of Sarasota.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer from Mr. Williams and a price of \$500 was agreed on for the two lots.

Offer of \$96.70 was presented from R. R. Saunders for the equity of the Trustees, amounting to \$86.70, represented by Everglades Drainage District tax certificates 3044 and 3047 against land described as Tract 1, Tier 4, and Tract 1, Tier 6, both in Newman's Survey, Broward County.

The Trustees being advised that Mr. Saunders represents the former owner of the land, motion was made seconded and adopted to accept offer of \$96.70 for the interest of the Trustees in the two tracts.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees March 23, information was submitted that land applied for by Lincoln Investment Company on behalf of client came into possession of Record Realty Company through Masters Deed dated March 8, 1938. Statement was made that the equity of the Trustees amounts to \$25.80 represented by Everglades Drainage District tax certificates Nos. 3182, 3296, 3464, 5949, 5106, 5423 and 5787, Dade County and an offer of \$105.81 is made by Record Realty Company.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that offer submitted by Record Realty Company be declined and a price of \$150 was agreed on for the Trustees' interest in the land.

Letter was presented from W. B. Granger together with statement from South Florida Conservancy District. It was explained that in order to place certain lands of the Trustees in better farming condition it was necessary to do ditching work on Sections 13 and 24, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, and Sections 20, 21 and 29, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County. The work having been performed by Mr. Fritz Stein, amounting to a total of \$1479.79, it was agreed that Conservancy District would allow a credit on taxes due said district. Therefore, Mr. Stein will receive credit of \$545.16 on his Conservancy District taxes and take credit with the Trustees for the remainder of amount due for work, such credit to apply on his lease of Trustees' lands.

Mr. Knott having talked personally with Mr. Granger about the matter, made explanation of the situation as above. Whereupon, the Trustees approved the disposition

of credits as outlined by Mr. Granger and South Florida Conservancy District.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:	
Dade-Commonwealth Title Co., Miami, Fla. _____	\$559.00
Broward Abstract Corp., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. _____	18.00
The Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla. _____	108.00
George O. Butler, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. _____	1.45
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla. _____	91.45
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk _____	25.45
Lawrence A. Truett, Asst. Attorney General _____	20.30
Tyrus A. Norwood, Asst. Attorney General _____	10.25
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla. _____	10.98
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla. _____	26.85
Tallahassee Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla. _____	4.50
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. _____	4.38
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. _____	.38
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla. _____	9.85
	<u>\$890.84</u>

Following is the financial statement of the Trustees for the month of March 1938:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH 1938
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales _____	\$ 1,424.95
Land sales under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931 _____	27.86
Sale of land in Jefferson Co. for Bird Preserve _____	19.75
Mineral Lease _____	150.00
Sale of rock _____	37.50
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel _____	442.47
Refund by Sheriff of Palm Beach County on account of overpayment of foreclosure fees _____	44.10
Total receipts during month _____	\$ 2,146.63
Balance on hand March 1, 1938 _____	95,694.00
	<u>\$97,840.63</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below) _____	4,100.86
Balance March 31, 1938 _____	<u>\$93,739.77</u>

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items _____	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in Banks _____	92,739.77
	<u>\$93,739.77</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS MARCH 31, 1938

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$67,950.55
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,781.36
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	7,007.86
	<u>\$92,739.77</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1938	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
March 4,	11057	Lawrence A. Truett, Asst. Atty General	\$ 159.15
	11058	F. C. Elliot	81.75
23,	11059	Marvin C. McIntosh, Asst. Atty. General	31.94
	11060	W. P. Allen, Asst. Atty. General	75.19
	11061	D. C. Coleman, Sheriff Dade Co.	4.70
	11062	D. H. Sloan, Jr., C. C. C.	4.75
	11063	J. R. McLeod, Sheriff	5.95
	11064	The Everglades News	51.00
	11065	Clerk Circuit Court Sarasota Co.	1,084.68
	11066	W. V. Knott, State Treasurer	104.97
	11067	Pennsylvania Rubber Co.	27.89
	11068	Standard Oil Co.	12.59
	11069	American Oil Co.	20.04
	11070	Tallahassee Office Supply Co.	80.00
	11071	Southeastern Telephone Co. ...	6.95
	11072	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. ...	20.29
	11073	Western Union Telegraph Co.	5.71
	11074	W. V. Knott, State Treasurer	931.84
	11075	South Hastings Drainage District	366.47
31,	11076	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	11077	F. E. Bayless	250.00
	11078	M. O. Barco	175.00
	11079	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	11080	H. L. Shearer	25.00
		Total disbursements during March 1938	<u>\$4,100.86</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

Jentye Dedge,
Acting Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
April 27, 1938

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	.....\$	400.00	
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	\$250.00		
Expense	16.00		266.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	.....	175.00	
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	.....	175.00	
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	.....	25.00	
W. Terry Gibson, West Palm Beach, Fla.	.....	30.00	
Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	.....	5.00	
			<u>\$1,076.00</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida

May 11, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following resolution of respect for the memory of Honorable Cary D. Landis, Attorney General and member of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, we have learned with inexpressible grief of the death of our fellow member, the Honorable Cary D. Landis, Attorney General, which occurred on yesterday at his residence in the City of Tallahassee, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida in the passing of General Landis has lost an able, conscientious, devoted public official whose service to his State has been characterized by the highest ideals and by a zealous devotion to duty, unflagging energy and sincerity, and

WHEREAS, as Attorney General of this State and a member of this board for more than seven years he won for himself a place of high honor in the esteem of the citizenship and the warm personal friendship of his fellow members composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we record our expressions of profound sorrow in the loss of our colleague and that a page in our minutes be set aside and dedicated to his memory.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
May 19, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Minutes of the Trustees of March 22, 23 and April 21, and 27, 1938, presented and approved.

Honorable Cary D. Landis, Attorney General for Florida and member of the board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund till his death May 10, 1938, has been succeeded by Honorable George Couper Gibbs as Attorney General and also as a member of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund. Judge Gibbs took his place as one of the Trustees at the meeting held on this date.

Mr. Fred Cason, of the law firm of Hudson and Cason, Miami, and A. D. Barnes, Superintendent of Parks for Dade County, requested that the Trustees dedicate or sell to Dade County two tracts of submerged land adjoining Matheson Hammock County Park, located in Sections 5 and 8, Township 55 South, Range 41 East, comprising approximately sixty acres. Such areas to be developed as bathing beaches for the public. Mr. Cason reviewed the history of the Park since the first tract of eighty-two acres, known as Cutler Hammock, was deeded the County by Dr. Matheson. Since that time the Park Commission has acquired other areas and it now owns a total of 524 acres. The County has expended approximately one hundred fifty thousand dollars developing this Park and the Federal Park Service has spent about one million dollars, and in order to assure continuance of Federal aid it is necessary to have the two parcels owned by the State conveyed to the County or dedicated by the State as a part of the Park area for the use of the public. Mr. Cason stated that it will be satisfactory if the Trustees will either dedicate

the area exclusively for park purposes, or make sale outright to the County.

Mr. Elliot reported that he has gone into the matter with Messrs. Cason and Barnes and it will be agreeable with the County and will meet the requirements of the National Park Service if the two tracts are dedicated for park purposes, ownership to remain in the Trustees with control in the County Commissioners.

The Governor stated that he did not think there would be any objection to making the parcels available for inclusion in the Park, but would like to have time to go into the matter further before making decision. Whereupon action was deferred till a later meeting.

Mr. Ben Shepard, Miami, representing the city of Miami Beach, made the following statements:

"The City recently requested bids for filling a low marshy area within the City limits of Miami Beach located between 79th Street Causeway and the northern limits of the City; that the only available material is under exclusive lease from the Trustees to Thomas H. Horobin for which he proposes to make a charge of \$6500 for sand dredged from one location and ten cents a yard for that removed from another area, all under certain conditions set forth in proposal sent out by him. Contractors desiring to bid on the fill proposed by the City advise that it will cost approximately \$16,000 for sufficient material, if taken from the area under lease to Mr. Horobin, which is the only feasible location in the vicinity."

Mr. Shepard made request on behalf of the City of Miami Beach that the Trustees do not renew exclusive lease to Mr. Horobin at its expiration the first of July, or grant to any other party the exclusive right to take material from the areas now under lease; that immediately upon expiration of the present lease, the City of Miami Beach will make application to the Trustees for sufficient sand for filling the low area described.

Mr. Ben Shepard, on behalf of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, made application to lease or purchase a certain submerged area which the city proposes to dredge in order to provide an adequate turning basin, the location desired being bounded on the east by a small boat channel known as Malloy's, on the north by the County Causeway, on the West by Peninsula Terminal Island, and on the South, at some distance, by the Government Channel.

Mr. Shepard was advised that the Trustees will take both requests under consideration at an early date and he will be notified of action taken.

Mr. Thomas H. Horobin being present informed the Trustees that the area from which the city of Miami Beach desires to dredge fill material, and for which he proposes to make a charge as referred to by Mr. Shepard, is a thirty-one acre tract conveyed to him by the State several years ago; that he has no intention of selling material from the area leased from the Trustees; that by allowing the City to remove fill material from his own property will cut down his area considerably and make it less valuable. It is a fact that his leases for fill material will expire about the first of July and he would like to have them renewed in order to get his land filled as heretofore outlined. Mr. Horobin stated that he would furnish the Trustees with a letter stating specifically that he would not and had no intention of selling fill material from any bottoms in Biscayne Bay except those particular areas owned by him.

The Trustees advised Mr. Horobin that the matters presented would be considered and that he will be granted a hearing before action is taken.

Mr. L. L. Stuckey and Mr. E. G. Kilpatrick, representing Richlands Inc., of Pahokee, appeared before the Trustees with reference to payment of \$10,000 rental due May 1, 1938 on lease of Pelican Bay land, stating that they had experienced an unusually bad farming season with two killing frosts during last winter; that the Corporation has had considerable expense keeping the pumps going to maintain the necessary water table, all of which makes it impossible for them to make payment in full for the year's rent. Request is made that the rent be reduced.

Upon being asked for certain information with reference to amount of land under cultivation, amount rented and at what price, and the total earnings of the Corporation for the past season, Mr. Stuckey stated he could not give this information off-hand but knew that very few of the corporation had made anything last season. Mr. Kilpatrick reported he had yet to make the first dollar on the venture.

Comptroller Lee requested that his vote be recorded as opposed to reduction of rental on land leased to Richlands Inc.; that he would be willing to accept part payment for this year and extend balance till next year, but was not willing to vote for reduction.

After full discussion, it was the action of the Trustees that Richlands Incorporated be requested to make payment of \$5000 at this time; that within thirty days report be submitted of the number of acres of land under cultivation, the area rented out and at what price, the earnings from the land and other facts and figures as to cost of operations and upkeep; that upon receipt of this report consideration will be given to request presented by Mr. Stuckey.

Mr. Thomas H. Horobin asked that in the preparation of correction deed authorized by the Trustees March 23rd, the Trustees include a small tract which he states should have been included in the original deed conveying land on Biscayne Point.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the matter be referred to the Engineer for examination and report before action is taken.

J. V. Keen, Attorney for Dr. Fred H. Albee, made application to the Trustees for the purchase of two small tracts of filled land adjoining his property adjacent to Fidlers Island, Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, and asked at what price the Trustees would sell the land.

Mr. Elliot reported to the Trustees that in 1936 C. J. Coon of Nokomis had filed application to purchase certain areas adjacent to Fidlers Island in what is known as Enchanted Isles Subdivision; that upon advertisement, giving notice of proposed sale, Francis J. Curry of Nokomis protested sale, claiming equity in the land described in the advertisement. The last action on the subject was that the two parties reconcile their differences and then present the matter to the Trustees for action. This has not been done.

Mr. Keen stated that the only two parties that could be interested in the area applied for by his client are Dr. Albee and Mr. Coon, Mr. Curry having disposed of any equity he might have had.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that Mr. Keen have his client submit an offer for the tracts, upon receipt of which the Trustees will take action.

Mr. R. A. Gray, Secretary of State, and Mr. Colin English, Superintendent of Public Instruction, members of the State Board of Education, joined the Trustees for a combined meeting of the two boards.

Mr. Mayo presented for the consideration of the two boards the selection of a proposed site for a State Market at Pahoee. The Tract desired comprises twenty acres located within the city limits of Pahoee in Section 15, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, owned by United States Sugar Corporation; that the company has agreed to make this land available through conveyance to the State Board of Education as part settlement of their mortgage with the Board; that upon satisfaction of the mortgage the Board of Education will deed the twenty-acre tract to the Trustees and receive in payment therefor release of credit the Trustees have with the Board of Education from the A. O. Henderson transaction. In addition to the above the town of Pahoee agrees to pay \$1800 to the State Board of Education as a part of the cost of the twenty acres.

Upon discussion it was agreed to withhold action pending investigation of an alternate location for the Market.

The joint boards adjourned and the Trustees resumed consideration of other subjects.

Attorney General Gibbs submitted request from William H. Rogers, Attorney for A. O. Henderson, for modification of action taken by the Trustees March 22, 1938. The Secretary read letter from Mr. Rogers asking that former action be amended in two particulars, substantially as follows:

- 1: That in order to secure immediate dismissal of litigation the Trustees agree to conclude the cancellation and surrender of contract for sale of land between A. O. Henderson Properties and the Trustees; that upon evidence that all contracts and agreements have been cancelled as between Henderson and the Trustees, the Court will promptly dismiss the suits.
- 2: That since the Minutes of March 22nd do not take into account the item of interest earned on the \$10,000 deposit, which has been held by the Trustees since 1926, it is requested that the interest on this amount also be refunded.

Accompanying letter from Mr. Rogers is statement from the State Treasurer showing status of interest earned on the \$10,000 deposit from July 14, 1926, date of deposit, to October 22, 1932, which is as follows:

General Revenue	\$ 332.03
Public Free School Fund	760.36
Permanent Building Fund	402.05
Total	\$1,494.44

Since October 22, 1932, interest amounting to \$351.23 has been credited to Special Deposit Fund.

The Trustees were advised that interest from 1926 to October 1932 having been disbursed to three separate funds is not available under the law, but the amount of \$351.23 can be refunded.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees agree to the cancellation and surrender of the contract with Mr. Henderson and make refund of deposits as agreed March 22, 1938—\$10,000 and \$11,757.16—plus earned interest in the amount of \$351.23; that the Attorney General's office handle the matter with Mr. Rogers for dismissal of the litigation and conclusion of all transactions.

The Land Clerk presented request from the Supervisor of the State Board of Conservation for adoption of a resolution having reference to leasing or selling water areas owned by the State. It was explained that the Works Progress Administration has made large appropriations for rehabilitating certain oyster areas in this State and for promoting the oyster industry, and in order to assure the United States Government that title to the areas improved out of moneys furnished by the Federal Government will be retained by the State, the Trustees are asked to adopt a resolution which in part is as follows:

“WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable, in order to eliminate the possibility of leasing or disposing of water areas on which oyster rehabilitation work has been done, or is contemplated, and in order to further assure faith with the United States Government in connection with the above grant, that all applications for lease or sale of submerged or water areas, be submitted to the Supervisor of the State Board of Conservation for his approval before final consideration of same by said Trustees,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that all applications received by them for the purchase or lease of submerged or water areas or for products on or under the same, be submitted to the Supervisor of the State Board of Conservation for his investigation and report before taking final action on said applications as outlined above.”

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the resolution be referred to the Attorney General and Mr. Mayo for report at the next meeting.

Application of N. Thompson, Key West, with offer of five cents a cubic yard for rock to be blasted from shallow water at Key West, was held for further information. Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless were requested to work out a proposal along lines suggested by Mr. Elliot and submit report together with sketch showing layout for removing rock.

The Trustees declined offer from E. W. Gautier, on behalf of John V. Hinckley of Edgewater, for reclaimed land formed by dredging operations of Inland Navigation District opposite his property on the Indian River. Mr. Bayless was directed to advise Mr. Gautier that a better offer for the parcel would be considered.

Offer of \$200 was presented from J. A. Smith, Bradenton, for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 33 South, Range 20 East—forty acres in Manatee County, located about ten miles northeast of Parrish.

The Trustees declined offer from Mr. Smith.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to defer for further consideration offer of twenty-five cents a cord from Standard Cedar Company for dead cedar stumps and old cedar tops on State land in Levy and Citrus Counties.

The Trustees declined offer of fifteen cents an acre from S. L. Long of Chuluota, for grazing lease on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 21 South, Range 32 East, Seminole County, four miles from the town of Chuluota. However, it was agreed to lease the land at a price of twenty-five cents an acre annually for grazing purposes.

Application was submitted from W. M. Tobias, Moorehaven, offering fifteen cents an acre for grazing lease on approximately seventy-seven acres of marginal land in Section 2, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer of fifteen cents an acre, but it was agreeable to lease the land for grazing at a price of thirty-five cents an acre annually.

Offer of \$10 was presented from Giles and Gurney on behalf of Orange County Building & Loan Association, for the purchase of less than a half acre of reclaimed land on Lake Conway, Orange County.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer from Giles and Gurney and a price of \$100 was agreed on for the parcel applied for.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to pass for further consideration request from L. W. Hardy, Bradenton, that the Trustees pay Sugar Bowl Drainage District taxes amounting to \$336.06 for the years 1931 to 1937, both inclusive, on State lands described as the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 38 South, Range 22 East, Manatee County.

Offer of \$3000 was presented from R. M. Bishop for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, located about two miles west of Lake Harbor, in the Ritta section. Statement was made that several squatters are occupying the land at this time.

The Trustees directed that the matter be referred to Mr. Granger for report as to the number of squatters, and other information, before taking action on offer from Mr. Bishop.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to renew lease to J. L. Wood on Lot 40x100 feet, located on Miami Canal at Lake Harbor upon payment of \$100 annually in advance. Lease to be for a period of one year.

The Trustees referred to W. B. Granger for report applications submitted from C. A. Bailey, one on behalf of S. W. Bollinger with an offer of \$11 an acre rental for the next crop season on seventeen acres in Section 26, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, and another on behalf of H. J. Anderson with offer of \$12 an acre rental for the crop season on approximately ten acres in Section 24, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, on the north side of Pelican Bay. The last mentioned parcel is leased for the present crop season to O. B. McClure at a price of \$10 an acre annually.

The Trustees declined offer of two and one-half cents each for cypress posts to be removed from Lake Ocheesee, Jackson County, applied for by H. M. Dickens of Grand Ridge, Florida.

Offer of fifteen cents a cup was submitted from A. R. Raulerson for four year turpentine lease on Lot 9, Sec-

tion 36, Township 2 South, Range 20 East—40 acres in Baker County.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that action be deferred at this time, Mr. Raulerson to be advised that consideration will be given his offer before next season.

Mr. Bayless submitted offer of \$6 a thousand from I. H. Etheridge, Blountstown, for deadhead cypress in Dead Lakes. Also stated that reports have been received that cypress is being taken from the lakes all the time without permission from the Trustees. The offer was held for further consideration, and the Governor stated that he would take up with the sheriffs in that section the matter of reported trespass.

No definite action was taken on applications from the State Road Department for right-of-ways in different parts of the State, the members of the board having appointments which necessitated adjournment at this time.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Expense account	\$ 16.25
W. B. Granger, Bellglade, Fla	28.45
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	24.64
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	5.47
The Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla.	76.00
James A. Ellis Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	30.60
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	7.75
Underwood Typewriter Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	7.50
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	13.75
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.25
Western Union, Tallahassee, Fla.	2.16
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	6.70
Proctor and Proctor, Tallahassee, Fla.	64.91
Lawrence A. Truett, Asst. Atty. General	15.30
	<u>\$299.73</u>

Following is the financial statement of the Trustees for the month of April, 1938:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1938
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 178.62
Land Sales under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929	394.92
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	1,260.20

Farm Lease	206.25
Grazing Lease	273.41
Quit claim to reservations in Deed 16337	7.50
Refund of court costs	39.75
Total receipts during month	\$ 2,360.65
Balance on hand April 1, 1938	93,739.77
	<u>\$96,100.42</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	1,966.84
Balance April 30, 1938	\$94,133.58

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in banks	93,133.58
	<u>\$94,133.58</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS APRIL 30, 1938

The Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	\$68,325.72
The Florida National Bank, Jackson- ville, Fla.	17,781.36
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	7,026.50
	<u>\$93,133.58</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1938			
Apr. 21,	11081	Dade - Commonwealth Title Co.	\$ 559.00
	11082	Broward Abstract Corporation	18.00
	11083	The Everglades News	108.00
	11084	George O. Butler, C. C. C.	1.45
	11085	W. B. Granger	91.45
	11086	F. E. Bayless	25.45
	11087	Lawrence A. Truett	20.30
	11088	Tyrus A. Norwood	10.25
	11089	Standard Oil Company	10.98
	11090	American Oil Company	26.85
	11091	Tallahassee Office Supply Co.	4.50
	11092	Western Union Telegraph Co.	4.38
	11093	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. ....	.38
	11094	Southeastern Telephone Co.	9.85
30,	11095	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	11096	F. E. Bayless	266.00
	11097	M. O. Barco	175.00
	11098	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	11099	H. L. Shearer	25.00
	11100	W. Terry Gibson	30.00

11101	Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	5.00
Total Disbursements During April		
1938	.....	\$1,966.84

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
May 26, 1938

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	.....\$	400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	.....	250.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	.....	175.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	.....	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	.....	25.00
Harry A. Johnston, West Palm Beach, Fla.	.....	20.00
F. A. Currie, West Palm Beach, Fla.	.....	40.00
Arthur Henderson Properties, Inc., Jackson- ville, Fla.	.....	11,757.14
Arthur Henderson Properties, Inc., Jackson- ville, Fla.	.....	10,351.23
		\$23,193.37

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
June 15, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. Lightner and Mr. J. O. Pearce of Arcadia came before the Trustees with reference to an area of State land in Glades County recently leased to Misses Edna and Pearl Pearce and Mrs. Clara Pearce. Mr. Lightner submitted that the Pearce brothers for years have owned a large area of land around the lake in Glades County, between the Kissimmee River and the Indian Prairie Canal, adjoining that leased to the Pearce sisters; that prior to such lease application was made by Pearce brothers to lease any lands owned by the State in that vicinity. It was represented that lease to the Pearce sisters covers an area of 2000 acres in Townships 38 and 39 South, Ranges 33 and 34, East, Glades County, when in fact the land fenced by them comprises around 5000 acres at high water and approximately 10,000 at low water, being a strip along the lake front nine miles long and a quarter of a mile wide; that as adjacent owners Pearce brothers feel they should have been allowed to bid on the land.

Mr. Bayless stated that Mr. Tom Conely, Attorney for Pearce brothers, had advised the Land Office that they desired to buy or lease lands held by the State in the area northwest of Lake Okeechobee; that the Office furnished Mr. Conely with list of State owned lands, whereupon Mr. Conely, on behalf of clients, selected the lands desired to be leased and such lands as selected by him were leased by the Trustees to Pearce brothers, but that subsequent lease to the Pearce sisters covered lands which the Pearce brothers had not selected.

Messrs. Lightner and Pearce were requested to submit their case in writing, at which time the matter will be given consideration by the Trustees.

Mr. G. O. Palmer of Miami Beach, Chairman of Everglades National Park Commission, came before the Trust-

tees and submitted outline of plans for Everglades National Park as a tropical park, described in detail its advantages to the State and the importance of conveyance from the Trustees to the Park Commission of all State owned lands in the Park area.

The Governor advised Mr. Palmer that request for conveyance of State lands in the Everglades National Park area will be given consideration at an early date.

Mr. Clyde Atkinson, Attorney of Tallahassee, presented petitions signed by six or seven hundred citizens of Leon County, protesting the leasing of bottom lands around Lake Jackson.

Mr. Atkinson was advised that the petitions will be given consideration at a later meeting and he will be advised of action taken.

Comptroller J. M. Lee joined the meeting at this time.

Mr. Paul Potter of West Palm Beach came before the Trustees on behalf of A. R. Roebuck, who had previously offered \$45 for less than half an acre of marginal lands in Section 5, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Action was deferred to a later meeting.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees May 19, 1938, Attorney General Gibbs and Commissioner Mayo submitted report on resolution requested by the Conservation Department. Whereupon, the following Resolution as recommended by the Committee was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States Government through the Works Progress Administration, has made a large appropriation to the Florida State Board of Conservation for the use of rehabilitating certain oyster areas in this State and to promote the oyster industry in general; and

WHEREAS, Assurance was given the United States when said grant was made that title to such areas, as are planted with oysters out of moneys furnished by said grant, would be retained by the State of Florida for the use of the general public and not allowed to be transferred to private parties; and

WHEREAS, Under the provisions of Sections 1061 and 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have title to certain tidal lands in this State; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, under Chapter 15642, Acts of 1933, have administration, management, control, supervision, conservation and protection of all lands, including tidal and submerged lands, and products on, under, or growing out of or connected with the lands owned by or which may thereafter inure to the State of Florida not vested in some other State agency; and

WHEREAS, Applications are received by said Trustees from interested parties desiring to acquire title or lease lands as come under the provisions of the foregoing acts; and

WHEREAS, It is deemed advisable, in order to eliminate the possibility of leasing or disposing of water areas on which oyster rehabilitation work has been done, or is contemplated, and in order to further assure faith with the United States Government in connection with the above grant, that all applications for lease or sale of submerged or water areas on which oyster rehabilitation work has been done, or is contemplated, be submitted to the Supervisor of the State Board of Conservation for his approval before final consideration of same by said Trustees, Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that all applications received by them for the purchase or lease of submerged or water areas on which oyster rehabilitation work has been done or is contemplated, be submitted to the Supervisor of the State Board of Conservation for his investigation and report before taking final action on said applications as outlined above.

The Secretary was requested to furnish a certified copy of the foregoing Resolution to the Supervisor of the State Board of Conservation.

Pursuant to action taken by the Trustees March 22 and May 19, 1938, having reference to cancellation of contract dated June 19, 1925, between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and Arthur O. Henderson, the Attorney General submitted the following Surrender of Contract and Mutual General Release:

SURRENDER OF CONTRACT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Arthur Henderson Properties, Inc., a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars, lawful money of the United States, and other good and valuable considerations, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby transfer, assign, rescind, cancel and surrender to Fred P. Cone, Governor, Cary D. Landis, Attorney General, J. M. Lee, Comptroller, W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, as and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, hereinafter called the Trustees, parties of the second part, that certain contract of sale made by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to Arthur O. Henderson of Dade County, Florida, purchaser, dated June 19, 1925, the original copy of which contract delivered by said Trustees to the said purchaser, is hereto attached and physically surrendered and by reference made a part of this instrument, the same having been transferred and assigned by the said purchaser, Arthur O. Henderson, to the above named Arthur Henderson Properties, Inc., a corporation as aforesaid, by written instrument of assignment dated the 12th day of September, 1925, and executed and delivered by and with the consent of said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, the original copy of which instrument of assignment is in the possession of said Trustees.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto said Trustees, their successors and assigns forever, free, clear and discharged of all claims and demands of said party of the first part, together with all right, title, interest and estate of said party of the first part of, in and to the said contract and to the lands described therein as the subject matter thereof, all of which are hereby released, cancelled, surrendered, transferred, conveyed and assigned by said party of the first part to said parties of the second part forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said party of the first part has hereunto caused its name to be signed and its seal to be affixed and attested by its Vice-President and

Secretary, both thereunto duly authorized, this 2nd day of April A. D. 1938.

ARTHUR HENDERSON PROPERTIES, INC.

By C. D. TOWERS,
Its Vice-President.

ATTEST:
WM. H. ROGERS,
Secretary. (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

Frances Couillard
Elizabeth Slade

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DUVAL
SS

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, on this day personally appeared C. D. Towers and Wm. H. Rogers, to me well known and known by me to be Vice-President and Secretary of ARTHUR HENDERSON PROPERTIES, INC., a corporation, and the persons who executed the foregoing instrument as such Vice-President and Secretary thereof; and they severally acknowledged to and before me that they executed the same as such Vice-President and Secretary, respectively, for the uses and purposes therein expressed by due and regular corporate authority, and that the seal attached thereto is the corporate seal of said corporation, that it was attached thereto by due and regular corporate authority, and that said instrument is the free act and deed of such corporation for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Jacksonville, State and County aforesaid, on this 2nd day of April A. D. 1938.

FRANCES COUILLARD,
Notary Public, State and County Aforesaid.
My Commission expires Sept. 1, 1940.
(SEAL)

RELEASE

THIS MUTUAL GENERAL RELEASE, made and executed in duplicate this 26th day of May, 1938, by and between Arthur Henderson Properties, Inc., a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, party of the first part, and Fred P. Cone, Governor, George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General, J. M. Lee, Comptroller, W. V. Knott,

State Treasurer, and Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, as and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, parties of the second part,

WITNESSETH:

THAT WHEREAS, on June 19, 1925, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, executed and delivered to Arthur O. Henderson of Dade County, Florida, a certain agreement bearing said date, providing for the sale by said Trustees of certain submerged areas in and under the tidal waters of Biscayne Bay and or the Atlantic Ocean, and

WHEREAS on September 12, 1925 the said Arthur O. Henderson transferred and assigned said agreement to said party of the first part by written instrument of assignment bearing said date, the original copy of which is in the possession of said parties of the second part, and

WHEREAS said purchaser and said party of the first part have deposited certain sums of money with said Trustees on account of said purchase price, and

WHEREAS said party of the first part has requested said parties of the second part to accept a cancellation and surrender of said contract and to refund to said party of the first part the aforesaid deposits, and

WHEREAS said party of the first part has duly cancelled, released and surrendered said contract and said parties of the second part have made the aforesaid refund,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration thereof said parties of the first and second part do hereby each of them release the other, their respective successors and assigns, of and from all sums of money, accounts, actions, causes of action, obligations, agreements, claims and demands from the beginning of the world to the date of these presents, including particularly all rights, claims, demands and obligations of each to the other under and by virtue of the aforesaid contract of June 19, 1925.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said party of the first part has hereunto caused its name to be signed and its seal to be affixed and attested by its Vice-President and Secretary both thereunto duly authorized, and the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State

of Florida have hereunto set their hands and caused the seal of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Florida to be affixed the day and year first above written.

ARTHUR HENDERSON PROPERTIES, INC.

By C. D. TOWERS, (SEAL)
Its Vice-President.

ATTEST:
WM. H. ROGERS,
Secretary.

FRED P. CONE, (SEAL)
Governor.

J. M. LEE, (SEAL)
Comptroller.

W. V. KNOTT, (SEAL)
State Treasurer.

GEORGE COUPER GIBBS,
Attorney General. (SEAL)

NATHAN MAYO, (SEAL)
Commissiner of Agriculture.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF DUVAL

SS

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, on this day personally appeared C. D. Towers and Wm. H. Rogers, to me well known and known by me to be Vice-President and Secretary of ARTHUR HENDERSON PROPERTIES, INC., a corporation, and the persons who executed the foregoing instrument as such Vice-President and Secretary thereof; and they severally acknowledged to and before me that they executed the same as such Vice-President and Secretary, respectively, for the uses and purposes therein expressed by due and regular corporate authority, and that the seal attached thereto is the corporate seal of said corporation, that it was attached thereto by due and regular corporate authority, and that said instrument is the free act and deed of such corporation for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Jacksonville, State and County aforesaid, on this 26th day of May A. D. 1938.

FRANCES COUILLARD,

Notary Public, State and County Aforesaid.

(SEAL)

My Commission expires Sept. 1, 1940.

Financial Statement of the Trustees for the month of May is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY, 1938

RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various lands sales	\$ 3,690.34
Land sales under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929	150.00
Land sales under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931	246.70
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	207.80
Land lease	300.00
Farm lease	1,657.65
Grazing lease	20.21
Store lease	75.00
Total receipts during month	\$ 6,347.70
Balance on hand May 1, 1938	94,133.58
	<u>\$100,481.28</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	13,141.87
Balance May 31, 1938	\$87,339.41

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in banks	86,339.41
	<u>\$87,339.41</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS MAY 31, 1938

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$61,279.20
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,781.36
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	7,278.85
	<u>\$86,339.41</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1938			
May 23,	11102	F. E. Bayless	\$ 16.25
	11103	W. B. Granger	28.45
	11104	American Oil Company	24.64
	11105	Standard Oil Company	5.47
	11106	The Everglades News	76.00
	11107	James A. Ellis Co.	30.60
	11108	Burroughs Adding Machine Company	7.75
	11109	Underwood Typewriter Co.	7.50
	11110	Rose Printing Co.	13.75
	11111	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. ....	.25

	11112	Western Union Telegraph Co.	2.16
	11113	Southeastern Telephone Co. ..	6.70
	11114	Proctor & Proctor	64.91
	11115	Lawrence A. Truett	15.30
31,	11116	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	11117	F. E. Bayless	250.00
	11118	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	11119	M. O. Barco	175.00
	11120	H. L. Shearer	25.00
	11121	Harry A. Johnston	20.00
	11122	F. A. Currie	40.00
	11123	Arthur Henderson Properties, Inc., (Refund)	11,757.14
*	11124	Arthur Henderson Properties, Inc., (Refund)	10,351.23
		Total Disbursements During	
		May, 1938	\$13,141.87

*Drawn on the Special Suspense account carried with the Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
June 27, 1938

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secreary—Salary	\$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	250.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	25.00
Lawrence A. Truett, Asst. Attorney General	32.40

F. A. Currie, Attorney at Law, West Palm Beach, Fla.	50.00
Culver Smith, Attorney, West Palm Beach, Fla.	10.00
Harry A. Johnson, Attorney, West Palm Beach, Fla.	20.00
Dade-Commonwealth Title Co., Miami, Fla.	26.00
The Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla.	114.00
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	25.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk, Tallahassee, Fla.	50.17
George O. Butler, C.C.C., West Palm Beach, Fla.	20.00
R. N. Miller, Abstractor, LaBelle, Fla.	20.40
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	5.38
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	20.35
Proctor and Proctor, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	33.84
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	4.00
Capital Office Equipment Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	11.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.20
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.13
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.56
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	\$1,479.43

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
June 30, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. John W. Watson, Jr., Attorney for the City Commission, Miami, appeared before the Trustees in reference to purchase by the City of Miami of certain bottoms in Biscayne Bay for the improvement and enlargement of

the Miami Harbor. He stated that this application was presented about seven months ago and maps and plats pertaining to such purchase are on file with Mr. Elliot; that Miami has been endeavoring to obtain from the Federal Government \$4,000,000 to be used on this project, but before the money can be procured evidence must be furnished that the bottoms are the property of the City of Miami.

Mr. Alexander Orr, City Commissioner, who also was present, stated that contract is now in Miami ready to be signed by the Federal Government for making available the necessary funds. One condition, however, is that the City own the land. That in 1929 the Legislature set aside these bay bottoms for the City, requirement under the Act being that the equity of the School Fund in such lands be taken care of.

The Federal Government in making the grant requires that work be started within twelve weeks from June 28, during which time all legal questions as to title must be settled. The plan as submitted to the Federal Government covers an area of approximately fifteen hundred acres, not as yet acquired by the City, in order that the harbor can be enlarged from time to time.

Upon inquiry from Mr. Lee as to whether the harbor will accommodate large ships, Mr. Watson stated it was their intention to make Miami a port of call for big sea-going ships.

Judge Gibbs said he looked on the matter as the making of a great city which would mean much to Florida.

Mr. English and Mr. Gray being present as members of the State Board of Education, entered into discussion as to value of lands to be sold, since twenty-five per cent of all amounts received from sale of state lands goes to the State School Fund.

Mr. Elliot brought out the fact that the greater portion of the bottoms which the City of Miami is endeavoring to acquire is under more than three feet of water and therefore could not be sold by the Trustees under Chapter 7304, Acts of 1917, authorizing the Trustees to sell submerged bottoms; that approximately three hundred acres is all that could be sold by the Trustees, except under Chapter 13666, specifically applicable to the City of Miami.

Various suggestions were made as to amount to be set as value of the lands, the legislature having authorized the Trustees to give without cost the three fourths that would be its part, but directing that the one-fourth equity of the School Fund must be paid in cash. Mr. Gray stated that \$10,000 would be satisfactory to him as a

member of the State Board of Education, which amount Mr. Knott stated he believed would be fair.

The Governor stated that he would like to have incorporated in the deed that, if the City of Miami discontinues use of the land for municipal purposes, title revert to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; also that the deed be drawn by the Attorney General.

Information was furnished that reversion clause was inserted in all deeds conveying lands under condition similar to this, where the Trustees granted the land without charge or for a very nominal consideration; also that the City of Miami could not sell the land so conveyed, nor could it be used for other than municipal purposes.

The following motion offered by Mr. Lee was approved:

“That in compliance with the Acts of the Legislature of 1929 the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund hereby fix the value of the land at \$40,000, it being understood that three-fourths of this amount which should go to the Internal Improvement Fund be granted without cost to the City of Miami, and that deed be executed to the City of Miami upon payment by the said City of the sum of \$10,000 to the Trustees for and on behalf of the State School Fund, this motion to be approved by the Attorney General as meeting the requirements of the law.”

Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
July 6, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Walter R. Clark, Tom M. Bryan and H. J. Driggers presented application to purchase thirty-two acres of submerged land in Sections 12 and 13, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County, adjacent to New River Inlet and offered \$100 an acre, or a total of \$3200 for the tract, representing that they owned the uplands adjoining.

The Secretary stated that he has two telegrams from J. W. Hamm, on behalf on Inlet Beach, Inc., one protesting sale of this tract and the second withdrawing protest.

Upon motion seconded and duly carried, the Trustees agreed to sell the area applied for at the price of \$100 an acre, plus cost of advertising.

The Secretary was requested to check the description and advertise the area for objections as required by law.

Mr. Elliot reported that he had talked with John W. Watson, City Attorney, Miami, with reference to action of the Trustees June 30, 1938, agreeing to deed certain areas in Biscayne Bay to the City of Miami for improvement of docks, slips and other public purposes, in accordance with Chapter 13666, Acts of 1929; that Mr. Watson stated their application called for two additional parcels of land, one owned by the State and the other covered by mortgage of Virginia Key Company, which mortgage is being foreclosed by the Trustees.

Information was submitted that the two parcels not included in the Act of the Legislature comprise a total of approximately 440 acres, about fifteen per cent of which is covered by water more than three feet deep and which the Trustees are not authorized to sell under Sections 1391 and 1392, Compiled General Laws of 1927.

The Governor stated it was his understanding that the Trustees were granting only the land described in Chapter 13666 and he would not be agreeable to including the 440 acres not included in the Act. The other members of the Trustees were of the same opinion as the Governor and concurred in his position.

Upon discussion as to whether action should be taken at this time, motion was made seconded and adopted that the Attorney General, the Treasurer and Mr. Elliot review all proceedings and report back to the Trustees.

The Secretary presented statement of taxes due by the Trustees for the year 1937 on lands located in South Florida Conservancy District, Pahokee Drainage District and Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, totaling \$14,593.81.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the taxes due on Trustees lands within the said districts be paid, whereupon the following bills were approved for payment:

Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, Canal Point Fla.	\$ 2,806.26
Pahokee Drainage District, Canal Point, Fla.	1,498.45
South Florida Conservancy District, Belleglade, Fla.	10,289.10
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	\$14,593.81

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
July 8, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. John W. Watson, City Attorney, and Mr. Alexander Orr, City Commissioner, Miami, made application to the Trustees for conveyance of approximately 42 acres of submerged land in Biscayne Bay, located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, adjoining an area which was granted to the City at the meeting June 30, 1938. The City officials represented that both tracts are necessary to proposed development and extension of harbor and port facilities at Miami.

The Attorney General and the State Treasurer made verbal report on the request from the City of Miami to the effect that it appears to be essential to the proposed development that the additional forty-two acres be made available to the City for the purpose of harbor and dock improvement and recommend that the Trustees sell the

tract applied for at a price of \$150 an acre, subject to advertisement for objections as required by law.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the report of the Committee be accepted and that sale of the submerged area in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9 be made to the City of Miami at a price of \$150 an acre, subject to advertisement for objections. Applicant to pay cost of advertising.

Mr. Orr, on behalf of the City of Miami, agreed to the price placed on the land and requested that the area be advertised.

Mr. John W. Watson, City Attorney, Miami, stated that if deed authorized June 30, 1938, could be executed and delivered to him at this time, he was ready to make payment of the amount agreed on—\$10,000.

It being ascertained that deed as prepared had been approved by the Attorney General, signatures of the Trustees were affixed and the deed ordered delivered to Mr. Watson upon payment of \$10,000 which amount was to be deposited to the credit of the State School Fund.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
July 13, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Robert R. Milam, representing Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company, Mr. Holtzberger, Mayor, and

Messrs. Mustaigne and Goodwin, City Commissioners of Fort Pierce, came before the Trustees with reference to Spoil Area No. 1 located on the west side of Indian River at Fort Pierce. This submerged area was applied for early in 1937 by client of Mr. Milam and also by the City of Fort Pierce, but action was deferred and applicants were requested to work out an agreeable solution of their problem before again presenting it to the Trustees.

Mr. Milam informed the Trustees that the City Officials and his Company have composed their differences and are agreeable to the following proposal: "That Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company make application to purchase Spoil Area No. 1, comprising approximately forty-five acres adjacent to their uplands, at a reasonable price and upon conveyance to them they will deed approximately one-third of the area to the City for a pier site, being a strip six hundred feet long on the River."

Mr. Milam called attention to the fact that his company bulkheaded the land and caused the Federal Government dredges to deposit fill behind the wall; that they have controlled the fill for some years and considered they owned the area under the Butler Act, however, in order to remove any question and to be in position to deal satisfactorily with the City, they desire to purchase the tract. Also, that in addition to deeding the pier site to the City the Company agrees to give right-of-way over the uplands behind such site to be used for a public road together with use of a spur track from the Florida East Coast Railway.

Mr. Holtzberger informed the Trustees that arrangements outlined by Mr. Milam were satisfactory with the City of Fort Pierce and that the City desired to cooperate with the Company in securing deed from the State at the lowest possible figure.

At the suggestion of the Governor, the matter was referred to a committee composed of Judge Gibbs, Mr. Mayo and Mr. Elliot with request that report be submitted if possible at a special meeting scheduled for July 14.

Elmore Cohen, West Palm Beach, asked the Trustees to rescind action taken December 29, 1937 and January 5, 1938, with reference to agreement with Harley Watson that he foreclose Mortgage No. 17233 at no expense to the Trustees and upon completion of foreclosure that land covered by such mortgage be sold to Mr. Watson at an agreed price. Mr. Cohen informed the Trustees that he represented Abe Dunn, an adverse claimant to a portion of the land since 1921, and was requesting that his client

be given an equal right with Mr. Watson to buy his tract when foreclosure is concluded.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the matter was referred to Judge Gibbs and Mr. Elliot for report and recommendations.

Elmore Cohen, West Palm Beach, requested that the Trustees amend action taken September 30 and December 15, 1937 and grant his client a ten-year lease on three concrete piers on lower Matecumbe Key upon payment of \$100 annually for the first five years and \$200 annually for the last five year period, or in lieu of the additional five years that his client be given option to renew lease at expiration date.

The Trustees declined to rescind action of September 30, 1937 and in lieu thereof grant ten-year lease on the piers, or allow option for renewal, however, it was agreed that at the expiration of the five-year lease, should Trustees be disposed to continue leasing this property, preference be given Mr. Cohen's client over other applicants, all things being equal.

Financial Statement for the month of June is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE, 1938
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 872.78
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel.....	293.40
Farm lease	4,630.50
Correcting and clarifying Trustees Deed Entry 18126	100.00
Proceeds of F.F.M.C. Coupons (Axel Jensen Entry 17839)	10.50
Total receipts during month	\$ 5,907.18
Balance on hand June 1, 1938	87,339.41
	<u>\$93,246.59</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	1,479.43
Balance June 30, 1938	\$91,767.16

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in Banks	90,767.16
	<u>\$91,767.16</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS JUNE 30, 1938

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$65,566.35
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The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla. _____	17,781.36
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. _____	7,419.45
	<u>\$90,767.16</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1938	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
June 30,	11125	F. C. Elliot _____	\$ 400.00
	11126	F. E. Bayless _____	250.00
	11127	M. O. Barco _____	175.00
	11128	Jentye Dedge _____	175.00
	11129	H. L. Shearer _____	25.00
	11130	Lawrence A. Truett _____	32.40
	11131	F. A. Currie _____	50.00
	11132	Culver Smith _____	10.00
	11133	Harry A. Johnson _____	20.00
	11134	Dade-Commonwealth Title Co. _____	26.00
	11135	The Everglades News _____	114.00
	11136	W. B. Granger _____	25.00
	11137	F. E. Bayless _____	50.17
	11138	Geo. O. Butler, C.C.C. _____	20.00
	11139	R. N. Miller _____	20.40
	11140	Standard Oil Company _____	5.38
	11141	American Oil Company _____	20.35
	11142	Proctor & Proctor _____	33.84
	11143	Rose Printing Company _____	4.00
	11144	Capital Office Equipment Co. _____	11.00
	11145	Southeastern Telephone Co. _____	5.20
	11146	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. _____	1.13
	11147	Western Union Telegraph Co. _____	5.56
		Total disbursements during June,	
	1938	_____	<u>\$1,479.43</u>

Minutes of the meetings of May 19, 26, June 15, 27 and 30, 1938, presented and ordered approved.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
July 14, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Offer of twenty-five (25) cents a cord was presented from Standard Cedar Company, Crystal River, for purchase of dead cedar stumps and old cedar tops in Levy and Citrus Counties.

The Trustees declined offer submitted, but indicated that consideration would be given if applicant desired to make a better bid.

Upon request from L. W. Hardy, Bradenton, Secretary and Treasurer of Sugar Bowl Drainage District, motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees pay taxes on State lands lying within such district in amount of \$336.03 representing taxes for the years 1931 to 1937, inclusive.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees advertise for highest bid land owned by the State in Sugar Bowl Drainage District described as follows:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section
11, Township 38 South, Range 22 East, Sara-
sota County,

the Trustees reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Request was presented from Thomas H. Horobin, Coral Gables, for renewal of two sand leases, covering areas of 93 acres and 31 acres in the vicinity of Biscayne Point, renewal to be for a period of two years from expiration date, July 31, 1938.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees renew sand leases held by Mr. Horobin for a period of one year from July 31, 1938.

The Trustees declined offer of fifteen cents (15c) a cup from A. R. Raulerson for four year turpentine lease on Lot 9, Section 36, Township 2 South, Range 20 East, containing 40 acres in Baker County.

The Trustees again had under discussion the advisability of making examinations of State lands with a view to ascertaining amount of timber available for turpentine and saw mill purposes, as well as for other resources and products of the lands. It was suggested that since the Forestry Department has representatives over the entire State looking after forest and park lands that these agents could furnish the Trustees with information desired.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that a committee from the Trustees meet with the Chairman of the Florida Board of Forestry and discuss the advisability of such an arrangement.

Offer of \$6 a thousand for dead head cypress timber in the Dead Lakes was presented from I. H. Etheridge, Blountstown.

The Trustees deferred action on the request until further information can be furnished.

The Trustees declined offer of \$200 from J. E. Graves and O. N. Harper, Jr., Gainesville, for the purchase of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Gilchrist County.

Application was submitted from J. P. Hendry, Arcadia, offering \$250 for timber on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 35 South, Range 26 East, Hardee County, located southeast of Zolfo Springs.

The offer was declined.

Application was submitted from Frank Duhme, requesting conveyance of land equal to payments made on purchase in 1926 of 85.4 acres of submerged land in Sections 3 and 4, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Information was furnished that only the cash payment of \$2,135.00 has been made on the purchase.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline request of Mr. Duhme.

Request was submitted from H. T. Cook, Bunnell, for release of reservations contained in Deed No. 18359 from the Trustees to Marine Studios, Inc., Summer Haven, Florida, for which release an offer of \$10 is made.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees release reservations in Deed No. 18359, as requested by Mr. Cook, upon payment of \$10.

The Trustees declined offer of \$10 from Curtis Byrd, Fort Lauderdale, for release of reservations in Trustees Deed conveying 22.73 acres of land in Section 29, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, but it was agreed that reservations be released upon payment of \$50.

The Trustees declined offer of \$5 an acre from Loveland and Tanner for the purchase of 61.5 acres of land on the edge of Lake Broward, Putnam County, it being the opinion of the Trustees that the price was too low.

Application was presented from Robert P. Allen, Sanctuary Director, National Association of Audubon Societies, New York City, for acquisition of Observation Shoal in Lake Okeechobee, which shoal is about two miles wide and seven miles long. It is the plan of the Society to establish a breeding ground on this area for the Eastern Glossy Ibis.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that action be deferred and that Mr. Allen be requested to make an offer for the shoal as the Trustees do not feel disposed to make outright grant.

Offer of \$45 was submitted from A. R. Roebuck for approximately one-half acre of lake bottom land adjacent to upland property on Lake Mangonia in Section 5, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, north of the city limits of West Palm Beach.

The offer was declined.

The Trustees declined offer of \$5 an acre from T. T. Scott, Live Oak for the

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 14 South,
Range 17 East,
located south of Bronson in Levy County.

Request was submitted from Frank Adair, Atlanta, Georgia, that trapping privileges be incorporated in hunting lease authorized by the Trustees December 15, 1937.

Mr. Bayless reported that the hunting lease covers approximately two thousand acres of marsh land in Citrus County, for which Mr. Adair is to pay twenty cents (20c) an acre annually for a period of five years and he desires to protect the land from trappers trespassing on the hunting preserve.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that a clause be added to the lease specifying that no trapping will be allowed on the land.

Application was presented from George W. Rigler, Prophetstown, Illinois, with an offer of \$12 an acre for Lots 6, 7, and 8, and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, containing 150.30 acres in Highlands County, located north of Lake Istokpoga.

Motion seconded and adopted was that the offer be declined.

Trustees declined offer of \$20 an acre from R. E. Gilbreath, DeSoto City, for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, North of Lake Istokpoga.

Request was presented from John Szady that the Trustees redeem Everglades Drainage District tax certificate in amount of \$3.70 representing 1931 taxes on land in Section 22, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, which land the Trustees sold Mr. Szady December 5, 1932, with the understanding that there would be no taxes against the land.

Mr. Bayless reported that all payments have been made on the purchase and deed was issued to Mr. Szady, January 1, 1934.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the drainage tax certificate amounting to \$3.70 be redeemed by the Trustees as requested by Mr. Szady.

Mr. Bayless reported that B. M. Duncan, of the Overseas Highway and Toll Bridge Commission, has requested that the Trustees and the Sheriff of Monroe County eject trespassers on State land along the right-of-way of Overseas Highway; that fishermen are putting up undesirable

shacks and buildings that detract from its beauty, and that one party is building a house on Conch Key. Mr. Duncan also requests that the Trustees cooperate with the Commission in requiring certain standards of construction that will be attractive to the public.

Mr. Bayless informed the Trustees that no deed, lease or permit has been granted to anyone to use State land along the Over-Seas Highway right-of-way and any representation of ownership or control of such areas by private parties is unauthorized.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees request the Sheriff of Monroe County to eject all trespassers on State land along the Over-Seas Highway; also that the Trustees will cooperate with the Bridge Commission in carrying out their beautification program.

Report of trespass in the Dead Lakes, in the nature of removing cypress timber, was brought to the attention of the board. Whereupon, motion was made seconded and adopted that the Governor request the Sheriff of Calhoun County and the Sheriff of Gulf County to stop the trespass on State land or property in the Dead Lakes area, unless permit is granted from the Trustees.

Information was submitted that during the pendency of Swamp Land Selection on Section 34, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, Highlands County, Marion F. Pollard was allowed to file homestead entry on Lot 2 of such section and subsequently made certain improvements thereon; that in October, 1932, the State of Florida received patent to certain land, among which was Lot 2 of the Pollard entry, and in July, 1936, the Trustees issued lease to H. O. Sebring including the same Lot 2 therein.

Congressman Hardin J. Peterson, on behalf of Mr. Pollard, writes that the United States Government is anxious to correct this error and desires to exchange Lot 4 of the same section for Lot 2, which will enable the Government to issue patent to Mr. Pollard. Mr. Bayless informed the Trustees that Mr. Sebring, lessee from the State, is willing for the exchange to be made.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees allow the exchange requested and thereby assist the Federal Government in correcting the error.

Application was presented from Pearce Brothers, offering ten cents (10c) an acre annually for grazing lease on 1054.84 acres of State land in Glades County, described as,

$N\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 1; Lots A, B, C and $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 39 South, Range 33 East; and $N\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5, and $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 39 South, Range 34 East.

Also Pearce Brothers and Pearce Sisters make application to lease the lake bottom land in Township 38 South, Range 34 East, involving approximately 2500 acres, the Pearce Brothers requesting that if lease is not granted to them that the land be left open to the public.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that a committee be appointed to report on the applications, keeping in mind that existing leases in that locality be not encroached upon. The Governor appointed Judge Gibbs and Mr. Mayo as a committee to confer with Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless in working out the situation.

D. R. McNeill, Okeechobee, on behalf of Nathan Zelmenovich, made application for grazing lease on approximately 750 acres of State land in Sections 11, 12 and 13, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, on the north side of the Kissimmee River in Okeechobee County. Offer of five cents (5c) an acre annually is made for the lease.

The Trustees declined to lease the land at the price offered by Mr. Zelmenovich.

The Trustees declined offer of \$10 submitted by E. W. and R. C. Davis, Orlando, for client George R. Dorman, to purchase a tract of land on Lake Conway, Orange County, lying between upland property and the waters of the Lake.

Application was submitted from Edgar W. Waybright, Jacksonville, for client H. C. Sallas, offering \$5 an acre for Lot 1, Section 20, Township 1 North, Range 28 East, Duval County.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer from Mr. Waybright.

Comptroller Lee suggested that the Trustees ascertain their rights in reference to leasing lands on which taxes have not been paid and certificates in possession of the State.

The Attorney General was requested to inform the Trustees the status of such lands in reference to any rights arising out of the lien for State and County tax sale certificates.

Application was submitted from the City of Port Orange for right-of-way deed across Halifax River at Port Orange on which the City proposes to reconstruct a bridge. Information was submitted that in August, 1936, Attorneys Hull, Landis and Whitehair applied for right-of-way for the City and the Trustees agreed to deed the land, subject to advertisement for objections; that objections were filed to the sale, one of which was withdrawn, and deed was ordered held pending investigation of the second protest. Attorneys state that no property rights will be jeopardized by rebuilding the bridge, but on the contrary the structure will materially benefit the town and adjoining territory. Immediate action is requested on account of pending PWA grant.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that right-of-way requested be granted to the City of Port Orange for reconstruction of a bridge across Halifax River at Port Orange.

The Trustees agreed to lease Streeby Durrance, Lake Placid, four hundred acres of land in Highlands County for grazing purposes at a price of fifteen cents an acre annually for a period of one year.

Bessemer Properties, Incorporated, request renewal of lease for a period of three years on four and one-half acres of land on St. Lucie Canal, Section 22, Township 40 South, Range 37 East, for which an offer of \$10 annually is made.

Information was furnished that the lease is desired to keep objectionable parties from erecting undesirable shacks on the land.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to execute three-year renewal lease to Bessemer Properties, Incorporated, upon payment of \$10 annually, for the purpose specified.

Trustees declined offer of \$6 an acre from B. C. Flaniken for the purchase of 20.6 acres of lake bottom lands between the Old State Levee and the New Government Levee, in Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County, to be used as a yacht basin.

Application was presented from Melvin Messer, LaBelle, offering ten cents an acre annually for grazing lease on Section 1, Township 46 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County.

The Trustees declined to lease the land applied for at the price offered by Mr. Messer.

Offer of fifteen cents (15c) an acre annually was submitted from I. E. Scott, Moore Haven, for grazing lease on fifty-six acres of lake bottom land in Section 7, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, adjacent to upland property.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to decline offer made by Mr. Scott, but a price of twenty-five cents (25c) an acre annually was agreed on for leasing the land.

Trustees declined offer of \$5 an acre presented from Clyde Taylor, Jacksonville, for 240 acres of land in Section 35, Township 48 South, Range 30 East, Collier County, located about ten miles south of Immokalee.

Trustees deferred action on application of C. A. Tompkins, Jacksonville, with offer of \$97.20 for four-year turpentine lease on eighty acres of land in Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 24 East, Nassau County, based on an estimate of 648 trees.

The Trustees directed that the Forestry Department be requested to report as to the timber on this tract.

Offer of \$10 annually was submitted from Walter R. Ervin, Jr., Jacksonville, for five-year lease on spoil bank in the St. Johns River; the land to be used as a turkey ranch.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the offer was declined.

Application was presented from I. W. Weeks, Pahokee, offering \$600 annual rental in advance for ten-year lease on 83.7 acres of State land at Lake Harbor.

Mr. Bayless reported that this land was embraced in lease to Bateman and Wood who are in arrears one year's rental of \$1000.

Mr. Weeks informed the board that it would be necessary to ditch and dyke the land and install pumping machinery before any farming could be done, and requested immediate action on his application in order that necessary work be done in time to plant crops for the coming season.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the matter be referred to Mr. Knott and Mr. Elliot with power to act on the application.

Upon consideration of Resolution from the City of Miami Beach, the Trustees agreed to notify the City when applications are received for bay bottom lands within the city limits.

Offer of \$100 an acre was presented from L. C. Westberry, Bare Beach, for purchase of Lot 12, Section 20, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, containing 1.13 acres in Palm Beach County, located about six miles east of of Clewiston.

Trustees declined the offer.

Application was presented from Chancy Bay Corporation, by G. V. Hudson, Secretary, for ten year lease on that part of Chancy Bay lying in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 17, Township 39 South, Range 37 East, Martin County, such area to be used for regulating the water levels in the Bay in connection with cultivation of the adjoining land owned by them. The following offer was made for the lease:

“Annual rental of fifty cents (50c) an acre; also, should the area ever permit farming, an additional \$4 an acre will be paid for the land used, and

An offer of ten cents (10c) an acre annually for lease on lake bottom lands between the Meander and 17 foot contour adjacent to Sections 8, 17 and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 20, Township 39 South, Range 37 East.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to refer applications from Chancy Bay Corporation to the committee composed of Mr. Knott and Mr. Elliot with power to take action on the proposals.

The Trustees declined offer of \$7 an acre from R. A. Fleming, Jacksonville, for Government Lot 2 in Section 24, Township 1 South, Range 27 East, containing thirty-nine acres in Duval County and located in the vicinity of New Berlin.

The Trustees declined offer of fifty cents (50c) an acre from A. A. McLeod, Bartow, for release of oil and mineral rights on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 23, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, Polk County.

B. C. Achemire, Ft. Lauderdale, offers \$25 an acre for Tract 29 of Section 26, Township 50 South, Range 41

East, containing fourteen and one-half (14½) acres in Newman's Survey, Broward County, located on South New River Canal, five miles west of Dania.

Trustees declined offer from Mr. Achemire.

Offer of \$6 a thousand was presented from Frank Freeman, Wewahitchka, for cypress timber in Dead Lakes.

The offer was declined by the Trustees.

Request was presented from Curtis-Bright Company, Miami Springs, for quit claim deed to reservations contained in deed covering land in Section 24, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, Dade County, for which release an offer of \$240 was made.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the offer from Curtis-Bright Company be accepted and the Land Office was requested to issue the necessary releases.

Offer of \$125 an acre was submitted from C. Fred Culver for an island in Lake Conway, Orange County, containing approximately three acres, or an offer of \$500 for the island and shallow bottoms adjacent totaling ten acres. The land applied for is located in Lake Conway, Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, near Orlando.

The Trustees declined to accept either offer made by Mr. Culver.

Application was presented from J. L. Doggett, Jacksonville, offering \$25 annual rental for use of certain reclaimed land at the mouth of the St. Johns River in Duval County, being approximately 300 feet long and 100 feet wide. A lease for a period of ten years is requested.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer for a ten-year lease, but it was agreeable to issue a five-year lease upon payment of \$25 annually.

V. J. Windham, Fort Pierce, made application on behalf of the Good Fellowship Club for permit to erect a temporary stand on the ocean beach in front of the pavilion, which is not now operating, to be used for dispensing refreshments during the summer.

The Trustees agreed to grant lease for one year to Mr. Windham, giving permission to erect a refreshment stand, upon payment of \$10. Lease to be subject to cancellation at any time by the Trustees.

The Trustees declined offer of \$300 from George Walker Burke, Bay Pines, on behalf of W. W. Steele, for 3.34 acres of submerged land in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.

The Trustees declined offer of \$6 a thousand from R. R. Hodges Lumber Company, Port St. Joe, for pine and Cypress timber on land in Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, containing 120 acres in Gulf County, located at Beacon Hill about twelve miles west of Port St. Joe.

The Trustees declined offer of \$20 an acre from C. C. Bourland, Lake Placid, for land in Section 23, Township 37 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, being 20 acres of a 320 acre tract owned by the State.

Offer of \$250 from N. R. Colson, Parrish, for the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 33 South, Range 21 East, Manatee County, was declined by the Trustees.

Offer of \$6 an acre was presented from D. J. Jones, Glenn St. Mary, for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 1 North, Range 18 East, Columbia County.

Trustees declined offer submitted by Mr. Jones.

The Land Clerk reported that in August, 1926, Marina Land Company agreed to purchase from the State 164.48 acres of submerged land in Sections 7 and 8, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County. The purchase price was \$100 an acre, or a total of \$16,448.00, of which \$4,112.00 was paid in cash. The balance was secured by notes and mortgage and nothing has been paid on the purchase since that date except \$740.16 interest for one year; that in March 1936 it was agreed that the Company reconvey three-fourths of the original purchase, retaining one-fourth, and on April 11, 1936, deed was delivered to the Trustees conveying 123.39 acres, but abstract showing the land free from liens has never been furnished. The Company now requests that they be allowed to complete the transaction and receive deed to one-fourth of the area as agreed in March, 1936.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that this matter be referred to Messrs. Knott, Gibbs and Mayo with power to act for the Trustees.

The Committee, to which was referred proposal from Robert R. Milam on behalf of Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company, requested further time to submit report. The request was granted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
July 15, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. Elliot submitted letter from A. C. Preston and William G. Blanchard in which they give notice that they are exercising option for oil and gas lease agreed to September 1, 1937, but requesting permission to make payment for such lease quarterly in advance rather than annually as agreed. Also that they be allowed to continue their explorations for another year on the land included in Permit.

Information was furnished that Preston and Blanchard have not complied with the terms of Permit and Option agreed to September 1, 1937, by which they were to furnish the Trustees with report of the work performed in connection with geophysical survey, nor has payment been tendered for the first year's lease on lands to be selected.

Members of the Trustees were not favorable to extending permit for another year or changing schedule of payments for oil lease, whereupon, motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees decline request of Preston and Blanchard and that Permit for Conducting Geophysical Surveys and Explorations, and Option to Lease Petroleum and Mineral Rights, dated September 1, 1937,

be declared cancelled as of this date and that Messrs. Preston and Blanchard be notified of such cancellation.

Letter was submitted from Evans Crary, Stuart, Florida, on behalf of Woodlands Corporation, requesting expression from the Trustees as to intervention in suit brought by Treadwell & Treadwell, Arcadia, making claim to certain lands in Martin County, title to which vested in the Trustees through tax foreclosure under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. Mr. Crary also requests extension of sixty days in which to make last payment of \$2,920.04 which was due April 1, 1938.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees decline to intervene in suit brought by Treadwell and Treadwell, and that Woodlands Corporation be notified to make payment immediately of \$2,920.04, plus interest from April 1, 1938.

Mr. Elliot submitted report from Richlands, Inc., pursuant to request of the Trustees May 19, following application from the Company for reduction in rental due May 1, 1938. Also that payment of \$5000 was made May 19 on rental due May 1, 1938.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees decline to reduce payment due by Richlands, Inc., however it was agreed that balance of \$5000 due on payment May 1, 1938 be paid as follows:

- \$2,500 payable on or before September 15, 1938
 - \$2,500 payable on or before November 15, 1938
- being sixty days from date for first payment and additional sixty days for balance due.

On March 22, 1938 the Trustees referred to the Attorney General application from W. B. Leatherman for adjustment of mortgage covering lands conveyed to him in Entry No. 17067.

The Secretary reported that following action of the Trustees March 22, 1938, attorney for Mr. Leatherman filed answer in the foreclosure proceedings, but had agreed to withdraw such answer and allow time for the Trustees to discuss application for adjustment; that such answer has been withdrawn and Mr. Leatherman has offered to make final payment of \$1,368.44 due on his purchase, together with all costs of foreclosure, but requests that the Trustees reduce the interest rate from 6% to 3%; that if such terms are satisfactory he will make payment

in full upon all papers being forwarded to Tropical State Bank at Sebring, with draft attached.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that Mr. Leatherman be allowed to pay up last note due on his Entry No. 17067, together with all costs of foreclosure, plus interest at 4 per cent on deferred payments from 1926 to date. All papers to be forwarded to Tropical State Bank at Sebring with draft attached for amount due.

Application of F. Burton Smith and Thomas F. Kenney for Permit to make surveys and Option to lease lands for oil purposes, was presented for consideration.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees decline request of Messrs. Smith and Kenney.

A. R. Richardson again presented application of John H. Phipps to lease Lake Jackson lands adjacent to his property, offering twenty-five cents (25c) an acre annually in advance for a five-year lease, with hunting and fishing privileges open to the public.

In view of the fact that numerous protests have been filed to leasing Lake Jackson lands, motion was made seconded and adopted that a date be set for hearing all parties interested, allowing one hour for such hearing.

The State Road Department having made application to secure right-of-way for several road projects, the Trustees approved the following and directed that the proper easements be executed and transmitted to the State Road Department:

SRD No. 44—Project 1021, Glades County—
State Road No. 29 Easement for borrow pits
on lands of the State in Sections 16 and 28,
Township 41 South, Range 32 East;

SRD No. 30—Project 1021, Glades County—
State Road No. 29 Easement for right-of-way for
road purposes 100 feet wide through lands of
the State in Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22,
27 and 28, Township 41 South, Range 32 East;

SRD No. 8—Project 38-A, Escambia County—
State Road No. 1 Easement for right-of-way 200
feet wide through and across Escambia River,
between Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 30
West, and Section 34, Township 1 North, Range
29 West, and through overflowed land of Escam-

bia Bay between Sections 33 and 31 and between Sections 31 and 22, in Township 1 North, Range 29 West;

SRD No. 20—Project 822, Citrus County—State Road No. 36 Easement for right-of-way 100 feet wide through that part of Lake Tsala Apopka lying in Sections 7, 8, Township 19 South, Range 21 East, and Sections 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17, Township 19 South, Range 20 East;

SRD No. 1—Project 1126, Brevard County—State Road No. 24 Permit to dredge certain areas in Indian River for borrow pit purposes, in connection with construction of Causeway and Bridge across Indian River at Melbourne;

SRD No. 2—Project 1126, Brevard County—State Road No. 24 Easement 400 feet wide extending from the Westerly bank to the Easterly bank of Indian River at Melbourne, to be used as a right-of-way in connection with construction of two Causeway approaches and a Bridge across Indian River.

Application was presented from Florida Power and Light Company for permit to occupy a strip of land with electric transmission line along State Road 140 south of Matanzas River and east of Florida East Coast Canal in St. Johns County.

Trustees declined to grant permit for transmission line to Florida Power and Light Company without compensation, but agreed to reconsider application should an offer be made for such permit.

Application was presented from Norman R. Latham, Landers Construction Company and Langston & Murphy Construction Company requesting permit to remove fill material from Biscayne Bay to be used in filling a low area at Miami Beach.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline applications for dredging fill material from Biscayne Bay.

Mr. Elliot reported that in checking the area in New River Sound, Broward County, applied for by Walter R. Clark, Tom Bryan and H. J. Driggers, he finds that the tract contains approximately sixty (60) acres instead of thirty-two (32) acres applied for; that he has informed

applicants of the error and has received confirmation of the purchase with the increased acreage.

Report was accepted and the land ordered advertised as agreed upon at former meeting.

At a meeting of the Trustees May 19, action was deferred on application of Dade County, presented by Messrs. Cason and Barnes, for acquisition of two submerged tracts adjacent to Matheson Hammock County Park. Application was again presented for consideration of the board.

Upon discussion, the Trustees were of the opinion that it would not be advisable to dedicate or sell these submerged areas to the County, but motion was made seconded and adopted to grant a ten-year lease to Dade County for use of the two submerged tracts for park purposes in connection with Matheson Hammock County Park, permission to be given for contracting with Federal agencies for improvement, provided no liens would accrue against the land.

The Secretary was requested to notify Dade County of the action taken and ascertain its wishes in the matter.

Application of Miami Military Academy was again presented, requesting that the Trustees reconsider action of March 23 and permit the removal of spoil bank in front of the School's property without payment at the rate of five cents (5c) per cubic yard.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to abide by action of March 23, agreeing to grant permit to Miami Military Academy for using material from a spoil bank in front of their property for filling an area enclosed by bulkhead.

Application was presented from S. C. Ives and F. W. Heacock, on behalf of J. H. Hollenberg, trustee and original owner, to purchase part of Everglades Drainage District tax certificate 501 issued against SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County.

Evidence was submitted that the Clerk of the Court had allowed redemption of the certificate through error, title to the land having vested in the Trustees by virtue of tax certificate.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to accept \$1,589.77 for that part of certificate 501 applied for by Mr. Hollenberg.

The Trustees declined to sell submerged area in Lake Worth applied for by Palm Beach Yacht Club, but agreed to lease the land for one year upon payment of \$50 provided the public would not be excluded from use of the property. The members present indicated that at the end of the year, if the lease arrangement proved satisfactory, an extension would be granted.

Offer of \$50 was presented from Noe C. Killian, Major U. S. Army, retired, for Lot 17, Block A, Granada Sub. Sarasota, title to which lot vested in the Trustees through tax foreclosure under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer from Mr. Killian, but it was agreed to accept \$100 for the lot.

Action was deferred on application of George O. Howard with offer of \$350 to purchase equity of the Trustees in Everglades Drainage District tax certificate covering the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, Broward County.

The Trustees requested that information be furnished as to amount of other taxes outstanding against the land and the approximate value of the parcel.

Application was presented from Robert P. Hess and Forest H. Johnson, Miami, offering \$15 an acre for approximately 4200 acres of land in the Everglades section, plus all taxes, with a cash payment of \$10; outstanding taxes to be paid up during the years 1938, 1939 and 1940, thereafter taxes to be paid each year; interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) to commence January 1, 1941 in advance for six months, thereafter interest to be paid each July 1 and January 1; January 1, 1941 principal payments to begin at the rate of \$1.66- $\frac{2}{3}$ an acre each six months until January 1, 1948 when balance of \$5 an acre shall be paid.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer made by Messrs. Hess and Johnson.

The Trustees declined to grant ninety-nine (99) year lease to Fort Pierce Port District on submerged lands in Indian River at Fort Pierce, but indicated that a short term lease would be considered should the district make a satisfactory offer for such lease.

The Secretary presented letter from W. P. Preer, City Manager of Daytona Beach, objecting to use by the United States of an area in Halifax River as spoiling ground for Intracoastal Waterway.

The Trustees declined to take action in the matter, taking the position that they have no right to interfere in the location of spoil areas designated by the Federal Government.

Application was presented from the Forestry Department for dedication of the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 20 East, Sarasota County, to be added to and become a part of Myakka River State Park.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to defer action on request from the Forestry Department for the land in Sarasota County.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

M. C. McIntosh, Assistant Attorney General, Tallahassee	\$ 27.85
F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee	27.60
F. A. Curry, Attorney at Law, West Palm Beach, Fla.	10.00
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	32.50
E. B. Leatherman, Clerk Circuit Ct., Miami, Fla.	4.00
George O. Butler, C.C.C., West Palm Beach, Fla.	2.30
Eugene Dietzgen Company, New Orleans, La.	3.87
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	27.16
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	31.79
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	2.70
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.20
Sugar Bowl Drainage District, Sarasota, Fla.	333.06
E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C., Miami, Fla.	3.70
	<u>\$511.73</u>

Minutes of the meetings of July 6, 8, 13 and 14, 1938 presented and ordered approved.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
July 27, 1938

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

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	—\$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	250.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	25.00
	\$1,025.00

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
August 16, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

J. Velma Keen, representing R. C. Investment Company, came before the Trustees and submitted written request for release of two tracts of land from Mortgages No. 17457 and No. 17458 dated June 15, 1926, from Walter P. Fuller to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement

Fund, for right-of-way through Sec. 24, Tp. 31 S., Rge. 15 E., and Sec. 19, Tp. 31 S., Rge. 16 E., Pinellas County, aggregating 6.26 acres. Statement was made that the City of Treasure Island has secured commitment from Reconstruction Finance Corporation for loan amounting to \$696,000 for constructing a causeway from the City of St. Petersburg across Boca Ceiga Bay to the City of Treasure Island; that a part of the right-of-way secured from R. C. Investment Company is covered by above mortgages, and in order that the City own the right-of-way free and clear of all liens, to meet requirements of Reconstruction Finance Corporation, R. C. Investment Company, successor to Walter P. Fuller, requests that the two tracts mentioned be released from the mortgages.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that based on the above representations the Trustees release from Mortgages 17457 and 17458 the 6.26 acres through Sections requested by applicant as being necessary for right-of-way purposes in connection with construction of causeway connecting Treasure Island and St. Petersburg, provided that the release of this area will not reduce principal of the mortgages.

Accepted by Mr. Keen on behalf of R. C. Investment Company.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Pinellas County Title Co., Clearwater, Fla.	\$118.00
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	37.00
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	9.43
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	3.15
Proctor and Proctor, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	90.78
M. W. Green, Tallahassee, Fla.	64.55
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla.	1.65
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ...	5.67
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ....	.78
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.20
	<u>\$336.21</u>

Financial Statement for the month of July, 1938, is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY, 1938
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 5,075.88
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	235.41

Farm Lease	529.03
Sale of Minutes	2.50
Total receipts during month	\$ 5,842.82
Balance on hand July 1, 1938	91,767.16
	<u>\$97,609.98</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	16,130.54
Balance July 31, 1938	\$81,479.44

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in Banks	80,479.44
	<u>\$81,479.44</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS JULY 31, 1938

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$55,260.18
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,781.36
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	7,437.90
	<u>\$80,479.44</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1938	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
July 7,	11148	Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District (taxes)	\$ 2,806.26
	11149	Pahokee Drainage District (taxes)	1,498.45
	11150	South Florida Conservancy District (taxes)	10,289.10
18,	11151	M. C. McIntosh	27.85
	11152	F. C. Elliot	27.60
	11153	F. A. Curry	10.00
	11154	W. B. Granger	32.50
	11155	E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C.	4.00
	11156	Geo. O. Butler, C.C.C.	2.30
	11157	Eugene Dietzgen Co.	3.87
	11158	Standard Oil Company	27.16
	11159	American Oil Company	31.79
	11160	Western Union Telegraph Co.	2.70
	11161	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.20
	11162	Sugar Bowl Drainage District (taxes)	333.06
	11163	E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C.	3.70
30,	11164	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	11165	F. E. Bayless	250.00
	11166	M. O. Barco	175.00

11167	Jentye Dedge	_____	175.00
11168	H. L. Shearer	_____	25.00
Total disbursements during July,			
1938	_____		\$16,130.54

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
August 23, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Minutes of the meetings of July 15 and August 16, 1938, were approved.

Mr. Elliot stated that he had completed report on proposed Everglades National Park, but upon information from Judge Gibbs that he was not yet ready to discuss the subject, the matter was postponed to a later meeting.

Mr. Elliot read a letter dated August 19 from Ben Shepard of Miami, stating that arrangements for fill material for the City of Miami Beach had been made and he did not desire to bring the matter up with the Trustees. However, they wished to arrange with the Trustees for a long term lease on the bay bottom immediately south of the Miami Beach end of the old County Causeway. Mr. Shepard's letter indicated he would take this matter up with the Trustees at an early date. No action taken at this time.

Request dated July 30, 1938, was presented from W. K. Scammell, Commander, U. S. Coast Guard, Project Manager, for approval of lease to U. S. Coast Guard from Fort Pierce Port District of a small tract of land adjacent to the boat house site at the East Causeway Bridge, Fort Pierce.

It was explained that the Trustees granted to Fort Pierce Port District a lease including the site proposed to be leased to the United States Coast Guard; that such lease dated November 23, 1937, contained certain conditions as enumerated therein, but the purposes for which the small tract is to be leased to U. S. Coast Guard are not in conflict with conditions imposed in lease to Fort Pierce Port District, and if the district wished to grant such lease it would seem desirable that the Trustees concur therein.

Mr. Elliot recommended that there be added to the lease from Fort Pierce Port District to the United States the approval of the Trustees to such use of the area as follows:

“The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida hereby approve lease dated July 25, 1938, between the Fort Pierce Port District, Saint Lucie County, Florida, and the United States of America, the purpose of which is within the purview of the lease from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to said Port District dated November 23, 1937.”

Mr. Knott moved that approval be given to granting of lease by Fort Pierce Port District to the United States Coast Guard, as requested. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously adopted.

The Secretary was requested to prepare addition to the lease, secure signature thereto of Mr. Lee, Comptroller—Acting Chairman, attested by the Secretary, and transmit to U. S. Coast Guard Office, Jacksonville, Florida, from whom the request was received.

Request of town of Belle Glade for securing lease on the airport located on Section 29, Township 37 South, Range 43 East, was presented.

Information was furnished that this airport has been under the supervision of the Fire Control Board for several years, but was originally a Federal project sponsored by the Town Council of Belle Glade; that the town of Belle Glade considers that since headquarters of the Fire Control Board have been moved to another locality, it is essential that supervision of the airport be placed in their

City because of the great need therefor in the matter, principally, of dusting crops and fields by using airplanes for such purpose. \$9000 was originally expended on this project.

It was stated that the Trustees permitted the Fire Control Board to use this site under condition that the said Fire Control Board would pay their proportionate part of the expense of pumping and making the area usable, and it would seem proper that the town of Belle Glade do likewise, or pay to the Trustees an amount equal to annual rental charged for lands of like character.

Upon discussion it was the opinion of the Trustees that a proper charge should be made for the lands used by the Airport, whereupon motion was made seconded and un-animously adopted that this area be set aside as an airport under the supervision of the town of Belle Glade and that such site be leased to the town of Belle Glade at the rate of \$8 an acre annually.

Request was presented from Engineer of Dade County for deed to right-of-way for causeway at 36th Street between Miami and Miami Beach, conveyance to be made to Dade County. This is to be a PWA project and to procure a loan, title is required to be in the County.

Mr. Elliot explained that the area requested for right-of-way could not be deeded by the Trustees because part of the land is covered by water more than three feet deep and it might require a special act of the Legislature before sale could be made; that in lieu of deeding the area a lease could be given to the County of Dade, or the Trustees could grant the State Road Department a right-of-way, that department to deal with Dade County, and then a permit could be given for fill material. Also that certain leases have been granted in the approximate area, which would have to be taken into consideration.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the matter be referred to Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless for arriving at some procedure that would come within the authority of the Trustees, with report to be made of their findings.

Letter was presented from H. J. Malsberger, Director, State Forests and Parks, requesting concurrence of the Trustees and the Governor of Florida in the transfer of certain lands from the Florida Board of Forestry to the State Board of Education, said lands lying northeast of Gainesville, comprising approximately fifteen hundred acres.

Information was given that these lands are now used by the University of Florida, though title is in the Florida Board of Forestry. They are being administered by the School of Forestry at the University of Florida and it is intended that the same be used for a demonstration forest in connection with the School of Forestry.

Upon motion duly seconded and passed, it was ordered that the Trustees approve transfer of land as above outlined and that the approval of the Governor, as required by law, be requested at an early date.

Request was presented from Harry Lee Baker, State Forester, that the Trustees and the Governor concur in deeding to Escambia Land & Manufacturing Company a ten acre tract of land in Santa Rosa County, known as the Pace Tower Site, described as:

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ in Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 29 West.

This tract was originally owned by the above Company, but was deeded to the Florida Board of Forestry for a fire tower site. The tower has been removed from this location and the land is no longer needed for the purposes for which deeded, and Escambia Land & Manufacturing Company desires that title be returned to them.

Mr. Mayo moved that approval of the Trustees be given to the transfer, to which all members agreed. The Governor not being present it was requested that his consent be given at an early date.

Mr. Elliot presented request from A. A. Poston, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, requesting issuance of deed to Kelsey City Land Company covering certain lots in Kelsey City, which have been foreclosed on in the name of the State and Master's deed issued in favor of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund because of non-payment of state and county taxes. Settlement to be on the same basis as heretofore agreed to by the Trustees, and in the same manner as followed on two former occasions, with payments to be made as follows:

Settlement by County on basis of 25%	
of total amount of taxes amounting	
to total of	\$9,426.43
Payment to State of full amount of	
State taxes	1,656.73
Payment to County of balance	7,769.70
Payment to Trustees for handling,	
10% total	942.64

Mr. Elliot stated that he held statement from Clerk of the Court to the effect that suit for foreclosure was started prior to the passage of the Act in 1935 repealing the affecting sections of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, under which law foreclosure suit was brought.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that Trustees' deed be issued in favor of Kelsey City Land Company covering Lots in Palm Beach County included in description, and transmitted to said Company, checks already having been filed in payment therefor.

Mr. Bayless presented request from George S. Brockway, on behalf of A. R. Roebuck, for purchase of forty-five hundredths of an acre of land outside the meander line and adjoining Government Lot 5 of Section 5, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, which application was presented to the Trustees at a previous meeting.

Upon information that the Governor had objected to the sale of this land, motion was made seconded and carried that no action be taken pending return of the Governor.

Mr. Elliot submitted request from United States War Department for "GRANT IN PERPETUITY FOR DEPOSIT OF SPOIL IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF MELBOURNE HARBOR, FLORIDA, AT MELBOURNE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA," stating that such request was now in proper form and met the requirements of the Trustees.

Mr. Knott moved that grant be made as requested, which was duly seconded and adopted.

The Secretary presented the renewed offer of J. Paul Gaines, Jr., Sarasota, to pay \$500 for Lots 14, 15, 16 and 17, Block 60, Revised Siesta, Sarasota. Information was given that some months ago the Trustees had agreed to accept \$500 from Mr. Gaines for these same lots, but Mr. Gaines had not purchased at that time.

Mr. Knott moved that Mr. Gaines' offer be accepted, which was duly seconded, passed and so ordered. Mr. Elliot was directed to advise Mr. Gaines of the action taken.

Amount of decree for certificate covering these lots is \$52.07.

Offer of \$13 for deed covering $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$, Section 13, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, from Mrs. Lillie B. Matthews, original owner, was presented, these lands being covered by Everglades Drainage District tax certificate No. 3711, Sale of August 5, 1929, Dade County. Value of Certificate as of August 31, 1931, being \$2.16.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that Mrs. Lillie B. Matthews be permitted to purchase Certificate No. 3711 as applied for at the price offered. Deed was ordered issued.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Claude S. Ginn for purchase of Lots 7 and 8, Block B, Sub. of Lots 7 and 9, Block H, Sarasota, Mr. Ginn claiming to hold deed from original owner.

It was stated that there are a number of bids for these lots, one offer being \$400 for the two lots and another of \$300 for Lot 7 only. Also one party claims to have purchased the lots from the City of Sarasota based on non-payment of city taxes.

Discussion was had in regard to any equities that parties desiring to purchase might consider they had in the lots, also as to a price that would be acceptable to the Trustees.

Mr. Mayo moved that a price of \$500 for the two lots be fixed; that Mr. Ginn be given refusal of the lots at this price and if declined by him that other applicants be given the opportunity to purchase. Motion was duly seconded and passed, and Mr. Elliot was directed to inform Mr. Ginn of the Trustees' action.

Application of Palm Beach Yacht Club was again brought to the Trustees' attention. Mr. Elliot stated that he had written the applicant (Mr. Conkling) that the Trustees would grant a lease for one year upon payment of \$50.00; that his information is the Club would like to have a lease for fifty years at \$50 a year in order that arrangements can be made with Works Progress Administration for securing money with which to proceed with the work. Also that the Yacht Club is to be open to the public at all times.

Upon discussion, it was the opinion of the Trustees that action on application of the Yacht Club be postponed until the return of the Governor. Whereupon, motion was made, seconded and passed that the matter be deferred for the present.

Mr. Elliot reported receipt of letter from J. R. Osteen, Moultrie, Florida, stating that turpentine was being worked on Lots 1 and 3 of Section 18, Township 10 South, Range 31 East.

The letter was ordered turned over to Mr. Bayless with request that he investigate the matter and report his findings.

Request was presented from Richlands, Inc., for additional extension of time in making payment of balance due on rental for the past year on Pelican Bay lands. It was stated that no moneys would be coming in until sale of crops, and request was made that payments be made as follows:

\$2500 on November 15, 1938

\$2500 on January 15, 1939,

which amounts, with the \$5000 payment in May, will make up the total rental price of \$10,000 annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Judge Gibbs, that the extension requested be granted. Motion adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that upon receipt of application from Jerrold F. Jacobs for purchase on behalf of John A. Markett of lands bordering Lake Osborne, he had furnished Mr. Jacobs with sketch indicating what would be a proper request based on Mr. Markett's ownership along the Lake; that sketch had been returned indicating desire to purchase a much larger area, and he therefore desired further information before presenting the subject for action.

The Trustees directed that the application of Mr. Jacobs be held for a later meeting.

Request of George A. Howard of Hollywood, Florida, for purchase of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, 80 acres, was presented. Mr. Howard states he has the consent of the original owner and offers \$350 therefor.

Mr. Elliot reported that he had taken up the matter of tax certificates with the Clerk of the Court of Broward County and was informed that there are outstanding several tax certificates in the hands of individuals; that the Trustees equity is by virtue of Everglades Drainage District tax certificates Nos. 3857 and 3858 of 1928 and No. 1511 of 1929, and the total amount represented by such

certificates is \$273.34. Mr. Elliot recommends that the land be sold at the price offered.

Mr. Knott moved that offer of Mr. Howard be accepted, which was duly seconded and passed.

Mr. Bayless submitted offer from C. A. Tompkins, Jacksonville, of \$97.20 for four year turpentine lease on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 24 East, Nassau County, with estimate that the tract will accommodate 648 cups at the rate of fifteen cents a cup.

Upon discussion, the Trustees were of the opinion that this tract should accommodate a greater number of cups than estimated by Mr. Tompkins unless the trees were very scattered. Whereupon, Mr. Bayless was directed to make an examination of this tract and report his findings at an early date. Action deferred pending report on examination.

Offer of \$5 an acre was submitted from William P. Hogg, Fort George, for 29.2 acres of reclaimed land near the entrance of the St. Johns River.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the offer be declined.

Proposal was submitted from Isaac I. Tatom, Lake Worth, for making settlement on his Entry No. 16940 covering thirty acres of land in Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, originally sold at the rate of \$100 an acre in 1920.

Mr. Bayless reported that on the original purchase of \$3000 Mr. Tatom has paid \$1500 principal and \$151.25 interest leaving a balance due of \$1500 on principal and \$1530 interest; that the mortgage has been foreclosed and Master's deed has been executed to the Trustees. Mr. Tatom now offers to re-purchase the land for the sum of \$1500 payable one-half cash and balance in one year.

Statement was made that the offer of Mr. Tatom will rate the land at \$50 an acre, also that he has had use of the land about sixteen years without payment of any kind.

Judge Gibbs moved that the offer from Mr. Tatom be declined, which was seconded and passed.

Mr. Bayless presented application of D. R. McNeill, Okeechobee, on behalf of Nathan Zelmanovich, for grazing lease on approximately seven hundred acres of Trustees' land near Kissimmee River in Okeechobee County. At a

former meeting the Trustees declined offer of five cents (5c) an acre annually from Mr. Zelmenovich, but he now offers ten cents (10c) an acre annually for such lease. The Trustees own approximately 1320 acres of land in this same locality.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Judge Gibbs, that Mr. Zelmenovich be permitted to lease at the rate of fifteen cents (15c) an acre for one year. Motion unanimously adopted, and Mr. Bayless was directed to advise Mr. McNeill of action taken.

Mr. Bayless presented matter of squatters located on State land in Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, containing approximately 184 acres, and reported that Miss Maud Wingfield had always acted as spokesman for these parties; that she is now living in West Palm Beach, is not occupying the land claimed by her but is renting it out; that his suggestion would be to require these settlers to either purchase the land from the State or pay rent therefor.

Mr. Mayo suggested that since these people are what might be termed as pioneers of the Ritta section, that the Trustees divide this area into tracts and allow each settler to purchase a limited number of acres at the rate of \$75 an acre, upon agreement being reached among themselves as to what each should have.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the interested parties be required either to purchase the land at a price of \$75 an acre, or pay rent for the use of the same. Mr. Bayless was directed to notify Miss Wingfield of the Trustees' decision.

Application was presented from Herbert O'Bannon, La-Belle, for a grazing lease on the E-3/4 of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, at a rate of ten cents an acre annually.

Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees lease Mr. O'Bannon the land applied for at the rate of fifteen cents (15c) an acre annually. Seconded by Judge Gibbs and adopted.

Offer of \$500 was submitted from Shutts and Bowen, Miami, on behalf of clients Royal Citrus Groves, for fractional SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 55 South, Range 41 East, approximately 35 acres.

Mr. Bayless reported that this is submerged land adjacent to upland property owned by Royal Citrus Groves;

that the Trustees had an appraisal made of the area in March 1937 and a value of \$50 an acre was placed thereon.

Offer as submitted was declined.

Mr. Bayless submitted offer of \$10 from Herbert D. Beck, Belle Glade, on behalf of Hattie Company, Inc., for quit claim deed to reservations held by the Trustees on Lot 17, Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 37 East. Statement was made that this release was necessary in order to secure Government Loan on the Lot, which is located in the town of Pahokee.

The Trustees not having information as to the size of the lot, action was deferred to a later date.

Application was submitted from H. A. Barr, Lake Worth, with offer of \$6 annually for four year lease for grazing, gardening and improvement purposes on two acres of marginal land created by the subsiding of the waters of Lake Osborne, contiguous on the South to Tract No. 111 of Section 20, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County. Mr. Barr is owner of adjacent land and desires the use of this tract for planting bulbs.

It was moved, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees lease the two acres applied for to Mr. Barr at an annual rental of \$20 or at the rate of \$10 an acre annually.

Mr. Bayless was directed to advise Mr. Barr of the Trustees' decision.

Application was presented from S. M. Goldsmith, Key West, on behalf of J. Otto Kirchheiner, William W. Watkins and Samuel M. Goldsmith, to purchase an island located at approximately Latitude 24° 35' N and Longitude 81° 46' W., U. S. Coast and Geodetic Chart. An offer of \$15 for the island accompanied the bid.

Mr. Bayless reported that this island contained approximately one and one-half acres, is located about three hundred yards off the Overseas Highway and is desired as a fishing camp site by applicants.

Mr. Mayo moved that the island be leased to applicants for a period of one year at the rate of \$25 annually. Motion seconded and adopted, whereupon Mr. Bayless was directed to inform Mr. Goldsmith of action taken.

David Ullery, Evansville, Indiana, offers \$10 an acre for Sections 1 to 24, inclusive, Township 47 South, Range 37 East; Sections 3, 7, and 11, Township 45 South, Range 37 East; Sections 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19, 20, Township

43 South, Range 38 East, and Section 3, Township 46 South, Range 35 East, containing a total of 23,650 acres in Palm Beach County.

Upon discussion as to value of the land, Mr. Mayo moved that no action be taken until an investigation is made and information furnished as to value of the property. Motion seconded and adopted.

The Trustees requested Messrs. Elliot and Bayless to report as to the average price of lands in that locality.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
August 25, 1938

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

Present:

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. Elliot reported that certain lands in Highlands and Hardee Counties had been presented to the State as a gift by their owners to be created into a State Park known as Highlands Hammock State Park; that some of the lands, prior to transfer of title to the Trustees, were delinquent in payment of state and county taxes, and by Acts of the Legislature in reference to Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto Counties, County Commissioners were authorized to cancel all tax sale certificates in the hands of the State as to all taxes except those due the State; that all such tax sale certificates had been cancelled, except on a tract of 120 acres where a tax sale certificate for the year 1926 was in the hands of a private individual; that letter from the Clerk of the Court of Hardee County states application has been made for tax deed and that deed will issue September 5, 1938 covering the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 34 South, Range 27 East, unless such certificate amounting to \$315.58 is redeemed by the Trustees.

Since these lands comprise a part of Highlands Hammock State Park, have been improved since owned by the Trustees and are of far greater value than the amount of the certificate, the Trustees ordered that check be drawn in the amount of \$315.58 payable to R. Clyde Simmons, Clerk Circuit Court, Hardee County, and transmitted to the Clerk with instructions that he redeem the certificate in the name of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, enter the redemption upon his records and transmit cancelled certificate to the Trustees.

The Secretary informed the Trustees that Everglades Drainage District is completing its application to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a loan of money with which to re-finance the debt of the district; that the District had been advised by Everglades Bondholders' Protective Committee that the said Committee would accept Fifty (50) Cents on the dollar of principal of bonds held by it in such settlement and refinancing. The other two creditors of the District are Arundel Corporation of Baltimore, Maryland, and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. That before the matter of refinancing can be concluded by the District, it would be necessary for every creditor to advise the District of the minimum amount which would be accepted in payment of the debt. Approximate amounts owed by the District are as follows:

Account of bonds, not including interest	\$9,900,000.00
Account of Arundel Corporation, not including interest	1,800,000.00
Account of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, not including interest	1,011,000.00

Discussion of the subject was had and the Trustees unanimously agreed that they would accept in payment of debt owed the Trustees by the District Fifty Cents (50c) on the dollar, or if less, at the same rate which the bondholders are to receive. The Secretary was directed to advise Everglades Drainage District of the decision of the Trustees when inquiry is made by the District in reference to a rate which the Trustees will accept in settlement.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:

R. Clyde Simmons, Clerk Circuit Court, Hardee County, Wauchula, Fla.	\$ 315.58
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There being no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting adjourned.

W. V. KNOTT,
Treasurer—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
August, 29, 1938

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary, Salary	.....\$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk, Salary	..... 250.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer, Salary	..... 175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer, Salary	..... 175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office, Salary	..... 25.00
W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Expense Account	..... 34.40
J. Frank Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	..... 110.74
Pinellas County Title Co., Clearwater, Fla.	..... 71.50
Glades Title Organization, Moore Haven, Fla.	..... 46.50
TOTAL	.....\$1,288.14

Upon motion, duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
August 30, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Judge Gibbs and Mr. Mayo reported that with reference to application of Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company, referred to them July 13, 1938, they had learned that the State owned a larger area along the Indian River at Fort Pierce than that applied for, a part of which land the said Company has been using for sometime and buildings have been constructed thereon; that as title to this land has not passed from the Trustees it was thought best to work out a sale of the entire tract, reserving to the Trustees six hundred feet for harbor purposes. Further time was requested for submitting report and recommendations.

It was the action of the Trustees that the Committee be given further time for reporting on application of Fort Pierce Financing and Construction Company.

Judge Gibbs and Commissioner Mayo, the Committee appointed to report on lease controversy between the Pearce Brothers and Pearce Sisters, stated that the matter had been discussed with Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless. Mr. Elliot reported that with reference to statement of Pearce Brothers that lake bottoms leased to the Pearce Sisters on a basis of 2,000 acres actually contained five or six thousand acres, he had checked the area on the U. S. Coast Chart and found that the average number of usable acres is two thousand with Lake Okeechobee at elevation 15 feet; that during certain seasons of the year when the Lake reaches elevation 17 feet only about 500 acres can be used and in estimating the acreage to be leased an average of 2,000 acres was agreed on as a fair basis.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees not rescind or cancel lease to the Pearce Sisters.

The Land Office was directed to inform Mr. Lightner, representing Pearce Brothers, that the Trustees have carefully studied the situation and do not feel that they would be justified in making any change in the lease, since an examination shows that the acreage contained in such lease is approximately correct.

Consideration of application from John H. Phipps to lease Lake Jackson lands, and protests filed to such lease, was deferred until such time as the Governor can be present.

On July 13, 1938, the Trustees referred to Judge Gibbs the request from Elmore Cohen that action be rescinded with reference to foreclosure by Harley Watson of Mortgage No. 17233 in the name of the State.

Recommendation of Judge Gibbs is that the Trustees decline to grant request of Mr. Cohen for rescission of contract with Mr. Watson.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the recommendation of Judge Gibbs be accepted and approved as the action of the Trustees. It was so ordered.

Judge Gibbs requested further time for making report on conveyance of land for Everglades National Park, as it was desired that the Governor be present when such report is made.

It was the action of the Trustees that report from Judge Gibbs on Everglades National Park be deferred until the Governor's return.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to decline request from Robert M. Brown, Tampa, for renewal of Shell lease in Tampa Bay at the price of five cents per cubic yard, but it was agreed to renew lease upon payment of twelve and one-half cents ($12\frac{1}{2}c$) per cubic yard for all shell removed.

Mr. Elliot reported that in conversation with Frank Ralls, Agent for Everglades Drainage District in preparing application for loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation, he had learned that Arundel Corporation had been requested to accept settlement of its account with the District on a basis of twenty cents on the dollar in order that demand from the bondholders for fifty cents on the dollar could be met, but that such proposal had been rejected by Arundel Corporation. Also it was contemplated that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would accept settlement on the basis of twenty cents on the dollar for the same reason.

Upon discussion, the Trustees expressed themselves as being opposed to settlement of amount due by Everglades Drainage District except on an equal basis with the bondholders. Mr. Elliot was authorized to so advise the District should such proposal be submitted.

AFTERNOON SESSION—Same members present.

Mr. Isaac I. Tatom appeared before the Trustees with reference to his former Entry No. 16940 and Entry No. 16785 of Ira J. Tatom.

Mr. Bayless stated that I. I. Tatom purchased from the Trustees in 1920 by Entry No. 16940 thirty acres of land,

being the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, the purchase price being \$3,000. Payment of one-fourth cash made and three notes in amount of \$750 each deposited to secure balance. One note was paid January 19, 1922, and interest amounting to \$151.23, making the total paid in \$1,651.25, leaving a balance due of \$1,500 principal together with interest from August 5, 1921. The mortgage was foreclosed and Master's Deed received June 21, 1938.

Upon discussion it was agreed to convey land covered by Entry No. 16940 to I. I. Tatom for a cash consideration of \$1,500 plus cost of foreclosure.

Also Ira J. Tatom purchased in July, 1919, by Entry No. 16785 forty acres of land, being the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, at \$100 an acre or total purchase price of \$4,000. One-thousand dollar cash payment was made and three notes of \$1,000 each were given to secure balance due. One note was paid August 2, 1920, and \$500 paid on Note No. 2 February 3, 1922, also \$300 in interest, making a total of \$2,800 paid on the entry, leaving a balance of \$1,500 principal, together with interest from July 25, 1921.

Mr. Tatom offered \$1,500 cash for release of the lands from the mortgage, plus cost of abstract and other expenses incident to proposed foreclosure.

The Trustees accepted offer of Mr. Tatom in settlement of Entry No. 16785 and directed that release of mortgage be prepared.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,

Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
September 6, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees' Minutes of August 23, 25, 29 and 30, 1938, be approved.

Mr. Mayo reported that a considerable area of State land at Panama City, Bay County, has been filled and is now being used by the Standard Oil Company as a storage plant, and suggested that the Trustees have an investigation made to ascertain the number of acres and require payment for the use of the land.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the suggestion of Mr. Mayo be adopted and that Mr. Bayless, Land Clerk, make the necessary investigation of that area, together with any other tracts in that section of the State, and report to the Trustees at the earliest date possible.

Mr. Bayless reported that several parties are taking sand from the Ochlocknee River without permits, which is not fair to the one Company operating under permit from the Trustees and making regular payments for sand taken. He requested that the Attorney General's Office assist in evicting trespassers.

Motion was made, seconded and duly adopted, that the Attorney General's Office and the Land Department take the necessary steps to evict any and all parties taking sand from the Ochlocknee River without permit from the State.

Mr. Mayo recommended that the Trustees raise the salary of H. L. Shearer from \$25 to \$50 monthly for work performed by him on behalf of the Trustees in connection with his duties in the Land Office.

It was moved, seconded and adopted, that effective September 1, 1938, the Trustees pay H. L. Shearer a salary of \$50 each month.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

Jentye Dedge,
Acting Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
September 7, 1938

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

Present:

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

On July 6, 1938, the Trustees agreed to sell to Walter R. Clark, Tom Bryan and H. J. Driggers certain submerged lands in Broward County, at a price of \$100 an acre, provided no valid objections were filed to such sale. Pursuant to such action, the following Notice was advertised in the Fort Lauderdale News-Sentinel, issues of August 5, 12, 19, 26 and September 2, 1938:

“NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 2, 1938.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Wednesday, September 7, 1938, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land located in Broward County, Florida:

Those areas of submerged lands and shallow bottoms in Government Lot 8 of Section 12, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, comprising 6.2 acres, more or less, in the southern portion of said Lot, and those submerged lands or shallow bottoms in Section 13 of same township and range, lying west of Government Lot 1 and the north half of Government Lot 6 and east of Government Lots 2, 5 and $N\frac{1}{2}$ of Government Lot 7 in said Section 13, comprising 55 acres, more or less. The said submerged lands and shallow bottoms comprise a part of what was formerly New River Sound and the margin thereof, all in Broward County, Florida. Exact description to be furnished with deed.

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

to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary."

The Chairman called for objections, if any.

The Secretary reported that when application to purchase was filed in July, two telegrams were received from J. W. Hamm, representing Inlet Beach Inc., (holders of a mortgage on adjoining lands), one protesting sale and the other withdrawing such objections. Information was furnished that applicant and objector had reached an agreement that lands adjacent to mortgaged property would be deeded clients of Mr. Hamm at the price set by the Trustees when sale is made. Also that letter has just been received from Mr. Hamm requesting deed to his clients for the area lying adjacent to mortgaged lands. Mr. Elliot stated that he understands the mortgaged land is further complicated by a tax deed issued to another party, but this party has been named in the foreclosure suit.

Upon discussion, it was moved, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees make no disposition at this time of the submerged area adjacent to lands covered by mortgage of Mr. Hamm's clients. Whereupon, no protests being filed or presented, motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees deed to applicants, Clark, Bryan and Driggers, an area of approximately forty-five acres included in the foregoing notice, upon payment of \$1,000 cash with balance to be paid in four years under contract plan used by the Trustees.

The Land Clerk reported no bids received for the purchase of Sarasota County lands described as NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township 38 South, Range 22 East, which were ordered advertised at the meeting July 14, 1938.

On July 8, 1938, the Trustees agreed to advertise for objections only certain submerged lands located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, applied for by John W. Watson, City Attorney of Miami, upon terms and conditions as set forth in Minutes of July 8. In compliance with such action, the following Notice was advertised in the Miami Herald, Miami, Florida, in the issues of August 6, 13, 20, 27 and September 3, 1938:

"NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 2, 1938

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Wednesday, September 7, 1938, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land located in DADE County, Florida:

A tract or parcel of submerged bottoms in Biscayne Bay described as follows:

That part of Section 9 of Tp. 54 S., Rg. 42 E., lying east from the west boundary of said Section 9 for a distance of 2,640 feet, more or less, to the ship channel, and south from the north edge of what is known as Florida East Coast Channel for a distance of 500 feet, more or less, and from a point on the west boundary of said Section 9, 500 feet, more or less, south of said north line of Florida East Coast Channel east for a distance of 600 feet, more or less, to a point, and southwesterly for a distance of 1,500 feet, more or less, to the west boundary of said Section 9 at a point 1,900 feet south of the north edge of Florida East Coast Channel. Excepting therefrom any part of a tract or parcel which may be included therein deeded by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to Brown Company by State Deed No. 17215.

The said area is located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 9, and contains 42 acres, more or less, all in Dade County, Florida. Exact description to be furnished with deed.

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

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

FRED P. CONE, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary."

The Chairman called for objections, if any, and no objections being presented or filed, sale was ordered made to the City of Miami at a price of \$150 an acre, plus cost of advertising.

Mayor J. A. Dulaney and L. L. Stuckey of Pahokee, came before the Trustees with reference to construction of a State Market at Pahokee. It was stated that a part of the twenty-acre tract desired for the Market site, described as N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 11, Section 9, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, containing 14.11 acres, was included in contract for sale to Pelican Lake Farms, Inc., which Company has agreed to reconvey to the Trustees the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 11 upon condition that their purchase contract be credited with \$572.52; that upon title to such area being vested in the Trustees it is desired that such tract be leased to the State Marketing Board.

Upon discussion of the request, motion was offered, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept reconveyance from Pelican Lake Farms, Inc., of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 11, Section 9, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, and credit their contract with \$572.52; that upon reconveyance, the Trustees lease said N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 11 to the State Marketing Board for a term of ten years at a price of one dollar (\$1.00) annually plus all taxes assessed against the land, with reservation to the Trustees for use of any part of the Lot not in use by the Market.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

GEORGE COUPER GIBBS,
Attorney General—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
September 20, 1938

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee	\$1,656.73
County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, Fla.	7,769.70
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	32.50
Pinellas County Title Company, Clearwater, Fla.	453.25

George O. Butler, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla.	1.80
Gore Publishing Co., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	11.25
Sarasota Herald, Sarasota, Fla.	6.00
Miami Herald, Miami, Fla.	39.20
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	2.74
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.20
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.09
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ...	1.52
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	11.38
	<u>\$9,992.36</u>

Financial Statement for the month of August is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST, 1938
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 1,592.34
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel.....	529.66
Land sales under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931	25.51
Land lease	85.50
Farm lease	323.45
Grazing lease	310.98
Rock lease	364.04
Hunting lease	309.72
General lease	7.50
Quit claim deed to oil and mineral rights	45.00
Refund from South Florida Conservancy District on account of 1937 taxes	1,428.81
Sale of lands Palm Beach County (Ch. 14572, 1929)	10,369.07
Total receipts during month	\$15,391.58
Balance on hand August 1, 1938	81,479.44
	<u>\$96,871.02</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	1,939.93
Balance August 31, 1938	<u>\$94,931.09</u>

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in banks	93,931.09
	<u>\$94,931.09</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS AUGUST 31, 1938

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$68,543.22
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The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,781.36
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	7,606.51
	<u>\$93,931.09</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1938			
Aug. 17,	11169	Pinellas Co. Title Co. _____	\$ 118.00
	11170	W. B. Granger _____	37.00
	11171	American Oil Company _____	9.43
	11172	Standard Oil Company _____	3.15
	11173	Proctor & Proctor, Inc. _____	90.78
	11174	M. W. Green _____	64.55
	11175	M. C. McIntosh _____	1.65
	11176	Western Union Telegraph Co. _____	5.67
	11177	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. _____	.78
	11178	Southeastern Telephone Co. _____	5.20
25,	11179	R. Clyde Simmons, C. C. C. _____	315.58
31,	11180	F. C. Elliot _____	400.00
	11181	F. E. Bayless _____	250.00
	11182	M. O. Barco _____	175.00
	11183	Jentye Dedge _____	175.00
	11184	H. L. Shearer _____	25.00
	11185	W. V. Knott _____	34.40
	11186	J. Frank Cochran, P. M. _____	110.74
	11187	Pinellas Co. Title Co. _____	71.50
	11188	Glades Title Organization _____	46.50
		Total disbursements during August _____	\$1,939.93

Upon motion duly carried, the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
September 27, 1938

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

Fred P. Cone, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary, Salary	.....\$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk, Salary	..... 250.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer, Salary	..... 175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer, Salary	..... 175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office, Salary	..... 50.00
	<hr/> \$1,050.00

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
October 4, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Request was submitted from Herbert D. Beck, Belle Glade, on behalf of A. E. Kirchman, for release of reservations contained in deed to two lots in the town of Belle Glade, releases being desired in order that applicant may secure a Federal loan on the property. An offer of \$2 was made for the release.

The Trustees accepted the offer of \$2 from Mr. Kirchman for release of reservations requested.

The Trustees declined offer of \$10 from Herbert D. Beck, on behalf of Hattie Company, Inc., for release of statutory reservations in deed conveying Lot 17, Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, containing 19.77 acres in Palm Beach County.

The Land Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Beck that release of reservations would be given upon payment of \$2 an acre.

Offer of \$36 from James A. Dew, West Palm Beach, on behalf of R. Y. Creech, was accepted by the Trustees for release of reservations on Lot 21, Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, containing eighteen acres in the town of Belle Glade. Request for such release being made in order that applicant may secure a Federal loan on the property.

Application was submitted from George S. Brockway, West Palm Beach, on behalf of Neil A. Campbell, for the purchase of submerged land in Lake Worth, Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, containing approximately three acres in Palm Beach County adjacent to submerged area owned by applicant. An offer of \$100 an acre accompanied application.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept \$100 an acre for the submerged tract applied for by Mr. Campbell, subject to advertisement for objections as required by law; advertising costs to be paid by applicant.

Application was submitted from Vose Babeock, Fort Myers, offering fifteen cents (15c) an acre annually for five-year grazing lease on approximately 800 acres of State land in Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, located on the north side of Trans-State Waterway in Lake Hicpochee. Mr. Babeock stated that he had under lease or was the owner of all adjacent property.

Motion was made to decline offer from Mr. Babeock for grazing lease. Seconded and duly adopted.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of \$10 an acre from J. B. Dees, Branford, for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 7 South, Range 14 East, Suwannee County.

The Trustees not having information as to the character of the land or its approximate value, motion was made, seconded and adopted that action be deferred pending investigation and report.

Request was presented from R. L. Horsman, Lake Worth, that the Trustees pay outstanding Everglades Drainage District taxes amounting to \$3.50 on two Lots in Section 20, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, which taxes were due prior to purchase in 1935.

Upon information that the taxes referred to were an obligation of the Trustees, motion was made, seconded and

adopted, that check be drawn in favor of the Tax Collector of Palm Beach County in payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes on land of Mr. Horsman amounting to \$3.50.

The Trustees declined offer of \$5 an acre from R. A. Henderson, Fort Myers, on behalf of Hans Hansen, for 81.16 acres of land in Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 25 East, Lee County.

Application was presented from Dan Kelly, Fernandina, representing Joe Snowball, with offer of \$25 annually for five-year lease on two and one-half acres of marsh land adjacent to U. S. Highway No. 5, on the north bank of the Nassau River, on which tract he desires to establish a fishing camp.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, it was agreed to lease the parcel applied for by Mr. Snowball for a period of five years at the price offered—\$25 annually—conditioned that lessee will keep his operations one hundred feet back from the center line of the Highway.

Offer of \$25 was presented from Mrs. Mary Wigman, Orlando, for approximately one-half acre of marginal land on Lake Conway, Orange County, located between property of applicant and the waters of the Lake.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline to sell the land at the price offered by Mrs. Wigman.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees pay Everglades Drainage District taxes, amounting to \$4.35, outstanding against Lot 3, Section 20, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, which taxes were due in 1935 when the land was sold to Walter H. Christian, the present owner.

Request was submitted from Earl D. Farr, Punta Gorda, on behalf of R. L. Lowe, that the Trustees issue deed to Lot 12, Section 20, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, containing 1.15 acres in the Bare Beach area, upon payment of \$57.50, which was the price agreed on in 1935.

Information was furnished that in 1935 the Trustees set a price of \$50 an acre on land in the Bare Beach area for settlers who had been occupying the land. Mr. Lowe, a settler at that time, failed to exercise his privilege to pur-

chase, is not now living on the land, but desires to purchase the tract formerly occupied at the price agreed on in 1935.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline to sell the land applied for at the price offered.

Offer of \$5 an acre was submitted from W. W. Parsons, LaBelle, for the purchase of thirty acres of lake bottom land in Sections 25 and 36, Township 42 South, Range 31 East, in Lake Hopochee, Glades County.

The Trustees declined to sell the land applied for at the price offered and directed that Mr. Parsons be so advised.

Application was presented from Otto Skipper, Avon Park, offering \$5 an acre for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 35 South, Range 26 East, Hardee County.

The Trustees declined the offer submitted by Mr. Skipper.

Mr. T. W. Conley, Jr., Okeechobee, submitted offer of \$25 for tract of land lying between his property and Conners Highway in Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, containing approximately three (3) acres.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to defer action on Mr. Conley's application, pending report on the land.

Application was presented from Charles A. Mitchell, representing Florida Power and Light Company, for easement across Indian River at Wabasso, between the mainland and the beach, on which to construct transmission and distribution lines.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the application be referred to the Attorney General's office for examination of the easement before taking action.

Offer of \$10 was presented from Carl A. Widell, Chairman of the Board of Public Instruction, Palm Beach County, for the purchase of seventy-seven hundredths (.77) of an acre of reclaimed land adjoining school property at Pahokee, desired for use in connection with a School Project.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that action on application of Mr. Widell be deferred until the Trustees secure information as to value of the tract.

Mr. Bayless reported that early this year the Trustees declined offer of \$100 from John V. Hinckley for 1.10 acres of submerged land on Indian River at Edgewater, but subsequently an offer of \$200 was submitted by E. W. Gautier on behalf of Mr. Hinckley.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of \$200 for the land applied for by Mr. Hinckley.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees December 15, 1937, on application of Helen S. Osborn for submerged land at New Smyrna, and subsequent correspondence with the War Department in the interest of Intracoastal Waterway, the following Notice for objections was published in the New Smyrna News, New Smyrna, Florida, on September 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1938:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 29, 1938

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Tuesday, October 4, 1938, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land located in VOLUSIA County, Florida:

Commencing at the southwesterly intersection of Hillsborough Street and Ronnoc Lane in the City of New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida; thence along the westerly side of Hillsborough Street south 45 degrees east, a distance of 413.4 feet to a point; thence north 66 degrees 30 minutes east a distance of 83 feet to a point on the present high tide line of the Hillsborough shore line, this being the point of beginning; thence south 30 degrees 15 minutes east a distance of 10 feet to a point; thence south 49 degrees 10 minutes west a distance of 22.5 feet; thence south 40 degrees 20 minutes east a distance of 25 feet; thence north 49 degrees 40 minutes east a distance of 18 feet; thence south 30 degrees 15 minutes east a distance of 67 feet; thence north 66 degrees 30 minutes east a distance of 95 feet; thence north 30 degrees 15 minutes west a distance of 103 feet; thence south 66 degrees 30 minutes west to the point of beginning; the area described being one-fourth acre, more or less.

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

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

FRED P. CONE, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

The Secretary submitted objection from Hull, Landis and Whitehair, on behalf of the City of New Smyrna Beach, requesting that the tract described in the notice be not sold on the grounds that ownership of this area by an individual would interfere with navigation of a navigable arm of Indian River and would result in loss of control of the water front by the City of New Smyrna Beach. Also it would encourage the construction of undesirable buildings and ruin the value and beauty of the River Front property.

Upon discussion and careful consideration of the merits of objection filed by the City of New Smyrna Beach, motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline to sell the submerged area described in the foregoing notice.

The Trustees directed that M. G. Rowe, attorney for Mrs. Osborn and attorneys for the City of New Smyrna Beach be notified of action taken.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action taken by the Trustees August 23, 1938, he had notified Claud S. Ginn, Sarasota, that Lots 7 and 8, Block B, Sub. of Lots 7 and 9, Block H, Sarasota, would be deeded to him upon payment of \$500 cash; that he had failed to make payment after being given ten days in which to do so, but had sent check in the amount of \$50 as deposit on the purchase; that subsequently he was notified that deposit could not be accepted as binding the Trustees to the sale. Another applicant for the land—H. J. Drymon—has submitted an offer of \$600 for the two lots, stating that he is owner of the adjoining lot. Adjoining lot on the opposite side is owned by Mr. Ginn.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that action on this subject be deferred to a later meeting.

Financial Statement for the month of September, 1938, is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1938
RECEIPTS

Receipts on account of various land sales	\$ 749.42
Land sales under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931	1,939.77
Land sales under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929	3,000.34
Land lease	144.19
Farm lease	146.25
Shell lease	144.75
Total receipts during month	\$ 6,124.72
Balance on hand September 1, 1938	94,931.09
	\$101,055.81
Less disbursements (itemized below)	11,042.36
Balance September 30, 1938	\$90,013.45

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in banks	89,013.45
	\$90,013.45

BALANCES IN BANKS SEPTEMBER 30, 1938

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$63,513.08
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,781.36
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	7,719.01
	\$89,013.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Sept. 22,	11189	W. V. Knott, State Treasurer	\$1,656.73
	11190	County Commrs. of Palm Beach County	7,769.70
	11191	W. B. Granger	32.50
	11192	Pinellas County Title Co.	453.25
	11193	Geo. O. Butler, C. C. C.	1.80
	11194	Gore Publishing Co.	11.25
	11195	Sarasota Herald	6.00
	11196	Miami Herald	39.20
	11197	American Oil Company	2.74
	11198	Southeastern Telephone Co. ...	5.20
	11199	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. ...	1.09
	11200	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	1.52
	11201	J. F. Cochran, P. M.	11.38

28,	11202	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	11203	F. E. Bayless	250.00
	11204	M. O. Barco	175.00
	11205	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	11206	H. L. Shearer	50.00
		Total disbursements during Sept.,	
	1938	.....	\$11,042.36

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
October 20, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Minutes of the Trustees dated September 6th and 7th and October 4th, 1938, read and approved.

Consideration was given to sale of Lots in the town of Sarasota, which lots the Trustees recently agreed to sell to Claud S. Ginn at a price of \$500 cash (See Minutes of August 23).

The Secretary reported that on September 19th Mr. Ginn sent in check for \$50 as deposit to bind the sale, requesting that he be given further time in which to pay the balance. Another letter dated October 8th states that he will pay an additional \$150 and the remainder at a later date, with no date specified. Since acceptance of offer of \$500 from Mr. Ginn, B. J. Drymon, also of Sarasota, has made an offer of \$600 for the two lots.

Upon discussion, motion was made, seconded and adopted, that Mr. Ginn be allowed sixty (60) days within

which to make payment in full for Lots 7 and 8, Block B, Sub. of Lots 7 and 9, Block H, Sarasota.

Mr. Elliot submitted offer of \$60 from L. D. Breckenridge, Miami, for two hundred twenty-four (224) lots in Redland Bowers, Dade County. The lots being covered by Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificates held by the Trustees, the total amount of which is \$20.47.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that offer of \$60 from Mr. Breckenridge be declined.

The Secretary reported that Record Title Company, Miami, holds title by tax deed to ten (10) acres of land in Section 26, Township 56 South, Range 38 East, Dade County; that the Trustees own an equity in the land represented by Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificates No. 5422 and No. 3268, amounting to \$3.96, and Record Title Company has offered \$23 for the Trustees' interest in the land.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer of \$23 from Record Title Company for equity of the State in the land.

Offer of \$11.94 was submitted from W. H. Burwell on behalf of Mrs. Martha Small Pittman, to purchase the equity of the Trustees in ten (10) acres of land in Section 14, Township 56 South, Range 39 East, Dade County, represented by Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificate No. 5284 amounting to \$1.94.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to accept offer of \$11.94 from Mrs. Pittman, and deed was ordered issued.

Offer of \$23.07 was submitted from George J. Baya, on behalf of J. J. Villa, for the Trustees' interest in twenty (20) acres of land in Section 23, Township 56 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, represented by Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificate No. 3241 amounting to \$3.07.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the offer of \$23.07 from J. J. Villa be accepted, and it was so ordered.

The Trustees declined offer of \$75 from H. W. Booth for Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 22, Revised Siesta, Sarasota, which land vested in the Trustees through foreclosure of state and county tax certificates under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Mr. Elliot presented offer of \$25 from Ricker Alford, West Palm Beach, on behalf of M. L. Bell, for approximately three (3) acres of land located east of the West Palm Beach Stub Canal, which land is covered by Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificate No. 2389 of 1929, held by the Trustees.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the offer from Mr. Bell be declined.

Application was presented from Bradford G. Williams on behalf of Lakeland-Tampa Industrial Canal, Inc., successor to Lakeland-Gulf Canal Company, submitting supplemental petition for approval on the part of the Trustees of maps and plans for a canal, and permission to use certain lands owned by the State for canal right-of-ways.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to defer action on request of Mr. Williams.

Action was deferred on request from D. G. Haley, representing Clearwater Beach Properties, Inc., that the Trustees release from the Bellevue-Griswold Hotel Company's mortgage a certain tract of submerged land in Clearwater Bay, being an accretion to Government Lot 1, Section 17, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, and refund the pro rata part of payment made in 1926 by such company.

The Trustees deferred action on application of Ben Shepard on behalf of the City of Miami Beach for lease on bay bottoms south of the Old County Causeway, it being indicated that Mr. Shepard desired to appear personally and present his case.

Application was presented from D. H. Conkling, representing Palm Beach Yacht Club, for a ninety-nine or fifty year lease on certain submerged areas in Lake Worth, to be used in connection with improvement of the Yacht basin, the Club agreeing to have included in such lease the necessary restrictions allowing use of the basin by the public.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that action on request of the Yacht Club be passed for further consideration.

Mr. Elliot submitted application from the State Road Department requesting perpetual easement right-of-way for a lateral ditch on State Road No. 29 in Section 10,

Township 41 South, Range 32 East, containing 0.13 acres, more or less.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant perpetual easement as requested by the State Road Department in connection with construction of a lateral ditch on State Road No. 29, Project 1021.

The Secretary presented letter from Winder H. Surreney, Attorney for Sarasota County, enclosing newspaper publication giving notice of foreclosure of municipal taxes, included in which notice are lots owned by the Trustees through foreclosure proceedings under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

The Trustees directed that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for opinion.

Application from Dade County Commissioners for right-of-way for causeway across Biscayne Bay and for material to be excavated from the bottom of the Bay to construct such causeway, was deferred for further investigation.

Request was presented from James A. Dew, on behalf of Kathryn J. Smith, for release of oil and mineral reservations on Lot 7 of Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, located in the town of Belleglade, for which release an offer of \$5 is submitted.

Motion was made, seconded and duly carried, to accept \$5 for release of reservations contained in deed to Lot 7, as applied for by Mr. Dew.

The Trustees on October 4th having declined offer of \$25 from Mrs. Mary Wigman for approximately one-half acre of reclaimed land on Lake Conway between her property and the waters of the Lake, the Land Office advises that Mrs. Wigman has increased her offer to \$100 for the parcel applied for.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to accept offer of \$100 from Mrs. Wigman for the fraction of an acre on Lake Conway, Orange County.

Mr. Bayless reported that according to terms of Grazing Lease No. 18371 issued to Lykes Brothers October 1, 1936, check in amount of \$364.55 has been received with request for renewal of the lease for another year at the same rate—ten cents (10c) an acre annually.

Upon discussion it was agreed to renew lease to Lykes Brothers as requested for a period of one year at the rate of ten cents an acre annually, but it was moved, seconded

and adopted that Lykes Brothers be notified immediately that lease would not be renewed at its expiration date October 1, 1939, at the price of ten cents an acre annually.

Application was presented from Joseph Stadtfield offering fifty cents (50c) an acre for release of statutory reservations contained in deed from the State conveying 209 acres of land in Dade County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to decline offer of fifty cents an acre for release of reservations requested by Mr. Stadtfield, but it was agreed that the Trustees would accept \$2 an acre for such release.

Mr. Bayless, Land Clerk, reported that all parties heretofore taking sand from Ochlocknee River without making payment therefor have been issued permits and have furnished bonds for performance of contracts as required by law. The following are now operating in the River under permits:

Middle Florida Sand Company
Wright Smith, and
Asa Maige.

Also application has been received from Tom Kirkland for permit.

Report accepted by the Trustees.

Mr. Bayless stated that with reference to State land at Panama City being used by Oil companies under lease from Atlanta and St. Andrews Bay Railway Company, he has requested plat of the area occupied by the oil companies and as soon as such plat and other information is received, report will be furnished the Trustees.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

M. C. McIntosh, Asst. Atty. General, Tallahassee, Fla.	\$ 21.75
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk, Tallahassee, Fla.	36.95
W. B. Granger, Belleglade, Fla.	27.50
Geo. O. Butler, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla.	10.00
Geo. O. Butler, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla.	10.00
Pinellas County Title Co., Clearwater, Fla.	580.25
Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Col., West Palm Beach, Fla.	4.35
Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Col., West Palm Beach, Fla.	3.44
Gore Newspapers of Florida, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.	15.00
Pennsylvania Rubber Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	27.80

Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	2.57
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	20.07
R. A. Gray, Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Fla. ...	3.25
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.59
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	0.75
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.20
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	\$770.57

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
October 25, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commisisoner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Trustees Minutes of October 20, 1938, read and ordered approved.

The Secretary submitted written proposal from Rose Printing Company for printing and binding Minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the biennium 1937-1938 at a price of \$2 a page for 200 copies—175 to be paper bound and 25 bound in leather (sheep). All other specifications to be the same as required for printing Volume 20 for 1935-1936.

Al B. Block, on behalf of the Company, stated that Rose Printing Company was the low bidder on printing the 1935-1936 Minutes at \$2.55 each page, but owing to slump in work in the shop at this time, an offer is made to discount the 1936 price 20% if accepted immediately. Also since the 20% reduction figures \$2.04 per page, Rose

Printing Company agrees to do the work at the rate of \$2 per page.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the proposal of Rose Printing Company be accepted for printing and binding Minutes of the Trustees for the years 1937-1938, Volume 21, according to specifications required for Volume 20, at a price of \$2 per page.

Richard J. Gardner, Attorney, Quincy, Florida, came before the Trustees on behalf of Mercer Brown and client Walter Collany, and submitted offer of \$1,000 for equity of the Trustees in Mortgage No. 17460. Mr. Gardner stated that in 1926 the Trustees sold approximately 220 acres of submerged land in Pinellas County, being what is known as Shell Island, and hold a mortgage of approximately \$31,000 on the land; that in 1930 petitioner secured tax deed on a part of the area covered by the mortgage, has been paying taxes on the land since that time, taking the position that the tax deed constitutes a good title, and is now desirous of clearing up the mortgage, which he feels creates a cloud on his title. The offer of \$1,000 is made for the Trustees equity in the land. Appraisals were submitted from two parties—A. B. Fogarty valuing the land at \$1,800 and Warren T. Hunnicutt giving a value of \$3,000.

Mr. Bayless, Land Clerk, informed the Trustees that this submerged area was originally sold in 1926 by Deed No. 17460 to Gilbert Hunt and R. H. Sumner, Jr., and the Trustees hold their mortgage for \$31,809 together with three notes for \$10,503 each, on all of which interest is due from 1926 to date; that in 1936 J. F. Sykes of St. Petersburg, representing owner of a tax deed, offered the Trustees \$500 for the mortgage. Notice was published in Pinellas County that bids would be received for the mortgage, but no offers being received except from Mr. Sykes, the Trustees declined to accept his bid. Mr. Bayless pointed out that Shell Island is not far from the Passagrille development, in connection with which the Trustees have recently granted right-of-way for a causeway from the mainland to the beach. Also that applicant's interest is represented by a tax deed at a total cost of \$225 as against the State's equity of \$31,000 plus interest.

Mr. Gardner was informed that the Trustees would consider his proposal and notify him of action taken.

Consideration was given to the application later during the meeting and upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined offer of \$1,000 from Mr. Gardner's client for equity of the State in Mortgage No. 17460.

The Attorney General was requested to proceed with foreclosure of this mortgage as heretofore authorized.

Mr. Elliot submitted Supplemental Petition from Lakeland-Tampa Industrial Canal, Inc., successor to Lakeland-Gulf Canal Company, requesting that the Trustees renew and extend rights and privileges granted December 27, 1933, which request is concurred in and approved by Polk County Port Authority and A. R. C., Inc.

The Secretary reported that in May, 1933, the Trustees by resolution approved a plat filed with the Secretary of State by A. R. C., Inc., and in December, 1933, approved a similar plat from Lakeland-Gulf Canal Company, by which approval such companies were given first right to use and occupy certain lands or bottoms of the State for canal purposes along the Alafia River from Tampa to Lakeland. The rights granted were not exercised within the two-year period specified in the law, and Lakeland-Tampa Industrial Canal, Inc., has filed new or supplemental petition for approval of plat and plans for construction of the proposed canal.

Upon discussion of the request, motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees defer action for the present.

Application was again presented from D. H. Conkling, representing Palm Beach Yacht Club, requesting a ninety-nine or a fifty year lease on submerged areas in Lake Worth for improvement of channel and yacht basin under a WPA project.

Upon discussion, the Trustees were not favorable to granting a long term lease of ninety-nine or even fifty years, but motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Secretary notify Mr. Conkling that the Trustees would be agreeable to a twenty-year lease upon payment of \$50 annually, such lease to provide for use by the public of the waterway and yacht basin.

The Trustees had before them for consideration the application of C. J. Coon, submitted in April, 1936, by Williams & Williams, Attorneys, pursuant to which application the Trustees agreed to advertise for objections certain submerged areas on Fidlers Island, or Enchanted Isles.

The Secretary reviewed the history of the proposed sale, to which objections were filed by Francis A. Curry, former owner of the upland. Sale was postponed and interested parties were requested to submit evidence of ownership or

compose their differences before again bringing the matter to the attention of the Trustees. This was never done, but recently Mrs. C. J. Coon (Mr. Coon having died several months ago) presented evidence that Mr. Curry, by warranty deed, parted with all his equity in Fiddlers Island and Mr. Coon then purchased all right, title and interest of Curry in the subdivision known as Enchanted Isles.

Application is now made that objection of Mr. Curry be set aside and that the land be sold to Mrs. Coon at \$50 an acre.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees refuse to recognize objections filed by Mr. Curry and that sale of the area owned by the State, adjacent to upland of Mrs. Coon, containing approximately fourteen acres be sold to her at \$50 an acre, plus advertising costs.

The Secretary informed the board that report on the subject of Everglades National Park, and the request for conveyance of State lands to become a part of the park area, is ready for consideration.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Secretary furnish each member of the Trustees and the State Board of Education with copy of the report and when the matter is given consideration that it be before a joint session of the two boards.

The Trustees deferred action on application of Fort Pierce Financing and Construction Company for purchase of submerged areas at Fort Pierce until such time as attorneys Milam & Milam can be present.

Mr. Bayless, Land Clerk, reported that he had made a trip to Panama City with reference to submerged and filled areas owned by the State, now being used by certain oil companies under lease from Atlanta and St. Andrews Bay Railway Company, and that Mr. Tom Sale, of Panama City, local attorney for the Railway Company, suggested that a new committee from the Trustees be appointed to meet with A. G. Powell, General Counsel for the Company, and discuss the subject anew since Judge Gibbs, the present Attorney General was not a member of the board when the original committee was appointed.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the matter be passed for further consideration.

Mr. Bayless submitted report on value of land in Okeechobee County adjacent to Lot 2, Section 35, Township 37

South, Range 35 East, between Hancock's Meander line and Connors Highway, applied for by T. W. Conely, Jr., October 4th. Value of the land was based on appraisal made in connection with condemnation suits brought by Okeechobee Flood Control District for levee right-of-ways in that area. A price of \$50 an acre was recommended for the strip applied for by Mr. Conely.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of \$25 submitted by Mr. Conely for the three and one-half acres in Okeechobee County.

Request was presented from Alfred Destin Company, Miami, for renewal of sand lease in the vicinity of Bears Cut in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, for such length of time as such sand is in demand and at the price paid under original lease—five cents a ton. Information was furnished that the material dredged is salt water sand used for commercial purposes.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to renew lease to Alfred Destin Company for a period of one year at the price of five cents a ton, with option for further renewal.

The Trustees declined to accept an offer of \$2 from Herbert D. Beck, on behalf of A. E. Kirchman and wife, for release of statutory reservations in deed from the State.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to release the reservations upon payment of \$5.

Offer of \$10 an acre was presented from R. A. Henderson, Fort Myers, on behalf of Hans Hansen, for Lots 7 and 13, Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 25 East, Lee County, containing 32 acres, more or less.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to defer action on offer submitted by Mr. Henderson until investigation can be made of the land.

Letter was submitted from R. A. McGeachy, Milton, representing Milton Diatomite and Mineral Company, requesting reduction from \$100 to \$50 monthly for the next two years in minimum royalty payments on lease originally executed in May, 1935, re-dated as of May 1, 1937. Lease now in effect carries monthly payments of \$50 for the first year, \$100 monthly for the second year and \$250 monthly for each year thereafter.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees deny request for reduction in payments of the

Diatomite lease, and that terms and conditions of the lease now in effect be carried out and enforced.

Letter was presented from L. Y. Douglas, Attorney of Clearwater, representing client whose name is not given, stating that his client purchased tax deed to Lot 14 of Block 13, Dunedin Isles, Unit No. 1, which is embraced in Trustees Mortgage No. 17534, and desires to know if the Trustees wish to redeem such lot at a price of approximately \$250.00, or if that is not satisfactory an offer of \$25 is made for partial release from the mortgage covering this lot.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that request from Mr. Douglas be held for consideration at some future time.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk	250.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer	175.00
Jentye Dodge, Clerk and Stenographer	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office	50.00
	<u>\$1,050.00</u>

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,

Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
November 1, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Miss Pearl Pearce, representing Pearce Sisters, who hold grazing lease from the Trustees covering a portion of the

northwest shore of Lake Okeechobee, appeared before the Trustees and stated that other persons were driving cattle upon the lands leased by them against their wishes and orders, and had torn down fences erected by them for enclosing their leased area.

Miss Pearce asked the Trustees to take such steps as they deemed advisable for assuring to herself and sisters unmolested possession and use of the leased premises.

The Trustees advised Miss Pearce that under the lease of the property she had acquired the right of possession, occupancy and use of the area against all other persons and that she had full authority under the law to protect the premises against trespassers or unlawful invasion; that in the opinion of the Trustees the matter of preventing trespass was at their own hands and not the duty of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The Attorney General suggested that in the event of further trespass they present the matter to the Governor for such action as he might take in requesting County officers to protect the rightful holders of lease from the Trustees.

Mr. John H. Baker, Executive Director, National Association of Audubon Societies, 1006 Fifth Avenue, New York City, made request of the Trustees for dedication of certain areas along the southern coast of Florida and in the Everglades section for establishing sanctuaries for all forms of wild bird and animal life, especially the Roseate Spoonbill and Glossy Ibis.

Discussion of the subject was had and information given that the National Association of Audubon Societies has no other interest in the areas except for the protection and preservation of wild birds and animals; that there will be no objection on the part of applicant to grazing and other privileges granted by the Trustees. Also it is suggested that the establishment and operation of the sanctuaries be through the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, since deputies have been assigned under State and Federal laws for policing certain areas in the protection of the bird and animal life, such deputies being under supervision of the National Association.

Mr. Lee, Chairman, suggested that application from the National Association of Audubon Societies be submitted in writing for consideration at the next meeting.

Motion was made, seconded and carried, that suggestion of the Chairman be adopted. Whereupon Mr. Baker was requested to submit application in writing.

Comptroller Lee requested that he be excused from the meeting owing to an engagement with Federal agents at Tampa which necessitated his leaving immediately. Mr. Lee was excused from further attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of \$50 an acre from C. M. Larrick, Lake Harbor, for the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$, Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County. The land was originally sold to Kretex Realty Company at a price of \$50 an acre, but upon default in payments mortgage was foreclosed and title to the land is now in the State.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that offer of \$50 an acre from Mr. Larrick be declined.

Offer of \$6 an acre was submitted from George Brantley, Jasper, for the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 12 East, Hamilton County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to defer action on offer from Mr. Brantley until investigation and report can be made.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to accept offer of \$100 from Earl D. Farr, on behalf of R. L. Lowe, for Lot 12, Section 20, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, containing 1.15 acres in the Bare Beach area of Palm Beach County. It was stated that Mr. Lowe was one of the original settlers in the Bare Beach section, but was unable to buy the land when the Trustees agreed on a price of \$50 an acre.

Deed was ordered issued to Mr. Lowe upon payment of \$100.

Mr. Bayless reported that he has received notice from Ross C. Sawyer, Clerk Circuit Court, Monroe County, to the effect that Albert Pack holds two tax deeds on property covered by Trustees' Mortgage No. 17566-A from D. Z. Filer and the amount necessary to redeem the land from the taxes is \$1,380.60.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees issue check in the amount of \$1,380.60 and forward to Mr. Sawyer with request that he redeem the land and forward the cancelled certificates to the Trustees.

The Attorney General reported satisfactory disposition of notice of tax foreclosure by the town of Sarasota on lots

held by the Trustees through foreclosure proceedings under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. The report was accepted.

The Trustees declined offer of \$100 from H. M. Booth for Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 22, Revised Siesta, Sarasota, such lots having vested in the Trustees through foreclosure of State and county taxes under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

The Secretary was requested to notify Mr. Booth that the Trustees will not accept less than \$160 for the Lots.

Offer of \$12 was submitted from W. H. Owens, Goulds, Florida, on behalf of William Randolph, colored, former owner of nine acres of land in Section 13, Township 56 South, Range 39 East, which land is held by the Trustees by virtue of Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificate in amount of \$1.73.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to accept offer of \$12 from William Randolph for the equity of the Trustees in the parcel applied for.

The Trustees deferred action on request of Bradford G. Williams, Lakeland, on behalf of Lakeland-Tampa Industrial Canal, Inc., for approval of maps and plans in connection with a proposed canal from Tampa to Lakeland.

The Trustees directed that deed be issued to the United States for an area at the mouth of the St. Johns River known as Little Fort George or Xalvia Island. Information was furnished that the Trustees agreed to sell the island to the United States in July, 1935, and advertisement for objections was published in the Times-Union July 8, 15, 22, 29, and August 5, 1935, but owing to objection deed was not issued. The objection having been disposed of, the Land Office was directed to prepare deed for execution.

The Attorney General advised the Board that Mr. J. Mercer Brown has requested that he be given a hearing on the matter presented to the Trustees October 25th by Richard J. Gardner, on behalf of Walter Collany, before final action was taken by the board.

Whereupon the Trustees consented to afford Mr. Brown further hearing and that action ordered taken at the meeting October 25th be stayed until there has been such a hearing, or further action of the board in the premises.

Upon motion, seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
November 9, 1938

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

Present:

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Attorney General Gibbs called to the attention of the board the reported trespass on State land in Glades County recently leased to the Pearce Sisters for grazing purposes. Telegram was read from Joe D. Kinsey, Attorney for lessees, stating that Austin, John and Julius Pearce continue to trespass on the land under lease; that warrants have been sworn out against trespassers but they continue to break down fences erected by lessees and have driven their cattle in the fenced area; that there is a question as to whether injunction obtained by lessees to prevent trespass would be granted, and the Trustees are petitioned to institute injunction proceedings to prevent further trespass and to protect lessees' lawful rights to use the land without interference.

Miss Pearl Pearce, who was present, informed the board that although they had sworn out warrants against trespassers the cases would not come up for sometime and they were being put to considerable expense in running cattle off the land and repairing fences damaged by trespassers.

This matter, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, was referred to the Attorney General with instructions to take such steps as were necessary to prevent trespassing upon the lands leased to Pearce Sisters and insure the lessees in the peaceful possession thereof.

R. A. Scott, representing Florida Power and Light Company, presented request for permission to occupy certain strips of State land on which to erect and maintain an electric transmission line through Sections 2 and 3, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, and through Sections 34, 31, 28, 20 and 19, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, all in Palm Beach County, located along the south shore of Lake Okeechobee between the highway and the lake.

Upon consideration of the conditions in the proposed permit under which right-of-way would be granted, the Attorney General suggested that the words "for cause" in the fifth condition be eliminated and in lieu thereof the words "in their discretion" be used.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that Permit requested by Florida Power and Light Company be granted with the change as suggested by the Attorney General.

Mr. Harry Lee Baker, State Forester, accompanied by A. B. Edwards and Mr. Vanderipe of Sarasota, came before the Trustees in connection with proposed land exchange in Myakka River State Park. Information was given that the Vanderipe Estate owns an eighty-acre tract on the River, being the SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 20 East, which is very necessary in the development of the park area and which Mr. Vanderipe has agreed to deed to the Trustees in exchange for the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19, Township 37 South, Range 20 East and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 36 South, Range 19 East, totaling 440 acres.

Mr. Edwards assured the Trustees that the eighty acres owned by the Vanderipe Estate are decidedly more valuable per acre than the State land, being river front property and in every way superior in character and location to the State's property.

Upon discussion of the question, motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees accept deed from the Vanderipe Estate to the eighty-acre tract in Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 20 East, accompanied by abstract showing the land free and clear of all liens, and in turn execute deed in favor of the Vanderipe Estate to the 440 acres in Section 19, Township 37 South, Range 20 East and in Section 19, Township 36 South, Range 19 East, all in Sarasota County. Also upon receipt of deed and abstract from the Vanderipe Estate to the eighty acres, such tract be dedicated and become a part of Myakka River State Park.

Mr. D. F. Baumgartner, Acting Manager for Maryland Land and Transportation Corporation, was present and requested that the Trustees agree to an exchange of land with his company in order to block their holdings in Sarasota County and cut down on the cost of fencing around the Trustees land in Section 20, Township 36 South, Range 20 East, which is in the middle of the company's ownership. Mr. Baumgartner mentioned several tracts of land owned by his company in Sarasota County which would be available for exchange with the Trustees.

Upon consideration of the request, motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the matter be referred to Mr. Elliot to make selection of lands owned by Maryland Land and Transportation Corporation which would be acceptable to the Trustees in exchange for State land desired by the Company. Such exchange to be on an acre for acre basis.

On October 4th the Trustees agreed to sell certain submerged land in Lake Worth, applied for by George S. Brockway on behalf of Neil A. Campbell with an offer of \$100 an acre. Pursuant to such agreement, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post of October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4, 1938:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 5, 1938

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Tuesday, November 8, 1938, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following land located in Palm Beach County, Florida:

A tract of submerged land in Lake Worth in Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Section 34, run thence S. 88°15' East along the south line of said Section, 4338.23 feet; thence North 13°15' East, 221.47 feet; thence North 20°11' West, 707.89 feet to point No. 1 of traverse of Tract No. 1, Trustees Deed No. 17827 to C. W. Bingham; thence North 72°54' West, 285.00 feet; thence North 39°54' West, 345.00 feet; thence North 12°54' West, 184.84 feet to the point of be-

ginning of the tract of land herein described; thence along same course North 12°54' West, 430.16 feet; thence North 10°06' East, 101.57 feet; thence West 172.15 feet; thence South 519.30 feet; thence East 250.37 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 3 acres, more or less. Exact description to be furnished with deed.

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

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

J. M. Lee, Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

A quorum not being present November 8th, the date advertised for the sale, consideration was deferred to this date and no objections being filed or presented the land was sold to Neil A. Campbell at a price of \$100 an acre, plus cost of advertising.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

H. E. Carter, Asst. Atty. General, Tallahassee	\$ 5.00
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	29.00
Martin County, care Clerk Circuit Court, Stuart, Fla.	2,644.71
W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla.	2,855.65
James A. Ellis Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	12.00
Palm Beach Publications, Inc., West Palm Beach, Fla.	15.00
Ross C. Sawyer, C. C. C., Key West, Fla.	1,380.60
American Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	28.06
Proctor and Proctor, Tallahassee, Fla.	27.05
Seabrook Hardware Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	14.38
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.80
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.76
Western Union, Tallahassee, Fla.	2.30
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.20
	<u>\$7,021.51</u>

Financial Statement for the month of October is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER, 1938
RECEIPTS

Land sales under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931	\$ 46.07
Land exchange	3.75
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel	633.59
Quitclaim to reservations in deeds issued under Contracts 16590 and 16599	28.50
Farm lease	56.25
Total receipts during month	\$ 768.16
Balance on hand October 1, 1938	90,013.45
	<u>\$90,781.61</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	1,820.57
Balance October 31, 1938	\$88,961.04

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in banks	87,961.04
	<u>\$88,961.04</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS OCTOBER 31, 1938

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$62,406.07
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,781.36
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	7,773.61
	<u>\$87,961.04</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1938			
Oct. 20,	11207	M. C. McIntosh, Asst. Atty. General	\$ 21.75
	11208	F. E. Bayless	36.95
	11209	W. B. Granger	27.50
	11210	George O. Butler, C. C. C.	10.00
	11211	George O. Butler, C. C. C.	10.00
	11212	Pinellas County Title Co.	580.25
	11213	Stetson O. Sproul, T. C.	4.35
	11214	Stetson O. Sproul, T. C.	3.44
	11215	Gore Newspapers of Florida	15.00
	11216	Pennsylvania Rubber Co.	27.80
	11217	Standard Oil Company	2.67
	11218	American Oil Company	20.07
	11219	R. A. Gray, Secretary of State	3.25
	11220	Western Union Telegraph Co.	1.59

	11221	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. ....	.75
	11222	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.20
31,	11223	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	11224	F. E. Bayless	250.00
	11225	M. O. Barco	175.00
	11226	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	11227	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	Total disbursements during October		
	1938	.....	\$1,820.57

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

GEORGE COUPER GIBBS,
Attorney General—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
November 29, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Minutes of October 25, November 1 and 9, 1938 read and approved.

Mr. Mayo read to the Trustees letter dated November 19, 1938, from Mr. Gaston Drake, stating that sub-leases were still being sold in Miami by parties claiming petroleum rights from the Trustees under the Price-Williams and Holgate leases; that Mr. Drake has been informed that such leases have long since been cancelled and if the same have actually been cancelled and terminated advantage is being taken of the public in selling sub-leases which are of no value.

The Trustees were of the opinion that steps should be taken to prevent the sale of sub-leases under the can-

celled leases, and it was suggested that the Sheriff be notified to stop the issuing of such leases.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for investigation and whatever action was necessary.

Mr. Ray Green and Mayor L. A. Marsh of Clearwater appeared before the Trustees and stated that the City of Clearwater had made tentative arrangements with private persons, who are the owners of Clearater Beach Island and two small parcels of submerged land at the north tip of the island, whereby such private persons would join with the City in carrying out a development which would result in deepening the channel leading into Clearwater Harbor as a part of the improvement for benefit of the public, provided the dredged material could be used by the parties owning the north end of Clearwater Beach Island and the submerged bottoms for fill. Provided further that such parties could acquire from the Trustees sufficient additional submerged bottoms for receiving the fill proposed to be excavated from the channel.

Mr. Marsh requested the Trustees to convey eight or ten acres of submerged bottoms to the owners of the adjoining island and the submerged parcels adjacent thereto in order to assist the City in carrying out the proposed channel improvement, tentative arrangements having been made by the City and private land owners whereby a Federal Works project could be developed, the result of which would be the provision of a deep water channel into Clearwater Harbor.

After discussion of the subject, the Trustees agreed to convey to the owners of the north end of Clearwater Beach Island, and of the submerged parcels adjacent thereto, ten acres of submerged land at the rate of \$125 an acre, which was accepted by Mr. Marsh on behalf of the upland owners.

The Trustees ordered the land advertised for objections as provided by law as soon as description for advertising can be furnished by Messrs. Marsh and Green.

Request was presented from Mr. Dan Kelly, Fernandina, for refund of \$25 deposited with the Trustees as payment for one year's lease on a small parcel of land in Nassau County.

Mr. Bayless informed the Trustees that executed lease in favor of Mr. Joe Snowball had been returned by Mr.

Kelly with request that it be cancelled and that amount paid be refunded.

Motion was made seconded and carried that the Trustees cancel lease to Mr. Snowball and that the \$25 payment be returned to his attorney, Mr. Dan Kelly.

Mr. Elliot reported that notice had been received from E. B. Leatherman, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dade County, that tax deed has been applied for by Malcolm B. Wischart for client, holder of tax sale certificates issued against Sections 13, 14 and 23, Township 54 South, Range 36 East, Dade County, on which land the Trustees hold Mortgages Nos. 17328-A, 17328-B and 17328-C. Certificate numbers and amounts are as follows:

State and County	Everglades Dr. Dist.	Sec.	Tp.	Rg.
No. 5127—\$142.80	No. 1633—\$153.67	13	54	36
No. 5128— 142.80	No. 1634— 153.67	14	54	36
No. 5152— 142.80	No. 1638— 153.67	23	54	36
\$428.40	\$461.01			
Total				\$889.41

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees redeem the tax certificates listed above as against the lands described and directed that check for \$889.41 be drawn in payment therefor.

Motion was offered by the State Treasurer that the Trustees obtain a list of outstanding tax sale certificates held by private persons on land covered by Trustees' mortgages. Motion seconded and adopted and the Land Clerk was requested to secure such list for the Trustees.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	\$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	250.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary	50.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Expense account	30.05
M. C. McIntosh, Asst. Atty. General, Tallahassee, Fla.	24.65
Tyrus A. Norwood, Asst. Atty. General, Tallahassee, Fla.	12.30
E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C., Miami, Fla.	889.41
Glades Printing Co., Moore Haven, Fla.	14.00
Volusia County Abstract Co., DeLand, Fla.	26.00
Flagler County Abstract Co., Bunnell, Fla.	6.00
First Title Guaranty & Abstract Co., Key West, Fla.	43.00

Ray E. Green, C. C. C., Clearwater, Fla. _____	2.10
Woodlands Corporation, Miami Beach, Fla. _____	69.78
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla. _____	5.37
Pennsylvania Rubber Co., Jacksonville, Fla. _____	27.80
J. W. Stewart, Tallahassee, Fla. _____	8.00
Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. _____	5.00
H. B. Summers, C. C. C., Lake City, Fla. _____	3.75
Dan Kelly, Fernandina, Fla. _____	25.00
	\$2,242.21

All other subjects listed for consideration were ordered held for a meeting of the Trustees scheduled for Wednesday, December 7th, 1938.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,

Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
December 7, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Attorney General reported that pursuant to action taken November 9th, with reference to trespass on State land under lease to Pearce Sisters, he had sent one of his assistants, Mr. Norwood, to Glades County to investigate the reported trespass and was ready to submit information on the subject. Mr. Norwood stated that he did not think criminal prosecution would help the situation, and that the County Officers did not seem disposed to enforce the law in protecting State lands against trespassers; that the lease is not sufficient authority for lessees to enjoin the trespassers, and his recommendation would be that the Trustees bring injunction suit to stop trespass on state lands. He informed

the board that lessees have spent considerable money in planting grasses and in building fences around the property; that their fences have been torn down and cattle driven in, and when attempt was made to drive them out they were met with armed resistance.

The Attorney General asked if the Trustees would be willing to join in an injunction suit to stop trespass on the land under lease.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Attorney General be authorized to proceed to enforce the rights of the Trustees by bringing injunction suit or take whatever steps he deems necessary to protect the lands of the State from trespass.

Mr. Robert Milam, representing Fort Pierce Financing and Construction Company, came before the Trustees and urged that sale be made to his Company of Spoil Area No. 1, in Indian River at Fort Pierce, as per application presented July 13th, six hundred feet of which tract will be deeded to the City of Fort Pierce, according to the existing contract between Fort Pierce Financing and Construction Company and the City of Fort Pierce. An offer of \$100 an acre was submitted for the area applied for.

Discussion was had as to advisability of conveying the entire tract known as Spoil Area No. 1, which applicants estimate to be about fifteen acres with approximately eighteen hundred feet frontage on the River. Engineer for the Trustees estimated the acreage as approximately twenty-five acres. Suggestion was made that the Trustees retain six hundred feet of this water front area for future use. Whereupon motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees decline to sell all of Spoil Area No. 1, as applied for, at \$100 an acre.

The question then before the board was the area to be disposed of and at what price. After discussion on the subject, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Knott, that the Trustees agree to sell to Fort Pierce Financing and Construction Company the South twelve hundred feet of Spoil Area No. 1, along the Indian River, at a price of \$200 an acre, with the understanding that the Company will deed to the City of Fort Pierce six hundred feet of this area, pursuant to agreement between the City and the Company; also that the question of ownership of bulkhead in front of the remainder of Spoil Area No. 1, retained by the State, to be worked out between the Attorney General and Mr. Milam, with report to be submitted by Attorney General for final approval of Trustees. Motion duly adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Gray, Secretary of State, and Mr. English, Superintendent of Public Instruction, joined the meeting for a joint session of the Trustees and the State Board of Education for the purpose of discussing the proposed Everglades National Park. The Secretary read a report which had been prepared on the subject of Everglades National Park, outlining certain problems which would have to be solved and various obstacles to be met before conveyance of land could be made.

Mr. Arno B. Camerer, Director National Park Service, Mr. G. O. Palmer, Executive Chairman Everglades National Park Commission, and Mr. Thomas J. Pancoast, Vice-President Everglades National Park Association, Inc., met with the joint boards and each presented information on the subject.

Mr. Camerer stated that he was unable to suggest a solution at this time to all the obstacles confronting the State, or to answer all questions brought out in the report, but he felt that most of them could be taken care of eventually and in a satisfactory manner. That as to conveyance of the land at this time, should the State be in position to do so the United States would not be in a position to accept it; that there were various details to be worked out prior to taking over the land, but the biggest problem was to get money to purchase private property. He pointed out the advantage the park would be to the State as a scenic spectacle, from an educational standpoint and as a source of revenue from increased gasoline taxes; also in various other ways from a greater number of tourists coming to the State and visiting the Park.

Mr. Palmer estimated that it would take approximately three million dollars to acquire the necessary privately owned land, although an appraisal has not been made to ascertain what the land can be bought for. His opinion was that if the State of Florida could get the Federal Government to take over that area in the Everglades and develop it into a National Park as has been done in other states, it would be the best deal Florida could make.

Information was submitted by Mr. Pancoast of his connection with the Park for the past ten years and of the efforts being made by his Association to get the park established, but stated that they have gone as far as they can without help from the State.

It was realized that many problems in connection with conveyance of the State lands, as well as acquisition of privately owned property, solution of which would take time, with final decision to be made at a future meeting.

It was agreed that Mr. Camerer, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Pancoast be given an opportunity to study the report of the Trustees and make suggestions and submit whatever solutions or answers they deemed advisable for consideration at some future date.

Mr. Elliott was requested to furnish the necessary copies of the report.

Upon motion, duly adopted, the Trustees and the State Board of Education adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
December 14, 1938

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

Present:

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Minutes of the Trustees for November 29th and December 7th, 1938, read and approved.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of \$50 from John W. Albritton, Islamorada, Florida, for an island or submerged bottoms located between Indian Key Draw bridge and Lignum Vita bridge, on the bay side, in Section 11, Township 64 South, Range 36 East, and in Section 12, Township 64 South, Range 37 East, Monroe County.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees declined offer of \$50 for the island applied for by Mr. Albritton.

Application was submitted from Joe Bongiovanni, Okeechobee, for five year grazing lease on one hundred acres of State land in Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, with an offer of ten

cents an acre annually for the first two years, fifteen cents an acre for the third year, twenty cents an acre for the fourth year and twenty-five cents an acre for the fifth year; the land to be placed under the Federal soil conservation program.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to accept offer from Mr. Bongiovanni for grazing lease, conditioned that such lease will specify a date when the conservation program will be started.

Application was presented from E. M. Ivey, Orlando, for purchase of 1.2 acres, more or less, of reclaimed land on Lake Conway, Orange County, adjacent to upland owned by him, with request as to whether or not the Trustees will accept \$100 for the tract.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees accept \$100 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Ivey, or a flat price of \$100 for any fraction of an acre.

Offer of \$25 was submitted from C. M. McKenny, Tax Collector of Orange County, Orlando, for approximately one-third of an acre of marginal land between his upland and the waters of Lake Conway.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer of \$25 from Mr. McKenny, but it was agreed that a price of \$100 would be acceptable for the tract if it contained one acre or less, but if more than an acre the price would be \$100 an acre.

The Trustees deferred action on application of W. W. Parsons, LaBelle, with offer of forty cents an acre for one year grazing lease on thirty acres of lake bottom land in Lake Hicpochee, Sections 23 and 36, Township 42 South, Range 31 East, Glades County.

The Board directed that investigation be made and report submitted for further consideration.

Action was deferred on application of William H. Sanchez, Trenton, offering \$6.25 an acre for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Gilchrist County, the land being located about four miles southeast of Trenton. The Trustees ordered that examination be made of the tract applied for and report submitted thereon.

Tom W. Allen, Wellborn, came before the Trustees and made the following offer for timber located on Trus-

tees' lands in Levy County approximating forty-five hundred acres; also the same offer for timber on approximately twenty thousand acres of land vesting in the State through foreclosure under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929:

\$.15	per tie, railroad count
6.00	per thousand B.M., saw stock timber
.40	each for poles 35 feet long
.50	each for poles 40 feet long
.75	each for poles 45 feet long and up

Mr. Allen stated that his offer was for taking the cut-over timber and not any of the young growth; that the timber was scattered and he estimated that there would be approximately a half million ties to be cut from the entire area and approximately three and a half million feet of timber in addition to the ties.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that an investigation be made of the timber on the two tracts of land and report submitted before taking action.

Mr. Mayo informed the board that he is continually receiving reports that land of the State is being trespassed upon and thousands of feet of timber cut from state land each year without any payment being made; that the question of employing a competent field man to look after the state lands has been discussed several times, but no definite action taken, and he would like to see something done to protect the State lands.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Knott, that a committee be appointed to recommend to the Trustees a man competent to look after lands of the State. Motion was duly adopted, and the Chairman appointed Messrs. Mayo and Knott as a Committee to recommend a suitable man for looking after State lands.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Land Office investigate the reported trespass on State lands and take steps to stop such trespass.

Application was presented from Milton R. Thomas, requesting renewal for one year of grazing lease on forty acres of land described as the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 36 South, Range 21 East, Manatee County, with an offer of \$20 for the year, based on a price of fifty cents an acre.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees renew grazing lease for one year to Mr. Thomas on the land described, upon payment of \$20.

Offer of \$75 was presented from W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector of Broward County, on behalf of C. E. Parks, for the purchase of Tract 4, Tier 3, Newman's Survey of Section 24, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, containing 10 acres.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer of \$75 from Mr. Parks for the land applied for in Broward County.

Request was presented from M. T. Whidden for five year lease on approximately 240 acres of State land in Section 33, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, and in Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, located between the City of Okeechobee and the Lake, lying West of Parrott Avenue. An offer of fifteen cents an acre was made for the lease, but Mr. Whidden stated he did not care to place the land under the Federal soil conservation program.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline Mr. Whidden's offer of fifteen cents an acre for the lease, however, the Land Office was directed to notify Mr. Whidden that lease would be allowed for a period of five years if placed under the soil conservation program with payment of ten cents an acre annually for the first two years, fifteen cents an acre for the third year, twenty cents an acre for the fourth year and twenty-five cents an acre for the fifth year.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees release Canal reservations contained in deed to R. G. Haskins covering the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 28 South, Range 26 East, Polk County, upon payment of \$10. Application was made by A. Summerlin of Winter Haven, with statement that the reservations in the deed prevented securing loan on the land.

Application was submitted from G. A. Buie, Lake City, on behalf of client Emory Carter, with an offer of \$600 for timber on approximately 1200 acres of State land in Township 2 North, Range 18 East, being all of Section 35 and 36 except the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ —Columbia County.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that action be deferred on application of Mr. Buie pending investigation and report.

Information was submitted from Mr. Harley Watson, Arcadia, that foreclosure of Trustees Mortgage No. 17233 was completed December 5th, involving 490 acres of land in Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 35 East and in Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County. Mr. Watson requests that the Trustees release to him 135 acres of the 490 upon payment of \$1000 January 1, 1939, in order that he may secure crop production loan on cane planted on such area.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees release the 135 acres requested by Mr. Watson upon payment of \$1000 on January 1, 1939.

Application was presented from David A. Watt, St. Petersburg, offering \$200 an acre for 62/100 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to upland property on the east side of Long Bayou, opposite the Veterans Home at Bay Pines, in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees decline to sell the tract on a basis of \$200 an acre, but it was agreed that a price of \$200 for the tract would be acceptable to the board. The Land Clerk was requested to inform Mr. Watt of the action taken.

Request was presented from Leo Edwards, Miami, with offer of \$30 annually for renewal of lease No. 18420 on 8.59 acres on Shoal No. 5 and 15 acres on Shoal No. 8, located south of Florida Key in Biscayne Bay, such submerged flats being used as fishing camp sites.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to renew lease No. 18420 for one year upon payment of \$30.

Mr. Bayless submitted letter from the U. S. Department of Justice in which it was stated that some time ago an option had been taken from the Murphy Company to purchase the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $E\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 18 East, Citrus County, and that the sum of \$476 had been set aside for the purchase of the land; that it later developed the land was owned by the State although the Murphy Company had paid taxes on it since 1889. The Department of Justice now offers to pay the State \$2.98 an acre for the 160 acre tract.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees have an investigation and report on this land before taking action.

Attorney General Gibbs presented letter from John Mercer Brown, St. Petersburg, on behalf of Walter Collany, requesting adjustment of mortgage held by the Trustees on what is known as Shell Island in Pinellas County, and on which land his client holds tax deed. Mr. Brown suggests that the mortgage could be assigned to a Trust Company and foreclosed at his client's expense; that it could be agreed for bidder at sale to deed Mr. Collany a specified area and the remainder go back to the State, Mr. Collany being interested only in approximately thirty-five acres of the total of two hundred and twelve.

Upon discussion, motion was made seconded and adopted that the matter be referred to Mr. Elliot for investigation and report, with request that he notify Mr. Brown that he will be given a hearing before final action is taken.

Mr. Bayless submitted report on lands in Lee County described as Government Lots 7 and 13, Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 25 East, applied for by R. A. Henderson, Fort Myers, on behalf of Hans Hansen, with an offer of \$10 an acre. The report contained information that the land is a mangrove peninsula in Orange River, a branch of the Caloosahatchee River, is approximately three miles east of Fort Myers and opposite upland of Mr. Hansen; that there is not much development in that area at this time and recommends that the lots be retained by the Trustees.

Upon motion offered, seconded and adopted, the report was approved and the Trustees declined to sell the lots applied for by Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Bayless submitted report on land applied for by E. W. Gautier on behalf of John V. Hineckley, described as marginal land adjacent to upland owned by Mr. Hineckley in Section 50, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, containing 1.1 acres located on the Indian River in the town of Edgewater. The tract applied for is separated from upland property by a street known as the Strand. Mr. Hineckley desires to purchase the property in order to eliminate the possibility of anyone building between his upland and the water, and offers \$200 an acre for the area.

Upon consideration of the application, motion was made, seconded and adopted to sell the tract applied for by Mr. Hineckley at a price of \$300 plus cost of advertising. The report was accepted and ordered filed.

The Trustees deferred action on the following applications from Thos. H. Horobin:

Douglas D. Felix offers \$100 an acre for 9.8 acres of submerged land adjoining his upland in Section 18, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County;

F. G. Simpson offers \$100 an acre for 17.2 acres of submerged land lying between his upland and Intracoastal Waterway, Dade County;

M. J. Flipse offers \$100 an acre for 18.5 acres of submerged land in front of his upland in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, located in Section 18-53-42.

Application was submitted from the National Association of Audubon Societies for dedication of certain areas of State land for the protection of wild birds and animals, such dedication to be administered through the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission of Florida, in cooperation with the U. S. Biological Survey. Mr. Elliot informed the board that the dedication of the areas applied for would not interfere with fishing, navigation or grazing leases, or sale of the lands by the Trustees.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees consent to the dedication of the areas requested, for protection of wild birds and animals, under the supervision of the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, conditioned that such use of the land will not interfere with sale or lease of the tracts; final agreement to be submitted to the Trustees for approval and adoption. The areas requested are three keys known as Duck Rock, Buzzard Key and Bottle Point, off the southern coast of Florida, and two tracts in Lake Okechobee.

The Trustees deferred action on request of Pinellas County for right-of-way across Tampa Bay on which to construct a causeway bridge and tunnel between Manatee and Pinellas Counties, also causeway for connecting Pinellas Peninsula and Mullet Key, the members present deeming it necessary to have a full membership for consideration of this question.

The Engineer informed the board that in October 1936 request was made and granted for right-of-way in favor of St. Lucie County Sanitary District for easement one

hundred feet wide along Indian River to be used in connection with mosquito control work; that at the time the District was unable to carry out the proposed plans. New application is now submitted for right-of-way to be granted in order that a narrow marshy strip along the River may be raised and thereby eliminate breeding of mosquitoes.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees granted right-of-way easement as requested by St. Lucie County Sanitary District to be used in connection with mosquito control work.

The Secretary was requested to prepare permit and forward to St. Lucie County Sanitary District.

The Secretary submitted request from the City of Melbourne for authority from the Trustees to exercise control of and the right to police and prevent trespass on a certain spoil bank located in Indian River, in front of a park within the city limits of Melbourne, such permission not to interfere with any use the War Department might desire to make of the area in connection with Intracoastal Waterway. A proposed resolution was presented for consideration.

Upon discussion, motion was made seconded and carried that the request of the City of Melbourne and the proposed Resolution be referred to the Attorney General for investigation and report.

Application was presented from the State Road Department, requesting grant of perpetual easement one hundred feet wide for right-of-way through and across lands owned by the State in Lake Bradley and Lake Consuello in Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 20 East—Citrus County—two acres more or less. It was stated that the right-of-way was necessary in connection with work on State Road No. 22.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees grant to the Road Department perpetual easement for right-of-way through State lands in Lakes Consuello and Bradley, Citrus County, with provision for reversion clause. Easement was ordered executed and delivered to the Road Department.

Action was deferred on application from Bradford G. Williams, Lakeland, on behalf of Lakeland-Tampa Industrial Canal Commission, for approval of plans and plats in connection with proposed canal, the members

present desiring a full membership of the Trustees when final decision is made.

Motion was made seconded and carried to defer action on Resolution adopted by Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District requesting that the Trustees pay all outstanding delinquent taxes on State lands in the District.

The Secretary submitted offer of \$125 from N. G. Robertson for Lot 15, Block A, Bay View S/D of Sarasota, title to which lot vested in the Trustees through foreclosure of delinquent State and County tax sale certificates under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. The Trustees were informed that amount of decree is \$78.24 and that the applicant is not the original owner.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer of Mr. Robertson for Lot 15; also that the Secretary notify the original owner, if possible, giving him opportunity to purchase the lot at a price of \$200. It was agreeable to the Trustees to sell the Lot to Mr. Robertson in the event original owner cannot be located or does not care to re-purchase.

Application was submitted from McCune, Hiasen & Fleming, Attorneys of Fort Lauderdale, representing Co-operative Life Insurance Company, offering \$22.75 for equity of the Trustees represented by Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificates 11345, 11346 and 11351, total amount of which is \$10.19.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer of \$22.75 and a price of \$25 was placed on the land.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to accept offer of \$35 from Ricker Alford, on behalf of M. L. Bell, for the purchase of the Trustees equity in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 43 South, Range 43 East—2.42 acres in Palm Beach County, the Trustees equity being represented by Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificate No. 2389.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees accepted offer of \$11.50 from Record Realty Company, Miami, for equity of the State in Lot 63, Redland Citrus Orchards, Section 16, Township 56 South, Range 39 East—5 acres in Dade County, such equity being represented by Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificate No. 3363.

The Secretary presented request from William E. Thompson, representing Wayne Thomas, for reconveyance of the following described land, for which he offers \$1000:

All Section 4; N $\frac{1}{2}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5; All Sec. 6; in Township 27 South, Range 21 East, less A. C. L. R/W:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 7, Township 27 South, Range 21 East. All in Hillsborough County.

Mr. Elliot reported that these lands came to the Trustees through foreclosure of State and County tax sale certificates under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929; that they originally belonged to Mr. Thomas and he allowed them to be foreclosed in order to carry out an exchange in connection with establishment of a State Forest Park; That the Park Service was unable to effect the proposed exchange and since the land is not suitable for park purposes, Mr. Thomas requests that deed be made to him upon payment of \$1000.

Information was given that it is the Trustees' policy to accept not less than amount of decree for lands vesting in the State under this Act without recommendation from the County Commissioners that a lower price be accepted—Decree in this case being \$3,290.39.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Secretary take the matter up with Hillsborough County Commissioners and report back to the Trustees the recommendation of the County.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer of \$5 an acre from Judge E. R. Lowe, Tavernier, for the purchase of fourteen acres of land on Wilson Key and McGinty Key (Cotton Key), Monroe County, which he contemplated using as a Bird Sanctuary.

The Trustees agreed to hold a meeting soon after the Christmas Holidays at which time Mr. Franklin West and clients, McGeachy and Jernigan, would be given a hearing on application for modification or supplement to Diatomite lease covering Santa Rosa County lands.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees August 23rd, deed had been prepared and approved by the Attorney General, providing for transfer of title from the Florida Board of Forestry to the State Board of Education, conveying certain land in Alachua County,

located northeast of Gainesville, to be used as a demonstration forest in connection with the School of Forestry at the University of Florida.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that deed to the State Board of Education, conveying land referred to, be approved and executed by the Trustees.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Marvin C. McIntosh, Asst. Atty. General, Tallahassee, Fla.	\$13.90
B. A. Bales, Attorney, Moore Haven, Fla.	10.00
W. Hiram Lawrence, Sheriff, Palm Beach Co., West Palm Beach	2.25
American Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	16.00
Proctor & Proctor, Tallahassee, Fla.	12.35
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	28.50
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	7.75
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.20
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ....	.81
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	2.22
	<u>\$98.98</u>

Financial Statement for the month of November is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 1938
RECEIPTS

Land sales under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929	\$ 210.00
Land sales under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931	12.00
Receipts on account of various land sales	874.17
Land lease	506.25
Farm lease	274.12
Grazing lease	357.79
Mineral lease	525.00
Royalties on sand, shell and gravel ..	629.33
Quit claim deed covering reservations in former deed	3.75
Sale of minutes	1.50
Reimbursement of cost advertising land sale	15.00
Total receipts during month	\$ 3,408.91
Balance on hand November 1, 1938 ..	88,961.04
	<u>\$92,369.95</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below) ..	9,263.72
Balance November 30, 1938	<u>\$83,106.23</u>

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00
Balances in banks	82,106.23
	<u>\$83,106.23</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS NOVEMBER 30, 1938

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$56,539.26
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,781.36
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	7,785.61
	<u>\$82,106.23</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1938			
Nov. 10,	11228	H. E. Carter	\$ 5.00
	11229	W. B. Granger	29.00
	11230	Martin County c/o Clerk Circuit Court	2,644.71
	11231	W. V. Knott, State Treasurer	2,855.65
	11232	James Ellis	12.00
	11233	Palm Beach Publications	15.00
	11234	Ross C. Sawyer, C. C. C.	1,380.60
	11235	American Oil Company	28.06
	11236	Proctor & Proctor	27.05
	11237	Seabrook Hardware Co.	14.38
	11238	Capital Office Equipment Co.	1.80
	11239	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.76
	11240	Western Union Telegraph Co.	2.30
	11241	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.20
30.	11242	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	11243	F. E. Bayless	250.00
	11244	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	11245	M. O. Barco	175.00
	11246	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	11247	F. E. Bayless	30.05
	11248	M. C. McIntosh	24.65
	11249	Tyrus A. Norwood	12.30
	11250	E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C.	889.41
	11251	Glades Printing Co.	14.00
	11252	Volusia County Abstract Co.	26.00
	11253	Flagler County Abstract Co.	6.00
	11254	First Title Guaranty & Abstract Co.	43.00
	11255	Roy E. Green, C. C. C.	2.10
	11256	Woodlands Corporation	69.78
	11257	Standard Oil Co.	5.37

11258	Pennsylvania Rubber Company	27.80
11259	J. W. Stewart	8.00
11260	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	5.00
11261	H. B. Simmons, C. C. C.	3.75
11262	Dan Kelley	25.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS during		
	November 1938	\$9,263.72

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

GEORGE COUPER GIBBS,

Attorney General—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
December 20, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

At this meeting of the Trustees a conference was had with Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, represented by J. H. Franklin, Chairman, G. A. Chalker, Vice-Chairman and J. E. Beardsley; also Fred Kent, Attorney for the District, and Frank Ralls, Agent for the District in preparing application for loan to re-finance the District's indebtedness.

Mr. Franklin informed the Trustees that the District has a plan for refinancing its indebtedness of approximately sixteen million dollars through loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation, but request was made that no publicity be given to the plan until action is taken by the Trustees and the bondholders committee notified of such action. An executive session was requested, whereupon motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees go into executive session, Comptroller Lee voting against the motion.

Mr. Kent verbally submitted the following proposal from Everglades Drainage District:

Reconstruction Finance Corporation has agreed to loan Everglades Drainage District \$3,729,000 for re-financing the indebtedness of the District, contingent upon settlement being arranged with the bond holders, Arundel Corporation, and Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; that in settlement of its debt Everglades Drainage District will pay the Trustees twenty cents on the dollar of the principal amount owed; that all taxes and tax certificates against the Trustees on lands within the District prior to the year 1937, amounting to approximately two and one half million dollars, plus interest of around one million dollars, will be cancelled; that the 1937 and 1938 taxes will be paid by the Trustees with notes of Everglades Drainage District amounting to approximately \$992,000 principal and approximately \$100,000 interest; that upon cancellation and payment of all taxes due by the Trustees through the year 1938, and the delivery to the District of all notes of Everglades Drainage District in favor of the Trustees, all indebtedness as between the Trustees and the District will be cancelled and wiped out.

Attorney General Gibbs requested information as to basis of settlement with other creditors. The Committee's answer to that was that the Bondholders Committee had agreed to submit to its clients an offer from the District of thirty-eight cents on the dollar without recommendation, and Arundel Corporation would be asked to accept twenty cents on the dollar, the same as the Trustees.

Upon full discussion of all phases of the plan for re-financing the District, the Attorney General suggested that the proposal of Everglades Drainage District be submitted in writing and referred to his department, since there were legal questions to be considered and decided upon; that he would be glad to go into the subject as thoroughly as he could and make report as soon as possible.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the proposal of Everglades Drainage District be submitted in writing to the Attorney General for examination and report.

It was decided that the Trustees have a meeting at three o'clock in the afternoon, December 21, 1938, at which time the Attorney General would submit as complete a report as possible for consideration and action by the Trustees.

Pursuant to action taken at the December 14th meeting, at which Messrs. Mayo and Knott were appointed a Committee to recommend a suitable party as timber cruiser and field man, Mr. Mayo reported that he and Mr. Knott had located a man by the name of S. S. Savage of Ocala, who is a reputable timber cruiser and capable of doing the work desired, and that his services could be obtained upon the following basis:

- \$200.00 per month salary
- .05 a mile for car expense
- 5.00 a day for helper, when needed in cruising large tracts of land
- Expenses for himself and helper when on business for the Trustees away from headquarters Ocala, Florida, to be designated as headquarters.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to accept report of the Committee and to notify Mr. Savage that his employment on the above basis will commence as of January 1, 1939. The Secretary was requested to write Mr. Savage of his employment and outline his duties.

Mr. Mayo suggested that a list of State lands be furnished Mr. Savage on which cruises were needed or investigation of trespass; also that there were numerous tracts of Federal lands that might be acquired by the State.

Mr. Elliot reported that a list is nearly completed of Federal lands in Florida and it would be desirable to have Mr. Savage furnish certain information necessary before selection can be accomplished.

The suggestions and report were approved by the board and Messrs. Mayo and Knott were requested to continue as a Committee to work out these land matters.

Mr. Elliot reported that on September 5, 1935 the Trustees sold to Charles H. Baker twenty acres of land in Sections 28 and 29, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, represented by Everglades Drainage District tax sale Certificate No. 8943, Sale of 1928; that included in the sale price of the land was the amount of \$15.60, estimated taxes from 1932 to 1935, inclusive; that the Clerk of the Court has billed Mr. Baker with these taxes and since payment was made to the Trustees covering these years, refund should be made.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees issue check in the amount of \$15.60 in payment

for Everglades Drainage District taxes on lands in Sections 28 and 29, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, sold to Mr. Baker in 1935.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:
 E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. Dade County, Miami,
 Fla. Account payment of Everglades Drainage
 District taxes 1932-1935, incl., on lands conveyed
 by Deed No. 28-D-28 \$15.60

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.
 J. M. LEE,
 Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
 Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
 December 21, 1938

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

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
 W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
 George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

The Trustees met for consideration of refinancing plan submitted by Everglades Drainage District at a meeting held December 20th.

The Attorney General reported that the following written proposal of the District was submitted to him and he had gone into the subject as thoroughly as possible in the limited time allowed:

PROPOSAL

“The Trustees of the
 Internal Improvement Fund of Florida
 Gentlemen:

We owe you \$992,508.47 principal and \$105,536.14 interest evidenced by tax anticipation notes limited by a contract providing that said

notes shall be used by you only in the payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes.

You owe us \$2,450,707.23 principal and \$1,045,288.55 interest and penalties as nearly as our auditor can determine in payment of taxes on non-certificated lands owned by you situated in the Everglades Drainage District.

We propose the following:

We will pay you 20% of the principal amount owed you by us as aforesaid or approximately \$200,000 in settlement of everything that we owe you.

As a part of the same transaction you will pay us, and we will accept, a sum equal to that paid to you by us in full settlement of all sums due us by you for taxes as aforesaid. This will include settlement of all taxes due by you down to and including taxes for the year 1938. This settlement is based on the payment by you of a sum equal to your taxes for the year 1937 and 1938 as levied by the 1937 Everglades Drainage Act which is the same offer being made to other tax payers in the District.

Copy of your tax statement as prepared by our auditor is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DIST.

12/20/38

J. H. Franklin, Chairman
G. A. Chalker, Vice-Chairman
J. E. Beardsley, Member "

Upon consideration of the proposal, the Trustees were not agreeable to accepting twenty cents on the dollar in settlement of amount due by the District when it was proposed to pay other creditors a higher rate on their debt. After careful deliberation the Trustees agreed as follows:

That Everglades Drainage District pay the Trustees the sum of \$300,000 in full settlement of their indebtedness; that \$200,000 of that amount will be paid to the District in settlement of the 1937 and 1938 taxes due by the Trustees; that all other taxes and tax certificates be cancelled; that the remaining \$100,000 be held as a cash anticipated payment on subsequent taxes of the Trustees at the rate of \$20,000 annually for the next five years.

Representatives of Everglades Drainage District were called in and the foregoing counter proposal was submitted. After conference on such proposal, Mr. Franklin, Chairman of the Board, informed the Trustees that they would have no way of raising that extra \$100,000 and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation would not make the loan with any indebtedness of any kind against the district; that it would necessitate raising that additional amount in cash which the District could not do.

Upon further discussions and conferences, the following motion was made by the Attorney General:

"Pursuant to and on condition that the contemplated refinancing program of Everglades Drainage District be carried through and consummated as presented to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, by the Board of Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District, at its several meetings held in the Capitol at Tallahassee, Florida, on the 20th and 21st of December, 1938, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will accept twenty cents on the dollar of the principal of the indebtedness of Everglades Drainage District to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will pay 1937 and 1938 taxes to the Everglades Drainage District; that all claims on account of taxes for prior years, or for any other reason, shall be cancelled and held for naught; that all litigation by the bond holders and their representatives, or either, against the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund or the Everglades Drainage District, or any of their officers, now pending shall be dismissed without cost of any kind to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; that hereafter no suit shall be brought or legal proceedings had against either the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund or the Everglades Drainage District, or any officer of either, on any bonds or other obligation now outstanding."

Motion seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote unanimously adopted.

Upon being notified of the adoption of the foregoing motion, representatives of Everglades Drainage District thanked the Trustees for their cooperation and assistance in carrying out the plan for refinancing, and stated that they would take the matter up with the other

creditors of the District with a view to consummating the program as outlined.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida
December 28, 1938

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

Present:

W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
George Couper Gibbs, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. Bayless submitted applications from Thos. H. Horobin, on behalf of clients as follows:

Douglas D. Felix offers \$100 an acre for 9.8 acres of sovereignty land in Biscayne Bay adjacent to Block 4, South Elmira S/D of Section 18, Township 53 South, Range 42 East—Dade County;

F. G. Simpson offers \$100 an acre for 17.2 acres of sovereignty land located between his upland property and the Intracoastal Waterway, in Biscayne Bay, Dade County;

M. J. Flipse offers \$100 an acre for 18.5 acres of sovereignty land located in Biscayne Bay, adjacent to his upland in Block 1, South Elmira, S/D of Section 18, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

The foregoing applications cover submerged areas between upland ownership and the Intracoastal Waterway.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offers from clients of Mr. Horobin.

Pursuant to application from National Association of Audubon Societies for dedication of certain areas in

Lake Okeechobee and along the Florida Keys, and action taken by the Trustees on such application December 14, 1938, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVE-
MENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
DEDICATING CERTAIN AREAS AS
WILD LIFE SANCTUARIES**

WHEREAS, the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AUDUBON SOCIETIES FOR THE PROTECTION OF WILD BIRDS AND ANIMALS, INCORPORATED, hereinafter referred to as the AUDUBON SOCIETY, through their Executive Director, has presented to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund proposal for the establishment of certain wild life sanctuaries within the State of Florida, more particularly for the conservation and protection of birds therein, and requested the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to set aside certain areas for the said purpose, and

WHEREAS, the STATE GAME AND FRESH WATER FISH COMMISSION OF FLORIDA has joined with said AUDUBON SOCIETY in requesting that said areas be set aside and dedicated to the purpose described, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund hold title for the State of Florida to the land comprising the areas requested to be set aside for the purpose aforesaid, and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund being of the opinion that the setting aside of such areas for the purpose described is desirable and will encourage the protection and preservation of wild bird and animal life in general, and certain species in particular, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida:

— 1 —

That there are hereby set aside and dedicated those certain areas hereinafter described and designated according to their names, as inviolate sanctuaries for all forms of wild bird and animal life, subject to the conditions herein named.

— 2 —

That for said areas, and for the protection and conservation of wild life therein, the Audubon

Society shall have the right to carry on such work and to effectuate such operations as the said Audubon Society may deem advisable, and that in the event the United States Biological Survey shall desire to join with said Society or to take part on its own account in said preservation, said Biological Survey shall have the right of so doing under such arrangements as may be satisfactory to it and to said Society.

— 3 —

That for assisting in carrying out the purpose of the dedication hereby made and on behalf of the State of Florida, such arrangements as may be necessary for establishing, operating, maintaining, policing and protecting said areas and wild life thereon, shall be made by the Audubon Society and by the United States Biological Survey through and in cooperation with the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission of the State of Florida under such authority as is or may be vested in said Commission by law.

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That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund hereby reserve all rights, except those hereby granted, in which reservation is included the right to lease the premises for any purpose which, in the judgment of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, will not interfere with the purpose of the dedication, and the right to sell and dispose of any of said areas or part thereof after giving notice three (3) months in advance of such proposed sale to the Audubon Society, to the United States Biological Survey, and to the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission of the State of Florida, and of affording any of them the opportunity of acquiring said areas or any of them at the price represented by the firm offer acceptable to said Trustees from any other source, and in case of proposed lease by said Trustees, the same privilege shall be granted subject to 30 days notice.

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That if any area or areas hereby dedicated shall not be used within one (1) year from this date for the purpose aforesaid, or if used shall be discontinued for a continuous period of one (1) year, then such area or areas shall become automatically withdrawn from this dedication.

That subject to conditions aforesaid, this dedication for the purpose hereof shall be perpetual.

The areas hereby dedicated shall be designated by name and by description as follows:

No. 1—DUCK ROCK SANCTUARY:

Begin at a point 1000 feet west of the northwestern extremity of an island or key known as "DUCK ROCK" off the Florida Coast in the Gulf of Mexico, in approximate Longitude 81 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds West, Latitude 25 degrees 42 minutes North; Thence North 34 degrees East, 4300 feet, more or less, to the shore of the mainland of Florida; Thence following the shore of the mainland southeasterly to the second point northwestward from Huston River; Thence West 7200 feet, more or less; Thence North 1500 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. All as shown on Plat hereto attached.

NO. 2—BUZZARD KEY SANCTUARY:

Begin at a point 400 feet west of the southwestern extremity of Buzzard Key, off the Florida Coast in the Gulf of Mexico, in approximate Longitude 81 degrees 16 minutes west, Latitude 25 degrees 58 minutes North; Thence North 1000 feet; Thence North 58 degrees East 7400 feet, more or less, to the shore of the mainland of Florida at the south side of the mouth of Charlie Creek; Thence Southeasterly along the shore of the mainland to a point northeastward from Wood Key; Thence West 1500 feet; Thence North 38 degrees West, 19,000 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. All as shown on Plat hereto attached.

NO. 3—BOTTLE POINT SANCTUARY:

Begin at a point 1000 feet north of the northernmost extremity of a key known as "BOTTLE POINT," off the Coast of Florida in Florida Bay, in approximate Longitude 80 degrees 34 minutes West, Latitude 25 degrees 04 minutes North; Thence East 1500 feet; Thence South 4500 feet; Thence South 55 degrees 30 minutes West, 12,250 feet to a point 1000 feet South of the southern extremity of Low Key; Thence North 52 degrees West, 6000 feet to a point 1000 feet West of the

westernmost extremity of Roseate Key; Thence North 2000 feet; Thence North 66 degrees 40 minutes East, 14,510 feet, to point of beginning. All as shown on Plat hereto attached.

NO. 4—OBSERVATION SHOAL SANCTUARY:

Begin at Beacon No. 7 marking the southwest edge of the dredged channel in Fisheating Bay in Lake Okeechobee, where the first and second reaches are counted from the channel's eastern end; Thence South 26 degrees East, 13,000 yards; Thence South 64 degrees West, 3000 yards; Thence North 26 degrees West, 13,000 yards; Thence North 64 degrees East, 3000 yards to the point of beginning. The said tract is located in approximate Longitude 81 degrees West, and Latitude 26 degrees 55 minutes North. All as shown on Plat hereto attached.

NO. 5—OKEECHOBEE SANCTUARY:

Begin at the middle of Harney Pond Canal at its intersection with the northwest shore of Lake Okeechobee at ordinary high water mark of said Lake; Thence South 8 degrees 30 minutes East in the axis of said canal, 1700 yards; Thence North 70 degrees East, 15,400 yards, more or less, to a point 1000 yards off the southwest point of the dredged entrance to Indian Prairie Canal and in the axis of the same; Thence North 29 degrees 15 minutes East, 15,300 yards, more or less; Thence North 53 degrees West 1000 yards, more or less, to a point on the shore of Lake Okeechobee at ordinary high water mark on the south bank of the Kissimmee River; Thence southwesterly following the ordinary high water mark of the shore of said Lake to the point of beginning. The said tract lies in approximate Longitude 80 degrees 55 minutes West, and in Latitude 27 degrees 05 minutes North. All as shown on Plat hereto attached.

DONE AND ORDERED IN regular Session this 28th day of December, 1938.

W. V. KNOTT,
State Treasurer—Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Mr. Elliot reported that by resolution adopted April 22, 1936, the Trustees agreed to grant right-of-way easements to Florida Inland Navigation District for the Intracoastal Waterway from Jacksonville to Miami; that following such action maps have been prepared of the entire waterway from the St. Johns River to Biscayne Bay, on which maps are located all lands deeded by the Trustees with deed numbers indicated, and other information which make the maps invaluable to the State. The Engineers for the Waterway have prepared description for easements in the counties of St. Lucie, Volusia, Indian River and Brevard and request that the Trustees execute such grants. Form of Easement Deed containing conditions relating to the grant was prepared by the former Attorney General and has the approval of Attorney General Gibbs.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees authorize execution of easement deeds to the United States covering right-of-ways through St. Lucie, Volusia, Indian River and Brevard Counties, for use in connection with Intracoastal Waterway from Jacksonville to Miami, which deeds are identified as follows and will be filed for record in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture:

Deed No. _____ conveying right-of-way 500 feet wide in the open waters of Indian River, commencing at U.S.C. & G.S. triangulation station "Palmetto" on the Westerly shore of Indian River, in St. Lucie County;

Deed No. _____ conveying right-of-way 500 feet wide in the open waters of Indian River, commencing at U.S.C. & G.S. triangulation station "Long" on an island in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 30 South, Range 39 East, in Indian River County;

Deed No. _____ conveying right-of-way 500 feet wide in the open waters of Mosquito Lagoon, commencing at the NE corner of Fractional Section 2 on the West shore of Mosquito Lagoon, in Brevard County;

Deed No. _____ conveying right-of-way 500 feet wide in the open waters of the Halifax River, commencing at the SE corner of Section 28, Township 13 South, Range 32 East, as a point of reference, in Volusia County.

The deeds referred to above were ordered executed and forwarded to Florida Inland Navigation District.

At the meeting of the Trustees December 14th, 1938, consideration was given to request of the City of Melbourne for certain authority over a Spoil Bank area in the Indian River in front of a city park within the city limits of Melbourne. The Attorney General, who was requested to examine the form of resolution, having reported favorably, Motion was made, seconded and carried that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Melbourne, Florida, did on November 7th, 1938, make application to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the consent from said Trustees to police, prevent trespass, and to prevent the erection and occupancy of unsightly or undesirable buildings or other structures on a certain spoil bank located in Indian River in front of the City of Melbourne, within the limits of said city, more particularly in front of an area for a city park, and

WHEREAS, the spoil bank and the bottoms on which the same rests have been used for spoiling purposes in connection with the maintenance of the Florida Intra-coastal Waterway by the War Department of the United States, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as the owner of the said spoil bank and the bottoms on which the same rests, hereby consents that the City of Melbourne, under such power as said City may have, may police and prevent trespass and the erection and occupancy of unsightly or undesirable buildings or other structures on and adjacent to a certain spoil bank lying in front of an area for a city park in the City of Melbourne.

SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to the condition that the exercise of such power by said City shall not interfere with the use of said area by the War Department in connection with the maintenance and improvement of Florida Intra-coastal Waterway, and

SUBJECT FURTHER to the condition that the exercise of said power by the said city shall be subject to the assent of the War Department of the United States.

Copy of the resolution was ordered transmitted to the City of Melbourne, Florida.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Mayo, motion was made seconded and adopted that the salary of Mr. F. E. Bay-

less, Land Clerk, be raised twenty-five dollars (\$25) per month, his present salary being \$250 monthly. It was so ordered that the salary of F. E. Bayless be \$275 each month beginning with January 1, 1939.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary for December	\$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary for December	250.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary for December	175.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary for December	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—Salary for December	50.00
M. C. McIntosh, Asst. Attor. General—Expense account	63.15
Tyrus A. Norwood, Asst. Atty. General—Expense account	80.00
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	10.49
	<u>\$1,193.15</u>

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

W. V. KNOTT,

Treasurer—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.