

Minutes

Tallahassee, Florida, January 3, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of December 31, 1918, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Dec., 1918	\$ 175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Dec., 1918	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Dec., 1918	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Dec., 1918	36.67
T. J. Appleyard, to 1 book of Receipts and print- ing 200 Postal Cards, both sides, bills of Dec. 2, 1918	4.50
F. C. Elliot, Expenses trip with U. S. Govern- ment Officials, on Soldier Settlement Project, Dec. 3-10, 1918, bill of Jan. 1, 1919.....	71.12
Western Union Tel. Co., Services, Dec., 1918..	5.31
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	\$ 431.49

Mr. Luning the introduced the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improve-
ment Fund of Florida did, on the 24 day of September,

A. D. 1917, for a certain consideration therein more specifically set out, make sale by warranty deed to The Tatum Land Company, a Florida corporation with its principal place of business at Miami, Florida, of approximately one hundred and ninety thousand (190,000) acres of land in Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties, a description of the said lands being set out in full in the said deed; and

WHEREAS, The said Tatum Land Company did, on September 24, A. D. 1917, execute its mortgage deed to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida on the lands as aforesaid to secure the faithful and prompt payment of all deferred payments thereon; and

WHEREAS, The main consideration actuating the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to make sale of the lands as aforesaid to The Tatum Land Company was to secure the construction of a railroad from Miami, Florida, or Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in a northwesterly direction to some point on the southeastern shore of Lake Okeechobee, a contract for the construction of the said railroad with the stipulations therein named having been entered into by and between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and The Tatum Land Company on the date as aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, It was provided in the contract as aforesaid that the Tatum Land Company should commence the construction of the said railroad not later than February 1, 1918; that five (5) miles of the said railroad should be constructed during the year 1918; five (5) miles during the year 1919; and that the said railroad should be completed not later than December 31, 1924; that the said Tatum Land Company should pay the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per mile for each mile of right-of-way used for the main line of said railroad; and that the first payment of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) on the said right-of-way should be paid not later than December 31, 1918; and that unless said railroad was so constructed all rights under the said contract would be forfeited by the said Tatum Land Company and in addition to such forfeiture the said Tatum Land Company

should pay to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund liquidation damages in the sum of one hundred and ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000.00); and

WHEREAS, As a certain item of the mortgage deed as aforesaid, executed on the part of The Tatum Land Company in favor of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, was the promissory note of forty-nine thousand dollars (\$49,000.00) representing a deferred payment on the said contract, the promissory note bearing date of September 24, 1917, signed by the Tatum Land Company and executed in favor of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund due and payable April 1, 1918, the said promissory note being now long past due and unpaid; and

WHEREAS, It is provided in paragraph 4 on page 16 of the said mortgage deed that if each and every of the covenants, agreements, conditions and stipulations of the said promissory notes and of the said mortgage, as above, are not duly performed, complied with and abided by, within three months next after such payments become due or such covenants, agreements, conditions and stipulations are required or should be performed, then the said aggregate sum mentioned in the said promissory notes, less previous payments, if any, shall become due and forthwith payable; and

WHEREAS, In view of the foregoing the said Tatum Land Company has forfeited its contract as outlined in the said mortgage deed, and in view of such forfeiture each and every deferred payment thereof is now due and payable, and so far as we are advised nothing has been done toward the construction of the said railroad as specified in the foregoing contract therefor, it being specifically provided and understood that the construction of the said railroad was the main consideration actuating the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to dispose of the said lands; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, that the aforesaid contract, entered into by and between the said Trustees and the said Tatum Land Company, be and the same is hereby cancelled and annulled and that the Attorney for this Board

be and is hereby instructed to proceed at once to foreclose and terminate the said mortgage, as aforesaid, with all rights and privileges and claims thereunder on the part of The Tatum Land Company.

Mr. Luning introduced the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It will be to the interest of the respective Boards that the members of each Board be kept fully advised of the status of any litigation affecting the Boards that may be pending; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Special Counsel for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be and is hereby requested to file with each member of said Board, on the first day of each month or as soon thereafter as possible, a statement setting forth the pending litigation of the Board together with the then status of such litigation; and that the Secretary of this Board furnish the Special Counsel for the Board with a copy of this Resolution for his information.

Mr. Luning introduced the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted:

In order that the members of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund may be kept more fully advised as to the financial status of the fund of said Trustees; be it

RESOLVED, That the Secretary is hereby requested to furnish each member of said Trustees, not later than the 10th day of each month, a statement showing the balance of cash on hand at beginning of the preceding month, cash received during said month and the source from which received, amounts expended during said month, balance on hand at close of said month, together with an itemized statement of amounts due the Trustees, either by contract or mortgage, with the respective dates when such amounts are due; also the then indebtedness of the Trustees, if any.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.
Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 13, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Mr. Amos moved that the Chief Drainage Engineer be instructed to have the lands heretofore platted in:

Sections.	Township.	Range.
12, 13, 23, 24 and 25,	43 S.	36 E.,
7, 31 and 36,	43 "	37 "
2, and 5	44 "	36 "
23,	44 "	36 "
5,	44 "	37 "
and Lots 5 and 6,	43 "	37 "
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surveyed, which motion was seconded by Mr. Swearingen and adopted.

Mr. Luning moved that a Committee, consisting of the Comptroller, Commissioner of Agriculture and Chief Drainage Engineer, be appointed to make prices on the various tracts of land as surveyed and platted in the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District and submit same to the Trustees for their consideration, which motion was seconded by Mr. Swearingen and adopted; whereupon the Chairman appointed the Comptroller, Commissioner of Agriculture and Chief Drainage Engineer on said Committee.

A letter from Mr. Howard A. Stowe, purchaser of Lot 13, in Section 31, Township 43 S. of Range 39 E., was read, in which he stated that he had assigned this Lot to H. N. Burton and enclosed said assignment and re-

brief printed, which motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 4, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., January, 1919	\$ 175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Jan- uary, 1919	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, January, 1919	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Jan- uary, 1919	36.67
T. J. Appleyard, Printing Names on 2,500 Let- terheads, bill of February 1, 1919.....	3.75
H. & W. B. Drew Company, 200 Manuscript Cov- ers, bill of January 23, 1919.....	2.63
M. M. Whitehurst, Sheriff Pinellas County, Serv- ice in re. State ex rel. Swearingen v. Espiritu Santo Springs Company, bill of January 30, 1919	4.92
Glenn Terrell, Expenses Trip to Bradentown, Lakeland and Jacksonville in re. Wilson v. Mc- Rae, Tampa and Jacksonville Railway Com- pany v. Trustees, etc., January 17, 1919, bill of January 24, 1919	47.25
Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, January, 1919	3.73
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	\$ 412.84

Financial Statement and Disbursements for January, 1919, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, January, 1919.

To bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1919.....	\$100,193.52	
To Interest	1,116.64	
To Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist., Tolls, January, 1919	232.21	
To Land Sales, January, 1919....	3,611.80	
To Redemption Dr. Tax Certfs. ...	2,154.67	
To Sale 5 vols. Minutes.....	2.50	
	<u>\$107,311.34</u>	
By Disbursements, January, 1919.	1,844.22	
		<u>\$105,467.12</u>
To bal. on hand Feb. 1, 1919....		\$105,467.12

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in banks.....	\$104,467.12	
To Cash on hand.....	1,000.00	\$105,467.12

Deposited in following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$ 4,207.88	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	2,488.40	
Florida National, Jacksonville..	5,018.48	
First Nat., West Palm Beach...	11,544.90	
Fidelity Bk. & Tr. Co., Miami..	52,103.46	
Lewis State, Tallahassee.....	29,104.00	\$104,467.12

Disbursements, January, 1919.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1919.	No.	
Jan. 2,	4116—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., December, 1918	\$ 175.00
Jan. 2,	4117—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, December, 1918.	83.33

Date 1919.	Voucher No.		Amount.
Jan. 2,	4118—	J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, December, 1918.....	55.56
Jan. 2,	4119—	Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, December, 1918...	36.67
Jan. 2,	4120—	T. J. Appleyard, Printing 1 book of 500 Receipts and 200 Postal Cards, both sides, bill of Dec. 2, 1918.....	4.50
Jan. 2,	4121—	F. C. Elliot, Expenses trip with representatives from U. S. Dept. of Interior relative soldier settlement plan, Dec. 3-10, 1918, bill of Jan. 1, 1919.	71.12
Jan. 2,	4122—	Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, December, 1918	5.31
Jan. 17,	4123—	Otis A. Hardin, Estimate No. 1, surveying in T. 42 S., R. 38 E., and T. 43 S., R. 39 E., December, 1918, bill of January 15, 1919	1,394.00
Jan. 17,	4124—	G. G. Strohm Company, Supplies furnished account trip representatives from U. S. Dept. of Interior re. soldier settlement plan, bill of Dec. 31, 1918	18.73
<hr/> \$ 1,844.22			

A letter from Mr. C. L. Wilder, purchaser of lands under Contract No. 16,691, stating that it would be impossible for him to make payment of Note due July 22, 1918, for \$6,529.75, which had been extended six months by the Trustees, also Note due January 22, 1919, for \$13,059.50, as his crops had to a great extent been failures, and asking the Trustees to grant him an extension on said payments, was read and discussed, and it was agreed that Mr. Wilder be granted an extension to April 1, 1919, on said Notes.

Mr. McRae moved that the Special Counsel for the Trustees be instructed to bring suit against the Okeelanta Corporation to eject them from lands lying in Peli

can Lake and Pelican Lake Slough, being in Sections 9 and 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos, and adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 6, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The Secretary read a telegram from The Tatum Land Company, of Miami, requesting the release of all Sections Twenty-one (21), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-four (24) and North Half ($N\frac{1}{2}$) of Sections Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27) and Twenty-eight (28), in Township Fifty (50) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) East, containing 3,840 acres, more or less, from a certain mortgage deed of date September 24, 1917, being No. 16,571, and upon motion of Mr. McRae, seconded by Mr. Luning, it was ordered that said release be prepared, executed and forwarded to the Bank of Bay Biscayne, at Miami, with instructions to deliver same upon payment of balance due and interest on Note No. 2 for \$49,000.00, dated September 24, 1917, whereupon the following release was issued:

STATE OF FLORIDA,

COUNTY OF LEON.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the

Laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and B. B. Tatum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited and for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said The Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, (the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quit-claim) and conform unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as security for the payment of said indebtedness (and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for construction of railroad, as aforesaid) certain lands, tenements and hereditaments lying, being and situate in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included the following, to-wit:

The North Half ($N\frac{1}{2}$) of Sections Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27) and Twenty-eight (28), and all of Sections Twenty-one (21), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-four (24) in Township Fifty (50), Range Thirty-eight (38), South and East, in Broward County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid Mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would execute and deliver releases of the lands conveyed by said mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the Miami Canal in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof, then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before securing such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, The said Mortgagor has made written request for a release of the lands above described from the lien of the said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed; now, therefore,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$26,880.00) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid Motgagor, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

The North Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of Sections Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27) and Twenty-eight, and all of Sections Twenty-one (21), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-four (24) in Township Fifty (50) Range Thirty-eight (38), South and East, in Broward County, Florida, are hereby released and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED That the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF The said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto set their hands and seals and caused the Seal of the Said, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this Seventh day of February, A. D. Nineteen hundred and nineteen.

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

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

(Signed) J. STUART LEWIS,
MARY HERRING

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.
 Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 21, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of January 3, 11, 13, 16., February 4 and 6, 1919, read and approved.

Hon. Glenn Terrell, Special Counsel, stated that by direction of the Trustees he had employed Mr. Samuel Herrick, an Attorney, of Washington, D. C., to assist in the case of State of Florida v. United States relating to Serial No. 015790 for a retainer fee of \$50.00 and a contingent fee of \$100.00 additional, the latter to be paid only in the event of securing a favorable decision from the Department, meaning the General Land Office, in this case, and asked that the retainer fee be paid. Upon motion of Mr. Amos, duly seconded, the Secretary was instructed to draw check for \$50.00 in favor of Mr. Herrick.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Samuel Herrick, To retainer fee in re. Serial No. 015790, State of Florida v. United States, bill of Feb. 17, 1919.....	\$ 50.00
Samuel Herrick, Cost of having 50 copies of Brief printed in State of Florida v. United States, bill of Feb. 17, 1919.....	16.75

T. J. Appleyard, To printing 500 copies Biennial Report for 1917-1918, bill of Feb. 19, 1919. . . .	388.02
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, bill of Feb. 21, 1919	5.00
	\$ 459.77

The matter of making deed to Mr. George R. Kline, of Miami, for a certain submerged tract of land in Biscayne Bay which was purchased by him at a sale held November 12, 1918, was discussed, and the Chief Drainage Engineer stated that a survey had been made as directed and he would furnish the description to the Land Salesman, and it was ordered that deed be issued in accordance with said description to George R. Kline or order.

A letter from Mr. F. C. B. LeGro, dated December 14, 1918, asking that the Trustees reconsider their action of November 12, 1918, relative the sale of this land to Mr. Kline, was read, and after discussion the Trustees considered his request without merit and ordered deed made to George R. Kline, as above, or order.

The following Agreement made and entered into the 3rd day of June, A. D. 1918, for survey of lands in the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District was executed on this date and was ordered placed of record::

CONTRACT FOR SURVEY OF LANDS
BELONGING TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN
NAPOLEON B. BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
of the State of Florida,

The First Party.

Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District,

The Second Party.

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are of the opinion that the lands owned by them in Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District should be surveyed into townships and sections as far as may be practicable; and

WHEREAS, The Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District is engaged in making certain drainage surveys of the lands within said District for the purpose of formulating a plan for drainage for said District; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that it would be mutually advantageous to the said Trustees and the said District to carry on said land survey on the part of the Trustees and said drainage surveys on the part of the District at the same time; now, therefore,

This AGREEMENT, Made and entered into this 3rd day of June, A. D. 1918, by and between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, the first party, hereinafter called the Trustees, and the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, the second party, hereinafter called the District; WITNESSETH,

That for and in consideration of the conditions, stipulations and covenants hereinafter described and the payment of One Dollar (\$1.00) to each in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Trustees and the District agree with each other as follows:

1. The District agrees that it will employ a surveyor, satisfactory to the Trustees, who shall in his own proper person, together with the assistance of such instrumentmen, chainmen, rodmen, etc., as may be necessary, undertake the survey hereinafter described in conformity with the "Amended Instruction for Surveying the Land Embraced in the United States Patent No. 137, known as the Everglades, Adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund December 23, 1912," and with such special and additional instructions as he may receive from the Chief Drainage Engineer, all to be taken and deemed a part of this contract; that he will truly and faithfully survey, mark and establish the boundaries and execute standard plats of the townships and sections hereinafter enumerated.

2. The Trustees agree that they will reimburse the District for the surveys described in the list attached hereto at the rate of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per mile for all township lines and meander lines actually run and marked in the field, random and offset lines not included.

3. The District agrees that it will cause to be surveyed the aforesaid townships and sections and mark the boun-

daries of the same in accordance with the instructions herein referred to, and will cause to be set a standard monument consisting of $1\frac{1}{4}$ " galvanized iron pipe not less than 6' in length, having a properly inscribed marker firmly attached to the top to indicate the section and township to which it refers.

The marker on the top of the pipe shall consist of a galvanized iron coupling $1\frac{1}{4}$ "x $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", having the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " end filled to a depth of not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ " with babbit neatly poured and finished on the outside and divided into four quadrants marked thereon to indicate the section and township to which it refers. The marker shall, when the depth to which it must be driven requires, have a cypress extension fitted into the pipe and driven with it to firmly support the said pipe. The monument shall be set so that the marker shall be 30" above ground.

In addition, wooden stakes shall be set to mark each length of forty (40) chains or the quarter-section corner on the section line between section corners, and also at the intersection of each course of a meander line when so run. The half-mile stakes shall be 1"x3"x6" approximate dimensions, pine or cypress, marked with one notch on each edge or bored not less than three-fourths inch long or in diameter, by one-fourth inch deep.

The material of which the monument and markers are to be constructed will be furnished by the Trustees. The same must be properly marked, assembled and placed by the surveyor of the District.

4. The allowable error of closure on section lines shall not exceed thirty-five (35) links east and west or north and south; on township lines the allowable error shall not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ chains to six (6) miles north and south for each mile of line. For fractional sections and townships the allowable error will be in proportion to the length of line at the above named rates. The allowable error of closure on meander lines shall not exceed one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) link for each chain of line, provided the total error of a meander line in a section shall not exceed seventy (70) links.

5. The said surveys shall be made with a transit fitted with the necessary attachments and accessories for determining the direction with reference to the true meri-

dian independently of the magnetic needle. The measurement of distances shall be made with a steel tape not less than two (2) chains nor more than five (5) chains in length and all distances shall be reported in chains and links.

6. There shall be reported in the field notes the nature of land, the topography on or adjacent to the line, the growth encountered, improvements, buildings or clearings, etc., the depth of soil for a distance of ten (10) feet below ground, or rock if less than ten (10) feet, each quarter-mile point and section corner, and a description of the character of soil encountered.

7. The District shall cause to be prepared standard plats of the townships and sections surveyed. Said plats shall have the following caption:

1st Line PLAT OF
 2nd Line Township.....South, Range.....East.
 3rd Line State of Florida.
 4th Line Surveyed in (month)..... (year).....
 5th Line (and continuing) Surveyed in accordance with instructions from F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida by Surveyor.

The plat shall also contain a tabulation of the sections surveyed with the area in acres set opposite each section. On the plat each section boundary shall have the length indicated thereon in chains, and each line shall have its bearing noted. Said plat shall be executed with India ink, on a scale of forty (40) chains equal one (1) inch, on standard cloth-back white drawing paper, having dimensions fifteen and one-half ($15\frac{1}{2}$) inches north and south by twenty-two (22) inches east and west. The north boundary of the township shall be one (1) inch from the top of the sheet and the west boundary of the township shall be one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) inches from the left hand edge of the sheet. Said plat shall be further prepared in accordance with

Paragraph 215, page 72, of the "Manual of Surveying Instructions for the Survey of Public Lands of the United States and Private Land Claims," known and referred to as the Manual of 1902.

The said plat shall be accompanied by true and original field notes neatly and accurately prepared on field note sheets, which will be furnished by the Trustees.

The field note sheets shall be filled out in the manner similar to sample sheets hereto attached. Distances shall be reported in chains in the column marked therefor. The top of the page shall be marked with the township and range referring to the notes below.

At the end of the field notes referring to each township there shall be drawn on a scale of one (1) inch equals eighty (80) chains, a skeleton sketch of the township on which is to be indicated the length in chains and bearing of each section line. No topography or detail is to be shown on the sketch. In the beginning of each volume of field notes there shall be an index referring to the subject matter of the volume. This index shall be prepared in the form of a sketch of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) inch equals eighty (80) chains and the township subdivision into sections indicated by dotted lines. On the section line a number shall be written corresponding to the page on which the field notes of that line are to be found. The township and sections shall be numbered on the sketch.

8. The Trustees covenant and agree to reimburse the District for surveys made in accordance with the provisions and conditions of the contract at the rate hereinbefore mentioned on the fifteenth (15) day of the month following that in which the work was done an amount equal to ninety (90) per cent. of that shown by the estimate of the District's surveyor to be due for the work performed by the said surveyor during the said month, and the remaining ten (10) per cent. shall be retained and reserved by the Trustees as guarantee on the part of the surveyor, of the faithful performance of the work herein set out, and said retained amount shall be released by the Trustees to the said District for the work of the said surveyor upon the completion of the said work in accordance with the terms and provisions of this contract; except, however, that the maximum amount which shall be paid to the District for the work performed by the surveyor during any one month shall not exceed the sum of Six Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$625.00), and

except further, that the total amount agreed to be paid by the Trustees shall not exceed Seven Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00).

9. The surveys herein provided for shall be promptly begun by the District under contract with a surveyor properly qualified for the said work, and said contract and said surveyor shall meet the approval of the Trustees, it being understood that the contract between the District and the surveyor shall embody substantially the conditions and provisions relating to the work herein provided. The said surveys shall be actively and energetically carried out and it is distinctly understood that in all respects the said surveys shall be made under the direction and supervision of the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Trustees.

10. The work herein provided for shall not be sublet or sub-contracted either by the District or by the surveyor to whom the contract is awarded by the District, without having first obtained permission expressed in writing from the Trustees so to do, and that in case of such sub-letting said sub-contract shall in no way affect the principal contract existing between the said parties hereto.

11. In the event of additional work not included in the description herein contained, or in event of a deduction of work from that herein described, the Trustees shall have the right to make such additions or deductions without affecting other conditions or rates of payment hereunder stipulated.

12. Any differences which may arise under the specifications or requirements as to the performance of this contract between the Trustees and the District that they may not be able to adjust shall be submitted to a Board of Arbitration which shall be binding to both parties.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The parties of this Agreement have hereunto set their hands and seals this Twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1919, and to another instrument of like tenor and date.

(Signed) W. C. KYLE, Supervisor. (Seal)
 A. B. LOWE, Supervisor. (Seal)
 R. O. WATSON, Supervisor. (Seal)

Composing the Board of Supervisors of Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District.

Executed in the presence of the following witnesses as to the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, Party of the Second Part:

(Signed) JAMES S. RICKARDS,
 WAYNE M. GUYTHER.
 (Signed) SIDNEY J. CATTS, (Seal)
 Governor.
 ERNEST AMOS, (Seal)
 Comptroller.
 J. C. LUNING, (Seal)
 Treasurer.
 VAN C. SWEARINGEN, (Seal)
 Attorney General.
 W. A. McRAE, (Seal)
 Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

Executed in the presence of the following witnesses as to the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, Party of the First part:

(Signed) J. STUART LEWIS,
 MARY HERRING.

LIST OF LANDS TO BE SURVEYED UNDER CONTRACT BETWEEN TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND NAPOLEON B. BROWARD DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

TOWNSHIP 47 S. RANGE 40 E.

Section 28	N S E W
30	N S E W
32	N S E W
34	N S E W

TOWNSHIP 47 S. RANGE 39 E.

Section 26	N S E W
28	N S E W
30	N S E W
32	N S E W
34	N S E W
36	N S E W

TOWNSHIP 48 S.

RANGE 40 E.

Section 4	N S E W
6	N S E W
8	N S E W
10	N S E W
18	N S E W
20	N S E W
22	N S E W
28	N S E W
30	N S E W
32	N S E W
34	N S E W

TOWNSHIP 48 S.

RANGE 39 E.

Section 2	N S E W
4	N S E W
6	N S E W
8	N S E W
10	N S E W
12	N S E W
14	N S E W
18	N S E W
20	N S E W
22	N S E W
24	N S E W
26	N S E W
28	N S E W
30	N S E W
32	N S E W
34	N S E W
36	N S E W

TOWNSHIP 49 S.

RANGE 40 E.

Section 2	N S E W
4	N S E W
6	N S E W
8	N S E W
10	N S E W
12	N S E W
14	N S E W
18	N S E W
20	N S E W
22	N S E W
28	N S E W
30	N S E W
32	N S E W

TOWNSHIP 49 S.

RANGE 39 E.

Section 2	N S E W
4	N S E W
6	N S E W
8	N S E W
10	N S E W
12	N S E W
14	N S E W
18	N S E W
20	N S E W
22	N S E W
24	N S E W
26	N S E W
28	N S E W
30	N S E W
32	N S E W
34	N S E W
36	N S E W

TOWNSHIP 50 S.

RANGE 40 E.

Section 4	N E W
6	N S E W
18	N S W
North $\frac{1}{2}$ 30	N S W

TOWNSHIP 50 S.

RANGE 39 E.

Section 2	N S E W
4	N S E W
6	N S E W
8	N S E W
10	N S E W
12	N S E W
14	N S E W
18	N S E W
20	N S E W
22	N S E W
24	N S E W
North $\frac{1}{2}$ 26	N E W
North $\frac{1}{2}$ 28	N E W
North $\frac{1}{2}$ 30	N E W

TOWNSHIP 51 S.

RANGE 38 E.

Section 13	S	W
14	S	W
15	S	W
17	S	E W
18	S	W
19	S	E W
20	S	E
21	N	S E
22	S	E
23	S	E
24	S	

TOWNSHIP 52 S.

RANGE 39 E.

Section 8	N	S	E	W
10	N	S	E	W
12	N	S		W
14	N	S	E	W
18	N	S	E	W
20	N	S	E	W
22	N	S	E	W
24	N	S		W
26	N	S	E	W
28	N	S	E	W
30	N	S	E	W

TOWNSHIP 52 S.

RANGE 38 E.

Section 14	N	S	E	W
15	N	S		W
17	N	S	E	W
18	N	S		W
19		S	E	W
20		S	E	
21	N	S	E	
22		S	E	
23		S	E	
24	N	S	E	

TOWNSHIP 53 S.

RANGE 39 E.

Section	2	N S E W
	4	N S E W
	6	N S E W
	8	N S E W
	10	N S E W
	12	N S W
	20	N S E W
	22	N S E W
	23	N S E
	26	S E W
	30	N S E W

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

SIDEY J. CATTS, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 25, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The Tatum Land Company having made application for the release of the South Half ($S\frac{1}{2}$) of Sections Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) and all Sections Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24) and the North Half ($N\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Twenty-five (25) and Twenty-six (26), in Township Fifty-one (51) South of Range Thirty-eight (38) East; and all Section Eighteen (18), in Township Fifty-one (51) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East, containing in all 4,479.80 acres, more or less, from a certain mortgage deed of date September 24, 1917, it was ordered that said release be prepared, executed and forwarded to the Bank

of Bay Biscayne, at Miami, with instructions to deliver same upon the payment of \$40,318.60, whereupon the following release was issued:

No. 16571,

STATE OF FLORIDA,

COUNTY OF LEON.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and B. B. Tatum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited and for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said The Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quit-claim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as security for the payment of said indebtedness and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for construction of railroad, as aforesaid, certain lands, tenements and hereditaments lying, being and situate in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included the following, to-wit:

South Half ($S\frac{1}{2}$) of Sections Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) and all Sections Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24), and North Half ($N\frac{1}{2}$) of Sections Twenty-five (25) and Twenty-six (26), in Township Fifty-one (51) South of Range Thirty-eight (38) East;

All Section Eighteen (18), in Township Fifty-one (51) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East; all in Broward County, Florida, and containing 4,479.80 acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid Mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would execute and deliver releases of the lands conveyed by said mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the Miami Canal in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof, then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, the said Mortgagor has made written request for a release of the lands above described from the lien of the said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed; now, therefore,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Forty Thousand and Three Hundred and Eighteen Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$40,318.60) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid Mortgagor, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

South Half (S $\frac{1}{2}$) of Sections Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) and all Sections Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24), and North Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of Sections Twenty-five (25) and Twenty-six (26), in Township Fifty-one (51) South of Range Thirty-eight (38) East;

All Section Eighteen (18), in Township Fifty-one (51) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East; all in Broward County, Florida; and containing 4,479.80 acres, more or less, are hereby released and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage, and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED That the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or

affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto set their hands and seals and caused the Seal of the said The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this Twenty-fifth day of February, A. D. Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of:

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

(Signed) C. B. GWYNN,
J. STUART LEWIS,

(Seal)

A letter from Mr. J. B. McDonald, as one of the three Trustees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, was read, stating that they had sold Block Five (5) between Townships Forty-three (43) and Forty-four (44) South, Range Thirty-nine (39) East, containing 137.60 acres, to Mr. J. T. Barton, of Lake Worth, Florida, upon terms of one-fourth cash, balance in two equal payments of one and two years after date, with interest at 6% per annum; whereupon the Secretary was instructed to have the proper agreement, mortgage, etc., made out and sent to the First National Bank of West Palm Beach for delivery in accordance with agreement between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and Messrs. Campbell, Lainhart and McDonald, as Trustees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, of date, January 25, 1918.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.
Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 1, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, Feb., 1919	\$ 175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Feb., 1919	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Feb., 1919	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Feb., 1919	36.67
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	\$ 350.56

Financial Statement and Disbursements for the month of February, 1919, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record.

Financial Statement, February, 1919.

To balance on hand Feb. 1, 1919 ..	\$105,467.12
To Bd. Commrs, Ev. Dr.	
Tolls, Feb. 1919	\$195.54
Refund on freight.....	45.06
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To Redemption of Dr. Tax Certfs.	154.67
To Land Sales	12,429.13
To Lands leased	600.00
To Sale Minutes	1.50
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	\$118,893.02
By Disbursements, Feb., 1919.....	872.61
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To Balance on hand March 1, 1919	\$118,020.41

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$117,020.41	
To Cash on hand.....	1,000.00	\$118,020.41

Deposited in following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jax.....	\$ 4,207.88	
Barnett National, Jax.....	2,488.40	
Florida National, Jax.....	5,018.48	
First National, W. P. B.....	11,544.90	
Fidelity Bk. & Tr. Co., Miami....	52,103.46	
Lewis State, Talla.....	41,657.29	\$117,020.41

Disbursements, February, 1919.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1919.	No.	
Feb. 4,	4125—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., Jan., 1919..	\$ 175.00
Feb. 4,	4126—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Jan., 1919	83.33
Feb. 4,	4127—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, Jan., 1919	55.56
Feb. 4,	4128—Mary Herring, Salary as Ste-nographer, Jan., 1919.....	36.67
Feb. 4,	4129—T. J. Appleyard, Printing names of Special Counsel and Attorney General on 2500 Letterheads, bill of Feb. 1, 1919.....	3.75
Feb. 4,	4130—H. and W. B. Drew Company, 200 Manuscript Covers, bill of Jan. 23, 1919	2.63
Feb. 4,	4131—M. M. Whitehurst, Sheriff, Pinel-las County, Service in re. State ex. rel. Swearingen v. Espiritu Santo Springs Company, bill of Jan. 30, 1919.....	4.92
Feb. 4,	4132—Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to Bradentown, Lakeland and Jacksonville in re. Wilson v Me-Rae, Tampa and Jax. Ry. Co. lease, etc., Jan. 17, 1919, bill of Jan. 24, 1919	47.25

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1919.	No.	
Feb. 4,	4133—Western Union Tel. Co., Services, Jan., 1919	3.73
Feb. 21,	4134—Samuel Herrick, Retainer fee in re. Serial No. 015790, State v U. S., bill of Feb. 17, 1919.....	50.00
Feb. 21,	4135—Samuel Herrick, Cost of printing 50 copies of Brief in case State v. U. S., bill of Feb. 17, 1919	16.75
Feb. 21,	4136,—T. J. Appleyard, Printing 500 copies Biennial Report, 1917-1918, bill of Feb. 19, 1919.....	388.02
Feb. 21,	4137—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps Feb., 1919	5.00
		\$ 872.61

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

J. C. LUNING, Treasurer,

Attest:

Acting Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 10, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Hon. Thomas Palmer appeared before the Trustees and stated he was the owner of considerable real estate fronting on Tampa Bay, and that there was submerged land in front of said property, and under the Act of 1917, Chapter 7304, he was of the opinion that under the provisions of said Act there was a doubt as to his ownership of the

small submerged tracts adjacent to his property, and that he would be glad to pay a reasonable sum for said submerged land and requested the Trustees to advertise same. After discussion the Trustees decided that they would have an investigation made as to the amount of land, value of same, etc., and if they decided to sell it would advise Mr. Palmer and give him first chance to purchase when said submerged land was advertised as required by law.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 13, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Mr. R. E. King, who had leased $S \frac{1}{2}$ of $SE \frac{1}{4}$ of $NW \frac{1}{4}$ of $SW \frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9 in Township 42 South of Range 37 East, 5 acres, February 7, 1919, and had paid \$20.00 for same, made application to have said lease cancelled and amount paid refunded, as he could not get possession of the land in time to cultivate this season. Mr. McRae moved that Lease No. 21, covering the above described land, be cancelled and the Secretary instructed to draw check for \$20.00 in favor of Mr. King, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the Drainage Taxes due by the Trustees in Broward, Dade, DeSoto, Lee, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie Counties.

The matter of certain purchasers of lands under contract and their failure to comply with their contracts and make the payments as required was discussed, and it was ordered that Entry No. 16,364, dated April 4, 1912, to B. A. Cromartie, be cancelled, as only the original payment had been made on the same.

The Land Salesman of the Trustees, Hon. W. A. McRae, was requested to notify the following parties that if they did not make arrangements within thirty days to comply with their contracts their entries would be cancelled at the expiration of said thirty days:

Entry No.	Names of Purchaser.	Date of Purchase.
16334.	Robt. S. Lowery.....	Nov. 18, 1911
16369.	L. L. Dodge.....	May 6, 1912
16416.	Paul E. Weimer.....	July 13, 1913
16440.	John D. Doan.....	March 11, 1914
16454.	Paul T. Vincentins and O. E. Olson..	May 20, 1914
16472.	Geo. W. Pease.....	Sept. 2, 1914
16477.	C. I. Morris.....	Sept. 18, 1914
16493.	Henry Jumer.....	June 8, 1915
16495.	Edward L. Jumer.....	June 22, 1915

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adourned.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 17, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

R. E. King, Refund of amount paid on Lease No. 21, of date Feb. 7, 1919, as per Minutes of March 13, 1919	\$ 20.00
Remington Typewrite Company, 1 Coupon Book of 1 doz. Ribbons, bill of March 7, 1919....	7.00
Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, To rec. mortgages from Bell, Johnson, Stowe, Himmelwright and Baker to the Trustees, bill of March 10, 1919.....	8.25
Western Union Tel. Co., Services, Feb., 1919..	9.30
T. J. Appleyard, 1000 notes—padded, bill of March 1, 1919.....	3.25
Cyril Baldwin, Tax Collector, DeSoto County, 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees	4,273.95
Frank M. Tyler, Tax Collector, St. Lucie County, 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees	32.11
Robt. H. Alderman, Tax Collector, Okeechobee County, 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees	860.26
P. John Hart, Tax Collector, Lee County, 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees....	2,460.00
Megathlin and Clark, Dredging Contractors, Estimate No. 1, excavation, Tamiami Canal, Feb., 1919	5,923.25
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	\$13,597.37

The Tatum Land Company having made application for the release of all Section Twenty-six (26) in Township Fifty (50) South of Range Forty (40) East, except the East Half of Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$), containing 619.72 acres, more or less, upon motion, duly seconded and adopted, the following release was ordered prepared and forwarded to the Bank of Bay Biscayne for delivery to The Tatum Land Company upon the payment of Sight Draft attached in the sum of \$6,816.92, the purchase price of the said land at \$11.00 per acre:

STATE OF FLORIDA,
COUNTY OF LEON.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and B. B. Tatum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited and for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said The Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quitclaim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as security for the payment of said indebtedness and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for construction of railroad, as aforesaid, certain lands, tenements and hereditaments lying, being and situate in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included the following, to-wit:

All of Section Twenty-six (26), except the East Half of Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$) in Township Fifty (50) South of Range Forty (40) East, in Broward County, Florida, containing six hundred and nineteen and seventy-two hundredths (619.72) acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid Mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would execute and deliver releases of the lands conveyed by said mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the Miami Canal in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof, then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before securing such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, The said Mortgagor has made written request for a release for the lands above described from the lien of the said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed; now, therefore,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Six Thousand and Eight Hundred and Sixteen Dollars and Ninety-two Cents (\$6,816.92) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid Mortgagor, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

All of Section Twenty-six (26), *except* the East Half of Northeast Quarter of South-east Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$) in Township Fifty (50) South of Range Forty (40) East, in Broward County, Florida, containing six hundred and nineteen and seventy-two hundredths (619.72) acres, more or less,

are hereby released and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED That the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF The said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto set their hands and seals and caused the Seal of the said, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this Seventeenth day of March, A. D. Nineteen hundred and nineteen.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of (Signed)

C. B. GWYNN,
J. STUART LEWIS,

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

Upon motion of Mr. Luning, seconded by Mr. Amos, it was ordered that Hon. W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Land Salesman of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, be custodian of all notes and mortgages held by the said Trustees.

Estimate No. 1, of Megathlin and Clark, for excavation, Tamiami Canal, February, 1919, was presented and approved and Secretary instructed to draw check in payment of same upon special fund for the building of this canal on deposit in the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Miami, Florida.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adourned.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 21, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County, to 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of Trustees	\$ 19,198.42
R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, to 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of Trustees	19,995.11
T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, to 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of Trustees	28,748.39
W. C. Dixon, to Freight and Drayage on office supplies, bill of March 13, 1919.....	3.87
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	\$ 67,945.79

Upon request of Hon. Paul C. Taylor, representing Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald, release was made of Section Thirty-two (32), in Township Fifty-four (54), Range Thirty-seven (37), East Half (E $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Six (6), and all of Section Seventeen (17) and the West Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Twenty-nine (29) in Township Fifty-four (54), Range Thirty-eight (38), containing 1,920 acres, from a certain mortgage executed by them to the Trustees under date of March 29, 1917, and the Secretary instructed to forward same with sight draft attached for \$9,600.00, the purchase price of the land, to the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Miami, for delivery to Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald upon the payment of the sight draft.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 25, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Mr. David Sholtz appeared before the Trustees and submitted a proposition to attempt to secure patents to all the unpatented swamp and overflowed lands in this State from the Government to the Trustees, his compensation for such services to be a certain percentage of the patents to the lands secured by him.

The Trustees in considering the matter decided that before any such proposition could be entertained it would be necessary to ascertain a description of such swamp and overflowed lands now remaining in the State unpatented, and requested the Commissioner of Agriculture to have the Land Department of his office furnish the Trustees as soon as possible full maps, plats, reports, and any other data obtainable by him, also a list of such lands in this State, and the Secretary was directed to furnish the Commissioner of Agriculture with a copy of the minutes setting forth this action of the Trustees.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 31, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of February 21, 25, March 1, 10, 13, 17, 21 and 25, 1919, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, March, 1919	\$ 175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, March, 1919	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, March, 1919	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, 1919.	36.67
A. L. Durrance, Clerk Circuit Court, DeSoto County, to recording various mortgages covering lands sold NW of Lake Okeechobee, bill of March 20, 1919.....	95.29
Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, to rec. mortgage from Sturgis to Trustees, bill of March 17, 1919.....	1.65
T. J. Appleyard, to printing 2,000 pamphlets as to State lands, bill of April 1, 1919....	8.00
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, bill of March 19, 1919	10.00
Southern Telephone and Construction Company, Rent of Phone, April, 1919.....	3.00
Western Union Tel. Co., Services, March, 1919	6.48
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	\$ 474.98

Hon. Paul C. Taylor, of Miami, having made request for release of all Section Three (3), in Township Fifty-four (54) South of Range Thirty-seven (37) East, containing 640 acres, from mortgage deed of February 3, 1919, the Trustees instructed that said release be prepared and forwarded in accordance with Mr. Taylor's instructions to the Southern Bank and Trust Company, of Miami, for delivery to him upon payment of Sight Draft attached for \$5,120.00, the purchase price of said land.

Mr. Terrell, Special Counsel for the Trustees, stated that the case of the State v. United States in re. swamp selection, Gainesville 105790, had been decided, affirming the opinion of the General Land Office, and desired to know if the Trustees want him as Special Counsel to petition for mandamus in the Supreme Court of the Dis-

trict of Columbia. It was unanimously decided by the members present that Mr. Terrell appeal this case and ascertain of Hon. Samuel Herrick, Attorney, Washington, D. C., retained as counsel in this case, what compensation he would require to look after the interests of the Trustees in appealing this case.

Financial Statement and Disbursements for March, 1919, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record.

Financial Statement, March, 1919.

To. Bal. on hand March 1, 1919...	\$118,020.41	
To Bd. Comms. Ev. Dr.		
Dist., Tolls	\$165.58	
Old building at Moore		
Haven	200.00	
Sale of B/P's	5.25	370.83
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To Interest		74.44
To Redemption Drainage Tax		
Certfs., March, 1919		460.11
To Land Sales, March, 1919.....		79,624.23
To Sale of Minutes50
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		\$198,550.52
By Disbursements, March, 1919..	81,893.72	\$116,656.80
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RECAPITULATION

To Cash in Banks.....	\$115,656.80	
To Cash on hand.....	1,000.00	\$116,656.80
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Deposited in following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville....	\$ 4,207.88	
Barnett National, Jacksonville....	2,488.40	
Florida National, Jacksonville....	5,018.48	
First National, West Palm Beach..	11,544.90	
Fidelity Bk. & Tr. Co., Miami.....	55,780.21	
Lewis State, Tallahassee	36,616.93	\$115,656.80
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Disbursements, March, 1919.

Date 1919.	Voucher No.	Amount.
Mar. 1,	4138—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., February, 1919	\$ 175.00
Mar. 1,	4139—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, February, 1919	83.33
Mar. 1,	4140—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, February, 1919	55.56
Mar. 1,	4141—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, February, 1919	36.67
Feb. 17,	4142—E. King, Refund of amount paid on Lease No. 21, Feb. 7, 1919, for S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 9, T. 42, R. 37	20.00
Mar. 17,	4143—Remington Typewriter Company, 1 Coupon Book of 1 doz. Ribbons, bill of March 7, 1919	7.00
Mar. 17,	4144—Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, For rec. mortgages of Bell, Johnson, Stowe, Himmelwright and Baker to the Trustees, bill of March 10, 1919	8.25
Mar. 17,	4145—Western Union Telegraph Co., Services, February, 1919	9.30
Mar. 17,	4146—T. J. Appleyard, 1000 Notes, padded, bill of Mar. 1, 1919	3.25
Mar. 17,	4147—Cyril Baldwin, Tax Collector, DeSoto County, 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees	4,273.95
Mar. 17,	4148—Frank M. Tyler, Tax Collector, Lucie County, 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees	32.11
Mar. 17,	4149—Robt. H. Alderman, Tax Collector, Okeechobee County, 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees	860.26
Mar. 17,	4150—P. John Hart, Tax Collector, Lee County, 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees	2,460.00

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1919.	No.	
Mar. 17,	4151—Megathlin and Clark, Dredging Contractors, Estimate No. 1, excavation, Tamiami Canal, February, 1919	5,923.25
Mar. 25,	4152—W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County, 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees	19,198.42
Mar. 25,	4153—R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees	19,995.11
Mar. 25,	4154—T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of the Trustees	28,748.39
Mar. 25,	4155—W. C. Dixon, Freight and drayage on Stationery, etc., from Geo. D. Barnard Stationery Company, bill of March 13, 1919	3.87
		\$81,893.72

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, April 10, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Upon request of T. L. Willis the matter of releasing the Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-four (24) in Township Forty-two (42) South of Range Thirty-six (36) from the mortgage of C. L. Wilder, who sold the same to Mrs. T. L. Willis, was considered, and it was ordered that said land would be released upon payment to the Trustees of the sum of \$110.00 per acre, amounting to \$1,100.00, upon the request of C. L. Wilder.

A letter from James W. Neal, Special Agent of the Government Land Office, Washington, D. C., stating that he would be in Miami April 21 for the purpose of making an examination of certain Swamp Land Selections on Key Biscayne and desired an Agent of the State to go with him, was considered, and the Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to write C. L. Leggett of Greenville, Florida, if he could represent the State in the examination of same and what his charges would be per day.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 14, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The following bill was presented, approved and ordered paid:

W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County,
To correct error in remittance for Drain-
age Taxes on lands of the Trustees for 1918. . \$ 48.32

Hon. Glenn Terrell, Special Counsel, stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Hon. Samuel Herrick, of Washington, D. C., stating that he would expect a contingent fee of \$150.00 in the case of the State v. United States to be paid upon condition of a favorable opinion in behalf of the Trustees, in case he was employed to assist the Special Counsel in the appeal of this case. Mr. McRae moved that the above amount be allowed Mr. Herrick under the conditions stated, which motion was seconded by Mr. Swearingen and adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 19, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Southern Drainage District, To payment for surveys done under contract of July 10, 1918, bill of March 31, 1919.....	\$ 2,598.35
Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, To rec. mortgage from Paul C. Taylor to Trustees, bill of April 2, 1919.....	1.65

A. L. Durrance, Clerk Circuit Court, DeSoto County, To rec. various mortgages covering land purchases NW of Lake Okeechobee, bill of April 19, 1919.....		10.80
Megathlin and Clark, Dredging Contractors, Estimáte No. 2, excavation, Tamiami Canal, less retainage March, 1919.....	\$12,277.60	
To cost of work on Spanner Creek Canal in connection with Tamiami Land Sales Agreement, August, 1918.....	2,119.74	14,397.34
		<u>\$ 17,008.14</u>

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 22, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of March 31, April 10, 14 and 19, 1919, read and approved.

Mr. C. L. Wilder appeared before the Trustees and requested further extension on land purchase notes due July 22, 1918, and January 22, 1919, stating that the clearing of land and installation of farm machinery and the failure of certain crops had caused himself and associates great expense, but if the Trustees would grant an extension on the principal due, he would be able to pay the interest due in July and probably a substantial pay-

ment on the principal. After discussion the Trustees agreed to allow Mr. Wilder further time on the payments due as above.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Upon motion it was ordered that an advertisement for the sale of the cypress tie timber owned by the State in Lake Ocheese be advertised for sale in the Weekly Marianna Times-Courier and the Saturday issue of the Pensacola News for a period of four weeks, said tie timber to be sold to the highest and best bidder, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, however, reserving the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, May 1, 1919.

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

Present :

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk. Land Department, April, 1919	\$ 175.00
Glen Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, April, 1919	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, April, 1919	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, April, 1919	36.67
T. J. Appleyard, For binding 25 copies Vol. 12, Biennial Report for 1917-18; law sheep, bill of April 22, 1919	33.75
Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, To rec. mortgage from Herbert A. Weeks to Trustees, bill of May 1, 1919	1.75
C. B. Gwynn, Expenses trip to Key Biscayne to examine certain swamp land selections with Special Agent of U. S. Government, bill of April 25, 1919	53.18
T. J. Appleyard, For printing 500 lists of lots withdrawn from market, bill of May 1, 1919..	3.50
	\$ 442.74

Financial Statement and Disbursements for April, 1919, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, April 1, 1919.

To Balance on hand April 1, 1919	\$116,656.80	
To Board Comms. Ev. Dr.		
Dist., Tolls	\$325.50	
Rent Lock Tender's house	15.00	340.50
To interest		834.08

To Redemption Dr. Tax Certfs...	234.21	
To Land Sales	24,691.55	
		\$142,757.14
By Disbursements, April, 1919..	17,531.44	
To Balance on hand May 1, 1919		\$125,225.70

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$124,225.70	
To Cash on hand	1,000.00	\$125,225.70
Deposited in following banks:		
Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$ 9,353.77	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	2,504.32	
Florida National, Jacksonville..	5,049.30	
Fidelity Bk. & Tr. Co., Miami, ..	41,735.81	
First National, W. Palm Beach..	11,544.90	
Lewis State, Tallahassee	54,037.60	\$124,225.70

Disbursements, April, 1919.

Date.	Voucher	Amount.
1919.	No.	
April 1,	4156—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk Land Dept., March, 1919..	\$ 175.00
April 1,	4157—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, March, 1919...	83.33
April 1,	4158—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, March, 1919.....	55.56
April 1,	4159—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, March, 1919.....	36.67
April 1,	4160—A. L. Durrance, Clerk Circuit Court, DeSoto County, For rec. various mortgages covering lands sold NW of Lake Okeechobee in DeSoto County, bill of March 20, 1919....	95.29
April 1,	4161—Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, To rec. mortgage Sturgis to Trustees, bill of March 17, 1919	1.65
April 1,	4162—T. J. Appleyard, For 2,000 pamphlets relative State lands, bill of April 1, 1919..	8.00

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1919.	No.	
April 1,	4163—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, bill of March 19, 1919.....	10.09
April 1,	4164—Southern Telephone and Con- struction Company, To rent of phone, April, 1919.....	3.00
April 1,	4165—Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, March, 1919	6.48
April 15,	4166—W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collec- tor, Broward County, For bal- ance due on 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands of Trustees in Broward County, bill of April 15, 1919	48.32
April 19,	4167—Southern Drainage District, To payment for surveys done under contract dated July 10, 1918	2,598.35
April 19,	4168—Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, To rec. mortgage from Paul C. Tay- lor to Trustees, bill of April 2, 1919	1.65
April 19,	4169—A. L. Durrance, Clerk Circuit Court, DeSoto County, For rec. various mortgages cover- ing lands sold NW of Lake Okeechobee in DeSoto Coun- ty, bill of April 19, 1919....	10.80
April 19	4170—Megathlin and Clark, Dredg- ing Contractors, Estimate No. 2, excavation, Tamiami Canal, less retainage, March, 1919, \$12,277.60 Cost of work on Snapper Creek Ca- nal in connection with Tamiami Land Sales Agreement, August, 1919.....	2,119.74—14,397.34
		\$ 17,531.44

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 6, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams appeared before the Trustees relative to the sale of a small island located in Sections twenty-three and twenty-four, Township nine south, Range thirty east, to Mr. George W. Corbett of St. Augustine, and stated that Mr. Corbett had offered to purchase this island, containing approximately ten acre, from the Trustees at \$100.00, and claimed that the same was of no value to him except for the purpose of keeping negroes from camping thereon as he had a summer cottage located near said island.

Mr. Luning moved that the price offered be rejected and that the Trustees appoint Mr. Corbett agent for the Trustees, without compensation, to look after this island for the Trustees and prohibit disreputable and objectionable parties from camping on and frequenting said island.

The Special Counsel having been requested to advise the Trustees if they would have authority to construct lock in West Palm Beach Canal, in Palm Beach County, rendered the following Opinion, which was ordered placed of record in the Minutes of the proceeding of the Trustees of this date, as follows, to-wit:

Tallahassee, Florida, March 29, 1919.

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your request of March 25, in which you desire to be advised whether or not the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are authorized to construct a lock in West Palm Beach Canal near the Spillway in Palm Beach County, I beg to advise that:

The Constitution operative in this State in 1855 contained the following provision:

"A liberal system of internal improvements being essential to the development of the resources of the country shall be encouraged by the government of this State, and it shall be the duty of the general assembly as *soon as practicable to ascertain by law proper objects of improvement in relation to roads, canals, and navigable streams*, and to provide for a suitable application of such funds as may be appropriated for such improvement."

The Governor of Florida, on November 24, 1854, in his Message to the Legislature, directed its attention to the foregoing and urged the passage of an Act outlining a liberal system of internal improvement in Florida.

Pursuant to the said provision of the Constitution and the recommendation of the Governor, the Legislature of 1855 enacted Chapter 610, of the Laws of Florida, title to which is "*An Act to Provide for and Encourage a Liberal System of Internal Improvement in this State.*" Many provisions of this Act are pertinent to your inquiry and are quoted herein.

Section 1, of Chapter 610, created the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida and is as follows:

"Section 1. So much of the five hundred thousand acres of land granted to this State for internal improvement purposes by an Act of Congress passed the 3 day of March, A. D. 1845, as remains unsold, and the proceeds of the sales of such lands hereto-

fore sold as now remains on hand unappropriated, and all proceeds that may hereafter accrue from the sales of said lands, also all the swamp land or lands subject to overflow granted this State by an Act of Congress approved September 28, A. D. 1850, together with all the proceeds that have accrued or may hereafter accrue to the State from the sale of such lands, are set apart and declared a separate and distinct fund, called the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, *and are to be strictly applied according to the provisions of this chapter.*"

Section 2, of Chapter 610, created the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, outlined their powers and duties, and is as follows:

"Section 2. For the purpose of assuring the proper application of said funds *for the purposes herein declared*, said lands and all the funds arising from the sale thereof, after paying the necessary expenses of selection, management and sale, are irrevocably vested in five trustees, to-wit, in the Governor of the State, the Comptroller, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General, and the Commissioner of Agriculture, and their successors in office, to hold the same in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter provided, with the power to sell and transfer said lands to the purchasers and receive payment for the same and invest the surplus moneys arising therefrom from time to time in stocks of the United States, stocks of the several States, or the Internal Improvement Fund bonds issued under the provisions of law and drawing not less than six per cent. annual interest, also the surplus interest accumulating from such investments. Said Trustees shall have all the rights, property, powers, claims, remedies, actions, suits and things whatsoever belonging to them or appertaining before or at the time of the enactment hereof, and they shall remain subject to, and pay, fulfill, perform and discharge all debts, duties and obligations of their trust existing at the time of the enactment hereof or provided for herein."

Section 16, of Chapter 610, authorized the Trustees to fix the price of the lands embraced in the said trust, to arrange for the drainage thereof, and is as follows:

"Section 16. The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund shall fix the price of the public lands included in the trust, having due regard to their location, value for agricultural purposes, or, on account of timber and naval stores, *make such arrangements for the drainage of the swamp or overflowed lands as in their judgment may be most advantageous to the Internal Improvement Fund and the settlement and cultivation of the lands*, and the said Trustees shall encourage actual settlement and cultivation of the said lands by allowing pre-emp-tions under such rules and regulations as they may deem advisable, provided in no case shall pre-emp-tions for more than one section of land be granted to any one settler."

Section 4, of Chapter 610, fully defines the system of internal improvement contemplated therein and is as follows:

"Section 4. That a line of railroad from the St. John's River, at Jacksonville, and the waters of the Pensacola Bay, with an extension from suitable points on said line to St. Mark's River, or Crooked River, at White Bluff, on Apalachicola Bay, in Middle Florida, and to the waters of the St. Andrew's Bay, in West Florida, and a line from Amelia Island on the Atlantic to the waters of Tampa Bay, in South Florida, with an extension to Cedar Key, in East Florida, also a canal from the waters of the St. John's River, on Lake Harney, to the waters of Indian River, *are proper improvements to be aided from the Internal Improvement Fund.*"

It will be proper to state here that practically all the lands constituting the Internal Improvement Fund were conveyed to the State under the Act of Congress of September 28, 1850, as above referred to, and that the said Act of Congress provided that the lands so conveyed to the State were charged at all times with the trust to drain and reclaim the same.

A clear analysis of the foregoing provisions of the Constitution and Chapter 610 are conclusive to my mind that as custodians of the Internal Improvement Fund you are not authorized to expend, disburse or appropriate

the said Fund or the income therefrom, *except for such purposes, at such times and in the manner directed by the Legislature.* There are many provisions in Chapter 610 other than those quoted herein, which verify this conclusion.

Further supporting this view, your attention is directed to the following excerpts from the opinion of the Supreme Court of this State in *Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund v. Bailey*, reported in 10 Florida, at page 112:

"A holder of bonds issued under the internal improvement act of January 6, 1855, may enjoin the Trustees of said fund from appropriating any portion of it to other purposes than those named in the Act so as to endanger his security, even though such appropriation be commanded by a subsequent Act of the General Assembly.

.....
 "It surely could not have been the expectation of the framers of the Constitution that the General Assembly would be able at any one time to designate all the improvements that were through all time to be aided by this magnificent fund. *On the contrary the General Assembly were to do this as soon as practicable,* and, as we think, from time to time, as the means at their command would justify it.

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 "The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund *may apply, under the direction of the Legislature,* the annual income arising from said fund to other purposes of internal improvement, etc. So it will be seen that it was not the design to absorb the whole fund in aiding the designated improvements to the exclusion of all others, but only to postpone all others until those first designated shall have been put into successful operation. This we clearly think the General Assembly had the right to do."

In *Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund v. Bailey*, the Court had under consideration an Act authorizing the Trustees to use moneys belonging to the said Fund for cleaning out the mouth of the Apalachicola River. Bailey, being the holder of bonds issued under the Act of 1855, creating the said fund, brought suit

against the Trustees to restrain the appropriation of any moneys from the said fund except for the purposes defined in Section 4, as above quoted, and the Court granted the relief sought, notwithstanding the fact that a subsequent Act had been passed by the Legislature authorizing such expenditure.

The Legislature of this State, in Chapter 1320 of the Acts of 1862, Chapter 3154 of the Acts of 1872, Chapter 4234 of the Acts of 1893, the same being Sections 426 and 427 of the General Statutes of Florida; Chapter 5245 of the Acts of 1903, the same being Sections 869 and 870 of the General Statutes of Florida, and in other instances, has outlined and designated special works and systems of internal improvement that were proper to be aided and encouraged by moneys arising from the said Fund, but none of these Acts, in my judgment, would authorize the expenditure in question, each specifying particular improvements to be made and the authority of the Trustees in each case being limited by the terms of the Act, as was the case in Section 4, of Chapter 610, herein quoted.

Section 1, of Chapter 6453, of the Acts of 1913, is the last word of the Legislature affecting your powers and duties, and is as follows:

"Section 1. That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to borrow money and incur obligations from time to time on such terms and at such rates of interest as they may deem proper for the purpose of raising funds to continue the prosecution or to aid in the continuance and prosecution to final completion the canals, drains, dikes, dams and reservoirs that are now in process of construction, and to build or to aid in the building of such other canals, drains, dikes, dams, locks and reservoirs as in the judgment of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund may be necessary to drain and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands acquired by the State of Florida under the Act of Congress approved September 28, 1850, that may now be in said Fund."

Section 16, of Chapter 610, Acts of 1855, and Section 1, of Chapter 6453, Acts of 1913, as above, define the pow-

ers of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in the matter of draining and reclaiming swamp and overflowed lands acquired under Act of Congress of September 28, 1850, and all other Acts of the Legislature affecting the expenditure of the Internal Improvement Fund were passed subject to the rights of all creditors of the said Fund and the trust of drainage and reclamation.

In view of the fact that the Internal Improvement Fund is subject at all times to legislative control and all Acts of the Legislature providing for improvements therefrom are restricted to the terms of the respective Acts, none of which cover the expenditure in question, and the said Internal Improvement Fund being subject at all times to the trust of drainage and reclamation, as is now provided in Section 16, of Chapter 610, and Section 1, of Chapter 6453, as above, I am of the opinion that as such Trustees your authority is restricted therein to the construction of such canals, dams, locks, drains, dikes and other controlling works as *in your judgment* may be necessary to drain and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands in the State acquired under the Act of Congress of September 28, 1850, and unless the construction of a lock on the Dixie Highway at or near the Spillway on West Palm Beach Canal, in Palm Beach County, Florida, *in your judgment*, is necessary to such drainage and reclamation, you are without legal authority to construct the same.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) GLENN TERRELL, Counsel.

A letter from Mr. Amos McNamee was read, requesting the Trustees to cancel his Entry for E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, in Township 40 S., Range 32 E., containing 80.96 acres, at \$5.00 per acre, as the land was not adapted to the purpose for which he purchased same.

Mr. Luning moved that Entry No. 16745, dated April 1, 1919, covering above described lands, be cancelled and amount of first payment of \$80.96 be returned to Mr. Amos McNamee, which motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and adopted.

The Trustees having found it necessary to draw on the special fund to the credit of the Tamiami Canal in the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Miami, Florida, June

16, 1917, for \$16,000.00 to pay drainage taxes in Dade County, it was ordered that the Secretary transfer from the general funds of the Trustees the amount of \$16,000.00 to the special fund for the Tamiami Canal.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Estimate No. 3, excavation, Okeechobee Road Canal	\$ 7,365.50
Otis A. Hardin, for survey work in T. 42, R. 38, T. 43, R. 39, T. 43, R. 38, and T. 42, R. 37, less retainage, etc.	809.97
Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, April, 1919	4.46
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., 500 3-c Stamped Envelopes, bill of May 6, 1919.....	15.70
Lewis State Bank (Transfer of funds)	
	\$ 8,195.63

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.
 Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 14, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Captain G. D. Bryan appeared before the Board and stated that his son was located on land in Section Thirteen (13), Township forty-two (42) South, Range thirty-six (36) east, and made application to purchase same.

also any lands the Trustees had for sale in Lot one (1) of said Section thirteen (13) lying one-fourth of a mile from meander line of Lake Okeechobee.

The matter was referred to the Chief Drainage Engineer, who, after checking up the surveys of said Section, prepared a plat showing two and one-half acres of land which was beyond the one-fourth mile reserved along the lake:

Thereupon the Trustees agreed to sell said land to Captain Bryan at \$125.00 per acre, and the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to make deed for said two and one-half acres to Mary O. Bryan, wife of Captain Bryan, the said land being described as follows, to-wit:

All that part of Lot one (1) of Section thirteen (13), Township forty-two (42) south, Range thirty-six (36) east, beginning at southeast corner of said Lot, run north five (5) chains, thence west five (5) chains, thence south five (5) chains, thence east five (5) chains to place of beginning, containing 2.50 acres.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 16, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The Governor requested to be excused and his request was granted.

Hon. Ernest Amos was made Chairman.

The following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, It appears by the certificate of George O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court in and for Palm Beach County, Florida, that Section one (1) of Township forty-four (44) south of Range thirty-six (36) east, was sold to the State for unpaid taxes on the 7 day of July, 1913, and embraced in Tax Certificate No. 66 issued by T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector of Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, The certificate of the Clerk of the Circuit Court aforesaid further shows that on November 14, 1918, William Wingate purchased the said Tax Certificate No. 66, of the Sale of July 7, 1913, paying therefor the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty-eight Dollars and Sixty-nine Cents (\$758.69), which included the subsequent omitted taxes and interest; and

WHEREAS, It appears that in making the purchase of said Tax Certificate the said William Wingate paid Thirty-two Dollars (\$32.00) as Drainage Taxes, which were paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Drainage Tax Fund; and

WHEREAS, At the time of the assessment of the said Section one (1), Township forty-four (44) south, Range thirty-six (36) east, it was the property of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as appears by the certificate of Hon. W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Florida, dated December 9, 1918, and the said Section contains only two hundred and thirty-six and twenty-five hundredths (236.25) acres and was erroneously assessed at six hundred and forty (640) acres, and the Trustees should have paid the Drainage Tax in 1912; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District that the sum of Thirty-two Dollars (\$32.00) be refunded to William Wingate for and on account of the Drainage Taxes paid by him in the purchase of Tax Certificate covering the lands described by the preamble; that a warrant for the amount of Twenty-one Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$21.20) be drawn by the Comptroller of the State of Florida against the Everglades Drainage Tax Fund in payment of its

portion of said Thirty-two Dollars (\$32.00), and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund draw their warrant for Ten Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$10.80) in payment of their portion of said Thirty-two Dollars (\$32.00); and that the Comptroller endorse on the original Tax Certificate the fact of such refund and the date the respective warrants are issued.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

William Wingate, The Trustees proportion of refund of Drainage Taxes included in Tax Certificate No. 66, of the Sale of July 7, 1913, Palm Beach County, in accordance with Resolution adopted May 16, 1919.....	\$ 10.80
Megathlin and Clark, Estimate No. 3, excavation, Tamiami Canal, April, 1919, (Check drawn on Special Fund for this work in Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Miami)...	10,907.32
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	\$ 10,918.12

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Attest:

Acting Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 24, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The Tatum Land Company having made application for the release of Section twenty-four (24) in Township fifty-three (53) south of Range forty (40) east from the mortgage deed of date September 24, 1917, it was ordered that such release be prepared, executed and forwarded to the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, at Miami, Florida, with sight draft attached for \$7,040.00, the purchase price of said land at \$11.00 per acre, for delivery upon payment of said draft; whereupon the following release was issued:

STATE OF FLORIDA,

COUNTY OF LEON.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and B. B. Tatum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited and for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said The Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quitclaim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as security for the payment of said indebtedness and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for construction of railroad, as aforesaid, certain lands, tenements, and hereditaments lying, being and situated in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included the following, to-wit:

All of Section Twenty-four (24) in Township Fifty-three (53) South of Range Forty (40) East, in Dade County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid Mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund

would execute and deliver releases of the lands conveyed by said mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the Miami Canal in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before securing such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, The said Mortgagor has made written request for a release of the lands above described from the lien of the said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed; now, therefore,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Seven Thousand and Forty Dollars (\$7,040.00) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid Mortgagor, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

All of Section Twenty-four (24) in Township Fifty-three (53) south of Range forty (40) east, in Dade County, Florida, are hereby released and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED That the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF The said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto set their hands and seals and caused the Seal of the said, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this twenty-fourth day of May, A. D. 1919.

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

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of:

(Signed) J. STUART LEWIS,
MARY HERRING.

(Seal)

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, May 27, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Mr. J. H. Duffie, representing Mr. Carl G. Fisher, appeared before the Trustees and stated that Mr. Fisher had purchased a portion of a submerged tract of land in Biscayne Bay April 7, 1919, the same being located in Section four (4), Township fifty-four (54) south, Range forty-two (42) east, containing 5.26 acres, and that at the time he had wanted to purchase approximately 10 acres, but in the description furnished and as advertised the tract did not embrace but 5.26 acres, and

requested the Trustees to advertise that part of a submerged tract lying in the waters of Biscayne Bay between the Miami Causeway and the Municipal Channel situated in the West Half of Southeast Quarter ($W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$) of Section four (4), Township fifty-four (54) south, Range forty-two (42) east, containing 4.8 acres, more or less, and guaranteed to bid \$1000.00 per acre for the same when offered for sale. Upon motion of Mr. Luning, seconded by Mr. Swearingen and adopted, it was ordered that the Secretary advertise the said submerged land, as required by law, for sale on July 3, 1919.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, June 3, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The Trustees met to consider bids for the timber in Lake Ocheesee, Jackson County, Florida, the Trustees being authorized by Chapter 7317, of the Acts of 1917, Laws of Florida, approved June 5, 1917, to sell said timber, and the same having been advertised by direction of the Trustees under date of April 29, 1919, in the Pensacola News, a newspaper published in Escambia County, and in the Times Courier, a newspaper published in Jackson County, calling for bids to be received until 11 o'clock A. M. June 3, 1919. The Secretary was instructed to open the bids, which were as follows:

W. W. Wester bid \$3,500.00 for all of said timber and certified check for \$350.00 accompanied his bid.

Pennington and Evans bid,

For Heart Cypress Ties, 7"x9"x9', 20 cents per tie,
 For Heart Cypress Ties, 7"x8"x9', 15 cents per tie,
 For Heart Cypress Ties, 6"x8"x9', 10 cents per tie,
 For Cypress Telephone and Telegraph Poles, \$4.00 per M.,
 For Cypress Lumber, board measure, \$4.00 per M.,
 and estimated the value of same at \$14,500.00 and certified check for \$1,450.00 accompanied said bid.

It was agreed that action be deferred until such time as a full board could be had.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, May, 1919.....	\$ 175.00
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, May, 1919	83.33
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, May, 1919	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, May, 1919	36.67
George O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, To rec. mortgages from various land buyers to Trustees, bills of May 17 and 19, 1919	6.60
Pensacola News, Ad. sale of Cypress in Lake Ocheesee, Jackson County, June 3, 1919, bill of May 26, 1919	6.25
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	\$ 363.41

Financial Statement and Disbursements for May, 1919, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, May, 1919.

To Bal. on hand May 1, 1919....	\$125,225.70	
To Board Commrs. Ev.		
Dr. Dist., Tolls.....	\$426.60	
Rent, Lock Tender's house	15.00	
Sale Maps and Plats..	6.50	
Refund over-payment on expense account Chief Drainage Engineer ...	16.74	464.84

To Interest	37.22	
To Redemption Dr. Tax Certfs...	124.27	
To Refund over-payment Drain- age Tax, Palm Beach County..	102.40	
To Land Sales	15,228.99	
To Sale of Minutes	1.00	
		<u>\$141,184.42</u>
By Disbursements, May, 1919..	19,637.45	
		<u>\$121,546.97</u>
To Bal. on hand June 1, 1919..		\$121,546.97

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$120,546.97	
To Cash on Hand.....	1,000.00	121,546.97

Deposited in following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$ 9,343.77	
Barnett National, Jacksonville...	2,504.32	
Florida National, Jacksonville...	5,049.30	
First National, West Palm Beach	4,695.40	
Fidelity Bank and Trust Co., Miami	46,828.49	
Lewis State, Tallahassee	52,115.69	\$120,546.97

Disbursements, May, 1919.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1919.	No.	
May 1,	4171—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., April, 1919	\$ 175.00
May 1,	4172—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, April, 1919.....	83.33
May 1,	4173—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, April, 1919	55.56
May 1,	4174—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, April, 1919....	36.67
May 1,	4175—T. J. Appleyard, Binding 25 copies Vol. 12, Biennial Report of Trustees for 1917-18, law sheep, bill of April 22, 1919	33.75

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1919.	No.	
May 1,	4176—Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, Rec. mortgage from Herbert A. Weeks to Trustees, bill of May 1, 1919	1.75
May 1,	4177—C. B. Gwynn, Expenses trip to Key Biscayne to examine certain swamp land selections with Special Agent of U. S. Government, bill of April 25, 1919	53.18
May 1,	4178—T. J. Appleyard, Printing 500 "Lists of Lots withdrawn from Market," bill of May 1, 1919	3.50
May 6,	4179—Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, Estimate No. 3, Okeechobee Road Canal, excavation, April, 1919	7,365.50
May 6,	4180—Otis A. Hardin, To survey work done as per contract, April, 1919	809.97
May 6,	4181—Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, April, 1919	4.46
May 6,	4182—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., 500, 3 cent stamped Envelopes, bill of May 6, 1919	15.70
May 6,	4183—(Transfer of funds).	
May 14,	4184—Amos McNamee, Refund of first payment made on Entry No. 16745 covering E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 33 T. 40 R. 32, account cancellation said Entry, May 14, 1919	80.96
May 17,	4185—William Wingate, Trustees proportion of refund of Drainage Taxes paid in error on redemption of Certificate No. 66, issued July 7, 1913, covering Sec. 1 T. 44, R. 36, said Sec. being assessed at 640 acres	

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1919.	No.	
	when it only contains 236.25 acres	10.80
May 17,	4186—Megathlin and Clark, Dredg- ing Contractors, Estimate No. 3, excavation, Tamiami Canal, April, 1919	10,907.32
		\$ 19,637.45

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, June 4, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Mr. McRae stated that a bill had passed the present session of the Legislature authorizing the Trustees to sell the dead and sunken timber and moss in Dead Lake, in Calhoun County, Florida, and that Mr. John M. Harper, of Idlewood, would like to purchase the moss in said Lake. Mr. Harper, being present, stated that he would pay twenty-five (25) cents per hundred pounds for the moss after it was ginned and baled and would like to make arrangements for immediate purchase, as he had been gathering moss from the Lake, and if this supply was shut off it would necessitate his shutting down his gin. Mr. Luning moved that the Trustees allow Mr. Harper to purchase the moss at twenty-five (25) cents per hundred pounds baled and have the transportation agent at shipping point furnish the Trustees with a duplicate

Tallahassee, Florida, June 16, 1919.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

The Trustees met pursuant to adjournment of June 7, 1919, to consider bids for sale of timber in Lake Ocheesee, and a quorum not being present, the Trustees adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock A. M. June 17.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

June 17, 1919, 11 A. M.

Present:

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

The Trustees met pursuant to adjournment.

Minutes of April 22 and 29, May 1, 6, 14, 16, 24, 27, June 3, 4 and 7, 1919, read and approved.

Bids for cypress timber in Lake Ocheesee, in Jackson County, were ordered opened and the following bids were presented and considered:

Name.	Bid.
Henry Wester	\$15,600.00
Pennington and Evans	\$16,500.00

Mr. Luning moved that the bid of Pennington and Evans be accepted, \$3,000.00 payable in cash and \$1,687.50 payable quarterly until the balance of \$13,500.00 is fully paid, to-wit: October 1, 1919; January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1, 1920; January 1, April 1 and July 1, 1921, which motion was seconded by Mr. Swearingen and adopted. Thereupon Mr. Luning moved that

the Secretary be directed to return the checks accompanying the bids of unsuccessful bidders, seconded by Mr. Swearingen and adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.
 Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 19, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Megathlin and Clark, Dredging Contractors, Estimate No. 4, excavation, Tamiami Canal, May, 1919	\$ 15,089.85
Times-Courier, to ad. timber in Lake Ochee-see for sale, bill of June 10, 1919.....	6.00
H. & W. B. Drew Company, 2 boxes Carbon, bill of June 5, 1919.....	8.13
Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, May, 1919	4.58
	\$ 15,108.56

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.
 Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 21, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The matter of the Trustees having a representative at Fort Lauderdale on June 30, 1919, at the annual meeting of the land owners in the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District was discussed, and the following Resolution was unanimously adopted by those present:

WHEREAS, Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District will hold an election on Monday, June 30, A. D. 1919, for the purpose of naming a Supervisor to succeed A. B. Lowe, whose term will on the above date expire; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are entitled to vote the acreage of land owned by them at said election and it being their intention so to do; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That F. C. Elliot be and he is hereby appointed to represent the Trustees at said election and to cast 135,000 votes for said Trustees representing the number of acres of land owned by them in Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
 Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 23, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Mr. Hector Harris appeared before the Trustees and asked that the payments due July 7, 1918, and July 7, 1919, amounting to \$7,837.25 each, be extended one year, and that he would pay the interest due on the second payment—amounting to \$470.24, and third payment, amounting to \$940.47, and guarantee to make a payment of not less than \$5,000.00 by March 15, 1920.

Mr. Luning moved that the second and third payment notes be extended to July 7, 1920, upon the above conditions, which motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, July 1, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Mr. H. M. Vinson, who had leased the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, February 7, 1919, under Lease No. 22, and paid \$20.00 therefor, by letter requested the Trustees to cancel said lease and return the money he paid for same, as he had been unable to secure possession of the said land and had not cultivated or used same. Mr. McRae moved that the lease be cancelled and the \$20.00 returned to Mr. Vinson, which motion was seconded by Mr. Swearingen and adopted.

The Secretary stated that the Trustees owned the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11 in Township 38 South, Range 22 East, containing 79.60 acres, located in the Sugar Bowl Drainage District, in Manatee County, and a special Drainage Tax of \$41.20 had been assessed on said land and was past due. Upon motion of Mr. Luning, seconded by Mr. McRae and adopted, it was ordered that the assessment be paid.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, June, 1919	\$ 175.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, June, 1919	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, June, 1919	36.67
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, June, 1919	83.33
A. L. Durrance, Clerk Circuit Court, DeSoto County, To rec. mortgages to Trustees on lands sold NW of Lake Okeechobee, bill of June 27, 1919	10.80
Robert Lispenard Stewart, Survey to Swamp Land in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28, T. 54, R. 42, Key Biscayne, bill of June 20, 1919	50.00
H. M. Vinson, To refund of amount paid on lease of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9, T. 42, R. 37, the said lease being cancelled by Trustees July 1, 1919	20.00
J. R. Easterling, Tax Collector, Manatee County, To Uniform Drainage tax on lands of the Trustees in Sugar Bowl Drainage District..	41.20
Miami Herald, To ad sale of submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, bill of June 30, 1919	11.25
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	\$ 483.81

Financial Statement, June, 1919.

To Balance on hand June 1, 1919	\$121,546.97
To Board Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist., Tolls	\$327.48
Rent Lock Tender's house	15.00— 342.48

To Redemption Drainage Tax Certificates	182.93	
To sale Shell, Seabreeze...\$75.00 Daytona Beach	80.44—	155.44
To Southern States Land and Timber Co., reimbursements for surveys		737.00
To Interest		37.22
To Land Sales	18,686.15	
		\$141,688.19
By Disbursements, June, 1919...	15,471.97	
To Balance on hand July 1, 1919.		\$126,216.22

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$125,216.22	
To Cash on hand.....	1,000.00—	\$126,216.22

Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..\$	9,353.77	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	2,504.32	
Florida National, Jacksonville..	5,049.30	
First National, W. Palm Beach.	4,695.40	
Fidelity Bank and Trust Co., Miami	21,738.64	
Lewis State, Tallahassee.....	71,874.79—	\$125,216.22

Disbursements, June, 1919.

Date.	Voucher	Amount.
1919.	No.	
June 3,	4187—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, May, 1919	\$ 175.00
June 3,	4188—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, May, 1919.....	83.33
June 3,	4189—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, May, 1919	55.56
June 3,	4190—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, May, 1919	36.67

Date 1919.	Voucher No.	Amount.
June 3,	4191—George O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, To rec. mortgages from land purchasers to Trustees, bills of May 17 and 19, 1919	6.60
June 3,	4192—Pensacola News, To publishing ad sale of cypress timber in Lake Ocheesee, bill of May 26, 1919	6.25
June 19,	4193—Megathlin and Clark, Estimate No. 4, excavation, Tamiami Canal, May, 1919	15,089.85
June 19,	4194—Marianna Times-Courier, To publishing ad sale of cypress timber in Lake Ocheesee, bill of June 10, 1919	6.00
June 19,	4195—H. and W. B. Drew Company, 2 boxes Carbon paper, bill of June 5, 1919	8.13
June 19,	4196—Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, May, 1919....	4.58
		<u>\$15,471.97</u>

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

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Tallahassee, Florida, July 3, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The Trustees met to consider bids for a partially submerged bank or flat in the waters of Biscayne Bay, situated in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 54 south, Range 42 east, containing 4.8 acres, more or less, the same having been ordered advertised by the Trustees at a meeting held on May 28, 1919, and said submerged land having been advertised in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in the County in which the land is located, as required by law, to-wit: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1919.

There being no quorum, the Trustees adjourned to meet Monday, July 7, 1919, at 11 o'clock A. M.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

July 7, 1919, 11 o'clock A. M.

All Members present.

Pursuant to adjourned meeting of July 3, 1919, the Trustees met to further consider bids for the sale of submerged tract of land in Biscayne Bay. The Secretary was instructed to open the same, and the bid of the Alton Beach Realty Company of Miami, Florida, of \$1000.00 per acre for the 4.8 acres, being the best bid received, was upon motion of Mr. Luning, seconded by Mr. Swearingen, accepted. No objections having been filed as to the sale of said land, it was ordered that the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture cause deed to be issued to the Alton Beach Realty Company upon payment of \$4,800.00, certified check of \$500.00 accompanying said bid to be applied on said payment.

Mr. J. H. McDuffie, representing the Alton Beach Realty Company, appeared before the Trustees and offered to purchase five submerged tracts of land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida, and presented blue prints of same, Tract 1 containing 3.33 acres, Tract 2 containin 34.4 acres, Tract 3 containing 21.5 acres, Tract 4 containing 4.83 acres, and Tract 5 containing 1 acre, and offered \$300.00 per acre for Tract 1 and \$200.00 per acre for Tracts 2, 3, 4 and 5, and stated if the Trustees would accept the above named prices and have the lands advertised he would guarantee to bid not less than said

amounts. Mr. Swearingen moved that the price be \$300.00 per acre for all of said above mentioned land, seconded by Mr. Amos, and adopted.

Mr. McDuffie stated that the Alton Beach Realty Company believed that they owned the land and the prices offered were as high as other lands owned by said Company in that locality, whereupon Mr. McRae moved to reconsider the vote upon the motion of Mr. Swearingen, he having voted in the affirmative. The motion to reconsider was seconded and adopted.

Mr. McRae moved that the Trustees advertise for sale the five submerged tracts in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida, as required by law, and accept \$300.00 per acre for Tract 1 and \$200.00 per acre for Tracts 2, 3, 4 and 5, if said bid was the best bid received, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and unanimously adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to advertise said submerged lands for sale on August 12, 1919, as required by law.

Mr. James M. Carson appeared before the Trustees and stated that he represented Mr. John M. Bryan of Broward County, that Mr. Bryan was desirous of raising beef cattle in the Everglades provided he could secure land from the Trustees at pasture prices, and submitted the following proposition to purchase from the Trustees:

	Acres.
Lot 4, Tier 53.....	5.00
Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Tier 55.....	34.05
All of Tiers 57, 59, 61, 63, 65 and 67.....	305.00
All of Tiers 69, 71, 73, 75, 77 and 79.....	393.58
All of Tier 81, except Lot 1.....	63.60
All of Tiers 83, 85, 87 and 89.....	320.40
All of Tiers 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, and 109, except that part of said Tiers lying in Section 7.....	580.60
All Section 20, except NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	567.76
Lots 1, 2, 3, W $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 4, and Lots 5 to 15, in- clusive, and Lot 24, in Section 28.....	301.88
	2,571.87

All lying and being in Sections 8, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 28, in Township 50 south of Range 41 east, at \$7.00 per acre cash, a part of the consideration of the purchase being

that Mr. Bryan agrees to place 500 head of range and beef cattle on the land within ninety (90) days from date of purchase and guarantees that said cattle shall be tick free when placed on the land, and further agrees to give the production of beef in the Eastern Everglades a fair trial and not to abandon under any circumstances the proposition under less than three years.

Mr. Luning moved that a price of \$10.00 per acre be accepted for the aforesaid land and the land be sold on the usual terms of one-fourth cash and balance in three equal annual installments, with 6% interest on deferred payments, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted.

Mr. Carson stated that the greater part of this land was not worth more than \$7.00 per acre and the proposition submitted by Mr. Bryan would develop an industry that, in his opinion, would mean much to the Everglades region.

The Trustees adjourned to meet at 5 P. M.

July 7, 1919, 5 o'clock P. M.

The Trustees met pursuant to adjournment.

All Members present:

Mr. McRae moved to reconsider the vote making the price \$10.00 per acre on the land which Mr. Bryan wished to purchase in Broward County, he having voted in the affirmative, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted. Whereupon Mr. McRae moved that the land heretofore mentioned be advertised with the understanding that Mr. Bryan bid not less than \$7.00 per acre for said land on day of sale, and if said bid was the best bid received the Trustees would accept the same, terms to be cash, and provided that the School Board would exchange Section 16, in Township 50 south of Range 41 east, with the Trustees for a Section of equal value, which motion was seconded by Mr. Swearingen and adopted. Mr. Luning voted in the negative. The Secretary was instructed to advertise said land in accordance with said motion, sale to be held August 19, 1919.

The Trustees instructed the Secretary to transfer \$20,000.00 from the Lewis State Bank of Tallahassee to the Guaranty Trust and Savings Bank of Jacksonville, Florida, the Treasurer having received bonds sufficient to secure said deposit.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 10, 1919.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,

J. C. Luning, Treasurer,

Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General.

The matter of an exchange of lands by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund with the State Board of Education was considered, and upon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded, it was decided that the Trustees would convey to the State Board of Education all of Section Fourteen (14), in Township Fifty (50) south of Range Forty-one (41) east, lying North of the North New River Canal, except that portion of said Section lying along said Canal set aside for and upon which a lock is located, being Lot 1 of Tier 32 and Lot 1 of Tier 34 containing 20 acres, the tract conveyed by the Trustees containing 457.72 acres, upon the State Board of Education conveying to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund all of that part of Section Sixteen (16), in Township Fifty (50) south of Range forty-one (41) east, lying South of the North New River Canal, containing 455.61 acres.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 18, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Dr. F. L. Tatom appeared before the Trustees and asked to exchange a tract of 100 acres owned by him near Moore Haven for 80 acres in Section 1, Township 44 south of Range 35 east. Dr. Tatom was advised that it was not the policy of the Trustees to exchange small tracts purchased from others than the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for State land, but that they would sell him land in Section 1, Township 44 south of Range 35 east at \$35.00 per acre, on the usual terms of one-fourth cash, balance in 1, 2 and 3 years with 6 % interest on deferred payments.

Mr. Luning moved that as the Trustees had only a limited amount of custard apple lands that such lands be sold in tracts of not more than forty (40) acres to one purchaser, seconded by Mr. Swearingen and adopted; whereupon, the lands in Section 1, Township 44 south of Range 35 east, being custard apple lands, it was ordered that said Section 1, Township 44 south of Range 35 east be sold in tracts of forty (40) acres or less to applicants on the usual terms of one-fourth cash, balance in three equal annual installments with 6% interest on deferred payments.

Messrs. Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald made application for release from mortgage No. 16,500 of March 23, 1917, of all of Sections 18 and 19 in Township 54 south of Range 37 east and of Sections 19 and 20 in Township 54 south of Range 38 east, containing 2,560 acres, and it was ordered that such release be prepared, executed and forwarded to the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company

for delivery upon payment of Sight Draft attached for \$12,800.00, the price of said land at \$5.00 per acre.

Captain O'Brien, of Moore Haven, appeared before the Trustees and stated that the land owners from Moore Haven to Ritta were going to build a railroad between the two said points and respectfully requested the Trustees to grant a right-of-way for said railroad. Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees have the Chief Drainage Engineer confer with Captain O'Brien relative to such right-of-way and that the Trustees go on record as being favorable to the granting of an easement to said railroad from Moore Haven to Ritta subject to conditions and agreement after plans therefor have been worked out, seconded by Mr. McRae and adopted.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Megathlin and Clark Dredging Contractors Estimate No. 5, excavation, Tamiami Canal, June 1919, less retainage.....	\$16,642.71
Balance due account preliminary work on Snapper Creek Canal..	2111.66--18,665.27
Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, June, 1919	6.48
Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, To rec. mortgage from Edward Wilson to Trustees, bill of July 1, 1919	1.65
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, bill of July 15, 1919	5.00
Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to Dade City and Tampa in re. State v. Espiritu Santo Springs Company, April 1—5, 1919, bill of July 12, 1919	47.55
W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County, To 1918 Drainage Tax on lands under con- tract of sale to Dr. E. C. Chambers.....	613.84
	\$19,339.79

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, July 23, 1919.

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

Present:

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

A letter from Hon. W. V. Blackwell, Secretary, Southern Drainage District enclosing a Resolution adopted by said District at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors thereof held July 14, 1919, was presented and read and the Resolution ordered spread upon the minutes as follows, to-wit:

“WHEREAS, The following resolution has been received by the Board of Supervisors of the Southern Drainage District from the Southern Drainage District Landowner's League.

“WHEREAS, The work of the dredge now excavating the cut-off canal from the Tamiami Trail Canal and the Miami Canal will be finished by the first of next month, and it appears to the Landowner's League of the Southern Drainage District that it will be greatly beneficial to the lands adjacent to the cut-off canal and the east end of the Tamiami Trail Canal now under continuation to empty directly into the Tamiami Trail Canal and open up that canal to tide water,

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED By the Landowner's League of the Southern Drainage District that the Supervisors of the Southern Drainage District request the Chief Engineer of the State and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to instruct the contractors to cut the canal under construction directly into the Tamiami Trail Canal.

“BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER That the Southern Drainage District, if possible, should allow the dredge now working to continue and excavate the Tamiami Trail Canal to the width called for by the Plan of Reclamation, expending the tax money now available, as such work will

save several thousand dollars to the District as the dredge is now available.

'That the Landowner's League of the Southern Drainage District hereby goes on record as advising all landowners who have not paid their 1918 Installment Tax to pay same at once as they are satisfied that said money will be spent for the direct benefit of the lands.'

"AND WHEREAS The Supervisors of the Southern Drainage District have fully concurred in said resolution; therefore,

"BE IT RESOLVED, That the Supervisors instruct their Secretary to forward a copy of the above resolution to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, with the request that the said Trustees pay their delinquent taxes because said tax money is necessary to carry on the work of excavating the Tamiami Trail Canal as outlined in above resolution."

After due consideration of the foregoing Resolution, upon recommendation of the Chief Drainage Engineer that the Contractor on the Connecting Canal first complete the Connecting Canal in accordance with the contract and specifications, leaving a short strip or plug 25 or 30 feet wide un-cut between the end of the Connecting Canal and the Tamiami Trail Canal, and that when completed, work be accepted and Contractor discharged from his obligations to the Trustees under the present contract, whereupon the Southern Drainage District, if it so desires may enter into contract with the present Contractor looking to the continuation of work in the Tamiami Canal under their own contract entirely apart from any relations with the Trustees, and that this procedure will remove from the Trustees danger of being involved with the construction company doing this work through reducing the water level and affecting transportation in the Tamiami Canal, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Members present and ordered transmitted in form of a letter addressed to the President of the Board of Supervisors of Southern Drainage District as of this date:

WHEREAS, Upon recommendation of the Chief Drainage Engineer the Trustees have decided that it is advisable to fully complete the Connecting Canal in ac-

cordance with the contract and specifications before the dredge is removed from the said canal, and that while this is being done a dam should be left between the Connecting Canal and the Tamiami Canal in order that present conditions on the Tamiami Canal may not be disturbed; and

WHEREAS, Upon completion of the Connecting Canal it is entirely agreeable to the Trustees that the Southern Drainage District enter into whatever contract the District deems advisable with the present Contractor on the Connecting Canal, looking to the enlargement of the Tamiami Trail Canal from its junction with the Connecting Canal westward; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That as soon as the Connecting Canal is completed in accordance with the contract and specifications, the same will be inspected and the Contractor released from his contract thereon in order that he may begin construction on the work which the Southern Drainage District desires.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Board adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, July 29, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Mr. F. C. B. LeGro appeared before the Board and requested the Trustees to advertise for sale the following parcels of land intersected by the structure known as Collins Bridge from the City of Miami to the City of Miami Beach, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Tract No. 1. Commencing at a point on Collins Bridge 1200 feet West of the West shore of Belle Isle, said tract to be 700 feet wide, to have a length of 2400 feet, and an area of 36.1 acres.

Tract No. 2, to have its East line 600 feet West along Collins Bridge from the West line of Tract No. 1. Said tract to be 700 feet wide, to have a length of 3400 feet and to contain 52.2 acres.

Tract No. 3, to be 300 feet West of the West line of Tract No. 2, to be 700 feet wide, to have a length of 2000 feet and to contain an area of 29.7 acres.

Tract No. 4, to have its East end 600 feet West of the West line of Tract No. 3, to extend a distance along Collins Bridge of 1700 feet, to have a width of 700 feet and to contain 23.7 acres.

The four parcels of land in all contain an area of 141.7 acres.

In order that a public hearing may be called by the Federal Government for the purpose of granting a permit for the construction of these islands, it is necessary that the State will permit this land to be used for the construction of the islands in case the permit is granted. It is therefore requested that the Trustees agree to advertise the lands as herein described at such time as the Government permit will have issue, Mr. LeGro agreeing to put up \$1000.00 forfeit bond at that time with the understanding that when the land is advertised for sale he will bid not less than \$300.00 per acre for the same.

Epon motion of Mr. Luning, duly seconded and adopted, it was agreed to advertise these parcels of land for sale in accordance with law, when so requested by Mr. LeGro.

Upon the application of W. A. H. Hobbs and other Members of the School Board at Torrey Island Post Office, Florida, Mr. Swearingen made a motion that the Trustees agree to sell the said School Board for the location of a

public school two and one-half acres of land in the North-east Corner of Lot One 1), Block Six (6), between Townships 43 and 44, Range 37 East, for the sum of \$50.00, which motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and adopted. Mr. Luning voting in the negative.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, July 30, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Mr. J. B. McDonald appeared before the Trustees and stated that a client of his was desirous of purchasing the lands owned by the Trustees in Sections Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-nine (29), Thirty (30), Thirty-one (31), Thirty-Two (32) and Thirty-three (33) in Township Forty-one (41) south of Range Forty-two (42) east, containing 4,200 acres, and that he was authorized to offer \$10.00 per acre for same and would like to know on what terms the Trustees would agree to sell the said lands.

After discussion, Mr. Luning moved that the lands in question be advertised as required by law upon condition that Mr. McDonald deposit certified check for \$500.00 as good faith that he would bid not less than \$10.00 per acre for same when offered for sale, and if his was the best bid received at said sale the same to be accepted on terms of one-third cash, one-third in one year and one-third in two years with 6% interest on deferred payments, which mo-

tion was seconded by Mr. McRae and adopted, whereupon the Secretary was instructed to advertise said lands upon Mr. McDonald depositing certified check for \$500.00.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

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Tallahassee, Florida, August 7, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Dept., July, 1919	\$ 175.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, July, 1919	55.56
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, July, 1919	36.67
Southern Telephone and Construction Com- pany, Rent of phone, August, 1919.....	4.00
P. C. Eldred, Clerk Circuit Court, St. Lucie County, To recording Quit Claim Deed 347 from Disston Land Company to Trustees, bill of July 23, 1919	2.10
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, July, 1919	83.33
Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, July, 1919	2.97
Miami Herald, To ad sale of five tracts of sub- merged lands in Biscayne Bay, August 12, 1919, bill of August 9, 1919	18.00

P. B. Bird, Agent, G., F. & A. Ry. Co., Freight charges on box of 5,000 Letter Heads from St. Louis, Mo., bill of August 12, 1919	2.19
	<u>\$ 379.82</u>

Financial Statement and Disbursements for the month of July, 1919, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, July, 1919.

To Balance on hand July 1, 1919.	\$126,216.22
To Board Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist., Tolls	\$182.43
Rent of Lock Tender's house 15.00	197.43
To Redemption Drainage Tax Certfs.	679.68
To Sale Timber in Lake Ocheesee	3,000.00
To Interest on bank deposits	787.42
To Lease of lands	128.92
To Sale of lands	32,310.04
To Sale of minutes	2.00
	<u>\$163,321.71</u>
By Disbursements, July, 1919	19,823.60
	<u>\$143,498.11</u>
To Balance on hand August 1, 1919	\$143,498.11

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks	\$142,498.11
To Cash on hand	1,000.00—\$143,498.11

Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$ 9,406.79
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	2,519.90
Florida National, Jacksonville..	5,080.47
First National, W. Palm Beach.	4,695.40
Guaranty Trust and Savings, Jacksonville	20,000.00
Fidelity Bank and Trust Co., Miami	26,166.15
Exchange, Tallahassee	16,250.00
Lewis State, Tallahassee	58,379.40—\$142,498.11

Disbursements, July, 1919.

Date. 1919.	Voucher No.	Amount.
July 1,	4197—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, June, 1919	\$ 175.00
July 1,	4198—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, June, 1919.....	55.56
July 1,	4199—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, June, 1919.....	36.67
July 1,	4200—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Counsel, June, 1919.....	83.33
July 1,	4201—A. L. Durrance, Clerk Circuit Court, DeSoto County, To rec. mortgages covering lands sold NW of Lake Okeechobee, bill of June 27, 1919.....	10.80
July 1,	4202—Robert L. Stewart, Survey of swamp land in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28 T. 54 R. 42, Key Biscayne, bill of June 20, 1919....	50.00
July 1,	4203—H. M. Vinson, Refund of amount paid on lease of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9, T. 42 S., R. 37 E., as per cancellation of July 1, 1919....	20.00
July 1,	4204—J. R. Easterling, Tax Collector, Manatee County, Uniform Drainage Tax on lands of Trustees in Sugar Bowl Drainage District, bill, of June 30, 1919..	41.20
July 1,	4205—Miami Herald, To ad notice of sale of lands to be held July 3, 1919	11.25
July 10,	4206—(Transfer of funds).	
July 17,	4207—(Transfer of funds).	
July 18,	4208—Megathlin and Clark, Estimate No. 5, excavation, Tamiami Canal, June, 1919..	\$16,533.61
	Balance due account preliminary work on Snapper Creek Canal	2,111.66
July 18,	4209—Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, June, 1919.....	18,665.27 6.48

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1919.	No.	
July 18, 4210—	Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, To rec. mortgage from Edward Wilson to Trustees, bill of July 1, 1919.	1.65
July 18, 4211—	Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, bill of July 15, 1919.	5.00
July 18, 4212—	Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to Dade City and Tampa in re. State v. Espiritu Santo Springs Company, bill of July 12, 1919	47.55
July 18, 4213—	W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County, To 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands under contract of sale to E. C. Chambers	613.84
		\$19,823.60

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, August 12, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Notice having been given by the Trustees under date of July 7, 1919, that they would sell certain five submerged tracts of land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, on this date, and said notice having been advertised for five

consecutive weeks in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands are located, to-wit: July 12, 19, 26, August 2 and 9, 1919, the said five tracts being described as follows:

Tract 1. A certain circular tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida, having a diameter of 430 feet, containing 3.33 acres more or less, said tract lying approximately 2,000 feet southwest of Belle Isle and 1,600 feet north of Star Island in Biscayne Bay.

Tract 2. A certain tract of land lying in Indian Creek, Dade County, Florida, between Lots 2 and 3, 4 and 5, 6 and 7, of Fractional Section 11, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, said tract being 500 feet wide and 3,000 feet long, containing 34.4 acres more or less.

Tract 3. A certain tract of land situated in Dade County, Florida, in the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Southeast Quarter of Section 21, the Northeast Quarter of Section 28 and the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, containing 21.5 acres more or less.

Tract 4. A tract of land situated in Dade County, Florida, in the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, containing 8.3 acres more or less.

Tract 5. A certain tract of land in Dade County, Florida, situated in the West Half of Section 27, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, containing 1 acre more or less.

And no one appearing to make objections to the sale of said submerged lands, except Mr. Palmer, of Miami, who, being present, stated that he had purchased Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, of Fractional Section 28, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, said to contain 72.81 acres, but upon actual survey was found to contain only about 32 acres of land, the balance of the acreage he had paid for being submerged, and he was of the opinion that the sale of the lands as above described by the Trustees would cover part of his submerged land, but after a thorough investigation and consultation with the Chief Drainage Engineer and the Special Counsel for the Trustees, Mr.

Palmer was satisfied that the said sale would in no wise affect his holdings, and he stated that he had no objections to make to the sale of the submerged lands as above described, and requested the Trustees to advertise for sale a certain submerged tract containing approximately 30 acres adjoining his holdings in Section 28, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, and agreed to bid not less than \$250.00 per acre when same was offered for sale; whereupon Mr. McRae moved that the Secretary be instructed to advertise said land as required by law, upon securing a correct description of same from the Chief Drainage Engineer, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to open the bids for the five submerged tracts, and the bid of the Alton Beach Realty Company, accompanied by certified check for \$1,000.00 was the best bid received, the same being as follows, to-wit:

For Tract 1,	3.33 acres at \$300.00 per acre..	\$ 1,000.00
For Tract 2,	34.4 acres at \$200.00 per acre..	6,880.00
For Tract 3,	21.5 acres at \$200.00 per acre..	4,300.00
For Tract 4,	8.3 acres at \$200.00 per acre..	1,660.00
For tract 5,	1 acre at \$200.00 per acre..	200.00

\$ 14,040.00

Upon motion of Mr. Swearingen, seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted, the bid of the Alton Beach Realty Company was accepted and the Secretary directed to have the Special Counsel draw the proper deed for same.

Upon request of The Tatum Land Company, of Miami, for the release of all of Section Thirty four (34), in Township Fifty-three (53) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East, containing 640 acres, from a certain mortgage deed of date September 24, 1917, being No. 16571, upon motion, duly seconded and adopted, it was ordered that said release be prepared, executed and forwarded to the Bank of Bay Biscayne, at Miami, with instructions to deliver same upon payment of sight draft attached for \$4,480.00, the purchase price of the land at \$7.00 per acre, whereupon the following release was issued:

STATE OF FLORIDA,

COUNTY OF LEON.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and B. B. Tatum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited and for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said The Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quit-claim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as security for the payment of said indebtedness and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for the construction of railroad, as aforesaid, certain lands, tenements, and hereditaments lying, being and situate in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included the following, to-wit:

All of Section Thirty-four (34), in Township Fifty-three (53) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East, in Dade County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid Mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would execute and deliver releases of the lands conveyed by said mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the Miami Canal in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof, then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before securing such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, The said Mortgagor has made written request for a release of the lands above described from the

lien of the said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed; now, therefore,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Four Thousand and Four Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$4,480.00) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid Mortgagor, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

All of Section Thirty-four (34), in Township Fifty-three (53) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) - East, in Dade County, Florida, are hereby released and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED that the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto set their hands and seals and caused the Seal of the said The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this sixteenth day of August, A. D. Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen.

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

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of:

(Signed) C. B. GWYNN,
SALLIE LEWIS.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, August 19, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The Trustees met to consider bids for the following lands located in Broward County, Florida, the same having been advertised for sale as required by law in the Fort Lauderdale Sentinel, a newspaper published in said County, to-wit: July 18, 25, August 1, 8 and 15, 1919:

Lot 4, Tier 53;

Lots, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Tier 55;

All Tiers 17, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77 and 79;

All Tier 81, except Lot 1;

All Tiers 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107 and 109; except that part of said Tiers lying in Section 7;

All Section 20, except NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Lots 1, 2, 3, W $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 4, and Lots 5 to 15 inclusive, and Lot 24 in Section 28;

all lying and being in Sections 8, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 28 in Township 50 South of Range 41 East, according to Newman's Survey, and containing 2,571.87 acres, more or less.

The Secretary read the bid of John M. Bryan of \$7.00 per acre cash, the same being the only bid received, which bid was accompanied by a certified check for \$500.00, and

as a further condition upon the purchase of said land agreed to place five hundred (500) head of beef cattle on said land and keep that number of cattle on said land continuously for a period of three (3) years.

Mr. Amos moved that Mr. Bryan's bid be accepted on condition that he give satisfactory bond to the Trustees in the sum of \$2,500.00, that he would place five hundred (500) head of beef cattle on said lands within ninety (90) days from date of purchase and would keep not less than five hundred (500) head of beef cattle thereon continuously for a period of not less than three (3) years, which motion was seconded by Mr. Luning and adopted, and the Secretary instructed to have deed issued upon receipt of said bond.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Megathlin and Clark, Dredging Contractors, Estimate No. 6, excavation, Tamiami Canal, July, 1919	\$26,795.74
J. A. Bailey, Salary as Inspector, Tamiami Canal, July, 1919	75.00
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	\$26,870.74

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, August 30, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of June 16, 19, 21, 23, July 1, 3, 10, 18, 23, 29, 30, August 7, 12 and 19, 1919, read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, August, 1919	\$ 192.50
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, August, 1919	61.11
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, August 1919	40.33
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, August, 1919	91.65
J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, Expenses trip to Moore Haven from Tampa, to examine Everglades lands and return Tallahassee, August 8-12, 1919	29.57
Fort Lauderdale Sentinel, To ad sale of lands, bill of August 15, 1919	9.00
A. L. Durrance, Clerk Circuit Court, DeSoto County, To rec. mortgage, bill of no date....	1.35
Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, To rec. various mortgages, bill of June 23, 1919	11.05
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	\$ 436.56

The Chief Drainage Engineer having advised the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District that it would be necesasyr for Mr. Ben Johnson, who is in charge of the construction of a dredge to be used in the Istokpoga-Okeechobee Canal, to have the use of a monthly checking account not exceeding \$1,500.00, and the funds of the Board not being subect to such disposition under the provisions of Chapter 1456, the Trustees agreed to allow Mr. Ben Johnson a checking account of \$1,500.00, or so much thereof as he may need to pay current bills, and the Secretary was instructed to deposit with the First National Bank of Fort Myers sufficient funds to meet such accounts and to advise said Bank to honor Mr. Johnson's checks, with vouchers attached, showing for what said checks were issued, for not exceeding \$1,500.00 per month, and the Chief Drainage Engineer was instructed to have a bill made at the end of each month for such expenditures, with vouchers attached, that the

Board of Commisisoners of Everglades Drainage District might reimburse said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund therefor.

The Chief Drainage Engineer stated that he was now in position to secure a favorable contract for the construction of the canal that the Trustees agreed, under date of March 20, 1918, to construct jointly with the Southern States Land and Timber Company through Township Forty-two (42) south of Range Thirty-nine (39) east, whereupon Mr. McRae moved that the Chief Drainage Engineer advertise for bids for the construction of the said canal and proceed with the same, the cost of the work to be paid jointly by the Southern States Land and Timber Company and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in proportion to the lands owned by each in said Township and Range, which motion was seconded by Mr. Luning and adopted.

Financial Statement and Disbursements for August, 1919, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, August, 1919.

To Balance on hand August 1, 1919	\$143,498.11	
To Board Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist., Tolls	\$161.33	
Rent of Lock Tender's house	15.00	
Sale of Blue Prints....	20.00	196.33
To Interest		74.44
To Redemption Dr. Tax Certfs..		112.66
To sale Lands.....		14,252.93
To Lands Leased		141.88
To Trustees appointed by Board of County Commrs. Palm Beach County		30.96
To sale Minutes		1.00
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		\$158,308.31
By Disbursements, August, 1919.		27,250.56
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To Balance on hand September 1, 1919		\$131,057.75

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$130,057.75
To Cash on hand	1,000.00—\$131,057.75

Deposited in following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$ 16,918.17
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	2,519.90
Florida National, Jacksonville..	5,080.47
Guaranty Trust and Savings, Jacksonville	20,000.00
First National, W. Palm Beach..	4,726.36
Exchange, Tallahassee	16,011.56
Lewis State, Tallahassee.....	64,801.29—\$130,057.75

Disbursements, August, 1919.

Date.	Voucher	Amount.
1919.	No.	
Aug. 7,	4214—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, July, 1919	\$ 175.00
Aug. 7,	4215—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, July, 1919	55.56
Aug. 7,	4216—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, July, 1919	36.67
Aug. 7,	4217—Southern Telephone and Construction Company, Rent of phone, July, 1919	4.00
Aug. 7,	4218—P. C. Eldred, Clerk Circuit Court, St. Lucie County, Rec. quit-claim deed from Disston Land Company to Trustees, bill of July 23, 1919	2.10
Aug. 7,	4219—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, July, 1919.....	83.33
Aug. 7,	4220—Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, July, 1919....	2.97
Aug. 7,	4221—Miami Herald, For ad sale of five tracts of submerged lands in Biscayne Bay for August 12, 1919, bill of August 9, 1919..	18.00

Aug. 7, 4222—P. B. Bird, Agent, G., F. & A. Ry. Co., Freight charges on box of Stationery from St. Louis, bill of August 12, 1919.....	2.19
Aug. 29, 4223—Megathlin and Clark, Dredging Contractors, Estimate No. 6, excavation, Tamiami Canal, July, 1919, in part payment..	26,166.15
Aug. 29, 4224—Megathlin and Clark, Dredging Contractors, Estimate No. 6, excavation, Tamiami Canal, July, 1919, balance in full....	629.59
Aug. 29, 4225—J. A. Bailey, Salary as Inspector, Tamiami Canal, July, 1919	75.00
	\$27,250.56

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, September 16, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Captain O'Brien appeared before the Trustees relative to right-of-way for the Moore Haven Railway Company from Moore Haven to Ritta, the Trustees having gone on record at a meeting held July 18, 1919, as being favorable to granting an easement for said right-of-way. Captain O'Brien stated that an easement would be of little value

or advantage to the Railway Company and requested the Trustees to issue a deed for said right-of-way from Moore Haven to Sand Point on Lake Okeechobee, and stated the building of said railroad would act a levee in case of high water in the Lake, thereby protecting lands south of said railroad.

After discussion of the proposition as outlined by Captain O'Brien, Mr. Amos made a motion, which motion was seconded by Mr. Luning, and upon vote adopted, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund grant a one hundred foot right-of-way to the Moore Haven Railway Company from Moore Haven to Sand Point on Lake Okeechobee, said road or right-of-way not to come nearer than one hundred and sixty-six (166) feet to the Northern Meander Line along said Lake, and that said deed to such right-of-way contain the stipulation that the same shall be used for railroad purposes, and if not so used title therein to revert to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and work to begin on said railroad within two years from this date.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, September 22, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of August 30 and September 16, 1919, read and approved.

Mr. B. B. Tatum, of Miami, with Mr. Harris, a representative of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, of Philadelphia, appeared before the Trustees, and Mr. Tatum

stated that the Pennsylvania Sugar Company was negotiating with The Tatum Land Company for the purchase of several thousand acres of land with the intention of growing cane thereon for the manufacture of sugar, and that said Sugar Company was desirous of having their lands in a solid body, and as the Trustees owned several Sections in the tract the Tatums proposed to sell to the Sugar Company, he requested the Trustees to exchange said certain Sections with them for certain other Sections of equal value; whereupon Mr. Amos introduced the following resolution and the same was adopted:

In order to facilitate and aid in carrying forward the proposed establishment of a sugar plantation with appurtenant mills, factories, and refineries by the Pennsylvania Sugar Company upon certain lands of The Tatum Land Company in the Everglades; be it

BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

RESOLVED, That said Trustees will exchange Sections One (1) and Two (2), in Township Fifty (50) south of Range Thirty-seven (37) east, and Section Seventeen (17), in Township Forty-nine (49) south of Range Thirty-seven (37) east, for three (3) Sections of land belonging to said The Tatum Land Company, said three (3) Sections to be selected by the Trustees from any undisposed lands heretofore conveyed by them to said The Tatum Land Company, and that proper deed affecting such exchange shall be made by both said Trustees and said Company, one to the other; provided, that this resolution shall not become effective until the proposed contract between The Tatum Land Company and the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, relative to establishing a sugar plantation, is consummated.

Mr. Tatum asked that certain privileges as to the use of water from the canals, rock from the canal banks, any lands abutting on the canals, etc., for irrigation and other purposes be granted the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, and after discussion, Mr. McRae introduced the following resolution, which was duly seconded and adopted:

WHEREAS, By deed dated 24th day of September, A. D. 1917, and duly recorded in the proper offices of the Counties of Dade, Palm Beach and Broward, in the State of Florida, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, pursuant to authority duly vested in them, sold, granted and conveyed unto The Tatum Land Company, a corporation of the State of Florida, certain lands therein described, including, *inter alia*, lands described in Schedule A and made a part of this resolution; UNDER AND SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to certain reservations and conditions as therein set forth; and

WHEREAS, By mortgage deed also dated 24th day of September, A. D. 1917, and duly recorded in the counties aforesaid, the said The Tatum Land Company granted and conveyed in mortgage unto the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, the said lands mentioned in Schedule A, to secure payment of the principal sum therein mentioned, at the time therein set forth, which mortgage contains certain provisions as to release from the lien and operation thereof of the lands covered thereby; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have been advised that the said The Tatum Land Company has entered into a certain agreement with the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, which may lead to the leasing or the purchase of the lands described in said Schedule A by said Sugar Company, provided said Trustees will enter into a direct undertaking with the said Sugar Company with respect to certain of the reservations in said deed contained and with respect to the agreements as to release in said mortgage contained; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that it is to the best interest of the State of Florida that such direct undertaking should be entered into in the hope that an important industry will be fostered and developed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, On the faith of which resolution said Pennsylvania Sugar Company may act in, assume or fulfil any obligation it has or may assume or fulfil under any agreement with the said The Tatum Land Company, as follows:

(a) That either as lessees or as owner of any of the lands described in Schedule A, said Sugar Company may use all its requirements of water for irrigation or manufacturing purposes from any canal constructed or hereafter constructed through said premises; provided, that the amount of water so to be taken or used from any such canal or canals shall be proportioned to the acreage leased or owned by the aforesaid Sugar Company; and provided further, that the amount of water taken at any time shall not be sufficient to impair navigation on the said canal.

(b) That either as lessees or as owner of any of said lands the Sugar Company shall have the full right to use upon the premises for its own purposes, without cost, any rock, it may see fit, taken from any abutting canal or from any part of said premises; provided, that the amount of rock so taken and used by the said Sugar Company shall not exceed fifty (50) per centum of the amount of such rock on either or both of the banks of the said canal, the said per centum or any portion thereof so taken to be removed continuously and proportionately along the said banks in such a manner as not to damage the said canal; and provided further, that should the said Company need further amounts of rock than the amount hereinbefore mentioned the same may be taken under permit from the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, all of which rock shall be taken and removed as directed by the Chief Drainage Engineer.

(c) That either as lessees or as owner, the Sugar Company shall have the right to use any portion of the lands abutting on any canal which under the deed above recited is reserved to the State of Florida which Sugar Company may deem necessary for buildings, docks, roads, etc., or which it may deem necessary in the development and cultivation of said premises and in the erection thereon of sugar mills and other necessary structures.

(d) That said Trustees will accept direct from said Sugar Company and will release either to said The Tatum Land Company, if the Sugar Company is acting as lessees, or direct to the Sugar Company, if it is then acting as owners, any payment made as a consideration for the release of any of the ground set forth in Schedule A, upon the same basis and in the manner as set forth in

the mortgage deed above referred to; and upon receipt of any such payment will execute and deliver to The Tatum Land Company or to the Sugar Company as above set forth, full and complete release from the lien and operation of said mortgage to the extent and covering the particular property requested by said Sugar Company at the time the payments are made, to the end that as the Sugar Company makes payments the land released shall be absolutely free and clear from any further claim on the part of these Trustees by reason of said mortgage deed.

(e) That wherever the provisions of this resolution and undertaking in any way conflict with the reservations contained in said deed or in said mortgage deed, the provisions hereof shall control so far as the land described in Schedule A is concerned and shall inure to the benefit of said Sugar Company and its successors or assigns.

(f) That upon request of said Sugar Company, its successors or assigns, the provisions of this resolution shall be put in legal form by way of a deed, release, agreement or otherwise, as may be necessary, in order to make the provisions of this resolution a matter of record.

Hon. John H. Carter, of Marianna, attorney for the Chical Lumber Company, made application on behalf of said Company for permit to construct a railroad bridge across the Chipola River at a point just north of Scott's Ferry, which permit was granted and the Special Counsel for the Trustees instructed to draw the same and forward to Mr. Carter, at Marianna.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Megathlin and Clark, Dredging Contractors, to reimbursement of expenses incurred in tearing down and re-building bridges over Tamiami Connecting Canal in order to pass dredge "Miami" out of the canal, bill of August 31, 1919.....	\$	879.18
Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, August, 1919		3.90
Lewis State Bank, to reimbursement cost of telegrams exchanged in re, unpaid Sight Draft, bill of August 27, 1919.....		88
	\$	883.96

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, September 26, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Hon. W. A. McRae stated that Dr. J. H. Hagen had investigated the matter of trespassing on State lands in Jefferson County and had reported the result of his findings to the Sheriff, who had collected the market price of the timber removed from said lands and remitted same to the Trustees, and that Dr. Hagen had spent considerable time in this work and moved that he be paid \$20.00 for his services, which motion was seconded by Mr. Swearingen and adopted.

Mr. McRae stated that Mr. W. H. Lair in February, 1919, leased 8.80 acres of land in the Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Seventeen (17), Township Forty-two (42) south of Range Thirty-seven (37) east, paying \$35.20 for the same, under Lease No. 25, and that Mr. Lair could not cultivate the land and had not taken possession, and recommended that the amount be refunded; whereupon, Mr. Amos moved that Lease No. 25 be cancelled and warrant drawn in favor of Mr. Lair for \$35.20, which motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and adopted.

Application from the County School Board of Palm Beach County to purchase one acre of land in Section Twenty-three (23), Township Forty-two (42) south of

Range Thirty-six (36) east, for the sum of One Dollar, for a school building, was read, and Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees sell one acre of land in Section, Township and Range, as above, to the County School Board of Palm Beach County for the sum of One Dollar, with the understanding that the same be used for school purposes only and at any time the same was not used for a school, title to revert to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, which motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and adopted.

Mr. Williams, Deputy Sheriff of Calhoun County, reported to the Trustees that parties were removing timber and moss from the Dead Lakes, whereupon Mr. Luning moved that the Sheriff of Calhoun County be notified to seize any timber or moss that was being moved or cut from said Lakes, also to give notice through the newspaper published at Blountstown that all persons trespassing upon State lands would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 26, 1919.
5 o'clock P. M.

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

Present:

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

Mr. Walker, representing the Grass Paper and Pulp Corporation, appeared before the Trustees and stated that

they had found that saw grass on swamp and overflowed lands was valuable for paper manufacture, and requested a permit to cut saw grass on lands belonging to the State. After discussion, Mr. McRae moved that the Grass Paper and Pulp Corporation be granted a permit to use saw grass from the lands of the Trustees, upon the said Corporation filing a proper application designating the lands which they desire to remove the grass, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, October 1, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The Report of the Committee appointed by the Governor at meeting of January 13, 1919, to recommend a subdivision and to make prices on the various tracts of land owned by the Trustees as platted and surveyed in the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, was submitted, approved and ordered placed of record, as follows, to-wit:

Tallahassee, Florida, October 1, 1919.

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,
CAPITOL.

Gentlemen:—

A committee consisting of Messrs. W. A. McRae, Chairman, Ernest Amos and the Chief Drainage Engineer was

appointed by the Trustees to recommend a sub-division and prices for the lands owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District.

The committee submits herewith a plan of sub-division, the survey of which has been completed, and a list of prices on the lands above referred to.

The committee recommends two classes of prices—one for cash and the other on time. Where the purchase is made on time, an advance of 10% over cash prices is recommended and the making of partial payments on the basis of 20% down and 20% at the end of one, two, three and four years, giving a total of four years within which to complete payment.

The prices per acre have been arrived at on the basis of sales heretofore made for similar lands in this locality. Difference in prices have been graded in accordance with favorable locations along main canal and in accordance with quality of land. The sub-division has been so arranged that all lots front on a canal or lateral and the farthest point of any lot from a canal or lateral does not exceed one-fourth mile.

It is recommended that the entire right-of-way of the West Palm Beach Canal be reserved. Lots bordering this canal, therefore, have their canal boundary on the right-of-way line which is 130 feet from the center of the canal. On lateral ditches a right-of-way of 60 feet has been reserved. The right-of-way for ditches is under the control of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and also under the regulation, as far as the laterals are concerned, of the Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, to whom the Trustees granted easements in this strip for ditch right-of-way purposes.

The lots comprising the sub-division vary in size from approximately ten to thirty acres, the standard sub-division being on the basis of twenty acres, which, with rights-of-way deducted, gives a regular size lot an area of 19.55 acres.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. A. McRAE, Chairman,
Commissioner of Agriculture.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller.

F. C. ELLIOT,
Chief Drainage Engineer.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, October 3, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, September, 1919	\$	192.50
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, September, 1919		91.65
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, September, 1919		61.11
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, September, 1919		40.33
Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to Jacksonville in re Byrne Realty Company, Feb. 17-20, 1919	\$	29.00
Expenses trip to Miami, West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Jacksonville in re. various cases, Sept. 1-16, inclusive, 1919	\$	119.24
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Bills of September 24, 1919.....	\$	148.24
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., 200 one-cent and 400 two-cent Stamps, bill of October 1, 1919.....		10.00
Dr. J. H. Hagen, to services in re. trespass on State lands, being W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34 T. 3 N., R. 6 E., bill of August 31, 1919.		20.00

W. H. Lair, Refund of amount paid account Lease No. 25, issued February, 1919, as per Minutes of September 26, 1919.....	35.20
	\$ 599.03

The following resolution relative the matter of issuing deeds to the holders of contracts for the purchase of lands on the Northwest side of Lake Okeechobee that are covered by Chapter 7861, of the Laws of Florida, Acts of 1919, was presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund did, on July 7, 1917, contract with various parties for the sale of certain lands on the Northwest side of Lake Okeechobee; and

WHEREAS, Certain of the said lands have never been patented to the State of Florida under the Swamp Land Grant Act, though application has been made for such patent and the Department of the Interior has, through the Commissioner of the General Land Office, assured the Trustees that the status of the said lands would be thoroughly investigated and patent therefor made to the State of Florida, or disclaimer in any interest therein made in lieu of such patent; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of 1919 duly enacted Chapter 7861, of the Laws of Florida, for the purpose of authorizing the Trustees to convey such lands as are above referred to, and Counsel for the Trustees has advised that in either event the Trustees would now be authorized to convey the State's title thereto; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, that all parties now having contracts for the purchase of such lands as are above referred to, who make an application to the Trustees therefor, and the Trustees having full knowledge that all the terms of the said contract have been complied with, the Trustees will immediately execute deed conveying all their title, right and interest in and to the said lands to the holders of such contracts.

Financial Statement, September, 1919.

To Balance on Hand September 1, 1919	\$131,057.75	
To Board Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist., Tolls, September, 1919	166.13	
To Redemption Drainage Tax Certificates	38.82	
To Land Sales.....	40,160.28	
To Lands Leased	72.80	
To Trespass on State Lands....	75.00	
To Sale of Minutes.....	1.00	
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	\$171,571.78	
By Disbursements, September, 1919	1,795.82	
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To Balance on Hand October 1, 1919		\$169,775.96

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash in Banks.....	\$168,775.96	
To Cash on Hand.....	1,000.00	\$169,775.96

Deposited in Following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$ 16,918.17	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	2,519.90	
Florida National, Jacksonville..	5,080.47	
Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Jacksonville	20,000.00	
First National, West Palm Beach	4,726.36	
First National, Fort. Myers.....	2,000.00	
Exchange, Tallahassee	37,349.14	
Lewis State, Tallahassee	80,181.92	\$168,775.96

Disbursements, September, 1919.

Date	Voucher No.	Amount.
Sept. 3,	4226—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, August, 1919	\$ 192.50

Date. 1919.	Voucher No.	Amount.
Sept. 3,	4227—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, August, 1919.....	61.11
Sept. 3,	4228—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, August, 1919..	91.65
Sept. 3,	4229—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, August, 1919....	40.33
Sept. 3,	4230—J. C. Luning, Expenses trip to Moore Haven from Tampa to examine Everglades lands return to Tallahassee, August 8-12, 1919	29.57
Sept. 3,	4231—Fort Lauderdale Sentinel, to ad sale of Drainage Tax Title lands on August 12, 1919, 3½ inches, 5 times, bill of August 15, 1919	9.00
Sept. 3,	4232—A. L. Durrance, Clerk Circuit Court, DeSoto County, to rec. mortgage, bill without date	1.35
Sept. 3,	4233—George O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, to rec. various mortgages, August, 1919	11.05
Sept. 22,	4234—Megathlin and Clark, Dredging Contractors, to reimbursement of expenses incurred in tearing down and building bridges over Tamiami Connecting Canal in order to pass dredge "Miami" out of Canal, bill of August 31, 1919	879.18
Sept. 22,	4235—Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, August, 1919	3.00
Sept. 22,	4236—Lewis State Bank, Cost of Telegrams exchanged in re. unpaid Sight Draft, bill of August 27, 191988

Date.	Voucher No.	Amount.
Sept. 22,	4237—R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, to 1918 Drainage Taxes on lands under contract of sale to Dr. E. C. Chambers, bill of April 1, 1919	476.20
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		\$ 1,795.82

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, October 16, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Mr. B. B. Tatum, of The Tatum Land Company, advised the Trustees that they had perfected their plans and arrangements with the Pennsylvania Sugar Company for the establishment of a sugar plantation in the Everglades, and pursuant to Resolution adopted by the Trustees under date of September 22, A. D. 1919, looking to the establishment of such a plantation, requested the Trustees to exchange with the said The Tatum Land Company Sections One (1) and Two (2), in Township Fifty (50) South of Range Thirty-seven (37) East, and Section Seventeen (17), in Township Forty-nine (49) South of Range Thirty-seven (37) East, for any three Sections of equal value that the Trustees might select from lands belonging to The Tatum Land Company and make

deeds accordingly. The Trustees selected Sections Six (6), Eight (8) and Seventeen (17), in Township Forty-eight (48) South of Range Thirty-six (36) East, in exchange for Sections One (1), Two (2) and Seventeen (17), as above, and at the request of Mr. B. B. Tatum, representing The Tatum Land Company, the Trustees executed a deed for said Sections One (1), Two (2) and Seventeen (17), as above, to The Tatum Land Company, and prepared a deed to Sections Six (6), Eight (8) and Seventeen (17), as above, from The Tatum Land Company to the Trustees, both of which deeds were ordered sent to the First National Bank, at Miami, for exchange.

The Trustees holding a mortgage from The Tatum Land Company on Sections Six (6), Eight (8) and Seventeen (17), as above, agreed to release the same on payment to them by The Tatum Land Company of the sum of \$16,640.00, the purchase price of the said lands at \$7.00 and \$11.00 per acre according to the stipulations outlined in the said mortgage, which release was ordered, prepared, executed and forwarded to the First National Bank of Miami with Sight Draft attached for payment, the said release being as follows, to-wit:

STATE OF FLORIDA,

COUNTY OF LEON.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and B. B. Tatum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited and for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said The Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quitclaim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal

Improvement Fund as security for the payment of said indebtedness and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for the construction of railroad, as aforesaid, certain lands, tenements, and hereditaments lying, being, and situate in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included the following, to-wit:

All of Sections Six (6), Eight (8) and Seventeen (17), in Township Forty-eight (48) South of Range Thirty-six (36) East, in Broward County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid Mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would execute and deliver releases of the lands conveyed by said Mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the Miami Canal in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof, then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before securing such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, The said Mortgagor has made written request for a release of the lands above described from the lien of the said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed; now, therefore,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Sixteen Thousand and Six Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$16,640.00) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid Mortgagor, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

Eight hundred (800) acres at Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre and eleven hundred and twenty (1120) acres at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre in Sections Six (6), Eight (8) and Seventeen (17), in Township Forty-eight (48) South of Range Thirty-six (36) East, in Broward County, Florida, are hereby released and discharged from the lien

of the said mortgage, and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED that the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto set their hands and seals and caused the Seal of the said The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this Sixteenth Day of October, A. D. Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen.

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

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of:

(Signed) GLENN TERRELL,
MARY HERRING.

And The Tatum Land Company, in the furtherance of their plans and arrangements with the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, desiring to acquire Section Sixteen (16), in Township Forty-nine (49) South of Range Thirty-seven (37) East, and Section Sixteen (16), in Township Fifty (50) South of Range Thirty-eight (38) East, and the said two Sections being the property of the State Board of Education, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund agreed to make suitable exchanges with the State Board of Education for the said two Sections and make deeds conveying the same, the State Board agreeing to accept Sections Three (3) and Fifteen (15), in Township Forty-six (46) South of Range Thirty-five

(35) East for said two Sections Sixteen (16), as above, the Trustees to release the same to The Tatum Land Company on payment to them by said Company of the sum of \$10,720.00, the purchase price of the said lands at \$11.00 and \$7.00 per acre, according to the stipulations outlined in the said mortgage from The Tatum Land Company to the Trustees of date September 24, 1917, covering the said lands, which release was ordered, prepared, executed and forwarded to the First National Bank of Miami with Sight Draft attached for above named amount, the said release being as follows, to-wit:

STATE OF FLORIDA,

COUNTY OF LEON.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and B. B. Tatum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited and for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said The Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quit-claim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as security for the payment of said indebtedness and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for the construction of railroad, as aforesaid, certain lands, tenements, and hereditaments lying, being and situate in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included the following, to-wit:

All of Sections Three (3) and Fifteen (15) in Township Forty-six (46) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East, in Palm Beach County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid

Mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would execute and deliver releases of the lands conveyed by said mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the Miami Canal in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof, then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before securing such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, The said Mortgagor has made written request for a release of the lands above described from the lien of the said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed; now, therefore,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Ten Thousand and Seven Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$10,720.00) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid Mortgagor, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

Two hundred (200) acres at Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre and four hundred and forty (440) acres at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre in Section Three (3); and two hundred and forty (240) acres at Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre and four hundred acres (400) acres at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre in Section Fifteen (15), all in Township Forty-six (46) South of Range Thirty-five (35) East, in Palm Beach County, Florida, are hereby released and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED That the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF The said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto set their hands and seals and caused the Seal of

the said, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this Sixteenth day of October, A. D. Nineteen hundred and nineteen.

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

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of:

(Signed) GLENN TERRELL.
MARY HERRING.

Upon presentation of a letter from The Tatum Land Company requesting the release of Sections Fourteen (14) and Twenty-four (24), in Township Fifty-two (52) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East, containing 1,280 acres, more or less, from a certain mortgage deed of date September 24, 1917, being No. 16,571, and upon motion duly seconded and adopted, it was ordered that said release be prepared, executed and forwarded to the First National Bank, at Miami, with instructions to deliver same upon payment of \$11,040.00, the purchase price of the land at \$7.00 and \$11.00 per acre, the said release being as follows, to-wit:

STATE OF FLORIDA,

COUNTY OF LEON.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and B. B. Tatum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the

Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited and for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said The Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quitclaim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as security for the payment of said indebtedness and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for the construction of railroad, as aforesaid, certain lands, tenements, and hereditaments lying, being and situate in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included the following, to-wit:

All of Sections Fourteen (14) and Twenty-four (24) in Township Fifty-two (52) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East, in Dade County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid Mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would execute and deliver releases of the lands conveyed by said mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the Miami Canal in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof, then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before securing such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, The said Mortgagor has made written request for a release of the lands above described from the lien of the said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed; now, therefore,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Eleven Thousand and Forty Dollars (\$11,040.00) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid Mortgagor, receipts whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

Two hundred and eighty (280) acres of Section Fourteen (14) *at Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre and three hundred and sixty (360) acres of said Section Fourteen at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre; and Two hundred and forty (240) acres of Section Twenty-four (24) at Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre and four hundred (400) acres of said Section Twenty-four at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre; all in Township Fifty-two (52) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East, in Dade County, Florida, are hereby released and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED That the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF The said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto set their hands and seals and caused the seal of the said, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this Sixteenth day of October, A. D. Nineteen hundred and nineteen.

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

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of:

(Signed) GLENN TERRELL.
MARY HERRING.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, October 27, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The Trustees having advertised at the request of Mr. J. B. McDonald,

All Section 19,

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 20,

All Sections 29, 30, 31 and 32,

S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 33, all in Township 41 South, Range 42 East, in Palm Beach County, containing 4,200 acres, more or less, as required by law, for sale on this date, and the Secretary reporting that no bids had been received in compliance with the requirements of said advertisement, but that Mr. McDonald had deposited certified check in the sum of \$500.00 as good faith that he would bid thereon, it was ordered that said check be held pending further action of the Trustees.

Mr. B. B. Tatum appeared before the Trustees and stated that a *lis pendens* had been placed on certain lands by the Trustees of the Estate of Richard J. Bolles, deceased, which lands had been conveyed to the Tatum Land Company by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and requested the Trustees to make some arrangement whereby such *lis pendens* could be removed so that the lands in question might be sold by them to the Pennsylvania Sugar Company of Philadelphia. After discussion of this matter, Mr. Amos offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, which, upon vote, was agreed to:

WHEREAS, A suit has been brought by J. L. Holmberg, et al., as Trustees and Executors of the Will of the late Richard J. Bolles, against the Trustees of the In-

ternal Improvement Fund in relation to certain lands now or heretofore owned by the State of Florida, including certain lands heretofore conveyed by the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to The Tatum Land Company; and

WHEREAS, The Tatum Land Company has entered into an agreement with and is about to consummate a deal with the Pennsylvania Sugar Company in reference to the leasing or purchase of a portion of the lands so conveyed to the said The Tatum Land Company by the Trustees; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary, in order that such transaction between The Tatum Land Company and the Pennsylvania Sugar Company be consummated without delay, that an order be taken in said suit, agreeable to all parties concerned, in reference to said lands:

SO NOW, THEREFORE,

RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund this day in session, with a full quorum, that Honorable Glenn Terrell, Counsel for said Trustees, be and he is hereby authorized, as such Counsel, to make and enter into an agreement for the said Trustees within said suit to substitute other lands belonging to the State of Florida and under the jurisdiction of the said Trustees, for the lands about to be leased or conveyed to the said Pennsylvania Sugar Company, so that such lease or conveyance may be executed without delay and without cloud so that the Pennsylvania Sugar Company may have and enjoy a good and marketable title to the lands leased or conveyed to them by the said The Tatum Land Company; and the Counsel for the said Trustee is authorized to sign his consent to any necessary order or orders to be made by the Court carrying out the purpose of this resolution, all of which shall be without prejudice to the rights or alleged rights of the parties to the said suit.

Mr. Tatum asked for the release of five additional Sections, to-wit: All of Section Thirty-six (36) in Township Forty-nine (49) South of Range Thirty-seven (37) East; and all of Sections Four (4), Six (6), Eight (8) and Eighteen (18) in Township Fifty (50) South of Range Thirty-eight (38) East, in Broward County, from the mortgage deed of date September 24, 1917, and upon

motion of Mr. Luning, seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted, it was ordered that such release be prepared, executed and forwarded to the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, at Miami, with Sight Draft attached for \$35,200.00, the purchase price of said land, for delivery upon payment of said draft, whereupon the following release was issued.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

COUNTY OF LEON.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and B. B. Batum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited and for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said The Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quitclaim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as security for the payment of said indebtedness and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for the construction of railroad, as aforesaid, certain lands, tenements and hereditaments lying, being and situate in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included the following, to-wit:

All of Section Thirty-six (36) in Township Forty-nine (49) South of Range Thirty-seven (37) East; and

All of Sections Four (4), Six (6), Eight (8) and Eighteen (18) in Township Fifty (50) South of Range Thirty-eight (38) East, in Broward County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid Mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund

would execute and deliver releases of the lands conveyed by said mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the Miami Canal in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof, then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before securing such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, The said Mortgagor has made written request for a release of the lands above described from the lien of the said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed; now, therefore,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Thirty-five Thousand and Two Hundred Dollars (\$35,200.00) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid Mortgagor, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

All of Section Thirty-six (36) in Township Forty-nine (49) South of Range Thirty-seven (37) East; and

All of Sections Four (4), Six (6), Eight (8) and Eighteen (18) in Township Fifty (50) South of Range Thirty-eight (38) East, in Broward County, Florida, containing thirty-two hundred (3,200) acres, more or less, are hereby released and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED That the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF The said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto set their hands and seals and caused the Seal of the said, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee,

the Capital, this Twenty-seventh day of October, A. D. Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen.

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

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence off:

(Signed) C. B. GWYNN.
J. STUART LEWIS.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, November 8, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of September 22, 26, 10 o'clock A. M., 26, 5 o'clock P. M., and October 1 and 3, 1919, were read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, October, 1919.....\$ 192.50

Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, October, 1919	91.65
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, October, 1919	61.11
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, October, 1919	40.33
Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, October, 1919	3.88
Palms Publishing Company, Ad lands for sale on October 27, 1919, in T. 41 R. 42, bill of October 13, 1919	9.00
A. L. Durrance, Clerk Circuit Court, DeSoto County, For recording certain Mortgages in DeSoto County, bill of October, 1919.....	4.05
	\$ 402.52

A letter from Mrs. W. S. Jennings, Chairman of Conservation, Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, making application on behalf of the Federation of Women's Clubs to lease for a period of 99 years certain Sections of land in Township 58 South, Range 37 East, for park purposes, was presented by the Chief Drainage Engineer, and, after discussion, the Trustees decided they were without authority to make deed or lease of the land in question in favor of the Federation of Women's Clubs: Whereupon Mr. Luning moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The matter of deeding or leasing to the Federation of Women's Clubs for park purposes certain Sections of land in Township Fifty-eight (58) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East, has heretofore been presented and refused by the Trustees; and

WHEREAS, In view of the fact that this matter was submitted to the Legislature of 1919, in the form of a Bill proposing the conveyance of certain lands therein described to the Federation of Women's Clubs for park purposes, relative which the Legislature took unfavorable action; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in view of the action of the Legislature of 1919 relative this matter that the Trustees decline to grant the Federation of Women's Clubs a 99-year lease of certain Sections of land in Township Fifty-

eight (58) South of Range Thirty-seven (37) East for park purposes.

And upon vote the same was adopted.

No bid having been received for the following lands in Township Forty-one (41) South, Range Forty-two (42) East, advertised and offered for sale on October 27, 1919, at the request of Mr. J. B. McDonald, to-wit:

All Section 19,

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 20,

All Sections 29, 30, 31 and 32,

S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 33,
it was ordered that the Secretary re-advertise the same for sale on December 23, 1919, as required by law.

The Special Counsel stated that Messrs. W. S. Jennings and B. B. Tatum would be in Tallahassee Monday, the 10th instant, relative to substitution of lands and would like to meet with the Trustees, whereupon the Governor appointed Messrs. Amos, Luning and McRae a Committee to confer with Messrs. Jennings and Tatum.

Financial Statement and Disbursements for October, 1919, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, October, 1919.

To Balance on hand October 1, 1919	\$169,775.96	
To Board Commrs. Ev. Dr. District, Tolls	157.26	
Sale of B/Ps	3.00—	160.26
To Interest		791.86
To Redemption of Drainage Tax Certificates		76.31
To John M. Bryan, Drainage Taxes on land transferred to State School Board in sale of August 19, 1919.....		45.62

To County Commrs. Palm Beach County, on lands for Canal and Road	3,469.12
To Land Sales	69,946.15
	<u>\$244,265.28</u>
By Disbursements, October, 1919.	599.03
To Balance on Hand November 1, 1919.....	\$243,666.25

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash on hand.....	\$ 1,000.00
To Cash in banks.....	242,666.25—\$243,666.25

Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville.	\$ 17,000.09
Barnett National, Jacksonville.	2,535.64
Florida National, Jacksonville...	5,111.98
Guaranty Trust and Savings Co., Jacksonville	20,000.00
First National, Fort Myers.....	2,000.00
First National, W. Palm Beach..	8,195.48
Exchange, Tallahassee	37,924.63
Lewis State, Tallahassee.....	149,898.43—\$242,666.25

Disbursements, October, 1919.

Date.	Voucher 1919. No.	Amount.
Oct. 2,	4238—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, September, 1919	\$ 192.50
Oct. 2,	4239—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, September, 1919.	91.65
Oct. 2,	4240—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, September, 1919.....	61.11
Oct. 2,	4241—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, September, 1919....	40.33
Oct. 2,	4242—Glenn Terrell, Expenses trip to Jacksonville in re. Byrne Realty Co. case, Feb. 17-20, 1919, and trip to Miami, West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Jacksonville in re. various other cases, Sept. 1-16, 1919, bill of September 24, 1919.....	148.24

Oct. 2, 4243—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., 200 one-cent and 400 two-cent Stamps, for office of Land Salesman, bill of October 1, 1919.....	10.00
Oct. 2, 4244—Dr. J. H. Hagen, Services in re. trespass on State lands in W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 34 T. 3 N. R. 6 E., bill of August 31, 1919....	20.00
Oct. 2, 4245—W. H. Lair, Refund of amount paid on Lease No. 25 issued February, 1919.....	35.20
	\$ 599.03

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, November 18, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The Chief Drainage Engineer presented an audited account of the cost of the survey of lands owned by the Trustees in the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District made by said District in compliance with agreement with the Trustees of date June 3, 1918, showing a balance of \$1,662.50 due by the Trustees for said survey, which amount was approved and ordered paid to Isham Randolph and Company in accordance with Order of said District of date August 8, 1918.

required by law and accept Mr. Taylor's bid of \$7.00 per acre on day of sale, provided he made such bid and no better bid is received, allowing him to pay one-fifth cash and balance in four equal installments, payable in six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months, with 6 per cent. interest on deferred payments, and the Secretary was instructed to advertise said Sections 14 and 15, in Township 54 south of Range 37 east for sale at 11 A. M. Tuesday, December 30, 1919, in a newspaper published in Dade County, said land being located therein, and to require a certified check of \$500.00 to accompany each bid.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 3, 1919.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,

J. C. Luning, Treasurer,

W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, November, 1919	\$ 192.50
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, November, 1919	91.65
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, November, 1919	61.11
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, November, 1919	40.33
Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, to rec. mortgage from W. G. DeBerry et ux to Trustees, bill of Nov. 18, 1919....	1.65

H. & W. B. Drew Company, to Office Supplies, bill of Nov. 25, 1919.....	43.70
Southern Telephone and Construction Com- pany, to rent of phone for December, 1919, and Long Distance Call of Oct. 29, 1919, bill of Dec. 1, 1919	5.39
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., 200 2-cent and 100 1-cent Stamps, bill of Nov. 30, 1919.....	5.00
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	\$ 441.24

Financial Statement and Disbursements for November, 1919, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, November, 1919.

To Balance on Hand November 1, 1919	\$243,666.25
To Board Commrs. Everglades Drainage District Tolls.....	278.42
To Redemption Drainage Tax Certificates	7,895.90
To Interest on Bonds held by Trustees	450.00
To Southern States Land and Timber Company, payment on Lateral Canal "A".....	2,661.82
To refund for ad lands in T. 41, R. 42	9.00
To Interest	37.22
To Land Sales	20,317.83
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	\$275,316.44
By Disbursements, November, 1919	22,415.33
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To Balance on Hand December 1, 1919	\$252,901.11

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash on Hand.....	\$ 1,000.00
To Cash in Banks.....	251,901.11
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	\$252,901.11

Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville.	\$ 32,134.04	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	2,535.64	
Florida National, Jacksonville.	5,111.98	
Guaranty Trust and Savings Company, Jacksonville	20,000.00	
First National, Fort Myers.....	2,000.00	
First National, West Palm Beach	8,195.48	
Exchange, Tallahassee	38,243.14	
Lewis State, Tallahassee.....	143,680.83	\$251,901.11

Disbursements, November, 1919.

Date	Voucher 1919. No.		Amount.
Nov. 6,	4246—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Depart- ment, 1919	\$	192.50
Nov. 6,	4247—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Spe- cial Counsel, 1919		91.65
Nov. 6,	4248—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, October, 1919...		61.11
Nov. 6,	4249—Mary Herring, Salary as Ste- nographer, October, 1919..		40.33
Nov. 6,	4250—Western Union Telegraph Company, to services, bills of September 30 and Octo- ber 4, 1919		3.88
Nov. 6,	4251—Palms Publishing Company, to ad lands for sale in T. 41, R. 42, on October 27, 1919, bill of October 13, 1919..		9.00
Nov. 6,	4252—A. L. Durrance, Clerk Cir- cuit Court, DeSoto County, for recording certain mort- gages on lands in DeSoto County, bill of October, 1919		4.05
Nov. 18,	4253—R. B. McLendon, Tax Col- lector, Dade County, Recla- mation Taxes on lands of Trustees in Southern Drain- age District, bill of Novem- ber 1, 1919		14,972.67

Date.	Voucher	Amount.
1919.	No.	
Nov. 18,	4254—Southern Florida Dredging Company, to excavation on lateral "A," less 10% retained, October, 1919.....	5,323.63
Nov. 18,	4255—Isham Randolph and Company, for balance due account survey of lands for Trustees in Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, as per agreement with said District of June 3, 1919	1,662.50
Nov. 18,	4256—Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, October, 1919	7.81
Nov. 18,	4257—Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Circuit Court, Broward County, for recording certain instruments, bills of November 4, 1919.....	4.95
Nov. 18,	4258—George O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, for recording various instruments, bills of November 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 12, 1919	41.25
		§ 22,415.33

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.
 Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 9, 1919.

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

Present:

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

Mr. J. R. Leatherman of Torry Island appeared before the Trustees and stated that he and several other persons had purchased about 500 acres of land north and north-east of the unsurveyed tract of 32.40 acres lying between Lot 14, Section 25, Township 43, Range 36, and the Hillsboro Canal, and in purchasing same had also paid a settler thereon for the improvements he had made, and asked the Trustees to sell them the said tract in order to give them an outlet to the Hillsboro Canal, on which they desired to build homes.

Under the circumstances as outlined above, and upon the written agreement of the said Leatherman to subdivide the land lying in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, and that part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying north of the canal right-of-way in Township 43 south, Range 36 east, and deed same to each of the real settlers without profit, the Trustees agreed to sell said Leatherman the lands in question for \$75.00 per acre upon terms of one-fourth cash and the remainder in one, two and three years with six per cent. interest per annum on deferred payments.

Mr. P. B. Mangus of Homestead also appeared before the Trustees and stated that he and C. W. Mangus, who had purchased the unsurveyed S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sections 17 and 18, in Township 58, Range 37, from the Trustees at \$35.00 per acre, had made a mistake in locating the Section Lines, and had since discovered that the lands in question are not worth the price they paid for them, and that they cannot get enough lands to cultivate in the tract, and therefore requested the Trustees to sell them the North Half of said Section 17 and 18 in Township 58, Range 37: Whereupon the Trustees gave them permission to go on said land and make improvements thereon and plant crops for the season of 1919-1920, and agreed not to sell the said land until they could send a man to examine it and report to them on the value thereof, and that they would then give the said P. B. and C. W. Mangus opportunity to purchase it.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, December 15, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

South Florida Dredging Company, Estimate No. 2, excavation, Lateral "A," November, 1919	\$ 3,808.33
Florida Everglades Land Company, To proportional amount due by Trustees for survey of lands, as per resolution of December 4, 1915, bill of November 30, 1919.....	4,051.41
Underwood Typewriter Company, To 1 Underwood Typewriter, less 10 and 10 Discounts and allowance for old Remington, bill of Dec. 1, 1919	55.52
H. and W. B. Drew Company, 500 Manuscript Covers, bill of Dec. 9, 1919.....	10.76
M. S. Knight, To expense in making examination of an island in Secs. 8 and 9, T. 2 S., R. 8 W., Nov. 21-22, 1919, bill of Dec. 1, 1919....	5.10
Western Union Telegraph Company, To Services, November 1919	5.84
Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, To rec. deed from Tatum Land Company to Board of Education of Florida, bill of Dec. 5, 1919.....	1.55
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Circuit Court, Broward County, To rec. deed from The Tatum Land Company to Trustees I. I. Fund, bill of Dec. 8, 1919	1.75
Dixson Transfer Company, To Freight and Drayage on 1 box Stationery, bill of Nov. 26, 1919,77
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	\$ 7,941.03

Title having vested in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, under Chapter 7305, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1917, approved May 30, 1917, to the following described lands:

Tract 4,	Section 3,	Township 49 S.	Range 39 E.
" 113,			
114, 115,	" 34	" 50	" 38
" 56, 58,	" 7	" 50	" 41
" 28	" 27	" 50	" 41
" 29	" 32	" 51	" 39
" 23	" 14	" 51	" 40
" 32	" 22	" 51	" 40
" 19	" 9	" 51	" 41
" 40, 41	" 16	" 51	" 41

containing 110 acres, more or less, and lying and being in Broward County; and

Tract 54, Section 35, Township 52 S. Range 38 E.

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ " 26 " 53 " 38

Tract 27, " 29 " 53 " 40

containing 140 acres, more or less, and lying and being in Dade County; and

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21, Township 45 S., Range 34 E.

containing 20 acres, more or less, and lying and being in Lee County; and

6 acres in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21, Township 37 S., Range 35 E.

lying and being in St. Lucie County; and

Tract 47, Blk. 11, Palm Beach Farms Company Plat No. 3,

Tract 94, Blk. 38, Palm Beach Farms Company Plat No. 3,

Tract 22, Blk. 58, Palm Beach Farms Company Plat No. 3,

Tract 35, Blk. 64, Palm Beach Farms Company Plat No. 3,

Tract 29, Blk. 68, Palm Beach Farms Company Plat No. 3,

Lot 2, Block 116, Okeelanta,

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 17, Township 44 S., Range 35 E.

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 25, Township 42 S., Range 37 E.

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 33, Township 43 S., Range 37 E.

Tract 1, Section 23, Township 47 S., Range 41 E.

containing 113 acres, more or less, and lying and being in Palm Beach County: And the Trustees having received

application from the original owners to repurchase same, in order that the said original owners may regain title to said lands the Secretary is hereby instructed to advertise the said lands for sale, in accordance with the law, the said sale to be held January 20, 1920.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Board adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, December 23, 1919.

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

Present:

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

The following lands,

All of Section 19,

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 20,

All Sections 29, 30, 31 and 32,

S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, all in Township 41 S., Range 42 E., containing 4,200 acres, more or less, in Palm Beach County, having been advertised for sale by order of the Trustees of November 8, 1919, and this date set for receiving bids, the Secretary was instructed to open the same, and the bid of J. B. McDonald as attorney for the Boston, Palm Beach Development Company of \$10.00 per acre being the best price offered, Mr. Luning moved that the bid made by Mr. McDonald be accepted upon the terms heretofore agreed to on July 30, 1919, to-wit: one-third cash, one-third in one year and one-third in two years with 6% interest on de-

ferred payments, and that the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture be and is hereby requested to issue deed in accordance therewith, which motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and adopted.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Paul C. Taylor requesting the release of lands not heretofore released from the mortgage March 29, 1917, of Messrs Highleyman, Jaudon and McDonald, said release to be forwarded to the Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, Miami, with Sight Draft attached. The Secretary stated that \$89,300.00 had been paid on the principal of \$100,000.00 leaving a balance of \$10,700.00 due on principal and that \$2,397.57 had been paid on interest, leaving a balance of \$3,896.81 due on interest, or a total of \$14,596.81 still due the Trustees on the contract of purchase as secured by the mortgage of March 29, 1917. Mr. Luning moved that the release be issued in accordance therewith and forwarded for delivery upon the payment of Sight Draft attached in the amount of \$14,596.81, which motion was seconded by Mr. Swearingen and adopted.

A letter was read by Mr. Luning which he had received from Mr. John H. Grant, County Commissioner from the First District, Palm Beach County, stating that the road near Stuart, Florida, had been damaged by the Bowers Southern Drainage Company and requesting the Trustees to repair same. Upon advice of counsel, the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Grant that the Trustees had no legal authority to use funds for such purpose and that the County would have to look to the Dredging Company for the damage sustained.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Attest:

Acting Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 30, 1919.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,

W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Sections 14 and 15 in Township 54 south, Range 37 east, having been advertised by the Trustees, as required by law, in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in Dade County, and affidavit of said publication having been filed in the office of the Secretary, and this date set for receiving bids, the Trustees met to consider such bids as might have been received, and a quorum not being present, recessed to meet Friday, January 2, 1920.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Attest:

Acting Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE
INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA FOR 1919.

Aggregate balance on hand Jan. 1, 1919.....	\$100,193.52
Received from land sales, 1919.....	379,974.56
Received from interest, 1919.....	5,529.47
Received from Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, tolls, etc....	3,375.21
Received account redemption drainage tax certificates	12,175.64
Received account land leased.....	943.60
Received from Southern States Land and Timber Company, reimbursement excava- tion lateral A canal.....	4,565.99
Received reimbursement account surveys....	737.00
Received account sale timber in Lake Ocheese	3,000.00
Received account refund drainage taxes....	102.40
Received account sale of shell.....	155.44
Received from sale of land for Palm Beach County account Okeechobee Road and Canal	3,500.08
Received account trespass on lands.....	75.00
Received from Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District account expenditures by Trustees	505.37
Received account sale of Minutes.....	9.50
Miscellaneous receipts	54.62
Total receipts for 1919.....	\$514,897.40
Disbursements as per itemized statement, Checks Nos. 4116 to 4275, inclusive.....	217,518.02
To balance on hand Dec. 31, 1919.....	\$297,379.38

DISBURSEMENTS, 1919.

Date Paid.	Check No.	Amount.
Jan. 2,	4116—C. B. Gwynn.....	\$ 175.00
Jan. 2,	4117—Glenn Terrell.....	83.33
Jan. 2,	4118—J. Stuart Lewis.....	55.56
Jan. 2,	4119—Mary Herring	36.67
Jan. 2,	4120—T. J. Appleyard.....	4.50
Jan. 2,	4121—F. C. Elliot.....	71.12
Jan. 2,	4122—Western Union Tel. Company.....	5.31
Jan. 17,	4123—Otis A. Hardin.....	1,394.00
Jan. 17,	4124—G. G. Strohm Company.....	18.73
Feb. 4,	4125—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
Feb. 4,	4126—Glenn Terrell.....	83.33
Feb. 4,	4127—J. Stuart Lewis.....	55.56
Feb. 4,	4128—Mary Herring	36.67
Feb. 4,	4129—T. J. Appleyard.....	3.75
Feb. 4,	4130—H. & W. B. Drew Company.....	2.63
Feb. 4,	4131—M. M. Whitehurst.....	4.92

Date Paid.	Check No.	Amount.
Feb. 4,	4132—Glenn Terrell.....	47.25
Feb. 4,	4133—Western Union Tel. Company.....	3.73
Feb. 21,	4134—Samuel Herrick.....	50.00
Feb. 21,	4135—Samuel Herrick.....	16.75
Feb. 21,	4136—T. J. Appleyard.....	388.02
Feb. 21,	4137—Geo. I. Davis.....	5.00
Mar. 1,	4138—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
Mar. 1,	4139—Glenn Terrell.....	83.33
Mar. 1,	4140—J. Stuart Lewis.....	55.56
Mar. 1,	4141—Mary Herring.....	36.67
Mar. 17,	4142—R. E. King.....	20.00
Mar. 17,	4143—Remington Typewriter Company.....	7.00
Mar. 17,	4144—Geo. O. Butler.....	8.25
Mar. 17,	4145—Western Union Tel. Company.....	9.30
Mar. 17,	4146—T. J. Appleyard.....	3.25
Mar. 17,	4147—Cyril Baldwin.....	4,273.95
Mar. 17,	4148—Frank M. Tyler.....	32.11
Mar. 17,	4149—Robt. H. Alderman.....	860.26
Mar. 17,	4150—P. John Hart.....	2,460.00
Mar. 17,	4151—Megathlin & Clark.....	5,923.25
Mar. 25,	4152—W. O. Berryhill.....	19,198.42
Mar. 25,	4153—R. B. McLendon.....	19,995.11
Mar. 25,	4154—T. J. Campbell.....	28,748.39
Mar. 25,	4155—W. C. Dixson.....	3.87
Apr. 1,	4156—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
Apr. 1,	4157—Glenn Terrell.....	83.33
Apr. 1,	4158—J. Stuart Lewis.....	55.56
Apr. 1,	4159—Mary Herring.....	36.67
Apr. 1,	4160—A. L. Durrance.....	95.29
Apr. 1,	4161—Geo. O. Butler.....	1.65
Apr. 1,	4162—T. J. Appleyard.....	8.00
Apr. 1,	4163—Geo. I. Davis.....	10.00
Apr. 1,	4164—Southern Telephone & Const. Co.....	3.00
Apr. 1,	4165—Western Union Tel. Company.....	6.48
Apr. 15,	4166—W. O. Berryhill.....	48.32
Apr. 19,	4167—Southern Drainage District.....	2,598.35
Apr. 19,	4168—Ben Shepard.....	1.65
Apr. 19,	4169—A. L. Durrance.....	10.80
Apr. 19,	4170—Megathlin & Clark.....	14,397.34
May 1,	4171—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
May 1,	4172—Glenn Terrell.....	83.33
May 1,	4173—J. Stuart Lewis.....	55.56
May 1,	4174—Mary Herring.....	36.67
May 1,	4175—T. J. Appleyard.....	33.75
May 1,	4176—Ben Shepard.....	1.75
May 1,	4177—C. B. Gwynn.....	53.18
May 1,	4178—T. J. Appleyard.....	3.50
May 6,	4179—Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County.....	7,365.50
May 6,	4180—Otis A. Hardin.....	809.97

Date Paid.	Check No.	Amount.
May 6,	4181—Western Union Tel. Company.....	4.46
May 6,	4182—Geo. I. Davis.....	15.70
May 6,	4183—(Transfer of funds.)	
May 14,	4184—Amos McNamee.....	80.96
May 17,	4185—William Wingate.....	10.80
May 17,	4186—Megathlin & Clark.....	10,907.32
June 3,	4187—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
June 3,	4188—Glenn Terrell.....	83.33
June 3,	4189—J. Stuart Lewis.....	55.56
June 3,	4190—Mary Herring.....	36.67
June 3,	4191—Geo. O. Butler.....	6.60
June 3,	4192—Pensacola News.....	6.25
June 19,	4193—Megathlin & Clark.....	15,089.85
June 19,	4194—Marianna Times-Courier.....	6.00
June 19,	4195—H. & W. B. Drew Company.....	8.13
June 19,	4196—Western Union Tel. Company.....	4.58
July 1,	4197—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
July 1,	4198—J. Stuart Lewis.....	55.56
July 1,	4199—Mary Herring.....	36.67
July 1,	4200—Glenn Terrell.....	83.33
July 1,	4201—A. L. Durrance.....	10.80
July 1,	4202—Robert L. Stewart.....	50.00
July 1,	4203—H. M. Vinson.....	20.00
July 1,	4204—J. R. Easterling.....	41.20
July 1,	4205—Miami Herald.....	11.25
July 10,	4206—(Transfer of funds.)	
July 17,	4207—(Transfer of funds.)	
July 18,	4208—Megathlin & Clark.....	18,665.27
July 18,	4209—Western Union Tel. Company.....	6.48
July 18,	4210—Ben Shepard.....	1.65
July 18,	4211—Geo. I. Davis.....	5.00
July 18,	4212—Glenn Terrell.....	47.55
July 18,	4213—W. O. Berryhill.....	613.84
Aug. 7,	4214—C. B. Gwynn.....	175.00
Aug. 7,	4215—J. Stuart Lewis.....	55.56
Aug. 7,	4216—Mary Herring.....	36.67
Aug. 7,	4217—Southern Tel. & Const. Company.....	4.00
Aug. 7,	4218—P. C. Eldred.....	2.10
Aug. 7,	4219—Glenn Terrell.....	83.33
Aug. 7,	4220—Western Union Telegraph Company..	2.97
Aug. 7,	4221—Miami Herald.....	18.00
Aug. 7,	4222—P. B. Bird, Agent G. F. & A. Ry.....	2.19
Aug. 29,	4223—Megathlin & Clark.....	26,166.15
Aug. 19,	4224—Megathlin & Clark.....	629.59
Aug. 29,	4225—J. A. Bailey, Inspector.....	75.00
Sept. 3,	4226—C. B. Gwynn.....	192.50
Sept. 3,	4227—J. Stuart Lewis.....	61.11
Sept. 3,	4228—Glenn Terrell.....	91.65
Sept. 3,	4229—Mary Herring.....	40.33

Date Paid.	Check No.	Amount.
Sept. 3,	4230—J. C. Luning.....	29.57
Sept. 3,	4231—Fort Lauderdale Sentinel.....	9.00
Sept. 3,	4232—A. L. Durrance.....	1.35
Sept. 3,	4233—George O. Butler.....	11.05
Sept. 22,	4234—Megathlin & Clark.....	879.18
Sept. 22,	4235—Western Union Tel. Company.....	3.00
Sept. 22,	4236—Lewis State Bank.....	.88
Sept. 22,	4237—R. B. McLendon.....	476.20
Oct. 2,	4238—C. B. Gwynn.....	192.50
Oct. 2,	4239—Glenn Terrell.....	91.65
Oct. 2,	4240—J. Stuart Lewis.....	61.11
Oct. 2,	4241—Mary Herring.....	40.33
Oct. 2,	4242—Glenn Terrell.....	148.24
Oct. 2,	4243—Geo. I. Davis.....	10.00
Oct. 2,	4244—Dr. J. H. Hagan.....	20.00
Oct. 2,	4245—W. H. Lair.....	35.20
Nov. 6,	4246—C. B. Gwynn.....	192.50
Nov. 6,	4247—Glenn Terrell.....	91.65
Nov. 6,	4248—J. Stuart Lewis.....	61.11
Nov. 6,	4249—Mary Herring.....	40.33
Nov. 6,	4250—Western Union Tel. Company.....	3.88
Nov. 6,	4251—Palms Publishing Company.....	9.00
Nov. 6,	4252—A. L. Durrance.....	4.05
Nov. 18,	4253—R. B. McLendon.....	14,972.67
Nov. 18,	4254—South Florida Dredging Co.....	5,323.63
Nov. 18,	4255—Isham Randolph & Co.....	1,662.50
Nov. 18,	4256—Western Union Tel. Company.....	7.81
Nov. 18,	4257—Frank A. Bryan.....	4.95
Nov. 18,	4258—George O. Butler.....	41.25
Dec. 3,	4259—C. B. Gwynn.....	192.50
Dec. 3,	4260—Glenn Terrell.....	91.65
Dec. 3,	4261—J. Stuart Lewis.....	61.11
Dec. 3,	4262—Mary Herring.....	40.33
Dec. 3,	4263—Ben Shepard.....	1.65
Dec. 3,	4264—H. & W. B. Drew Company.....	43.70
Dec. 3,	4265—Southern Telephone & Const. Co.....	5.30
Dec. 3,	4266—Geo. I. Davis.....	5.00
Dec. 15,	4267—South Florida Dredging Company.....	3,808.33
Dec. 15,	4268—Florida Everglades Land Company.....	4,051.41
Dec. 15,	4269—Underwood Typewriter Company.....	55.52
Dec. 15,	4270—H. & W. B. Drew Company.....	10.76
Dec. 15,	4271—M. S. Knight.....	5.10
Dec. 15,	4272—Western Union Tel. Company.....	5.84
Dec. 15,	4273—George O. Butler.....	1.55
Dec. 15,	4274—Frank A. Bryan.....	1.75
Dec. 15,	4275—Dixson Transfer Company.....	.77

 \$217,518.02

Tallahassee, Florida, January 2, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, December, 1919	\$ 192.50
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, December, 1919	91.65
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, December, 1919	61.11
Mary Herring, Salary as Secretary, December, 1919	40.33
George O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, to rec. deed from The Tatum Land Company to Trustees, bill of Dec. 16, 1919	1.65
Palms Publishing Company, to publishing advertisement of sale of lands on December 23, 1919, bill of Dec. 17, 1919.....	9.00
Miami Herald, to publishing advertisement of sale of lands on December 30, 1919, bill of Dec. 27, 1919	6.00
B. M. Robinson, Clerk Circuit Court, Orange County, to rec. deed from J. T. and Key W. Ry. to Trustees, bill of Dec. 27, 1919.....	1.50
T. J. Appleyard, to 400 Receipts with stubs, bill of Dec. 31, 1919.....	4.50
H. & W. B. Drew Company, to Office Supplies, bill of Jan. 1, 1920.....	8.13
D. R. Cox Furniture Company, to 2 sets Press Board Guides, bill of Dec. 2, 1919.....	4.00
R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, Uniform Tax of Southern Drainage District on lands of the Trustees in said District in Dade County, for 1917.....	3,140.00
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	\$ 3,560.37

Financial Statement and Disbursements for December, 1919, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, December, 1919.

To Balance on Hand December 1, 1919	\$252,901.11	
To Board Commrs. Ev.		
Dr. Dist., Tolls, December, 1919	\$271.06	
Wood sold to Southland S. S. Company, December, 1919	104.12	385.18
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To Southern States Land and Timber Company, Reimbursement Estimate No. 2, Lateral A		1,904.17
To Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, Reimbursement Expenditures		505.37
To Interest on Bank Deposits..		1,288.93
To Redemption Drainage Tax Certificates		61.41
To Land Sales		48,715.48
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	\$305,761.65	
By Disbursements, December, 1919		8,382.27
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To Balance on Hand January 1, 1920		\$297,379.38

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash and cash items on hand..	\$ 15,596.81	
To Cash in banks.....	281,782.57	\$297,379.38
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Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$ 32,288.15
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	10,653.85
Florida National, Jacksonville..	5,144.12

Guaranty Trust and Savings, Jacksonville	20,000.00	
First National, Fort Myers.....	2,000.00	
First National, West Palm Beach	8,195.48	
Capital City, Tallahassee.....	17,949.82	
Exchange, Tallahassee	38,808.34	
Lewis State, Tallahassee	146,742.81	\$281,782.57

Disbursements, December, 1919.

Date. 1919.	Voucher No.		Amount.
Dec. 3,	4259—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, November, 1919	\$	192.50
Dec. 3,	4260—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, November, 1919.		91.65
Dec. 3,	4261—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, November, 1919.....		61.11
Dec. 3,	4262—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, November, 1919...		40.33
Dec. 3,	4263—Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, to rec. mortgage from W. G. DeBerry et ux to Trustees, bill of Nov. 18, 1919		1.65
Dec. 3,	4264—H. & W. B. Drew Company, Office Supplies, bill of November 25, 1919		43.70
Dec. 3,	4265—Southern Telephone and Construction Company, Rent of phone for December, 1919, and Long Distance Call of Oct. 29, 1919		5.30
Dec. 3,	4266—Geo. I. Davis, P. M., 1 and 2-cent Stamps, bill of Nov. 30, 1919		5.00
Dec. 15,	4267—South Florida Dredging Company, Estimate No. 2, excavation, Lateral A, November, 1919		3,808.33

Date. 1920.	Voucher No.	Amount.
Dec. 15,	4268—Florida Everglades Land Company, to proportionate amount due by Trustees account land surveys, as per resolution of Dec. 14, 1915	4,051.41
Dec. 15,	4269—Underwood Typewriter Company, for purchase price of Underwood Typewriter, less 10% and 10% Discount and less old Remington, bill of Dec. 1, 1919	55.52
Dec. 15,	4270—H. & W. B. Drew Company, 500 Manuscript Covers, bill of Dec. 9, 1919	10.76
Dec. 15,	4271—M. S. Knight, Expenses making examination of island in Sections 8 and 9, Township 2 S., Range 8 W., bill of Dec. 1, 1919	5.10
Dec. 15,	4272—Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, bill of Nov. 30, 1919	5.84
Dec. 15,	4273—George O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, to rec. deed from The Tatum Land Company to Board of Education of Florida, bill of Dec. 5, 1919.....	1.55
Dec. 15,	4274—Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Circuit Court, Broward County, to rec. deed from The Tatum Land Company to Trustees, bill of Dec. 8, 1919.....	1.75
Dec. 15,	4275—Dixson Transfer Company, Express and drayage on box of Stationery, bill of November 26, 191977
		\$ 8,382.27

The matter of the sale of Sections 14 and 15, in Township 54, South of Range 37 East, in Dade County, having been passed over at meeting of December 30, 1919, the day of sale, a majority having failed to be present,

for consideration today, the Secretary was instructed to open the bids, and that of Mr. Paul C. Taylor of \$7.55 per acre, accompanied by certified check for \$500.00, being the best bid received, Mr. Luning moved that the same be accepted on terms of one-fifth cash and balance in four equal installments, payable six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months, with 6% interest on deferred payments, which motion was seconded by Mr. McRae, and upon motion adopted.

Mr. L. M. Griffin appeared before the Trustees and stated that he had sold lands owned by him in Calhoun County and had included therewith an island in Sections 8 and 9, Township 2 South of Range 8 West, on which he had been paying taxes, and that he was of the opinion that said island was formed by accretion, but as the State owned the land, he would like to purchase the same so as to be able to make a good deed to the party purchasing from him. Mr. McRae stated that another party, Mr. W. H. Fields, had also made application to purchase this land, and moved that the Trustees receive bids for the purchase thereof at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, the 20th day of January, A. D. 1920, and that Mr. Fields be notified of this action, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos, and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 13, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County, 1918 Drainage Taxes on Lots 9 to 16, Sec. 32, T. 50 S., R. 41 E.	\$	25.60
South Florida Dredging Company, Estimate No. 3, excavation, Lateral A, December, 1919		2,651.12
	\$	<u>2,676.72</u>

Mr. F. C. B. LeGro, of Miami, appeared before the Trustees and requested them to advertise for sale the following submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida:

Tract No. 1. Beginning at a point on Collins Bridge 1,200 feet West of the West Shore of Belle Isle, said tract to be 700 feet wide, to have a length of 2,400 feet, and an area of 36.1 acres.

Tract No. 2. To have its East line 600 feet West along Collins Bridge from the West line of Tract No. 1, said tract to be 700 feet wide, to have a length of 3,400 feet, and to contain an area of 52.2 acres.

Tract No. 3. To be 300 feet West of the West line of Tract No. 2, to be 700 feet wide, to have a length of 2,000 feet, and to contain an area of 29.7 acres.

Tract No. 4. To have its East end 600 feet West of the West line of Tract No. 3, to extend a distance along Collins Bridge of 1,700 feet, to have a width of 700 feet, and to contain an area of 23.7 acres.

The Trustees having agreed on July 29, 1919, to advertise these lands provided Mr. LeGro would deposit \$1,000.00 with the Trustees as a guarantee that he would bid not less than \$300.00 per acre for said lands on date of sale, Mr. Luning moved that the Secretary advertise the lands as required by law, Mr. LeGro having made the deposit of \$1,000.00, which motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.
 Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.
 J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 14, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Mr. P. F. Merritt, of Gainesville, Florida, appeared before the Trustees relative to securing a permit to pump muck from Orange Lake, and the matter was referred to the Special Counsel for his opinion as to the rights of the Trustees in the premises.

Mr. McRae introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Special Counsel has heretofore given assistance to other attorneys in cases not pertaining to matters connected with his employment; and

WHEREAS, He was employed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to give his entire time to the business of these Boards; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Special Counsel be and he is hereby requested to hereafter refrain from handling any legal matters not in connection with the business of said Board.

The Secretary was instructed to furnish the Trustees with the amount due the State School Board by the Trustees account of land sales.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 17, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Mr. Luning moved that the Trustees pay to the State Board of Education of Florida the sum of \$100,000.00 account sales of public lands, the said Board being entitled to 25% thereof under the provisions of Section 4 of Article 12 of the Constitution of Florida, and that hereafter the Secretary of the Trustees present a monthly statement of land sales showing the amount due said State Board of Education, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, January 20, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The Trustees having agreed to consider bids for lands in Sections Eight (8) and Nine (9), Township Two (2) South of Range Eight (8) West, on this date, the Secre-

tary was instructed to open the bids, which were as follows:

W. H. Fields bid \$7.00 per acre,
L. M. Griffin bid \$5.00 per acre.

The bids being accompanied by checks in the amount bid, Mr. McRae moved that the bid of Mr. Fields be accepted, the land be surveyed to determine the acreage thereof, and deed be issued to Mr. Fields therefor, which motion was scconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Vouchers Nos. 4290 to 4293, payable to State Board of Education of Florida, as per Resolution of January 17, 1920, aggregating \$100,000.00. were presented, approved and ordered paid.

The Trustees having at the request of former owners advertised for sale on this date certain lands, title to which had vested in said Trustees in accordance with Chapter 7305, Laws of Florida, and the said advertisement of sale having been published for 30 days in each of the respective counties in which the said lands are located, in accordance with the law governing in such case, the Secretary presented the bids received for the said lands located

In Broward County.

Tr. 4 Sec. 3 T. 49 S. R. 39 E., 20 acres, Joseph Madison, Harper County, Oklahoma.....	\$ 7.59
Trs. 113, 114 and 115, Sec. 34 T. 50 S. R. 38 E., 15 acres, J. D. White, St. Louis City, Mo.....	6.97
Tr. 56 Sec. 7 T. 50 S. R. 40 E., 10 acres, W. E. Moses, Knox County, Tennessee.....	5.37
Tr. 58 Sec. 7 T. 50 S. R. 40 E., 10 acres, George E. French, Knox County, Tennessee.....	5.27
Tr. 28 Sec. 27 T. 50 S. R. 40 E., 10 acres, F. R. Jeffrey, Broward County, Florida.....	5.23
Tr. 29 Sec. 32 T. 51 S. R. 39 E., 5 acres, Pete Bar- tea, Crawford County, Kansas.....	3.52
Tr. 23 Sec. 14 T. 51 S. R. 40 E., 10 acres, William R. Craig, Jefferson County, Kentucky.....	4.61
Tr. 32 Sec. 22 T. 51 S. R. 40 E., 10 acres, W. H. Moore, New York County, N. Y.....	4.77
Tr. 19 Sec. 9 T. 51 S. R. 41 E., 10 acres, W. H. Finney, Cook County, Illinois.....	5.23
Trs. 40 and 41, Sec. 16 T. 51 S. R. 41 E., 20 acres, W. C. Jackson, Neosho County, Kansas...	8.50

In Dade County.

Tr. 54 Sec. 35 T. 52 S. R. 38 E., 10 acres, A. J. Thomas	\$ 5.19
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26 T. 53 S. R. 38 E., 120 acres, George W. Jackson....	28.92
Tr. 27 Sec. 29 T. 53 S. R. 40 E., 10 acres, Henry Bloom, Palm Beach County, Florida.....	5.26

In Lee County.

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21 T. 45 S. R. 34 E., 20 acres, W. H. Blain, Itasca County, Minnesota	9.15
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In Palm Beach County.

Tr. 47, Block 11, Palm Beach Farms Plat 3, 10 acres, B. F. Musgrave, Wyandotte County, Kansas	6.33
Tr. 64, Block 24, Palm Beach Farms Company Plat 3, 10 acres, Mrs. C. M. Pontife, Palm Beach County, Florida	5.59
Tr. 94, Block 38, Palm Beach Farms Plat 3, 5 acres, Sarah B. Dutton, Clark County, Ohio	3.81
Tr. 22, Block 58, Palm Beach Farms Company Plat 3, 5 acres, Mrs. C. M. Pontife, Palm Beach County, Florida	3.81
Tr. 35, Block 64, Palm Beach Farms Company Plat 3, 5 acres, George Halomson, Weber County, Utah	3.90
Tr. 29, Block 68, Palm Beach Farms Plat 3, 7 acres, Sarah B. Dutton, Clark County, Ohio.....	4.51
Lot 2, Block 116, Townsite Okeelanta, Edward E. Haller, Ogle County, Illinois.....	1.95
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 17 T. 44 S. R. 35 E., 10 acres, W. H. Blain, Itasca County, Minnesota	9.00
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25 T. 42 S. R. 37 E., 40 acres, Edward E. Haller, Ogle County, Illinois	10.28
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 32 T. 43 S. R. 37 E., 40 acres, Mrs. Ida E. Nelson, Dade County, Florida	28.42
Tr. 4 Sec. 35 T. 46 S. R. 40 E., 80 acres, Mrs. John Matthew, widow, Dorchester County, Maryland	30.22

Tr. 1 Sec. 23 T. 47 S. R. 41 E., 10 acres, Joseph
Madison, Harper County, Oklahoma..... 6.47

In St. Lucie County.

6 acres in SW Corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21
T. 37 S. R. 35 E., 3.1 acres, N. F. Waldron,
Okeechobee County, Florida 2.59

and upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. McRae,
and upon vote adopted, the said bids were accepted and
deeds ordered issued in accordance therewith.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 4, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and or-
dered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land De- partment, January, 1920	\$ 192.50
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, Jan- uary, 1920	91.65
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, January, 1920	61.11
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, Janu- ary, 1920	40.33
Geo. I. Davis, P. M., Stamps for Land Sales- man's office, \$7.00, and for Secretary, \$8.00, bill of February 4, 1920.....	15.00

George D. Barnard Stationery Company, 1 Minute Book for Trustees, bill of December 27, 1919	29.36
T. J. Appleyard, To 1000 Tax Deeds and 300 Receipts with Stubs, bill of February 1, 1920	17.00
T. J. Appleyard, To 12,000 copies of Lists of Lands in various Counties for Land Salesman, bill of February 1, 1920.....	68.50
Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, January, 1920	8.73
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	\$ 524.18

Financial Statement and Disbursements for January, 1920, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, January, 1920.

To Bal. on hand January 1, 1920	\$297,379.38
To Board Comms., Ev.	
Dist., Tolls, Jan., 1920	\$331.14
Sale of Maps	5.00
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	336.14
To Interest	234.70
To Redemption of Drainage Certificates	91.68
To Southern States Land and Timber Company, Reimbursement Estimate No. 3, Lateral A Canal	1,325.56
To sale Minutes of Trustees.....	8.50
To Land Sales	14,347.33
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	\$313,723.29
By Disbursements, January, 1920	106,237.09
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To Bal. on hand Feb. 1, 1920...	\$207,486.20

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash on hand	\$ 1,000.00
To Cash in banks	206,486.20
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	\$207,486.20

Deposited in following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville.	\$ 32,288.15	
Barnett National, Jacksonville.	10,653.85	
Florida National, Jacksonville..	23,636.59	
Guaranty Savings and Trust Co., Jacksonville	20,000.00	
First National, Fort Myers.....	2,000.00	
First National, West Palm Beach	8,195.48	
Capital City, Tallahassee	17,975.98	
Exchange, Tallahassee	43,712.15	
Lewis State, Tallahassee	48,024.00	\$206,486.20

Disbursements, January, 1920.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1920.	No.	
Jan. 2,	4276—C. B. Gwynn, To salary as Chief Clerk, Land Depart- ment, December, 1919.....	\$ 192.50
Jan. 2,	4277—Glenn Terrell, To salary as Special Counsel, December, 1919	91.65
Jan. 2,	4278—J. Stuart Lewis, To Salary as Secretary, December, 1919...	61.11
Jan. 2,	4279—Mary Herring, To salary as Stenographer, December, 1919	40.33
Jan. 2,	4280—Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, To rec. deed from The Tatum Land Company to Trustees, bill of December 16, 1919....	1.65
Jan. 2,	4281—Palms Publishing Company, To publishing ad for sale of lands on December 23, 1919, bill of December 17, 1919...	9.00
Jan. 2,	4282—Miami Herald, To publishing ad for sale of lands on Decem- ber 30, 1919, bill of December 27, 1919	6.00
Jan. 2,	4283—B. M. Robinson, Clerk Circuit Court, Orange County, To rec. deed from J. T. and Key West Ry. Co. to Trustees, bill of De- cember 27, 1919	1.50

Date. 1920.	Voucher No.	Amount.
Jan. 2,	4284—T. J. Appleyard, For 400 Receipts with Stubs, bill of December 31, 1919	4.50
Jan. 2,	4285—H. and W. B. Drew Company, To 2 boxes Carbon Paper, bill of January 1, 1920	8.13
Jan. 2,	4286—D. R. Cox Furniture Company, To 2 sets Press Board Guides, bill of January 1, 1920.....	4.00
Jan. 2,	4287—R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, 1917 Uniform Tax of Southern Drainage District on lands of Trustees in Dade County, bill of November 1, 1919	3,140.00
Jan. 13,	4288—W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County, 1918 Everglades Drainage Taxes on Lots 9 to 16 in Sec. 32 T 50 R. 41, bill of April 1, 1919.....	25.60
Jan. 15,	4289—South Florida Dredging Company, Estimate No. 3, excavation, Lateral A Canal, December, 1919	2,651.12
Jan. 17,	4290—State Board of Education of Florida, On account of \$100,000.00 due under Constitutional provisions of 25% of all lands sold by Trustees	25,000.00
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Jan. 17,	4292—State Board of Education of Florida, On account of \$100,000.00 due under Constitutional provision of 25% of all lands sold by Trustees	25,000.00

Date.	Voucher	Amount.
1920.	No.	
Jan. 17,	4293—State Board of Education of Florida, On account of \$100,000.00 due under Constitutional provision of 25% of all lands sold by Trustees	25,000.00
		<u>\$106,237.09</u>

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, February 12, 1920.

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

Present:

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

A letter from Mr. Wilmon Newell, State Plant Commissioner, requesting the financial aid of the Trustees in eradicating the mosaic disease of sugar cane in the Everglades, and asking the Trustees to donate \$1,000.00 for that purpose, was read, and the Special Counsel of the Trustees having advised them that they had no statutory authority to make an expenditure of such nature, the Secretary was instructed to so advise Mr. Wilmon Newell, State Plant Commissioner.

It having been brought to the attention of the Trustees that various parties were removing timber from State land in Calhoun County, claiming that they had purchased same from Mr. R. B. Bell, at one time Land Agent for the State, Mr. Amos moved that parties removing

timber from State lands without authority of the Trustees be notified that permits issued by Mr. Bell were not authorized by the Trustees nor will they be recognized by the Trustees, which was seconded by Mr. Luning and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 13, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Messrs. J. M. Burguières and E. B. Stern appeared before the Trustees and stated that as representatives of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce they asked the aid of the Trustees in building a road along the West Palm Beach Canal from the Range Line at the bend of said canal between Townships 43 and 44 South to Lake Okeechobee, by the sale of Internal Improvement lands to the amount of \$200,000.00, stating that the County of Palm Beach would expend \$500,000.00 on this project, for which amount bonds had been issued, and it was agreed that the matter would be considered at some time when a full membership was present.

The Board of Education having exchanged the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16 for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, in Township 42 South, Range 37 East, on February 7, 1920, with Johnson and Bell, and as the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund hold a mortgage on said lands, upon request of Messrs. Johnson and Bell it was ordered that the said mortgage held

Present:

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

Mr. F. C. B. LeGro, on July 29, 1919, having made application to purchase submerged Tracts Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, and the Trustees on January 13, 1920, ordering the said lands advertised in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida, for sale on February 26, 1920, and the said advertised having been published in the Miami Herald and the provisions of the law in regard to such sales fully complied with, and no person having presented any objections to the sale of said submerged lands, Mr. Amos moved that the bids received be opened, which motion was seconded by Mr. McRae, and upon vote adopted. The bids were as follows, to-wit:

John C. Gramling, of Miami, bid \$44,966.00 for all.

Fidelity Bank and Trust Company, of Miami, bid \$74,000.00 for all.

F. C. B. LeGro and associates, of Miami, bid \$356.00 per acre, and stated that should a higher bid be received they would raise their bid \$5.00 per acre in advance of the highest bid received.

The Chairman asked Mr. LeGro if the Trustees were to consider his bid to be \$74,000.00 plus \$708.50, that is, \$5.00 per acre additional for the 141.7 acres, a total of \$74,708.50, and Mr. LeGro stated that such was the case.

After discussion relative the various bids received Mr. McRae moved that the Special Counsel for the Trustees be requested to give a written opinion as to the legal rights of the Trustees in the acceptance of Mr. LeGro's bid, and that the bids be filed for further consideration at such time when the full membership of the Trustees could be present, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Mr. R. E. Hall, County Superintendent of Dade County, appeared before the Trustees and stated that Chapter 7669, of the Acts of 1917, Laws of Florida, authorized

the Trustees to deed one Section of State land to the Dade County Agricultural High School, and in the Act provided that said Section should be made from the following lands: Sections 24 and 25, Township 53 south of Range 40 east, and Sections 30 and 31, Township 52 south of Range 41 east, and as these lands had been sold by the Trustees prior to the passage of the Act, Mr. Hall requested the Trustees to allow the School Board of Dade County to arrange an exchange between the purchaser of one of the aforesaid Sections and the Trustees for another Section, so that the Trustees might deed said land to the Dade County Agricultural High School; whereupon Mr. McRae moved that the Trustees exchange a Section of land now owned by them of equal value of the land in question with the purchaser thereof for one of said Sections mentioned in Chapter 7669, of the Acts of 1917, provided such exchange could be arranged by the School Board of Dade County, and in case of such exchange being consummated the Trustees to deed the said Section to the Dade County Agricultural High School, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 27, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Application having been received for the purchase of a certain unsurveyed island, locally known as "Fritz" Island, lying in Section 31, Township 32 south of Range

40 east, containing an area of approximately 50 acres, the Secretary was instructed to publish a notice of the sale of said island on April 15, 1920, in the Fort Pierce News, a paper published in St. Lucie County, wherein the said island is located, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7304, Acts of 1917, Laws of Florida, certified check for \$500.00 to accompany all bids, and the Trustees reserving the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, February 28, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Mr. F. C. B. LeGro appeared before the Trustees and stated that as a full membership was present he would be pleased to have them further consider the bids and sale of Tracts Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, and called their attention to the expenditure of time and money made by him in securing Government Permit to build these islands, as stated in his bid submitted on the day of sale, the 26th of February. The Special Counsel for the Trustees having in the meantime rendered his Opinion as to their right to accept Mr. LeGro's bid, which Opinion was read, and upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. McRae, ordered filed, Mr. McRae moved that as the Special Counsel had advised that the Trustees had full discretion in the mat-

ter, and in the exercise of that discretion reserved the right to accept or reject any and all bids submitted, and that in the further exercise of their discretion in the matter they had full authority to accept the bid submitted by Mr. LeGro, that the bid of F. C. B. LeGro and associates of \$74,708.50 for Tracts Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida, be and the same is accepted and that deed be issued in accordance therewith, upon the payment of the aforesaid amount, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos, and upon vote unanimously adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, March 1, 1920.

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

Present:

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

After a conference with Dr. E. C. Chambers the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Under date of November 17, A. D. 1910, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund entered into an agreement with E. C. Chambers, of Kansas City, Missouri, for the purchase of 50,560 acres of lands in the Everglades by the said Chambers from the said Trustees, which agreement was on May 25, 1912, and again on July 9, 1913, modified and changed as to certain details; and

WHEREAS, It was provided in the said agreement of November 17, 1910, and in the same as modified, that the said E. C. Chambers would pay the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund \$15.00 for each acre of the

said lands, the same being more particularly described in the said original and modified agreements; and

WHEREAS, The said E. C. Chambers has paid on the said agreement the sum of \$119,500.00, and did on July 17, 1918, receive from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund deed No. 16296 "C" and "D" for 2,820 acres of the lands embraced within the said agreement, all of which lands were included on a basis of \$20.00 per acre, which was the price to be paid for the said lands in case of a breach of any of the provisions of the said agreement by the said Chambers; and

WHEREAS, The said original agreement as modified is still in force and effect, and the said E. C. Chambers has this day made application to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for deed No. 16296 "E" and "F," embracing 2,858.01 acres of the lands as described therein, executed to him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that it is the sense of this Board that it execute to said E. C. Chambers deed No. 16296 "E" and "F," under date of March 1, 1920, embracing the following described lands:

The West Half of Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter ($W \frac{1}{2}$ of $SE \frac{1}{4}$ of $SW \frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-six (26); the West Half of Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter ($W \frac{1}{2}$ of $SE \frac{1}{4}$ of $NW \frac{1}{4}$) and East Half of Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter ($E \frac{1}{2}$ of $SW \frac{1}{4}$ of $NW \frac{1}{4}$), the West Half of Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter ($W \frac{1}{2}$ of $NE \frac{1}{4}$ of $SW \frac{1}{4}$) and East Half of Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter ($E \frac{1}{2}$ of $NW \frac{1}{4}$ of $SW \frac{1}{4}$), and the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter ($SW \frac{1}{4}$ of $SE \frac{1}{4}$) of Section Thirty-six (36), all in Township Forty-nine (49) South, Range Forty (40) East, containing one hundred and forty (140) acres, more or less, and lying and being in the County of Broward, in said State of Florida:

All of Sections Eighteen (18) and Twenty (20); West Half of Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter ($W \frac{1}{2}$ of $SW \frac{1}{4}$ of $NW \frac{1}{4}$), Northwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter and Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter ($NW \frac{1}{4}$ of $SW \frac{1}{4}$ and $SE \frac{1}{4}$ of $SW \frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-six (26); the East Half of Southeast Quarter of

Southeast Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$), and East Half of Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$), East Half of Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$), Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$), West Half of Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter (W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$), Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$) and South Half of Northwest Quarter (S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section Twenty-eight (28); all of Section Thirty (30); East Half of Northeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$), West Half of Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter (W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$), and East Half of Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$), East Half of East Half of Northwest Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$), and East Half of West Half of Northwest Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$), West Half of Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) and Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Thirty-four (34); Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$), North Half of Southwest Quarter (N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$), West Half of Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) and Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Thirty-six (36); all in Township Fifty-two (52) South, Range Forty (40) East: All North of Miami Canal in Section Thirty-two (32), Township Fifty-two (52) South, Range Forty (40) East: Containing two thousand and seven hundred and eighteen and one one-hundredths (2,718.01) acres, more or less, lying and being in the County of Dade, in said State of Florida; and that the said E. C. Chambers be credited on said deed No. 16296 "C" and "D" the full amount of excess charged against him on same, as above, and that the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Florida is hereby authorized to deliver the said deed No. 16296 "E" and "F" to the said E. C. Chambers.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, February, 1920	\$	192.50
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, February, 1920		91.65

J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, February, 1920	61.11
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, February, 1920	40.33
H. & W. B. Drew Company, 4 reams Legal paper, bill of February 27, 1920	13.45
Spiller Vulcanizing and Equipment Company, Dry Batteries for Interphone, bill of February 28, 1920	\$ 2.50
Miami Herald, to ad Tracts 1, 2, 3 and 4 submerged lands, Biscayne Bay, for sale on February 26, 1920, bill of February 23, 1920...	15.00
George I. Davis, P. M., 2,500 Stamped Envelopes, bill January 23, 1920.....	55.32
South Florida Dredging Company, Estimate No. 4, excavation, Laterals "A" and "B," January, 1920	8,503.06
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	\$ 8,974.92

Financial Statement and Disbursements for February, 1920, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, February, 1920.

To Bal. on hand Feb. 1, 1920...	\$207,486.20
To Board Comrs. Everglades Drainage District, Tolls	\$335.49
Maps	2.50
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To Redemption Drainage Tax Certfs.	153.98
To E. C. Chambers, Refund on Drainage Tax paid	500.74
To sale of Moss, June, 1919.....	7.19
To Interest, Pelican Lake Bonds	487.22
To sale Minutes	3.50
To Trustees as appointed by Board of County Commrs. of Palm Beach County, account sale of lands	374.96

To Miscellaneous	1.00	
To Land Sales	13,675.30	
		<u>\$223,028.08</u>
By Disbursements, Feb., 1919..	524.18	
		<u>\$222,503.90</u>
To Bal. on hand March 1, 1920..		\$222,503.90

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To Cash on hand	\$ 2,932.80	
To Cash in Banks	219,571.10	\$222,503.90

Deposited in following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$32,288.15	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	10,653.85	
Florida National, Jacksonville...	23,636.59	
Guaranty Savings and Trust Co., Jacksonville	20,000.00	
First National, Fort Myers.....	2,000.00	
First National, West Palm Beach	9,132.88	
Capital City, Tallahassee	17,975.98	
Exchange, Tallahassee	43,187.97	
Lewis State, Tallahassee	60,695.68	\$219,571.10

Disbursements, February, 1920.

Date	Voucher	Amount.
1920.	No.	
Feb. 4,	4294—C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, January, 1920	\$ 192.50
Feb. 4,	4295—Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, January, 1920.....	91.65
Feb. 4,	4296—J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, January, 1920	61.11
Feb. 4,	4297—Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, January, 1920	40.33
Feb. 4,	4298—George I. Davis, P. M., Stamps for Office of Land Salesman	\$7.00
	Office of Secretary.....	8.00
	bill of January 31, 1920.....	15.00

Date.	Voucher 1920. No.		Amount.
Feb. 4,	4299—	George D. Barnard Stationery Company, 1 Record book for Minutes of Trustees, bill of December 27, 1919	29.36
Feb. 4,	4300—	T. J. Appleyard, 1000 Tax Deeds and 300 Receipts with stubs, bill of February 1, 1920.....	17.00
Feb. 4,	4301—	T. J. Appleyard, 12,000 copies of Lists of Lands for Land Salesman, bill of February 1, 1920	68.50
Feb. 4,	4302—	Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, December, 1919 and January, 1920	8.73

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, March 22, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

South Florida Dredging Company, Estimate No. 5, excavation, Laterals "A" and "B," February, 1920	\$ 6,956.88
George D. Barnard Stationery Company, To 2 Transfer Binders, 14x8½, bill of March 12, 1920	24.44

Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, February, 1920	5.76
H. and W. B. Drew Company, To 1 Rubber Stamp, bill of February 27, 1920.....	.64
George I. Davis, P. M., To 100 Postal Cards, bill of March 16, 1920	1.00
G. T. Whitfield, Clerk Supreme Court, To copy of Opinion in Tampa and Jacksonville Rail- way Company v. Trustees, bill of March 22, 1920	3.80
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	\$ 6,992.52

Letter from the Special Counsel was read stating that the Supreme Court on March 11th filed its Opinion affirming the decision of the lower Court and dismissing the Bill of Complaint in Tampa and Jacksonville Railway Company v. Trustees, and advising that when the mandate of the Supreme Court goes down, which under the Rules will be in 30 days after the filing of the Opinion, the Trustees have a certified copy of the decree of the lower Court recorded in every County where *lis pendens* in this case was pending; whereupon, on motion made by Mr. McRae, duly seconded and adopted, it was directed that the Special Counsel take the matter up at the proper time and have the said decree recorded as suggested.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 29, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of September 22, two of September 26, October 1, 3, 16, 27, November 8, 18, 25, December 3, 9, 15, 23 and 30, 1919, and January 2, 13, 14, 17, 20, February 4, 12, 13, 26, 27, 28, March 1 and 22, 1920, read and approved.

Mr. C. C. Chillingworth appeared before the Trustees and asked that they exchange certain lands owned by them in Townships 42 and 43, South of Range 38 East, for an equal acreage owned by H. G. Geer and himself in Township 43 South of Ranges 37, 38 and 39, Township 44, South of Ranges 33, 38 and 39, and Township 45 South, Range 34 East, and agreed, provided such an exchange was made, that within 90 days after completion of the lock in Palm Beach Canal on the Dixie Highway, to begin the excavation of approximately 14 miles of lateral ditches to drain the east two-thirds of Township 43 South of Range 39 East, and to build roads, and erect and maintain an Everglades Experiment Station to demonstrate crops adapted to the saw grass lands in the Everglades. After discussion the Trustees agreed to exchange Sections 2, 3, 9, 11, 15, 21, 23, 27 and 35, in Township 43 South of Range 38 East for Sections 6, 8, 18 and 20, in Township 43 South of Range 38 East, Section 25, in Township 43 South of Range 37 East, Section 13, in Township 44 South of Range 38 East, Section 21, in Township 44 South of Range 39 East, and Sections 1, 3 and 29, in Township 43 South of Range 39 East, Messrs. Geer and Chillingworth to furnish an abstract of said lands, whereupon Mr. Chillingworth said that he would confer with Mr. Geer and advise the Trustees in a short time of their acceptance or rejection of the proposed exchange as above set forth.

Mr. W. H. Pancoast appeared before the Trustees and stated that he was located on State land near Eagle Bay, in Township 38 South of Range 34 East, and that a number of other parties were located in that section and were desirous of purchasing small farms from the Trustees and asked to be allowed to cultivate and improve the land upon which they are located, also be given an opportunity to purchase same. The Chief Drainage Engineer being present, the Trustees requested him to have a survey, plans and specifications made showing the plans and cost of work necessary to drain and protect

the lands in question from overflow of the Kissimmee River in that locality. Mr. Pancoast was advised by the Trustees that he and other settlers on the said lands might remain on same for the present and when the lands were offered for sale they would be given first opportunity to purchase same, but due care should be taken by them not to locate too near the Kissimmee River, as it would be necessary to use at least 2,000 feet from the river lands on which to locate controlling works.

Mr. McRae moved that the salary of the Secretary be \$200.00 per month, including the present month, to be paid as at present, one-third by the Trustees and two-thirds by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, which motion was seconded by Mr. Swearingen and upon vote adopted.

Mr. D. W. Stevenson, associated with Marion N. O'Brien and John J. O'Brien, made formal application to purchase the following lands:

Sections.	T.	R.
3, 9, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, 23, 27, 29, 35.....	43	37
7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31.....	44	35
7, 9, 11, 15.....	44	36
1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 31, 35	43	38
1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 31.....	43	39
1, 25, 29, 32, 33.....	44	38
3, 7, 11, 13, 19, 23, 25, 27, 31, 35.....	45	37
1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 28, 33....	45	38
1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35	45	39
All <i>except</i> Section 16.....	47	36
1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35	46	37
3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31, 35	46	39
1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 35	46	38
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24.....	47	39
Containing 133,672.21 acres, more or less, and stated that in company with Mr. R. C. Healy they would develop and bring under cultivation these lands and dispose of them to actual settlers in tracts of from 10 to 640 acres, and would, in co-operation with the Trustees, install a complete system of drainage, so that successful agricultural		

operations can be conducted thereon, and, in conjunction with drainage, roads and other improvements; and, if the Trustees would advertise the lands as applied for, they would bid not less than \$1,245,790.50, and if the lands are sold to them will make an initial payment of \$200,000.00 and four deferred payments in amount of \$240,000.00 each, on June 1, 1922, June 1, 1923, June 1, 1924, and June 1, 1925, and the balance on June 1, 1926, with 6% interest on all deferred payments.

Mr. S. B. Jennings, representing Mr. B. R. Chaplin, appeared before the Trustees and made application on behalf of his client to purchase the following lands:

	T.	R.
All <i>except</i> Section 16.....	47	37
All <i>except</i> Section 16.....	47	38
All <i>except</i> Section 16.....	48	38
All Sections 1,, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 14.....	48	33
All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24....	48	37

Containing 80,640.00 acres, more or less, and stated Mr. Chaplin would agree to expend \$100,000.00 in improvements on said lands within five years from date of purchase, and agreed to bid not less than \$6.00 per acre if advertised, and if the successful bidder, to pay one-fourth cash and balance on or before five years from date with 6% interest on deferred payments.

The Trustees, upon motion duly seconded, adjourned to meet on the 30th for further consideration of the aforesaid propositions.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, March 30, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Further consideration of the applications of Mr. D. W. Stevenson, associated with the O'Briens, and Mr. S. M. Jennings, representing Mr. B. R. Chaplin, for the advertisement of certain lands in the Everglades, as per Minutes of April 29, 1920, was given by the Trustees, and Mr. Swearingen moved that the tracts of land desired by Mr. Stevenson and Mr. S. B. Jennings be advertised for sale as required by law and a committee of two members of the Trustees be appointed to prepare the said advertisement and conditions of sale, etc., and when same was prepared that the Secretary proceed to publish the advertisement in accordance with law, and in case no sale was made, the parties requesting the advertisement to pay the cost of publishing same, which motion was seconded by Mr. McRae, and, upon vote, adopted. The Governor appointed Messrs. Amos and McRae a committee to prepare said advertisement.

The Secretary presented an application from The Tatum Land Company for the release of the North Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Thirty (30), Township Fifty-one (51) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East, containing 320 acres, more or less, from a certain mortgage deed of date September 24, 1917, and it was ordered that the said release be prepared, executed and forwarded to the Bank of Bay Biscayne, at Miami, with instructions to deliver same upon the payment of \$3,520.00, the purchase price of the land at \$11.00 per acre, whereupon the following release was issued:

STATE OF FLORIDA,

COUNTY OF LEON.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and B. B. Tatum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited and

for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said The Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quit-claim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as security for the payment of said indebtedness and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for construction of railroad, as aforesaid, certain lands, tenements and hereditaments lying, being and situate in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included the following, to-wit:

North Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Thirty (30), in Township Fifty-one (51) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East, containing three hundred and twenty (320) acres, more or less, all in Broward County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid Mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would execute and deliver releases of the lands conveyed by said mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the Miami Canal in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof, then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before securing such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, The said mortgagor has made written request for a release of the lands above described from the lien of the said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed; now, therefore,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Thirty-five Hundred and Twenty (\$3,520.00) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid Mortgagor, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

North Half (N ½) of Section Thirty (30), in Township Fifty-one (51) South of Range Thirty-nine (39) East, containing three hundred and twenty (320) acres, more or less, all in Broward County, Florida, are hereby released and discharged from the lien of the said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED That the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF The said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto set their hands and seals and caused the Seal of the said, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this Thirty-first Day of March, A. D. 1920.

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

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

(Signed) C. B. GWYNN,
J. STUART LEWIS.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, April 1, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, March, 1920	\$ 192.50
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, March, 1920	91.65
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, March, 1920	66.66
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, March, 1920	40.33
T. J. Appleyard, to 500 Releases of Mortgage, and printing Postal Cards, both sides, bill of April 1, 1920	11.50
Greene S. Johnston, Jr., Agent, to Premium on Surety Bond No. 1344569 of J. Stuart Lewis, Secretary, bill of April 1, 1920....	12.50
Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, March, 1920	8.73
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	\$ 423.87

Upon further consideration the Trustees ordered that the Lots in Elliott's subdivision of Sections Three (3) and Eleven (11), Township Forty-two (42) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East, and of Sections Seven (7) and Nineteen (19), Township Forty-two (42) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) East, be sold at same price for cash as on time at the cash prices put on same by the Committee appointed by the Governor on January 13, 1919, to make prices on the various tracts of land as surveyed and platted in Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, as set forth in their report of October 1, 1919, which report was filed in the office of the Land Salesman on February 14, 1920, the prices being as follows, to-wit:

T. 42 S., R. 37 E., Section 3,	Price Per Acre.
Lots 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.....	\$ 75.00
Lots 19, 25 and 26.....	\$100.00

Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32	\$110.00
Lots 6, 12, 13 and 14.....	\$125.00
T. 42 S., R. 37 E., Section 11,	
Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32	\$ 50.00
Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.....	\$ 55.00
Lot 16	\$ 60.00
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	\$ 65.00
T. 42 S., R. 37 E., Sections 7 and 19,	
Lots 1 to 32, inclusive, respectively.....	\$ 30.00

AND IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED That the maps of the subdivision of the State lands lying within one-fourth mile of Lake Okeechobee, as prepared by Hon. F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer, be adopted.

Upon the statements as made by F. E. Platt, who furnished satisfactory evidence that all taxes for 1919 had been paid and that there were no judgments or claims against the lands or against the following parties, it was ordered that the Treasurer refund the first payment made by them on their respective entries when proper deeds of reconveyance are received, and that the Commissioner of Agriculture cancel their respective mortgages and return their notes for balance due, as follows:

To J. C. Platt.....	Entry No. 16,654	Return	\$326.43
To William Platt...	Entry No. 16,655	Return	326.43
To Solon D. Platt...	Entry No. 16,656	Return	326.43
To T. E. Platt.....	Entry No. 16,657	Return	326.43
To F. M. Platt.....	Entry No. 16,658	Return	163.22

Financial Statement and Disbursements for the month of March, 1920, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, March, 1920.

To Balance on hand March 1, 1920	\$222,503.90
To Board Commrs. Ev. Dr. District, Tolls, March, 1920	\$297.27
Erasing Fluid	2.00
	299.27
To Redemption Drainage Tax Certificates	149.77

To Southern States Land and Timber Company, Reimburse- ment	4,251.53	
To Interest	482.26	
To Land Sales.....	18,443.48	
	<u>\$246,130.21</u>	
By Disbursements, March, 1920.	15,967.44	
To Balance on hand April 1, 1920		\$230,162.77

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash on hand.....	\$ 1,000.00	
To Cash in banks.....	229,162.77	\$230,162.77

Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$ 32,288.15	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	14,978.49	
Florida National, Jacksonville..	23,773.09	
Guaranty Bank and Trust Co., Jacksonville	20,000.00	
First National, Fort Myers.....	2,000.00	
First National, W. Palm Beach.	9,132.88	
Capital City, Tallahassee.....	17,975.98	
Exchange, Tallahassee	47,287.14	
Lewis State, Tallahassee.....	61,727.04	\$229,162.77

Disbursements, March, 1920.

Date 1920	Voucher No.		Amount.
Mar. 1,	4303—	C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, February, 1920	\$ 192.50
Mar. 1,	4304—	Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, February, 1920.	91.65
Mar. 1,	4305—	J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, February, 1920...	61.11
Mar. 1,	4306—	Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, February, 1920..	40.33
Mar. 1,	4307—	H. & W. B. Drew Company, 4 reams Typewriter paper, bill of February 27, 1920.....	13.45

Date. 1920.	Voucher No.		Amount.
Mar. 1,	4308—	Spiller Vulcanizing and Equipment Company, Dry Batteries for Inner Telephone, bill of February 28, 1920...	2.50
Mar. 1,	4309—	Miami Herald, to ad sub- merged lands in Biscayne Bay for sale on February 26, 1920, bill of February 23, 1920....	15.00
Mar. 1,	4310—	George I. Davis, P. M., 2,500 Stamped Envelopes, bill of January 23, 1920	55.32
Mar. 1,	4311—	South Florida Dredging Com- pany, Estimate No. 4, excava- tion on Laterals A and B, January, 1920	8,503.06
Mar. 22,	4312—	South Florida Dredging Com- pany, Estimate No. 5, excava- tion, Laterals A and B, Feb- ruary, 1920	6,956.88
Mar. 22,	4313—	George D. Barnard Stationery Company, for 2 Transfer Bind- ders, 14 by 8½, bill of March 12, 1920	24.44
Mar. 22,	4314—	Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, February, 1920	5.76
Mar. 22,	4315—	H. & W. B. Drew Company, To 1 Rubber Stamp, bill of February 27, 192064
Mar. 22,	4316—	George I. Davis, P. M., to 100 postal cards, bill of March 16, 1920	1.00
Mar. 22,	4317—	G. T. Whitfield, Clerk Su- preme Court, to copy of Opin- ion in Tampa and Jackson- ville Railway Company case, bill of March 22, 1920.....	3.00
			\$ 15,967.44

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 15, 1920.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

This being the day set for hearing any objections and reading bids for the purchase of a certain unsurveyed island located in Township 32 South of Range 42 East, St. Lucie County, locally known as "Fritz island," containing approximately 50 acres, the sale of said island having been advertised as required by law, the Secretary presented the bids, and as only one member of the Trustees was present, the bids were ordered filed and the Trustees adjourned to meet May 1st to further consider said bids.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Attest:

Acting Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 30, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

J. C. Platt, Refund of amount paid on Entry No. 16654, on October 4, 1918, as per Minutes April 1, 1920	\$ 326.43
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William Platt, Refund of amount paid on Entry No. 16655, on October 4, 1918, as per Minutes April 1, 1920	326.43
Solon D. Platt, Refund of amount paid on Entry No. 16656, On October 4, 1918, as per Minutes April 1, 1920.....	326.43
F. E. Platt, Refund of amount paid on Entry No. 16657, on October 4, 1918, as per Minutes April 1, 1920	326.43
F. M. Platt, Refund of amount paid on Entry No. 16658, on October 4, 1918, as per Minutes April 1, 1920	163.22
A. L. Durrance, Clerk Circuit Court, DeSoto County, to recording deeds, bill of April 17, 1920	4.05
H. & W. B. Drew Company, to 2 No. 703 Ring Binders, bill of April 13, 1920.....	4.82
News Printing Company, to ad sale of Fritz island, in St. Lucie County, bill of April 9, 1920	9.00
George O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, to recording various mortgages, bill of April 19, 1920.....	33.00
George O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, to recording various mortgages, bill of April 16, 1920.....	21.65
George O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, to recording various mortgages, bill of April 23, 1920.....	16.60
Ben Shepard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, to recording mortgages, bill of April 1, 1920	5.85
South Florida Dredging Company, Estimate No. 6, excavation, Laterals A and B, March, 1920	3,789.75
C. B. Gwynn, to salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, April, 1920	192.50
Glenn Terrell, to salary as Special Counsel, April, 1920	91.65
J. Stuart Lewis, to salary as Secretary, April, 1920	66.66
Mary Herring, to salary as Stenographer, April, 1920	40.33
George I. Davis, P. M., Stamps, May, 1920..	5.00

Frank M. Tyler, Tax Collector, St. Lucie County, 1919, Everglades Drainage Taxes on lands of I. I. Fund.....	32.05
Western Union Telegraph Company, Services, April, 1920	10.39
P. John Hart, Tax Collector, Lee County, 1919 Everglades Drainage Taxes on lands of I. I. Fund	2,712.64
P. John Hart, Tax Collector, Lee County, 1919 sub-drainage Tax on lands of I. I. Fund within Palm Beach Drainage and Highway District	1,088.00
R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector, Dade County, 1919, Everglades Drainage Taxes on lands of I. I. Fund.....	19,200.85
T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, 1919 sub-drainage Tax on lands of I. I. Fund within Pelican Lake Drainage District	2,391.10
T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, 1919, Everglades Drainage Taxes on lands of I. I. Fund.....	36,597.53
R. H. Alderman, Tax Collector, Okeechobee County, 1919 Everglades Drainage Taxes on lands of I. I. Fund.....	1,328.08
	\$ 69,110.44

The Secretary reported that he had on file a number of applications to purchase lands owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, title having vested in said Trustees on account of the owners having failed to pay the Everglades Drainage District tax for the year 1916 in accordance with Chapter 7305, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1917, and that said applicants, to his best knowledge and belief, were the former owners or parties who had become legally possessed of the land: Whereupon Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees offer said lands for sale and the Secretary have same advertised as required by law, which motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and upon vote adopted.

Mr. F. C. B. LeGro and associates, who had purchased four submerged tracts of land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida, February 28, 1920, under Entry No. 16875, of March 19, 1920, for cash, in the amount of \$75,-

346.44, and had Deed issued to Dade County Security Company, Trustees, made application to the Trustees, through the Special Counsel, to cancel said Entry No. 16875 and requested Deed issued to the Bay Biscayne Improvement Company of Dade County, Florida, and requested that a payment of \$26,000.00 cash and a note for \$49,346.44, bearing 6% interest per annum, payable February 28, 1921, be accepted in lieu of all cash, all of which was considered, and the Special Counsel having conferred with a majority of the Trustees relative the proposition submitted by Mr. LeGro, and they having agreed thereto, he had prepared the deed and mortgage in accordance therewith dated April 23, 1920, and Mr. McRae moved that the action of the Special Counsel under advice of the Trustees be ratified and approved, and Entry No. 16875 of March 19, 1920, to the Dade County Security Company, Trustee, be cancelled, and Entry No. 16896 of April 23, 1920, to the Bay Biscayne Improvement Company of Dade County be executed upon payment of \$26,000.00 in cash and the signing of note payable February 28, 1921, and mortgage for \$49,346.44, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Financial Statement and Disbursements for April, 1920, were presented, approved and ordered placed of record:

Financial Statement, April, 1920.

To Balance on hand April 1,		
1920	\$230,162.77	
To Board Commrs. Ev.		
Dr. District, Tolls,		
April, 1920	\$276.67	
Refund on Freight....	49.66	
Refund account over-		
payment on Warrant		
No. 29935	134.19	
Maps	10.00	470.52
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To Interest		1,300.65
To Redemption Drainage Tax		
Certfs.		101.25

To Southern States Land and Timber Company, Reimburse- ments	3,478.44	
To Land Sales	13,389.33	
		<u>\$248,902.96</u>
By Disbursements, April 1920..	423.87	
To Balance on hand May 1, 1920.		\$248,479.09

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash on hand.....	\$ 1,000.00	
To Cash in banks.....	247,479.09	\$248,479.09

Deposited in following banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$ 32,488.83	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	18,681.15	
Florida National, Jacksonville..	23,773.09	
Guaranty Savings and Trust Company, Jacksonville	20,000.00	
First National, Fort Myers.....	2,000.00	
First National, W. Palm Beach.	9,132.88	
Capital City, Tallahassee.....	18,088.30	
Exchange, Tallahassee	52,331.89	
Lewis, State, Tallahassee.....	70,982.95	\$247,479.09

Disbursements, April, 1920.

Date 1920	Voucher No.		Amount.
Apr. 1,	4318—	C. B. Gwynn, to salary as Chief Clerk, Land Depart- ment, March, 1920.....	\$ 192.50
Apr. 1,	4319—	Glenn Terrell, to salary as Special Counsel, March, 1920.	91.65
Apr. 1,	4320—	J. Stuart Lewis, to salary as Secretary, March, 1920.....	66.66
Apr. 1,	4321—	Mary Herring, to salary as Stenographer, March, 1920..	40.33

Date.	Voucher No.		Amount.
Apr. 1,	4322—	T. J. Appleyard, to 500 Releases and 100 Postal Cards printed on both sides, bill of April 1, 1920	11.50
Apr. 1,	4323—	Greene S. Johnston, to Premium on Surety Bond No. 1344569 of Secretary, bill of December 1, 1919	12.50
Apr. 1,	4324—	Western Union Telegraph Co., Services March, 1920	8.73
			\$ 423.87

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 3, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The Trustees having advertised a certain island lying in Sections 30 and 31, Township 32 South of Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, under date of February 27, 1920, for sale May 15, 1920, a meeting was held on that date to consider bids. A quorum not being present the matter was deferred to May 1, 1920, and this being the first meeting of said Trustees subsequent to May 1, 1920, the same was considered by the Trustees. The affidavit of the publishers of the Fort Pierce News, a newspaper published in St. Lucie County, in which said advertisement was placed, attached to copy of said advertisement,

showed that said island was advertised as being located in Township 32 South of Range 42 East. As this was incorrect, Mr. Amos moved that all bids be rejected and checks accompanying said bids be returned to the bidders and the land re-advertised, which motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and upon vote adopted.

Mr. C. L. Wilder, who purchased 522.38 acres of land from the Trustees on January 22, 1918, in Entry No. 16591, at \$100.00 per acre, appeared before the Trustees and stated that on account of the high cost of clearing the land and crop failures, he was unable to meet the payments due and pay interest, and requested the Trustees to take the land back and allow him to lease same with the privilege to purchase at some future time. Mr. McRae moved that the Trustees allow Mr. Wilder to reconvey the lands to the Trustees, providing an abstract, and paying all taxes due on same and interest on the unpaid balance of \$45,708.25 at 6% per annum to date, which amounts to \$6,171.61, less \$195.89 interest paid, equals \$5,975.72, and the said amount be deducted from his payment of \$6,529.75, leaving a balance to Mr. Wilder's credit of \$554.03, and the Trustees lease the land to Mr. Wilder for five years at \$1.00 per acre per annum with the understanding that Mr. Wilder may purchase the land any time during the lease at \$100.00 per acre, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Messrs. Leitner and Gates appeared before the Trustees and stated that the Survey of the Meander Line of Lake Okechobee made by the Chief Drainage Engineer for the Trustees in Sections 11 and 12, Township 42 South of Range 32 East, did not compare with the map of the Keller Survey by which these lands were platted and sold and requested the Trustees to sell them the land that is in said Sections 11 and 12 as appears in the present survey, and as these lands were sold in accordance with the Keller Survey they were of the opinion that they had some equity. Mr. McRae moved that the matter be referred to the Special Counsel for the Trustees with request that he advise said Trustees relative to same, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Messrs. Lockwood and McDonald, of Palm Beach County, appeared before the Trustees relative to turning over to the Trustees for use of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District the canal from Okeelanta to Glade Crest, where it connects with the Okeechobee Road Canal, and the Trustees allow land in payment therefor. No action was taken.

Mr. J. H. McDuffie, representing the Alton Beach Realty Company, requested the Trustees to advertise 106 acres of submerged land in Biscayne Bay and agreed that his Company would bid \$75.00 per acre for the land when offered for sale. Mr. McRae moved that the land be advertised as required by Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida, and the Secretary be furnished with a description of same by the Alton Beach Realty Company, which motion was seconded by Mr. Amos, and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 10, 1920.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture in the Capitol building.

Present:

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

Minutes of March 29, 30, April 1, 15, 30 and May 3 read and approved.

The matter of the election of a Supervisor for the N. B. Broward Drainage District, and the Southern Drainage District, at an election to be held on June 1st, 1920, by the land owners of said Districts was considered, and it was Resolved that the vote of the Trustees of the In-

ternal Improvement Fund, be cast for R. O. Watson as Supervisor of the Broward Drainage District, and J. P. Conrad as Supervisor of the Southern Drainage District, and that the Chief Drainage Engineer is hereby authorized to attend such meeting and cast the vote of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as aforesaid.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, June 11, 1920.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met this date in the office of the Comptroller in the Capitol building.

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

P. John Hart, Tax Collector Lee County, Balance due on Drainage Tax	\$ 19.36
R. P. McLendon, Tax Collector Dade County, Balance due on Drainage Tax	705.80
W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector Broward County, Drainage Tax for 1919	23,165.88
South Florida Dredging Company, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Estimate No. 7 Lateral B. Canal for April, 1920	3,296.90
C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk Land Department, May, 1920	192.50
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel for May, 1920	91.65

J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary for May, 1920	66.66
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer for May, 1920	40.33
R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector Dade County, Drainage Tax Southern Drainage District for 1919	12,211.50
H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville, Florida, 18 Rm. Legal typewriter paper, bill of June 2, 1920	65.00
Western Union Telegraph Company, Tallahassee, Florida, Telegrams sent and received May, 1920	8.39
A. L. Durrance, Clerk of Circuit Court, Arcadia, Florida, Recording Deeds, bill of May 28, 1920	8.10
	\$ 39,872.07

Mr. McDuffie representing the Alton Beach Realty Company, wired the Trustees requesting them to discontinue the advertisement of a certain submerged tract of land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, containing 108 acres, more or less, as his Company was desirous of securing a larger acreage to comply with the requirements of the War Department before a permit could be secured to make the fill, and stated that he would pay any cost as to present expense. A description of the land which the Alton Beach Realty Company wished to purchase was enclosed, this advertisement having been inserted in the Miami Metropolis, a newspaper published in Dade County, by order of the Trustees as per minutes of May 3, 1920. Mr. Luning moved that the advertisement of said submerged lands under date of May 3, 1920, be discontinued, and the action of the Trustees as to the sale of this land under date of May 3, 1920, be rescinded, and that the following submerged land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, be advertised for sale Friday, July 23, 1920, and said advertisement be placed in the Miami Herald and Miami Metropolis, newspapers published in the County in which said land lies.

"A partially submerged bank flat in the waters of Biscayne Bay, situated in Sections 9 and 10, Township 54 south, Range 42 east, containing 162.0 acres, more or

less, described as follows: from a concrete monument designated as Monument "F," which is 1,153 feet west and 2,102 feet south of the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of Section 10, Township 54 south, Range 42 east, and on the southern boundary line of U. S. Government reservation, run north 65 degrees, 13 minutes west, along said southerly boundary 30 feet to a point of beginning, said point of beginning being on the eastern shore of Biscayne Bay; thence north 65 degrees, 13 minutes west 1,653 feet; thence south 88 degrees, 4 minutes west parallel to the northern boundary of Section 10 a distance of 2,575 feet, more or less, to a point on the eastern side of the "Lemon City" channel; thence south 9 degrees, 50 minutes east 650 feet, more or less, along eastern side of said channel; thence south 50 degrees, 50 minutes east 3,600 feet, more or less, to a point on the northern shore of Norris Cut; thence northerly meandering the western shore of the island to the point of beginning."

Motion seconded by Mr. McRae, and upon vote, adopted. The matter of voting for Supervisors of Broward and Southern Drainage District on June 14, 1920, was considered. The Trustees at a meeting held on May 10, 1920, agreed to vote for R. O. Watson for Supervisor of the Broward Drainage District, and J. P. Conrad as Supervisor of the Southern Drainage District. Mr. Swearingen stated that he was informed that certain conditions had arisen since that time, as to the election of a Supervisor of Broward Drainage District, and therefore moved that the action of the Trustees of May 10, 1920, be rescinded. Seconded by Mr. McRae, and upon vote was lost. Whereupon Mr. Luning moved that Mr. Elliott, Chief Drainage Engineer, be authorized to cast the vote of the Trustees for R. O. Watson as Supervisor of the Broward Drainage District, and J. P. Conrad as Supervisor of the Southern Drainage District, and he be furnished with the proxy of said Trustees. Seconded by Mr. McRae, and upon vote adopted.

Application of the Tatum Land Company for the release of Section 10, Township 52 south, Range 40 east, from a certain mortgage dated September 24, 1917, was read. Mr. Luning moved that said release be executed in accordance with the contract of the Trustees of the

Internal Improvement Fund, and the Tatum Land Company upon payment of \$7.00 per acre. Seconded by Mr. Swearingen, and upon vote adopted.

Financial Statement for month of May, 1920, was presented, approved and ordered placed of record.

Financial Statement for May, 1920.

To Balance on hand May 1, 1920.	\$248,479.09	
To Board Commrs. Ev.		
Dr. Dist., Tolls, May		
1920	365.44	
Refund on freight.	38.87	
Refund Standard Oil		
Co.	14.00	
		418.31
To Intest		89.91
To Redemption Drainage Tax		
Cts.		357.91
To Southern States Land & Timber Co., 50% Reimbursement Est. No. 6.	1,894.87	
To Rent of Land for Packing House		5.00
To Land Sales May, 1920.	58,720.83	
		\$308,965.87
By Disbursements May, 1920.	69,110.44	
To Bal. on Hand June 1, 1920.		\$240,855.43

RECAPITULATION.

To cash on Hand.	\$ 1,000.00	
To cash in Banks.	239,855.43	\$240,855.43

Deposited in the Following Banks:

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville	\$ 48,792.11
Barnett National, Jacksonville.	18,681.15
Florida National, Jacksonville.	23,773.09

Guaranty Savings & Tr. Co., Jacksonville	20,000.00	
First National, Ft. Myers	2,000.00	
First National, West Palm Beach	9,132.88	
Capital City, Tallahassee	22,405.23	
Exchange, Tallahassee	50,993.62	
Lewis State, Tallahassee	44,077.35	\$239,855.43

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	Check No.		
May 1,	4325—J. C. Platt	\$	326.43
May 1,	4326—William Platt		326.43
May 1,	4327—Solon D. Platt		326.43
May 1,	4328—F. E. Platt		326.43
May 1,	4329—F. M. Platt		163.22
May 1,	4330—A. L. Durrance		4.05
May 1,	4331—H. & W. B. Drew Co.		4.82
May 1,	4332—Ft. Pierce News		9.00
May 1,	4333—Geo. O. Butler		33.00
May 1,	4334—Geo. O. Butler		21.65
May 1,	4335—Geo. O. Butler		16.60
May 1,	4336—Ben Sheppard		5.85
May 1,	4337—South Fla. Dredging Co.		789.75
May 1,	4338—C. B. Gwynn		192.50
May 1,	4339—Glenn Terrell		91.65
May 1,	4340—J. Stuart Lewis		66.66
May 1,	4341—Mary Herring		40.33
May 1,	4342—Geo. I. Davis		5.00
May 1,	4343—Frank M. Tyler		32.05
May 1,	4344—Western Union Telegraph Co.		10.39
May 1,	4345—P. John Hart		2,712.64
May 1,	4346—P. John Hart		1,088.00
May 1,	4347—R. B. McLendon		19,200.85
May 1,	4348—T. J. Campbell		2,391.10
May 1,	4349—T. J. Campbell		36,597.53
May 1,	4350—R. H. Alderman		1,328.08

The Trustees, upon motion duly seconded, adjourned.

VAN C. SWEARINGEN, Atty. General.

Attse: Acting Chairman.
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Present:

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

Mr. L. Trivette Lockwood, County Commissioner of Palm Beach County, appeared before the Trustees and stated that the county was in need of funds to pay for the excavation of Okeechobee Road Canal, and as certain lands set aside by the Trustees to aid in such construction work has been sold and mortgages held by the Trustees on said lands could be used to secure funds to continue the work, and requested the Trustees to place said mortgages in escrow in a bank at West Palm Beach to be delivered upon payment of the amount of said mortgages to the Trustees. Mr. McRae moved that the request be granted provided the Special Counsel of the Trustees should upon investigation advise that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund could legally do so: Seconded by Mr. Amos, and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Lockwood stated the county had built a lateral canal along a roadway from Okeelanta to Glade Crest at a cost of \$50,000.00, and requested the Trustees to take over said Canal and pay for same with lands; said lands to be sold by the County of Palm Beach to reimburse said County for the \$50,000.00. Mr. McRae stated that by advice of Special Counsel the Trustees could not use funds of the Trustees for such purpose, and moved that the request of Mr. Lockwood that the Trustees purchase said lateral canal be rejected: Seconded by Mr. Swearingen, and upon vote adopted.

A letter from Mr. F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer, was read, in which he stated that in compliance with an order of the Trustees of June 11, 1920, he attended a meeting of the land owners of the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, held at Fort Lauderdale, Florida on the 14th inst., and cast the vote of the Trustees for Mr. R. O. Watson for Supervisor, and that Mr. Watson was elected. He also attended the meeting of the Southern Drainage District at Miami on the same date and cast the vote of the Trustees for Mr. Joe Conrad for

Supervisor, and that Mr. Conrad was elected. Mr. McRae moved the report be filed: Seconded by Mr. Luning, and upon vote adopted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Geo. I. Davis, Postmaster, Postage stamps for office of Land Salesman. Bill of June 11, 1920	\$ 10.00
South Florida Dredging Company, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, excavation Lateral B. Canal for May, 1920.....	9,903.08
F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer, Expense of trip to Ft. Lauderdale and Miami In Re election of Supervisors June 13 to 16, 1920..	58.44
T. J. Appleyard, Printing notes, deeds, mortgages, certificates, and record work. Bill of June 1, 1920.....	62.75
State Board of Education of Florida, as per resolution of June 17, 1920.....	100,000.00
	<u>\$110,034.99</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

Attest:

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor,

Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 22, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Mr. Terrell, Special Counsel, presented telegrams, W. C. Kyle and J. S. Bright, Supervisors of the Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, advising the Trustees that a

very important meeting of the said District would be held Wednesday, June 23rd, at 2 o'clock P. M., and it was absolutely necessary for the Trustees to have a representative present. After discussion the Trustees authorized Mr. Elliot to attend said meeting, and unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a meeting of the land owners in Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District has been called to meet at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on Wednesday, June 23rd; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, through the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, is a land owner in the said Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, and authorized under the provisions of Chapter 7430 of the Laws of Florida to participate in all such meetings to the extent of the acreage owned by said State of Florida; now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that it is in sense of this Board that it should be represented at the said land owners' meeting to be held at Ft. Lauderdale on Wednesday, June 23, and that F. C. Elliot be, and the same is, hereby appointed to represent the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund at the said meeting, and he is hereby authorized to cast the vote of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on all matters arising at the said land owners' meeting, as provided under Chapter 7430 of the Acts of 1917, Laws of Florida.

Done and ordered in regular session this 22nd day of June, A. D. 1920.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

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

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Tallahassee, Florida, June 28, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of May 10, June 11, 17, 18 and 22 read and approved.

Application was read from Mr. G. D. Bryan, requesting the Trustees to cancel Entry No. 16759, dated May 21, 1919, made to Mary O. Bryan, his wife, described as follows: That part of Lot No. 1, Section 13, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, beginning at the Southeast Corner of said lot. Run North 5 chains, thence West 5 chains, thence South 5 chains to point of beginning. Containing 250 acres, more or less. Mr. Luning stated he had talked to Mr. Bryan relative to this land and was of the opinion that Mr. Bryan needed the money and moved that the Entry be cancelled and the purchase price of \$312.50 be refunded Mr. Bryan. Seconded by Mr. McRae and upon solid vote adopted.

The Trustees having advertised a certain tract of submerged land lying in Sections 30 and 31, Township 32 South, Range 40 East, known as Fritz Island, containing 50 acres, for sale on this date, in accordance with Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida, and the Secretary presented affidavit of the Fort Pierce News-Tribune, a newspaper published in the county in which said land lies, showing the same had been published once a week for five weeks, and no one having shown any objections to said sale, bids were ordered opened. Mr. Charles B. Jennings, of Vero, Florida, bid \$20.50 per acre for this land. Mr. Luning moved that the bid be rejected and the Secretary return check for \$500.00, accompanying said bid. Seconded by Mr. McRae and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees having under date of April 30, 1920, ordered the advertisement and sale of certain lands, title to which had vested in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, under Chapter 7305, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1917, and the same having been advertised in the Counties in which said land lies, as required by law,

and this date set for receiving bids, the following bids presented by the Secretary were accepted, and deeds executed by the Trustees to the said lands:

Deed No.		Sec.	T.S.	R.E.	Acres
28	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, To J. H. Rowe.	25	44	35	10
29	Tract 2, Blk. 83, P. B. F., Plat 3, To Mrs. Alice Bower.				5
30	Tract 81, Blk. 43, P. B. F., Plat 3, To Theodore Jacobson.				5
31	Tract 14, To Daniel P. Collins.	5	47	40	20
32	Tract 24, Blk. 64, P. B. F., Plat 3, To Chas. Van Osteen.				5
33	Tract 56, Blk. 45, P. B. F., Plat 3, To Oscar F. Woods.				5
34	Tract 59, Blk. 36, P. B. F., Plat 3, To A. H. Harrison.				5
35	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, To Charles M. Emmons.	19	37	36	10
36	North Half Lot 4, To Constant H. Rivers.	3	37	35	20
37	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, To Dock Pierce.	21	37	35	2.42
38	Lot 3, Blk. 3, So. Okeechobee, To W. P. Underhill.	21	37	35	1.70
39	Tract 18, To H. C. F. Baggerly.	3	53	39	10
40	Tracts 14 and 15, To H. J. Rupert.	5	52	39	20
41	Tract 24, To Miss Agnes Keating.	33	48	39	20
42	Tract 42, To J. R. Wells.	1	50	39	10
43	Tract 22, To L. J. C. Richard.	25	50	40	10
44	Tract 40, To Stephen J. Selden.	1	50	41	10
45	Tracts 13 and 14 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, To William Sayles.	32	50	40	10
46	Tract 12, Block 4, To G. B. Williams.	8	50	41	10

Deed No.		Sec.	T.S.	R.E.	Acres
47	Tract 36, To Nettie & D. W. Watkins.	33	50	41	10
48	Tract 25, To Robert H. Riggs.	13	52	39	10
49	Tract 14, Tracts 11, 25 and 53, Tract 4, Tracts 2 and 28, Tracts 5 and 40, Tracts 16, 22, 24 and 36, Tract 10, To T. J. Wisecarver.	1 3 7 9 11 15 31	52 52 52 52 52 52 52	40 40 40 40 40 40 40	10 30 10 20 20 40 10
50	Tract 51, Tracts 18 and 48, Tracts 23, 54 and 55, Tracts 1, 49 and 58, Tract 4, Tract 4, Tracts 7, 21 and 31, Tracts 3 and 40, Tracts 1, 2 and 51, Tract 25, To M. M. Simidian.	25 27 1 3 9 11 13 15 23 33	49 49 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50	40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40	10 20 30 30 10 10 30 20 30 10
51	Tract 63, Tract 56, Tracts 42 and 49, Tract 60, Tract 1, Tracts 5, 42 and 45, Tract 47, To The Sun Land Company.	9 15 19 11 1 13 15	52 52 52 53 52 52 52	39 39 39 39 40 40 40	10 10 20 10 10 30 10
52	Tract 52, Tract 17, To The Pennsylvania Sugar Company.	23 27	52 52	39 39	10 10

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest:

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 29, 1920.

The Trustees met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

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

Mr. Hector Harris appeared before the Trustees and stated that on account of failure to ship his crops for lack of transportation and loss from cold to his early vegetables he was unable to meet payment and interest due by him on Entry No. 16599, dated July 7th, 1917, containing 313.49 acres at \$100.00 per acre, and asked that an extension be given until November 1st, 1920. Mr. Luning moved that Mr. Harris be granted an extension on payment of principal and interest to November 1st, 1920. Seconded by Mr. McRae, and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Stevenson appeared before the Trustees and stated that Mr. O'Brien wanted to purchase those lands in Township 43 South, Range 34 East, between the meander line of Lake Okeechobee and high water. The matter was taken under advisement by the Trustees. He also stated that he was requested by one Mr. Graham to make application to purchase for him the bottom lands of Lake Flint, this lake having been recently drained by the Calcosahatchee Canal. The Trustees were not in position to consider the matter, and Mr. McRae moved that Mr. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer, make an investigation as to the acreage and value of said land, and report to the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Luning, and upon vote adopted.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid.

T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, Drainage tax on lands of Trustees in Palm Beach Drainage and Highway District	\$13,904.80
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Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

Attest:

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor,
Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 12, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Bill approved by the Chief Drainage Engineer for work on the Okeechobee Road Canal, being Estimate No. 4, for \$25,483.75, was presented and under agreement of the Trustees and Campbelle, Lainhart & McDonald, of June 25th, 1918, it was ordered that as there was only \$9,132.88 available in the Fund from the sale of lands that \$9,000.00 of same be paid.

Mr. Luning moved that \$50,000.00 be paid by the Trustees of the State Board of Education on account of 25% of land sales due said Board, seconded by Mr. McRae and upon vote the motion was defeated.

Miss Herring, stenographer, having suffered a physical and mental breakdown May 20, 1920, and from information obtainable it will be an indefinite period before she recovers, and as she did not avail herself of an annual vacation 1918, 1919 and 1920, it was ordered that her salary, from the time she left the office to July 15, 1920, (when another stenographer will be employed) be paid, with the exception of \$30.00 which has been paid for stenographic work.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, June, 1920.....	\$	192.50
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, June, 1920.....		91.65
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, June, 1920		66.66
Mary Herring, Salary as Stenographer, June, 1920		40.33

Glenn Terrell, Expenses to Jacksonville, South Florida Farms and Broward District Suits, July 22 to 28, 1919.	\$35.80	
Expenses Ft. Lauderdale Everglades Drainage League vs. Trustees, January, 1919	80.85	116.65
H. R. Kaufman, Receipt Books, bill of July 1, 1920		1.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Telegrams sent and received, June, 1920.		8.94
P. C. Eldred, Clerk Circuit Court, St. Lucie County, Recording Transcript Tampa & Jacksonville Ry., bill of July 3, 1920.		1.10
Ben Sheppard, Clerk Circuit Court, Dade County, Recording Mortgage Bay Biscayne Improvement Co., to Trustees, bill of July 1, 1920		3.15
Palms Publishing Company, West Palm Beach, Advertisement Tax Lands for sale, June 28, 1920, bill of June 14, 1920.		18.75
Mrs. F. C. Elliott, stenographic work, bill of July 8, 1920		15.00
Board County Commisisoners, Palm Beach County, payment on Estimate No. 4, Okeechobee Road Canal, June 1, 1920.		9,000.00
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		\$9,555.73

Financial Statement for the month of June, 1920, was presented, approved and ordered placed of record.

Financial Statement June, 1920:

To Balance on hand June, 1920.	\$240,855.43
To Board Commisisoners Everglades Drainage District, Tolls June, 1920	328.27
To Redemption Drainage Tax Certificates June, 1920.	506.18
To sale Lands title vested in Trustees January, 1920.	197.40
To Interest	37.22
To Refund Palm Beach County Drainage Tax	428.18
To Alton Beach Realty Company advertisement of lands	15.00

To Land Sales June, 1920.....	14,959.76	
To Sale Minutes50	
		\$257,327.94
By Disbursements June, 1920..	\$163,826.86	
Balance on hand July 1, 1920.....		\$93,501.08

RECAPITULATION.

To cash on hand.....	\$ 1,000.00	
To cash in banks.....	92,501.08—	93,501.08

Deposited in Following Banks:

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville	\$ 8,792.11	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	9,776.35	
Florida National, Jacksonville..	3,773.09	
First National, Ft. Myers, Fla..	2,000.00	
Capital City, Tallahassee, Fla...	14,079.67	
First National, West Palm Beach	9,132.88	
Exchange, Tallahassee, Fla.....	36,093.15	
Lewis State, Tallahassee, Fla...	8,853.83—	92,501.08

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	Check No.	Amount.
June 11,	4351—John Hart.....	\$ 19.36
June 11,	4352—R. B. McLendon.....	705.80
June 11,	4353—W. O. Berryhill.....	23,165.88
June 11,	4354—Sou. Fla. Dredging Co.....	3,296.96
June 11,	4355—C. B. Gwynn.....	192.50
June 11,	4356—Glenn Terrell	91.65
June 11,	4357—J. Stuart Lewis.....	66.66
June 11,	4358—Mary Herring	40.33
June 11,	4359—R. B. McLendon	12,211.50
June 11,	4360—H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	65.00
June 11,	4361—Western Union Tel. Co.....	8.39
June 11,	4362—A. L. Durrance.....	8.10
June 18,	4363—Geo. I. Davis.....	10.00
June 18,	4364—Sou. Fla. Dredging Co.	9,903.80
June 18,	4365—F. C. Elliot	58.42
June 18,	4366—T. J. Appleyard	62.75

June 22, 4367—State Board of Education of Florida	25,000.00
June 22, 4368—State Board of Education of Florida	15,000.00
June 22, 4369—State Board of Education of Florida	20,000.00
June 22, 4370—State Board of Education of Florida	20,000.00
June 22, 4371—State Board of Education of Florida	10,000.00
June 22, 4372—State Board of Education of Florida	7,000.00
June 22, 4373—State Board of Education of Florida	3,000.00
June 28, 4374—Metropolis Pub. Co.	15.00
June 28, 4375—T. J. Campbell	5,000.00
June 28, 4376—T. J. Campbell	8,904.80
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	\$163,826.86

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: VAN C. SWEARINGEN, Acting Chairman.
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 16, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

May O. Bryan, Refund of amount of Entry No. 16759, dated May 31, 1919 (See Min- utes June 28, 1920)	\$ 312.50
South Florida Dredging Company, Estimate No. 9, excavation Lateral "B" Canal, June 1920	2,188.60

Okeechobee News, Advertisement sale of Tax Certificates Land, June 28, 1920.....	9.00
Cyril Baldwin, Tax Collector DeSoto County, Drainage Taxes Lands of the Trustees, De- Soto County, 1919	1,733.58
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	\$ 4,243.68

A letter from the Special Counsel, enclosing his opinion on the question of whether or not the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are legally authorized to exchange lands with third parties in the Everglades, addressed by him to Mr. J. M. Burguieres, was read and same was ordered placed of record.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 30, 1920.

Hon. J. M. Burguieres,
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Dear Mr. Burguieres:

I have your letter of June 14th, requesting my opinion of whether or not the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are legally authorized to exchange lands with third parties in the Everglades.

In reply I beg to advise that the only statutory authority that we have that is pertinent to your inquiry, is Sections 617 and 620 of the General Statutes of Florida, which read as follows:

“Section 617. Trustees, their powers and duties.—
For the purpose of assuring the proper application of said fund for the purposes herein declared, said lands and all the funds arising from the sale thereof, after having the necessary expense of selection, management and sale, are irrevocably vested in five Trustees, to-wit: In the Governor of the State, the Comptroller, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General and the Commisisoner of Agriculture, and their successors in office, to hold the same in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter provided, with the power to sell and transfer said lands to the purchasers and receive payment for the same, and invest the surplus moneys arising therefrom from time

to time in stocks of the United States, Stocks of the several States, or the Internal Improvement Bonds, issued under the provisions of law, and drawing not less than 6 per cent. annual interest; also the surplus interest accruing from such investments. Said Trustees shall have all the rights, property, powers, claims, remedies, actions, suits and things whatsoever belonging to them or appertaining before and at the time of the enactment hereof, and they shall remain subject to and pay, fulfill, perform and discharge all debts, duties and obligations of their trust existing at the time of the enactment hereof or provided for herein."

"Section 620. Trustees to fix the price of lands. The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund shall fix the price of the public lands included in the trust, having due regard to their location, value for agricultural purposes or on account of timber or naval stores, and make such arrangements for the drainage of the swamp or overflowed lands as in their judgement may be most advantageous to the Internal Improvement Fund, and the settlement and cultivation of the lands; and the said Trustees shall encourage actual settlement and cultivation of the said lands by allowing pre-emptions under such rules and regulations as they deem advisable; Provided that in no case shall pre-emption for more than one section of land be granted to any one settler."

An inspection of the laws as above quoted discloses that there is no express authority for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to make exchanges of swamplands with third parties as outlined in your letter. You will note, however, that Section 617 as above, provides for the "management of these lands, and Section 620, gives the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund a very broad discretion in the matter of making arrangements for drainage, settlement and cultivation."

I am, therefore, of the opinion that so long as land exchanges on the part of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are restricted to those that in their judgement could be justified from the standpoint of drainage, settlement, or cultivation, our Courts would

hold them good, but I do not believe that there is any expressed or implied authority for holding such exchanges authorized on any other basis.

Relative to the specific exchanges referred to in your letter in the light of the foregoing reasoning, I would say that if from the standpoint of the Trustees such exchanges would in any wise aid, facilitate or be contributory to drainage, settlement or cultivation, even though remotely, they would be a legal exercise of the discretion imposed in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

I am,

Yours very truly,
(Signed) GLENN TERRELL,

GT:B

Counsel.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor,
Chairman.

Attest:

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 23, 1920.

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

Present:

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

This being the date set for the sale of the submerged tract of land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida, situated in Sections 9 and 10, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, containing 156 acres, more or less, the same having been advertised in the Miami Herald and Miami Metropolis, newspapers published in the county in which said lands are located, as required by law, and no one having presented any objections as to this sale of said lands, the Secretary was instructed to open the bids received for said land.

The Alton Beach Realty Company, of Miami, Florida, bid \$75.00 per acre. There being no other bids, Mr. Luning moved that the bid of the Alton Beach Realty Company be accepted, and Hon. W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, be requested to issue deed to said Alton Beach Realty Company therefor. Seconded by Mr. McRae and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 24, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Mr. P. B. Mangus appeared before the Trustees, relative to the purchase of the Southeast Quarter, Section 17, and the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 58 South, Range 37 East, which was deeded to him November 26th, 1919, in Deed No. 16823 for the consideration of \$35.00 per acre, amounting to \$11,200.00, on which he made a cash payment of \$2,800, and gave his three notes for \$2,800 each, payable in one, two and three years, respectively, secured by a mortgage on said lands. Also relative to the purchase of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, and Southeast Quarter of Section 18, same Township and Range, which was deeded to C. W. Mangus November 17, 1919, in Deed No. 16824, for a like consideration, on which he paid \$2,800 cash and gave his three notes of \$2,800 each, payable in one, two and three years, respectively, secured by a mortgage on said lands. Said Mangus gave the Trustees satisfactory proof that said lands were not worth that amount, and Hon. F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer, who examined said

lands, at the request of the Trustees, also made a statement showing that said lands were not worth said amount. Said Mangus further agreed that he and Mr. C. W. Mangus would take these lands at the reduced price of \$2,800 each, provided the Trustees would give five acres additional lands on which they had built a valuable home in the East Half of Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter, Section 17, and cancel their said note and release said mortgages, and in addition would lease them the other lands in the North Half of said Sections for \$200 per annum, payable in advance by the 15th of October in 1920-1921 and 1922, respectively, for a term of three years.

Upon discussion of this matter and in consideration of the above facts,

IT WAS ORDERED, That said offer be accepted and the Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue said release and return said notes and make proper record of same on the Entries and Records of his office. Also to make a deed to said P. B. Mangus for said 5 acres and issue the said lease upon payment of \$200 cash for same.

That failure to pay the aforesaid lease price of \$200 per annum at the specified time will act as a cancellation of said lease.

The Trustees directed the Chief Drainage Engineer and their Special Counsel to prepare deed and lease in the premises.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, July 29, 1920.

The Trustees met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

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

A letter from Mr. H. L. Bussey, attorney for the County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, relative to the construction of a bridge on the Dixie Highway across the West Palm Beach Canal, in Palm Beach County, was read. After discussion the matter was referred to the Special Counsel of the Trustees with instructions to reply to same.

Pennington & Evans, having on July 1, 1919, purchased the timber in Cypress Lake, Jackson County, Florida, and given as part payment certain promissory notes, four of such notes in the sum of \$1687.50, each having become due and are unpaid, Mr. Luning moved that the said notes be deposited for collection; seconded by Mr. McRae, and upon vote adopted.

Mr. J. B. McDonald, President of the Consolidated Realty Company, made application to purchase certain lands for a client of his in Township 41 South, Range 42 East, and agreed to bid \$10.00 per acre for said land and deposit \$1,000 as good faith that he would bid such amount, and said lands having been advertised for sale December 23, 1919, and his bid of \$10.00 per acre accepted, Mr. Luning moved that the deed be issued to the Boston-Palm Beach Development Company, and forwarded to Mr. J. B. McDonald, with sight draft attached for first payment and interest from December 23, 1919. Seconded by Mr. McRae, and, upon vote, adopted.

Mr. Paul C. Taylor, of Miami, made application to purchase Sections 21, 22 and 23, Township 54 South, Range 37 East, at \$8.50 per acre, and agreed to bid that amount if the land is advertised and offered for sale, and if said bid is accepted by the Trustees to pay \$3,276.60 first payment, and four equal payments of \$3,261.60, payable six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months from date of sale, with 6% interest on deferred payments. Mr. Luning moved that the lands be advertised for sale September 3rd, 1920, as required by law. Motion seconded by Mr. McRae, and, upon vote, adopted. Mr. Luning moved that the Chief Drainage Engineer sub-divide the hiatus lying in Townships 43 and 44 South, between Ranges 36 and 37 East, into small lots of approximately twenty acres each and prepare a map similar to the map made of the lots near the mouth of the Hillsboro Canal,

in order that prices can be fixed on same. Seconded by Mr. McRae, and, upon vote, adopted.

Hon. Glenn Terrell, Special Counsel, who examined the abstract, advised that it was proper to make a quit claim deed to Robert Thomson Heselton for 26.58 acres in Lot 2, Section 19, Township 21 South, Range 28 East. Mr. McRae moved that in compliance with report of Special Counsel a quit claim deed be issued. Seconded by Mr. Luning, and, upon vote, adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 30, 1920.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The bill of Mr. George K. Armes of \$386.66 for surveying State lands on the Dead Lakes, by order of the Trustees, was approved and Secretary instructed to draw checks in payment of same.

The matter of trespass on the Dead Lakes, with all correspondence thereto, was referred to the Special Counsel to examine and report with his recommendations to the Trustees.

Mr. Luning moved that the Chief Drainage Engineer make a survey of the State lands, formerly covered by waters of Lake Flirt, and report to the Trustees as to the number of acres in same, character and value of said lands. Seconded by Mr. McRae and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Luning also made motion that the Chief Drainage Engineer make examination of the unsurveyed Marsh lands lying in the North Half of Northeast Quarter and

fraction of Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 41 East, containing 102 acres, which Messrs. Hudson, Wolfe & Cason have applied to purchase for the Oneida Land Company, and report on same to the Trustees with his opinion as to the value and amount the said lands should bring. Seconded by Mr. McRae and upon vote adopted.

Report from Mr. Andrew Carter, who was employed by the Trustees to investigate the improvements made by Oren Van Horn in Section 9, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, and of other settlers near Lake Okeechobee, was considered. Mr. McRae moved that Mr. Van Horn be allowed to purchase all lands in the Northwest Quarter of said Section, lying one-fourth mile from the Meander line of said Lake, on which he has made improvements, at \$100.00 per acre on terms of one-fourth cash and one-fourth in One, Two and Three years after date of purchase, with 6% interest per annum on deferred payments, and that he be allowed to purchase the lot on which he has erected a house, lying within one-fourth mile of the Lake, as soon as it can be surveyed and platted into small lots and price fixed on same by the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Luning and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor,

Attest:

Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, Aug. 4, 1920.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor,

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,

J. C. Luning, Treasurer,

W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of June 28 and 29 and July 12, 16, 23, 29 and 30 read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, July, 1920	\$192.50
Glenn Terrell, Salary as Special Counsel, July, 1920	91.65
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, July, 1920 ..	66.66
Mary Herring, Salary as stenographer, July, 1920.	5.16
Jentye Dedge, Salary as Stenographer, July, 1920.	20.16
Walker, Evans & Cogswell, Metal Filing Case, bill of July, 1920	20.60
J. L. Overstreet, Tax Collector, For recording fees, July, 1920	1.25
George O. Butler, Recording Certificate Tampa & Jacksonville Railway Co. v. S. J. Catts, bill of July 10, 1920	1.25
Miami Herald, Advertisement Submerged lands for sale July 23, 1920, bill of July, 1920.....	18.75
Miami Metropolis, Advertisement sale submerged lands, July 23, 1920, bill of July, 1920.....	21.00
H. & W. B. Drew Company, MultiKopy carbon, bill of July, 1920	\$4.11
1 Cushion Stamp, July, 1920	1.74
5 Dz. Binding Strips, July, 1920.....	7.11—12.96
F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer, To Reimbursement expenses trip to Ft. Lauderdale, in re Broward Drainage District.....	36.32
	<u>\$488.26</u>

Financial Statement for July, 1920, was presented and same was ordered placed of record.

Financial Statement July, 1920.

To Balance on hand July 1, 1920. \$	93,501.08
To Board of Commissioners Everglades Drainage District, Tolls.	127.25
To Redemption Drainage Tax Certificates, July, 1920.....	192.23
To Interest on Bank Deposits....	1,931.76
To Interest on Pelican Lake Bonds	450.00

To Refund, Tax Collector Broward County	1,982.85
To Southern States Land & Timber Company, Payment in full, 50% and 37%, Laterals A. & B. Canals	5,050.18
To Land Sales, July, 1920.....	14,704.42
To Sale Four Bound Volume Minutes	8.00
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	\$117,947.77
By Disbursements, July, 1920...\$	13,799.41
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To Balance on Hand August 1, 1920	\$104,148.36

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash on Hand.....\$	1,000.00
To Cash in Banks.....	103,148.36—\$104,148.36

Deposited in Following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..\$	15,583.56
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	9,914.40
Florida National, Jacksonville..	3,950.35
First National, Ft. Myers.....	2,000.00
First National, W. Palm Beach..	132.88
Capital City, Tallahassee.....	15,899.51
Exchange, Tallahassee	46,335.38
Lewis State, Tallahassee.....	9,332.28—\$103,148.36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	Check No.	Amount.
July 12, 1920.	4377—C. B. Gwynn....	\$ 192.50
July 12,	4378—Glenn Terrell ..	91.65
July 12,	4379—J. Stuart Lewis	66.66
July 12,	4380—Mary Herring ..	40.33
July 12,	4381—Glenn Terrell...	116.65
July 12,	4382—W. H. Kaufman.	1.00
July 12,	4383—Western Union Telegraph Co....	8.94
July 12,	4384—P. C. Eldred....	1.10
July 12,	4385—Ben Shepard....	3.15

July 12, 4386—Palm Publishing Company	18.75	
July 12, 4387—Mrs. F. C. Elliot	15.00	
July 12, 4388—Board of Com missioners Palm Beach County..	9,000.00	
July 16, 4389—Mary O. Bryan.	312.50	
July 16, 4390—South Florida Dredging Co....	2,188.60	
July 16, 4391—Okeechobee Call.	9.00	
July 16, 4392—Cyril Baldwin, Tax Collector...	1,733.58	\$13,799.41

SCHOOL FUND.

July 1, To Balance.....	\$147,034.98	
July 16, By 25% Entry 16759 Mary O. Bryan, Refunded \$312.50.....	78.12	
		\$146,956.86
July 31, To 25% July Sales \$14,704.42.....	\$3,676.10	
August 1, To Balance	\$150,632.96	

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, August 5, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Dr. E. C. Chambers appeared before the Board and stated that he had been unable to sell lands in the Ever

glades which he had contracted to purchase from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, as per agreement dated July 9, 1913, on account of said lands being located in that part of the Glades that had not received as much benefit from the drainage and reclamation work as other lands more favorably located now being offered for sale, and requested the Trustees to reduce the price on the said lands under contract of purchase. After discussion it was agreed that Trustees could not make any reduction in the price of said lands, but if it was agreeable to Dr. Chambers they would cancel the contract now existing and release him from said agreement of July 9, 1913. Dr. Chambers stated that it would be satisfactory to have such agreement cancelled, and upon vote the Trustees agreed to have the Special Counsel of the Trustees investigate said agreement and draw such papers as are necessary to accomplish such cancellation.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Geo. K. Armes, Services as Surveyor 16 days. Expenses as per bill of July 28, 1920.....	\$236.16
W. T. Byrd, Surveyor 5 days @ \$7.00.....	\$35.00
Hotel bill Geo. K. Armes.....	34.50— 69.50
J. W. Linton, Use Motor Boat 9½ trips @ \$4.00..	38.00
R. M. Dixon, Rodman—2 days @ \$3.50.....	7.00
Mathew Brown, Rodman—4 days @ \$3.50.....	14.00
W. J. Linton, Rodman—1 day @ \$3.50.....	3.50
Tom Ashe, Axeman—9 days @ \$2.50.....	22.50
	\$390.66

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, September 3, 1920.

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

Present:

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

This date having been set to consider bids for the purchase of Sections 21-22 and 23, Township 54 South, Range 37 East, the same having been advertised by order of the Trustees July 29, 1920, in the Miami Metropolis, a newspaper published in the county in which the lands lie, once a week for five weeks, as required by law, the Secretary was instructed to open the bids.

Mr. Paul C. Taylor of Miami, bid \$8.50 per acre for said lands upon the following terms: \$3273.60 cash, and \$3261.60 payable March 3, 1921; \$3261.60 payable September 3, 1921; \$3261.60 payable March 3, 1922, and \$3261.60 September 3, 1922, with Six per cent on deferred payments. There being no other bids Mr. McRae moved that the bid of Mr. Paul C. Taylor be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:	
C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department for August, 1920	\$ 192.50
Glenn Terrell, Special Counsel, Salary for August, 1920	91.65
J. Stuart Lewis, Salary as Secretary, for August, 1920	66.66
Jentye Dedge, Stenographer, Salary for August, 1920	40.33
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Ct. Court, Recording Certificate Tampa & Jacksonville Ry. vs. Sidney J. Catts	1.50
H. & W. B. Drew Co., Rubber Stamp, bill of July 31, 1920	1.53
State Farm, Expense inspection of land N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, bill of August 18, 1920.....	12.40
Geo. I. Davis, Postmaster, Stamps for Office..	5.00
South Florida Dredging Company, Estimate No. 10 Final Laterals A and B Canals, July, 1920	198.00
	\$ 609.57

Financial Statement for the month of August was presented, approved and ordered placed of record.

Financial Statement for August, 1920.

To Bal. on hand Aug. 1, 1920..	\$104,148.36	
To Bd. Commrs. Ev.		
Drainage Dis. Tolls...	\$215.74	
Refund Overpayment		
Wheeler	2.00	217.74
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To Interest		37.22
To Redemption Drainage Tax		
Certificates		150.69
To Refund Tax Collector DeSoto		
Co. Drainage Tax		16.00
Refund Overpayment Armes ...		4.00
To Land Sales	29,348.30	
To Timber Lake Ocheesee.....	1,806.75	
To Sale One Unbound Volume		
Minutes50
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	\$135,729.56	
By Disbursements August, 1920..	878.92	\$134,850.64
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RECAPITULATION.

To Cash on Hand.....	\$ 1,000.00	
To Cash in Banks.....	133,850.64	\$134,850.64
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Deposited in following Banks:

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..	\$ 18,963.70	
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	12,391.18	
Florida National, Jacksonville..	27,680.43	
First National, Fort Myers.....	2,000.00	
First National, West Palm Beach	132.88	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee..	15,899.51	
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee ...	46,616.76	
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee..	11,166.18	\$133,850.64
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	Check No.		
Aug. 2,	4393—	C. B. Gwynn	\$ 192.50
Aug. 2,	4394—	Glenn Terrell	91.65
Aug. 2,	4395—	J. Stuart Lewis	66.66
Aug. 2,	4396—	Mary Herring	5.16
Aug. 2,	4397—	Jentye Dedge	20.16
Aug. 2,	4398—	Walker, Evans & Cogswell.....	20.60
Aug. 2,	4399—	J. L. Overstreet	1.25
Aug. 2,	4400—	Miami Metropolis	21.00
Aug. 2,	4401—	Miami Herald	18.75
Aug. 2,	4402—	George O. Butler	1.25
Aug. 2,	4403—	H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	12.96
Aug. 2,	4404—	F. C. Elliott	36.32
Aug. 5,	4405—	Geo. K. Armes	236.16
Aug. 5,	4406—	W. T. Byrd	69.50
Aug. 5,	4407—	W. J. Linton	38.00
Aug. 5,	4408—	R. M. Dixon	7.00
Aug. 5,	4409—	Matthew Brown	14.00
Aug. 5,	4410—	W. J. Linton	3.50
Aug. 5,	4411—	Tom Ashe	22.50
			\$ 878.92

The following communication from Chief Drainage Engineer was read and ordered placed of record:

“Tallahassee, Florida, August 16, 1920.

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,

Tallahassee, Florida.

Gentlemen:

There is transmitted herewith Estimate No. 10 in favor of South Florida Dredging Company for work on Lateral “B” West Palm Beach Canal.

This is the final Estimate on this work, through which two lateral canals have been constructed jointly by Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund and Southern States Land and Timber Company.

Lateral "A" is 5.30 miles long and excavation therefrom amounts to 231,917 cubic yards, the total cost was \$25,510.87. Lands through which this canal passes are owned in equal amounts by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and Southern States Land & Timber Company, and the expenses of construction was divided equally. Lateral "B" is 4.61 miles long and excavation therefrom amounts to 211,092 cubic yards, the total cost was \$21,109.20. The lands through which Lateral "B" passes belong to the Southern States Land & Timber Company and to the Trustees in the ratio of 37% by Southern States Land & Timber Company, and 63% by the State. The total cost of laterals "A" and "B" was \$46,620.20. The part of the above borne by Southern States Land & Timber Company is \$20,565.84. The part of the above borne by the Trustees is \$26,054.23.

Yours very truly,

F. C. ELLIOT,

Chief Drainage Engineer."

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor,

Attest:

Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 15, 1920.

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

Present:

Sidney J. Catts, Governor

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,

W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary stated that the Trustees were indebted to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District in the sum of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-five and 90/100 Dollars (\$7,975.90), being

the amount secured by the Trustees for Tolls, maps, blue-prints, etc., for 1918, 1919 and to August 31st, 1920. Mr. McRae moved that check for the above amount be drawn in favor of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and paid to the Treasurer of said Board. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Board Commissioners Ev. Drainage District, to tolls collected 1918-1919 and to Aug. 31, 1920, maps, blue-prints, etc.	\$ 7,975.90
Western Union Telegraph Company, to service for months of July and August, 1920..	7.63
Ben Sheppard, Clerk Circuit Court, to recording Certificate Tampa & Jacksonville Railway Co. v. Sidney J. Catts.....	1.40
George D. Barnard, Stationery Company, Interest Calculator, Stamp Rack.....	2.52
	\$ 7,987.45

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, September 18, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District having requested a loan of \$90,000.00 to pay current bills on account of being short of funds in the Bond Fund, Mr. McRae moved that the Trustees make this loan at 3%, said amount payable on or before January

1st, 1921. Seconded by Mr. Amos, and, upon vote, adopted. Secretary was instructed to draw checks.

Loan Board Commr's Ev. Drainage District. \$ 90,000.00

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, Sept. 20, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of August 4th, 5th, Sept. 3rd, 15th and 18th read and approved.

Mr. J. B. McDonald, who had purchased 4,200 acres of land in Township 41 South, Range 42 East, for the Boston-Palm Beach Development Company, on December 23rd, 1919, appeared before the Trustees and stated that his client asked for an extension on the first payment, as follows, to-wit:

Four thousand dollars payable now and a payment of \$3,000.00 on December 1st, 1920, and the balance of first payment on December 30th, 1920.

After discussion the extension requested was granted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller.

Attest: Acting Chairman.
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, Sept. 27, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Messrs. Rickards and Cromartie, representing Broward County, appeared before the Trustees relative to certain lands heretofore applied for, set aside to aid in the construction of canals and roadways to be built on said canal banks in Broward County. Mr. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer, being present, stated that about twenty-six miles of the North New River Canal in Broward County should be excavated to a greater depth. Such funds could be used on such canal. Mr. McRae moved that a committee be appointed to confer with Messrs. Rickards and Cromartie and select such lands and price for same and report at a meeting to be held this afternoon. Seconded by Mr. Luning, and, upon vote, adopted. Whereupon the Chairman appointed Messrs. Amos and Luning on said committee.

Mr. Luning moved that all lands owned by the Trustees in Township 41 South, Range 38 East be withdrawn from market and be set aside to be used for a State Farm, and that the Trustees exchange, if possible, lands outside of said Township and Range to parties who own several Sections in Township 41 South, Range 38 East. Seconded by Mr. Amos, and, upon vote, adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees recessed to meet at 4 P. M.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, Sept. 27, 1920.

4 O'clock P. M.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met in the office of the Governor, pursuant to adjourned meeting.

Present:

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

The Committee appointed at the morning meeting of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reported and stated that they had made a selection of lands to be set aside to aid Broward County in Canal and Road construction, whereupon the Committee presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Chamber of Commerce of Fort Lauderdale, through its Committee, Messrs. Rickards and Cromattie, have represented to the Trustees that it cannot sell the lands heretofore set apart at the request of Broward County, at the prices named by the Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Said Committee has asked the Trustees to set aside the following described lands, to-wit:

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, in Township 49 South, Range 38 East, and Sections 6, 8, 18, 20 and Southwest Quarter of 28, and all of Sections 30 and Township 49 South, Range 39 East, in Broward County, Florida, stating they will bid not less than Five Dollars per acre for the same and agree to construct a hard surface road of standard, 14-foot, dimensions on the South bank of the North New River Canal from the Township line dividing Townships 39 and 40 in a Northwesterly direction to the North boundary lines of Broward County; payments to be made as follows:

Ten thousand dollars cash, balance in one, two and three years with six per cent. interest on deferred payments. This proposition to be open for ninety days.

Mr. McRae moved the adoption of the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Amos, and unanimously adopted by all members present.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Attest:

Acting Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 5th, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Salary as Chief Clerk, Land Department, for September, 1920	\$ 192.50
Glenn Terrell, Special Counsel, Salary for September, 1920	91.65
J. Stuart Lewis, Secretary, Salary for September, 1920	66.66
Jentye Dedge, Stenographer, Salary for September, 1920	40.33
Western Union Telegraph Co., Services for September, 1920	4.54
J. F. Garner, Clerk Circuit Court, Recording Certificate Tampa & Jacksonville Ry. Co. vs. Sidney J. Catts, et al.....	1.00
C. B. Gwynn, Expense trip of inspection of land in the Everglades	62.22
J. F. Johnson, Clerk Circuit Court, Recording Deed	2.00

Metropolis Publishing Company, Miami, Advertising Sale of Lands September 12, 1920....	4.75
George I. Davis, P. M., Deposit on order for Stamped Envelopes	10.00
	\$ 475.65

Financial Statement for September, 1920, was read and ordered placed of record.

Financial Statement for September, 1920.

To Bal. on hand Sept. 1, 1920...	\$134,850.64	
To Bd Commrs Ev. Dr.		
Dist. Tolls Ceptember, 1920	\$330.26	
Sale Dynamite	96.25	426.51
		17.02
To Redemption Drainage Tax Certificates		17.02
To Land Sales		8,746.87
To Land Leased		200.00
To Sale Minutes		2.00
		\$144,243.04
By Disbursements Sept., 1920...	98,597.02	
		\$ 45,646.02

RECAPITULATION.

To Cash on Hand.....	\$ 1,000.00	
To Cash in Banks.....	44,646.02	\$ 45,646.02

Deposited in Following Banks:

Otlantic National, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 6,403.08
Barnett National, Jacksonville, Fla.	2,391.18
Florida National, Jacksonville, Fla.	2,680.43
First National, Fort Myers, Fla.	2,000.00

First National, West Palm Beach Fla.	132.88
Capital City, Tallahassee, Fla.	5,899.51
Exchange, Tallahassee, Fla.	23,972.76
Lewis State, Tallahassee, Fla.	1,166.18
	<u>\$ 44,646.02</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check No.		
1920.			
Sept. 2,	4412—C. B. Gwynn	\$	192.50
Sept. 2,	4413—Glenn Terrell		91.65
Sept. 2,	4414—J. Stuart Lewis		66.66
Sept. 2,	4415—Jentye Dedge		40.13
Sept. 2,	4416—Frank A. Bryan		1.50
Sept. 2,	4417—H. & W. B. Drew Co.		1.53
Sept. 2,	4418—State Farm		12.40
Sept. 2,	4419—Geo. I. Davis, P. M.		5.00
Sept. 2,	4420—South Fla. Dredging Co.		198.00
Sept. 15,	4421—Board Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dis- trict		7,975.90
Sept. 15,	4422—Western Union Tel. Co.		7.63
Sept. 15,	4423—Ben Sheppard, C. C. C.		1.40
Sept. 15,	4424—Geo. D. Barnard		2.52
Sept. 18,	4425—Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dist.		15,000.00
Sept. 18,	4426—Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dist.		10,000.00
Sept. 18,	4427—Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dist.		25,000.00
Sept. 18,	4428—Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dist.		10,000.00
Sept. 18,	4429—Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dist.		10,000.00
Sept. 19,	4430—Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dist.		20,000.00
			<u>\$98,597.02</u>

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor,

Attest:

Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 12, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Bids for the sale of lands in Palm Beach County as ordered advertised by the Trustees by request of Messrs. O'Brien and Stevenson was considered. The said lands having been advertised once a week for five consecutive weeks in the Miami Herald of Miami, Florida, Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, and the Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, a newspaper published in the County in which such lands are located, as required by law, and affidavits of said publication having been filed with the Secretary of the Trustees. The Secretary stated that no bids had been received. The Governor, Chairman of the Trustees, presented the following telegram:

"Moore Haven, Fla., Oct. 11, 1920.

"Hon. Sidney J. Catts, Governor,

"Tallahassee, Florida.

"Parties interested in State land matter here and owing to conditions of advertisement and physical condition of property cannot make bid with any hope of carrying out conditions and unable to come to Tallahassee in person and have sent Mr. Graham, who will explain to you and Board all circumstances. This matter is of such importance to the State that under the circumstances conditions should be revised and readjusted. Will you state this to the Board for me and arrange for me a meeting with them at your convenience with that end in view. In the meantime we are ready to pay all expenses the Board has incurred.

"D. W. STEVENSON."

Mr. Graham, representing Messrs. O'Brien and Stevenson, being presented stated that the foregoing telegram stated the reason why Messrs. O'Brien and Stevenson were unable to make a bid at this time. Mr. Amos moved

that the sale of land as advertised be declared off and the matter closed; seconded by Mr. Swearingen, and, upon vote, unanimously adopted.

Mr. C. C. Chillingworth appeared before the Trustees relative to the exchange of lands, which was under consideration March 29, 1920, and asked for certain exchanges. Mr. Luning moved that a committee of two be appointed to go over the lands to be exchanged and report to the Trustees; seconded by Mr. McRae, and, upon vote, adopted. The Chair appointed Messrs. McRae and Special Counsel Terrell as such committee.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

The Florida Times-Union, advertising lands for sale in Palm Beach County, Sept. 6th to Oct. 7th, 1920	\$ 40.50
The Miami Herald, advertising lands for sale in Palm Beach County, Sept. 6th to Oct. 7th, 1920	40.50
Palm Beach Post, advertising lands for sale in Palm Beach County, Sept. 6th to Oct. 7th, 1920	40.50
A. L. Durrance, Clerk Circuit Court DeSoto County, recording seven deeds, bill Oct. 8th, 1920	10.15
Geo. I. Davis, Postmaster, stamps for general office	7.00
	\$ 138.65

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, October 21, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Mr. Paul C. Taylor of Miami, made written application to purchase for a client Sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36, in Township 53 South, Range 37, East, containing 3,840 acres, more or less, and agreed to bid not less than \$8.00 per acre on the date the land is offered for sale, and to pay one-tenth of the purchase price, balance in three equal annual payments, with 6% interest per annum on deferred payments, and to plant at least fifty acres of sugar cane upon each section as soon as said land can be prepared for cultivation provided he is the successful bidder.

Mr. Luning moved that the land be advertised for sale in a newspaper in the County in which the land is located, as required by law. Motion seconded by Mr. McRae, and, upon vote, adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, October 25, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Mr. B. B. Tatum of the Tatum Land Company, and Mr. H. E. Barnes, Attorney for the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, appeared before the Trustees and stated that the Pennsylvania Sugar Company had made a year's experiment in sugar growing in the Everglades at a cost of a million dollars and that said experiment and investigation had not proven entirely satisfactory, and as their option for the purchase of lands from the Tatum Land Company (said lands having been purchased from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund) would expire on November 1st, 1920, and they would be willing to carry on investigations and sugar cane growing tests for another year, provided the Trustees would extend the payments due them by said Tatum Land Company, and said Company requested the Trustees to make such extension that they may renew their option with the Tatum Land Company. After due consideration of the conditions, etc., Mr. Amos moved that the extension be granted. Seconded by Mr. Swearingen and upon vote unanimously adopted. Whereupon the following agreement between the Trustees and the Tatum Land Company was prepared and presented by the Special Counsel of the Trustees for approval and execution. Upon vote to execute the said Agreement all members voted yea, except Mr. Swearingen, who voted No to clause Three of said Agreement.

AGREEMENT.

THIS AGREEMENT, Made and entered into, in duplicate, this the 25th day of October, A. D. 1920, by and between Sidney J. Catts, Governor, Ernest Amos, Comptroller, J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, Van C. Swearingen, Attorney General, and W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture, of and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and their successors in office, hereinafter referred to as the Trustees, and the Tatum Land Company, a corporation, authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the Tatums, WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, In and by a certain mortgage deed, dated September 24, A. D. 1917, and recorded November 10, A. D. 1917, in the records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court

of Broward County, Florida, in Mortgage Volume 5, at page 68, the Tatum Land Company granted, bargained, sold and conveyed to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, certain Everglades lands, therein more particularly described, situated in Broward County, Florida, in trust, to secure the payment of thirteen (13) notes, bearing even date therewith and payable as therein set forth, aggregating the sum of One Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-four and 90/100 Dollars (1,497,324.90); and

WHEREAS, The first three of the said notes, aggregating One Hundred and Fifty-two Thousand (\$152,000.00) have been paid in full, with interest, and the ten (10) remaining notes therein mentioned, and more particularly referred to, are still outstanding and unpaid; and,

WHEREAS, The Tatum Land Company has, through its representative, Mr. B. B. Tatum, applied to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for an extension of twelve months in the payment of said notes, as hereinafter set forth:

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH, That for and in consideration of certain valuable development made and hereinafter to be made upon the said lands by the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, lessees of the said Tatum Land Company, and holding an option of purchase of the said lands, and for other good and valuable considerations, hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

FIRST. The Tatum Land Company agrees to pay to the said Trustees the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (75,000.00) in cash, on or before November 1, 1920, said amount of \$75,000.00 to be applied on note No. 4, listed in the mortgage deed above referred to, and due November 1, 1919, in the sum of Ninety-four Thousand Dollars (\$94,000.00).

SECOND. The Trustees hereby agree to extend the maturity dates and times of payment for the remaining notes, numbered 5 to 13, inclusive, and more particularly described in the mortgage deed above referred to, as follows:

Note No. 5, due April 1, 1920, extended to November 1, 1921.

Note No. 6, due November 1, 1920, extended to April 1, 1922.

Note No. 7, due April 1, 1921, extended to November 1, 1922.

Note No. 8, due November 1, 1921, extended to April 1, 1923.

Note No. 9, due April 1, 1922, extended to November 1, 1923.

Note No. 10, due November 1, 1922, extended to April 1, 1924.

Note No. 11, due April 1, 1923, extended to November 1, 1924.

Note No. 12, due November 1, 1923, extended to April 1, 1925.

Note No. 13, due December 31, 1924, extended to April 1, 1925.

THIRD. It is understood and agreed that the foregoing notes shall bear interest at six per cent (6%) from their respective dates of making to their original maturity dates as set forth in the said mortgage deed, but that additional interest shall not be charged and paid for the period of the extension as above granted.

FOURTH. Except as hereinabove set forth, the said mortgage deed shall remain in all respects unchanged and unmodified, and is hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said Trustees have hereunto set their hands and caused the seal of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed, duly attested; and the said Tatum Land Company has caused its common or corporate seal to be hereunto affixed by its proper officers, to this and to another instrument of like character, the day and year first above written.

SIDNEY J. CATTS. (Seal)

ERNEST AMOS. (Seal)

VAN C. SWEARINGEN. (Seal)

J. C. LUNING. (Seal)

W. A. McRAE. (Seal)

THE TATUM LAND COMPANY,

B. B. TATUM, President.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

J. STUART LEWIS.

GLENN TERRELL.

WITNESSES as to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

J. STUART LEWIS.

F. C. ELLIOT.

Witnesses as to the Tatum Land Company.

The following supplemental agreement between the Trustees and the Pennsylvania Sugar Company was presented, approved and executed:

"Supplement to the Agreement of October 27, A. D. 1919, between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the Pennsylvania Sugar Company.

The provisions, terms, conditions, grants and concessions contained in the foregoing agreement between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, for the same considerations as therein set forth, and the further sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, are hereby extended so as to include and apply to any and all other lands (additional to those described in Schedule A, attached to and a part of the aforesaid agreement of October 27, 1919); leased or purchased, or which may hereafter be leased or purchased or otherwise acquired in Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and or Lee Counties, Florida, by the said Pennsylvania Sugar Company, and the individual owners connected and associated with the said Pennsylvania Sugar Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said Trustees have hereunto set their hands and caused the seal of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed, duly attested this the 25th day of October, A. D. 1920.

SIDNEY J. CATTS. (Seal)

ERNEST AMOS. (Seal)

VAN C. SWEARINGEN. (Seal)

J. C. LUNING. (Seal)

W. A. McRAE. (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

J. STUART LEWIS.
GLENN TERRELL.

WITNESSES.

Mr. Tatum made application for the release of twenty-seven sections of land, in accordance with contract with the Trustees, and requested same forwarded to the Pennsylvania Sugar Company with draft for \$76,160.00 attached, for payment upon delivery of said release.

No. 16,571.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

COUNTY OF LEON.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and B. B. Tatum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited and for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quit-claim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida as security for the payment of said indebtedness and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for construction of railroad, as aforesaid, certain lands, tenements, hereditaments, lying and situate in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included the following, to-wit:

All of Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33, Township Forty-nine South, Range Thirty-eight East. Also Sections 2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17, Township Fifty,

South, Range Thirty-eight East, containing Ten Thousand and Eight Hundred and Eight acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would execute and deliver release of the lands conveyed by said mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the Miami Canal in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof, then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before securing such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, The said Mortgagor has made written request for a release of the lands above described from the lien of the said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed; now, therefore,

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Seventy-six Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$76,160.00) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid mortgagor, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

All of Sections 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33, Township Forty-nine (49) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) East. All Sections 2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17, Township Fifty (50) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) East, containing Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty (10,880) acres, more or less, are hereby released and discharged from the lien of said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED, That the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto set their hands and seals and caused the Seal of the said, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the 26th day of October, A. D. 1920.

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

(Seal)

Witnesses:

C. B. GWYNN,

J. STUART LEWIS,

Mr. Paul C. Taylor requested the advertisement of the following lands:

All of Sections 26, 27 and 28, Township 54 South, Range 37 East, containing 1920 acres, and agrees to bid not less than \$8.50 per acre on date of sale, and if he is the successful bidder the terms to be one-tenth cash, the balance in three equal annual payments, with 6% interest on deferred payments. Mr. Amos moved that the Secretary advertise said land for sale as required by law. Seconded by Mr. McRae and, upon vote, adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 26, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The following agreement was presented, approved and executed:

AGREEMENT:

WHEREAS, Under date of November 17, A. D. 1910, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund entered into an agreement with Dr. E. C. Chambers, of Kansas City, Missouri, for the purchase of 50,560 acres of lands in the Everglades by the said Chambers from the said Trustees, which agreement was on May 25th, A. D. 1912, and again on July 9, A. D. 1913, and again on March 1, A. D. 1920, on application of the said Dr. E. C. Chambers modified and changed as to certain details, which modifications and changes are more specifically set out in the minutes of this Board of the dates as above enumerated, and

WHEREAS, Under date of August 5, A. D. 1920, the said Dr. E. C. Chambers applied to this Board in person, and requested that other modifications and changes be made in the contracts and agreements as above enumerated, which modifications and changes as requested on the part of the said Dr. E. C. Chambers, this Board after due consideration decided that it could not make, and

WHEREAS, After further negotiations between the said Dr. E. C. Chambers and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on account of certain mutual considerations inuring to the said Chambers and the said Trustees as a result of such action, it was agreed by and be-

tween each of the parties hereto that each and all of the foregoing contracts and the said contracts as amended should be cancelled and abrogated, and in lieu thereof a new contract should be entered into by the said parties on terms and conditions therein specified and agreed to.

NOW, THEREFORE, In consideration of certain mutual benefits that will inure to the said Dr. E. C. Chambers and the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, it is hereby agreed, declared, and resolved that the contract and agreement entered into between them under date of November 17, A. D. 1910, as amended and modified under date of May 25, A. D. 1912, and as further amended and modified under date of July 9, A. D. 1913, and as further modified under date of March 1, A. D. 1920, be and the same is hereby cancelled, revoked, and abrogated in toto, and that neither of the said parties hereto shall hereafter be bound or obligated by any of the provisions thereof, except such provisions therein enumerated as have been fully executed, and except that said Dr. E. C. Chambers shall be allowed to use the sum of \$32,829.85, that amount having been paid by him in excess of lands that have been deeded to said Chambers at the contract price, in the purchase of other lands at a price per acre satisfactory to the Trustees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties have set their hands and affixed their seals to this, and to other instruments of like tenor and date, at Tallahassee, Florida, this 26th day of October, A. D. 1920.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, (Seal)
Governor.

VAN C. SWEARINGEN, (Seal)
Attorney General.

ERNEST AMOS, (Seal)
Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING, (Seal)
Treasurer.

W. A. McRAE, (Seal)
Commissioner of Agriculture.

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

E. C. CHAMBERS, (Seal)

Executed as to the Trustees of the
Internal Improvement Fund in
the presence of:

C. B. GWYNN,
J. STUART LEWIS.

Executed as to Dr. E. C. Chambers
in the presence of:

C. B. GWYNN,
J. STUART LEWIS.

It was ordered that the following lands in DeSoto
County be advertised for sale as required by law:

Unsurveyed Part Sec. 25, T. 42 S., R. 29 E.
Unsurveyed Part Sec. 26, T. 42 S., R. 29 E.
Unsurveyed Part Sec. 35, T. 42 S., R. 29 E.
Unsurveyed Part Sec. 36, T. 42 S., R. 29 E.

containing 883.05 acres, more or less.

The following lands in Dade and Broward Counties were
ordered advertised for sale as required by law. All Section
24; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of
SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 26; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
Section 28; all Section 32, South Miami Canal; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 34;
NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36.

*Township 52 South, Range 40 East, in Dade County,
Florida.*

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of
SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$
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of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of
NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 26; all Section 34; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
Section 36.

Township 49 South, Range 40 East.

All Section 2; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 32; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 36.

Township 50 South, Range 40 East.

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 4; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 6; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 8.

Township 51 South, Range 40 East.

in Broward County, containing 5621.31 acres, more or less.

Upon motion duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, November 5, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 9, 12, 21, 25 and 26 read and approved.

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Chief Clerk, Land Department,
Salary for October, 1920\$192.50

Glenn Terrell, Special Counsel, Salary for October, 1920	91.65
J. Stuart Lewis, Secretary, Salary for October, 1920	66.66
Jentye Dedge, Stenographer, Salary for October, 1920	40.33
Geo. O. Butler, Clerk Circuit Court, Recording Deeds, Bill of October 16, 1920.....	66.10
J. L. Markham, Clerk Circuit Court, Recording Deeds, Bill of October 15, 1920	1.25
	\$458.49

Financial Statement for the month of October was read and ordered placed of record.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER, 1920.

To Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1920..\$	45,646.02
To Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist.	
Tolls	187.80
To Redemption Drainage Tax Certificates	16.48
To Interest	866.32
To Note Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist.	90,119.97
To sale Land Under Chapter 7862	594.82
To Land Sales	16,001.11
	\$153,432.52
Disbursements October, 1920 ...	618.30—\$152,814.22

RECAPITULATION.

To cash on hand	\$ 1,000.00
To cash in banks	151,814.22—\$152,814.22

DEPOSITED IN FOLLOWING BANKS.

Atlantic National, Jacksonville..\$	16,576.92
Barnett National, Jacksonville..	2,477.39
Florida National, Jacksonville ..	92,893.62
First National, Ft. Myers	2,000.00
First National, West Palm Beach	132.88

Capital City, Tallahassee	6,013.87
Exchange, Tallahassee	27,110.65
Lewis State, Tallahassee	4,608.89—\$151,814 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	Voucher	Amount.
1920.	No.	
Oct. 1.	4431—C. B. Gwynn	\$192.50
Oct. 1.	4432—Glenn Terrell	91.65
Oct. 1.	4433—J. Stuart Lewis	66.66
Oct. 1.	4434—Jentye Dedge	40.33
Oct. 1.	4435—Western Union Tel. Co.	4.54
Oct. 1.	4436—J. F. Garner, CCC.	1.00
Oct. 1.	4437—C. B. Gwynn	66.22
Oct. 1.	4438—J. F. Johnson, CCC.	2.00
Oct. 1.	4439—Metropolis Pub. Co.	4.75
Oct. 1.	4440—Geo. I. Davis, P. M.	10.00
Oct. 12.	4441—Miami Herald	40.50
Oct. 12.	4442—Florida Times-Union	40.50
Oct. 12.	4443—Palms Pub. Co.	40.50
Oct. 12.	4444—A. L. Durrance, CCC.	10.15
Oct. 12.	4445—Geo. I. Davis, P. M.	7.00
		\$618.30

Pursuant to the policy of this Board, the Chief Drainage Engineer submitted his report on the status of all land surveys made in the Everglades to this date, and on examination of said report the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The lands better known as the Everglades were patented to the State of Florida by the United States, April 29, 1903, under the provision of the Swamp Land Grant Act of September 28, 1850, as containing two million eight hundred sixty-two thousand two hundred and eighty (2,862,280) acres, all of which were unsurveyed, and were defined by exterior boundaries, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, in whom the title and administration of the said lands is vested, did on January 2, 1905, June 10, 1907, December 29, 1910, and December 23, 1912, adopt and

promulgate certain resolutions and instructions providing for proper surveys and descriptions of the said lands, and

WHEREAS, The Chief Drainage Engineer submitted a comprehensive report covering all surveys that have been made pursuant to the resolution and instruction as above referred to, which surveys, field notes, instructions, maps and plats thereof, have been ratified, confirmed, and validated by Chapter 7862 of the Acts of 1919, Laws of Florida, Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that the report of the Chief Drainage Engineer, covering the surveys, including all maps, plats, and field notes thereof, executed or prepared by him, or under his direction, affecting the Everglades of Florida, be and the same is hereby accepted, adopted and approved by this Board, and that the said report be and is hereby made the report of this Board, and incorporated in the Minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as a part of its official and permanent record.

Done and ordered in regular session this 5th day of November, A. D. 1920.

"Tallahassee, Florida, October 30, 1920.

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

The subject of this report is the survey of Everglades Land.

The subject of surveying the lands of the Everglades has been before the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund practically ever since the State obtained title to them.

The Everglades are among those lands which came to the State under the provisions of an Act of Congress of September 28th, 1850, known as the Swamp and Overflowed Land Grant Act. Conveyance was made by patent dated April 29, 1903.

There is no complete data or compiled information on the subject of Everglades surveys, records are scattered

and fragmentary, and no comprehensive report relating to the same has ever been prepared. The ever increasing importance of the subject is, in the judgment of your Engineer, justification for submitting a reliable and accurate report thereon.

The Everglades were patented to the State of Florida by the United States as *unsurveyed lands*. The patent described the lands comprising the Everglades by metes and bounds. The opening language of the description in the patent from the Government to the State is as follows: "The Everglades, being the swamp and overflowed lands within the following *metes and bounds*." The perimeter of the Everglades Tract was delineated and defined by exterior survey lines and by natural boundaries. The survey lines were those run by the Federal Government around the outside of the Everglades, terminating in the marginal land where the higher ground merged into the marsh of the Glades. The natural boundaries were the shores of Lake Okeechobee at the Northern edge of the Everglades and the shores of the sea at their Southern edge. The description follows the line set forth on the accompanying plat, which is a photographic print from tracing prepared by the United States of the original Everglades Patent, "containing in the aggregate an *estimated* area of two million, eight hundred and sixty-two thousand, two hundred and eighty acres (2,862,280)". Photo print of departmental letter transmitting the plat is also shown herewith.

"1904-220,104.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
GENERAL LAND OFFICE.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 30, 1904.

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SWS.

Address Only The
Commissioner of the
General Land Office,

Commissioner of Agriculture,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Sir:

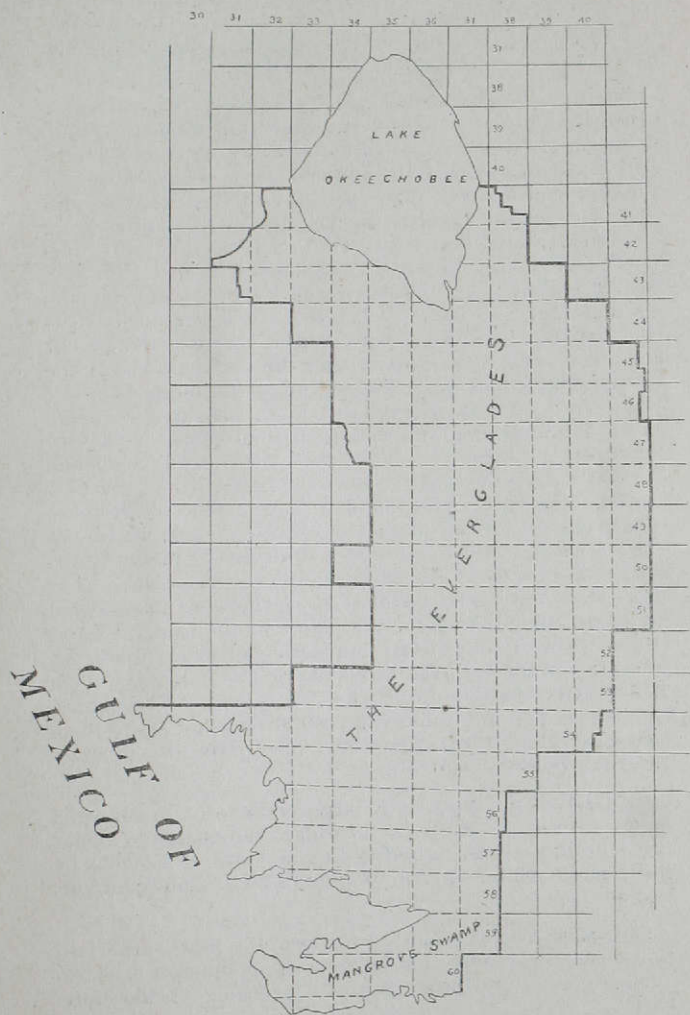
In compliance with your request of Dec. 16, 1904, there is sent you, herewith, a tracing from a diagram prepared

in this office showing the exterior boundaries of The Everglades. The diagram was constructed from the record of swamp land patent No. 137, and was intended to show at a glance the area embraced in the patent and is supposed to be correct.

There is no charge for the tracing as it is taken from a mere memorandum. The correctness of the diagram may be tested by the original patent on file in your office.

Very respectfully,

J. H. FIMPLE,
Acting Commissioner."



The securing of the patent to the Everglades was the initial step undertaken by Florida in laying the foundation for the great reclamation project upon which the State was soon thereafter to embark.

The question of surveying the Everglades soon came before the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, in whom is vested the administration of these lands. The Trustees realized the importance and magnitude of the problem of surveying over two and three-quarter million acres of land which the Deputy Federal Surveyors, who encountered the edge of the Everglades only, described in their field notes as "impenetrable and impracticable marsh." Furthermore, the Trustees were of the opinion that the survey of these lands should be carried out by the Federal Government because the patent had come from them, and further for the reason that the United States had made the survey of the lands adjacent and exterior to the Everglades, were prepared to make public land surveys, and had their own corps of Deputy Surveyors, Cadastral Engineers, field equipment, etc. The Trustees requested the General Land Office at Washington to make complete land surveys of the Everglades, consisting of the usual division into townships, ranges and sections. The Land Office declined to make a survey of the lands of the Everglades, on the ground that this tract had been conveyed by grant as unsurveyed lands and that it was not the policy of the General Land Office to make surveys of lands so conveyed unless especially authorized and directed by Congress so to do. The Trustees further urged the survey of the Everglades, as evidenced by the following resolution adopted by them December 23rd, 1904, page 280, Vol. 5, Minutes Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

“WHEREAS, There is a large acreage of unsurveyed lands within the State of Florida, amounting to about three million acres, patented to the State of Florida by the United States in April, 1903, which should be surveyed; and,

“WHEREAS, The State of Florida is not authorized to survey the lands, this being a function exercised exclusively by the United States Government; therefore, be it

“Resolved by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, in whom the swamp and overflowed lands granted under the Act of Congress of September 28, 1850, is vested, That the Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States from Florida be, and they are hereby, urgd to introduce a bill in the Congress of the United States providing for a survey of the unsurveyed lands in Florida under the supervision of the Interior Department of the United States.

“Resolved Further, That copies of these resolutions be furnished to Hon. S. R. Mallory, United States Senator; Hon. Jas. P. Taliaferro, United States Senator; Hon. Stephen M. Sparkman, Congressman; Hon. R. W. Davis, Congressman, and Hon. W. B. Lamar, Congressman, by the Secretary of the Trustees.”

Congress did not authorize the survey.

The statement in the second paragraph of the resolution that “The State of Florida is not authorized to survey the lands,” is not wholly correct, for the reason that the lands comprising the Everglades had been conveyed to the State in fee simple in the language of the patent as follows: “By these presents do give and grant unto the said State of Florida in fee simple, subject to the disposal of the Legislature thereof, the tract of land above described; to have and to hold the same, together with all rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances there-to belonging unto the said State of Florida, in fee simple and its assigns forever.” The ownership of the land in fee, carrying with it all rights, privileges, etc., certainly gave the State the right to survey the land in any manner it pleased. The statement in the resolution was undoubtedly used in the nature of an argument to encourage and persuade the Federal Government to carry out the survey requested.

In these several efforts to obtain a survey of the Everglades by the Federal Government the Trustees were unsuccessful. In the meantime the drainage project was taking shape and the Trustees were making arrangements for large land sales. This made more and more urgent the execution of a survey of the land. In the absence of an actual land survey, the Trustees decided to prepare

an approximate map on paper as a temporary expediency to represent and illustrate in a general way the lands of the Everglades, and for indicating approximately the location of lands described in deeds from the Trustees to the purchasers. To this end the Trustees requested the Commissioner of Agriculture to prepare a map to be used in illustrating Everglades lands. On January 2nd, 1905, the Commissioner of Agriculture presented a map with the following letter, page 5, Vol. 6, Minutes Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund:

"Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 2, 1905.

"Hon. W. S. Jennings,
 "Chairman Trustees Internal Improvement Fund,
 "Tallahassee, Florida.

"Sir:

"In compliance with your request, I here hand you a map, which has been prepared in the Land Office, showing the area of the Everglades Patent, known as No. 137.

"We have extended the lines by rule from the surveyed lines on the east and the west side of the Everglades, which is near a location of the sections, townships and ranges as we can furnish without an actual survey of the same.

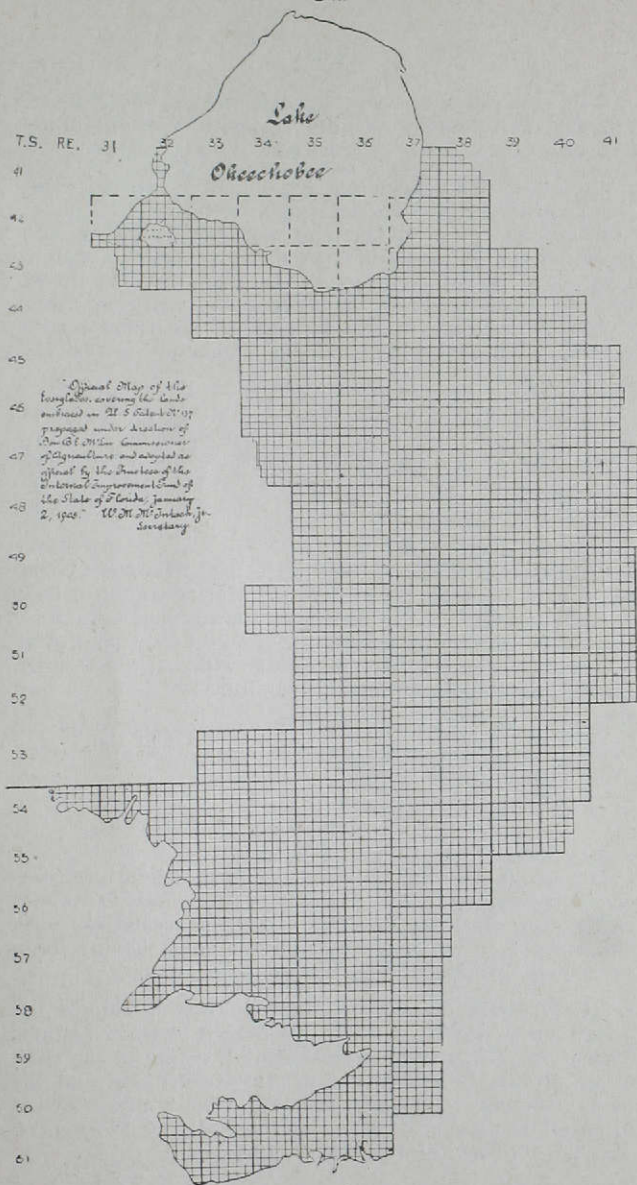
"I trust the same will be satisfactory.

"Yours very truly,

"B. E. McLIN,

"Commissioner of Agriculture."

Copy of map is hereto attached.



With reference to the plat submitted, the Trustees adopted the following resolution, page 6, Vol. 6, Minutes Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund:

"Resolved, That the letter of Hon. B. E. McLin, Commissioner of Agriculture, be spread on the Minutes of the Trustees and that the map of the Everglades, as prepared under his direction, be and the same is hereby adopted as the official map of the Everglades land, embracing the lands in U. S. Patent No. 137, containing 2,862,280 acres and that said map be identified by the Secretary endorsing thereon the following words and figures, viz:

"Official map of the Everglades, covering the lands embraced in U. S. Patent No. 137, prepared under direction of Hon. B. E. McLin, Commissioner of Agriculture, and adopted as official by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, January 2nd, 1905."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the map be entered on record on a separate page of the minute book of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and that a copy of said map, duly certified as aforesaid, be filed in the office of the Hon. B. E. McLin, Commissioner of Agriculture."

Subsequently an amended map was adopted as is evidenced by the following, from Minutes of the Trustees, June 10th and 14th, 1907:

Tallahassee, Fla., June 10, 1907, 3 P. M.

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Hon. B. E. McLin, Commissioner of Agriculture, having prepared an amended map of the lands embraced in the United States Patent No. 137, in accordance with the request of the Trustees, and the same having been presented, examined, and approved, it was

RESOLVED, That the amended official map of the Everglades, covering the lands embraced in United States Patent No. 137, prepared under the direction of the Hon. B. E. McLin, Commissioner of Agriculture, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as official by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, on this the 10th day of June, A. D. 1907; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the amended map be entered of record on a separate page of the Minute Book of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and that a copy of said map, duly certified by the Secretary of the Trustees, be filed in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

(Minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Vol. 7, pp. 66-67.)

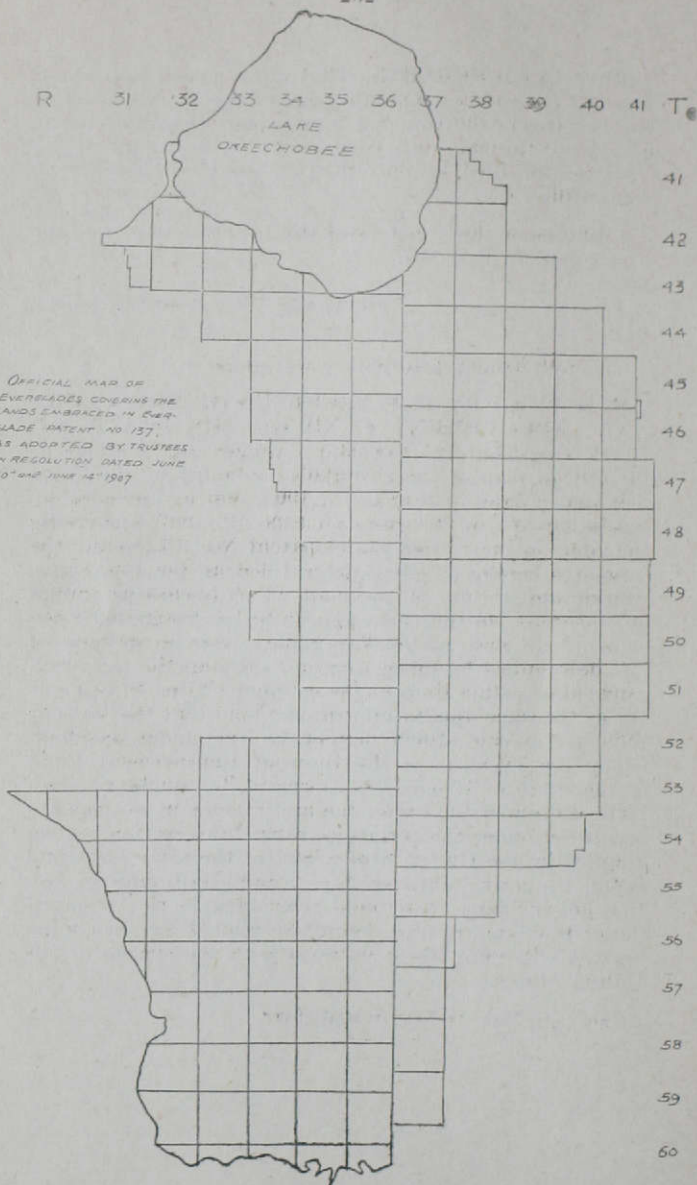
Tallahassee, Fla., June 14, 1907.

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The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, That the townships, ranges and sections of the official map of the Everglades, adopted by the Trustees under date of January 2, 1905, and as amended by resolution of said Trustees of June 10, 1907, embracing the lands in the United States patent No. 137, be and the same are hereby adopted and ratified as the townships, ranges, and sections of said map, which townships, ranges and sections, as the same appear to be designated upon said official map of the Everglades, were so designated and determined by projecting on said map the township, range and section lines of the original United States survey as the same appear on said map, and that the sections indicated on said official map of the Everglades, as adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, be numbered similarly and under the same plan and system as sections are numbered under the township, range, and section system adopted by the United States, and of the same force and effect, beginning with section 1 and continuing to section 36, inclusive, fractional townships to be numbered under the same system, being designated by such numbers as will make them uniform with the system of the United States."

Copy of Map is hereto attached.



These maps as is clearly shown by the letter from Commissioner of Agriculture, of January 2, 1905, quoted above, and from the acts of the Trustees, were made by drawing lines on paper protracted from points purporting to represent locations of Government survey corners and lines around the edge of the Everglades. It will be observed that the maps were not prepared from actual surveys, but were merely paper illustrations, setting forth in a general way the lands contained in Patent No. 137 known as the Everglades. They did not represent in accurate detail the lands of the Everglades, nor were they intended so to do. The lands to be conveyed were subject to subsequent survey in the field, but pending this actual survey it was necessary to have some sort of map or plat, even though only an approximate one which could be used to describe the lands of the Everglades and by which drainage taxes imposed by the Legislature upon the district could be assessed. An examination of these plats show that about as far as they went was to illustrate a land division by the usual method of townships, ranges, and sections.

In 1908 the first Everglades land sales of importance were consummated, which provided additional funds for further prosecuting the work of drainage. These sales included many thousands of acres of unsurveyed lands lying within the great Everglades Tract. Deeds from the Trustees described the land by townships, ranges and sections in the usual manner. In a few instances where lands had been surveyed by the United States Government along the border of the Glades, the deeds carried the acreage as to the surveyed lands set forth by the Government plats. But in the case of the great unsurveyed Everglades, which included all but a practically negligible amount of lands sold, the description of land was given by townships, ranges, and sections, and the area estimated on the basis of normal sections of six hundred and forty acres each and townships of thirty-six such sections. That is to say, in arriving at a description of the lands to be decided, the total number of acres was taken, and this amount divided by 640, whereupon as many sections were named as 640 was contained in the total number of acres conveyed. Furthermore it was well understood that the lands so described and conveyed were subject to final actual survey in the field. Land sales were continued

to be made, as above described, and in some instances reference was made for illustrative purposes, to the plats of 1905 and 1907, already described.

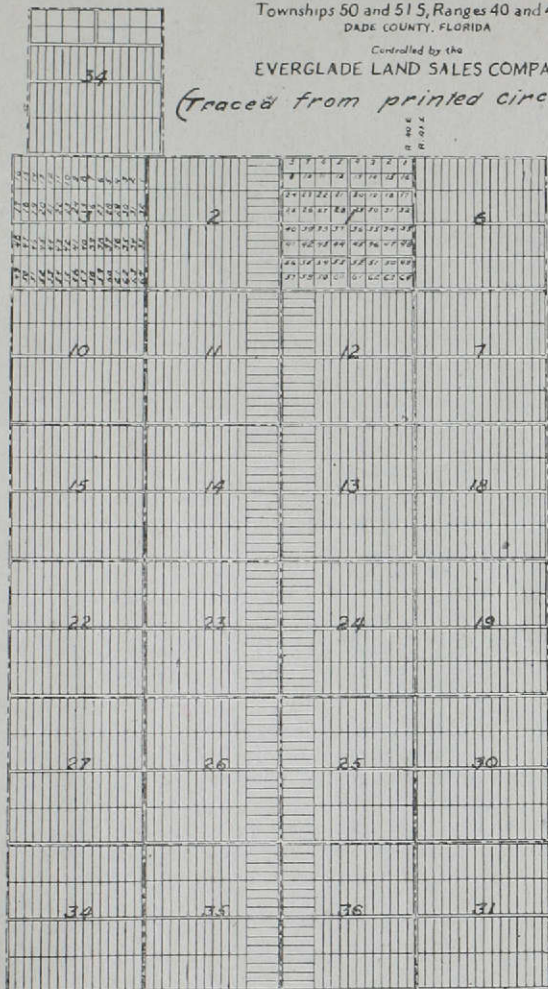
As the drainage project advanced more land sales were made by the Trustees to land companies and to individuals, and the land companies in turn began making sales of their lands to individual purchasers, usually in small tracts and sectional sub-divisions. There is attached hereto a plat of holdings of one of the land companies purchasing from the Trustees, showing their sub-division of their land. It will be noted that their own sub-division is on the basis of 640 acres to a section, thus substantiating the understanding that sections were to contain a normal acreage of 640 each as nearly as may be. The rapidly increasing number of Everglades Land owners made still more urgent the carrying out of definite land surveys in order to accurately mark out on the ground the land conveyed and described by the deeds from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and by which the owners of land could identify their purchases. It will be borne in mind that the great Everglades Tract was still, in 1910, totally unsurveyed, and it is here emphasized that this condition was known by land purchasers, and that all lands taken from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund was upon the full understanding that such was subject to a final, definite survey in the field.

Royal 'Glade Farms
Townships 50 and 51 S, Ranges 40 and 41 E
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Controlled by the
EVERGLADE LAND SALES COMPANY

(Traced from printed circular)

T. 50 S
T. 51 S



NOTE - The following statement on the circular indicates a subdivision of sections into 64 ten-acre tracts:

"Every oblong 10-acre tract off the canal will be served by two 8-foot ditches and a graded road"

The following is from the Minutes of the Trustees of October 29th, 1910, page 673, Vol. 8:

"The Trustees, considering the above matter and the matter of making a survey of other portions of the Everglades, instructed that the matter of a survey of the lands unsurveyed, or so much thereof as deemed practicable, of the Everglades, be referred to Chief Drainage Engineer, J. O. Wright, with a request that he consider the matter and report to the Trustees any suggestions he may have to make upon same as soon as possible, for their consideration."

On November 13, 1910, the Chief Drainage Engineer submitted a report to the Trustees on a Land Survey for the Everglades. This report was called "Instructions for Surveying the Land Embraced in U. S. Patent No. 137, Known as the Everglades." The same were approved by the Trustees, December 29, 1910.

The following is quoted from the Instructions:

"The United States Government has adopted a plan known as the rectangular subdivision of public lands, under which practically all of the public lands of the United States have been surveyed and subdivided by the United States Government.

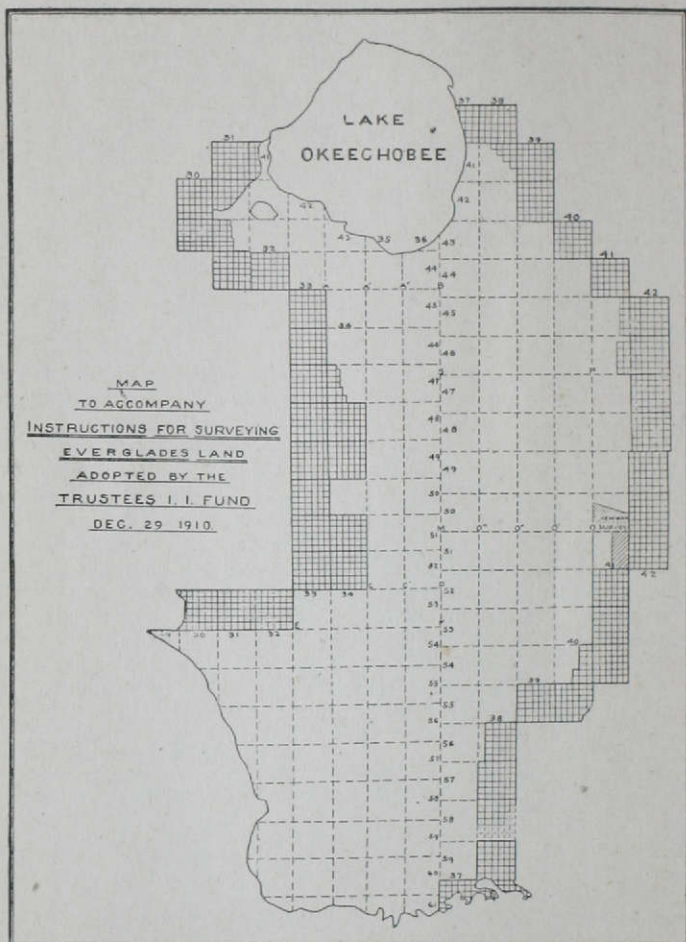
"This law provides in general, that the public lands of the United States shall be divided by North and South lines run according to the true meridian and by others crossing them at right angles, so as to form townships six miles square. Also that the townships shall be divided into thirty-six sections, each of which shall contain 640 acres, as nearly as may be, by a system of two sets of parallel lines, one governed by the true meridian and the other by parallels of latitude, the latter intersecting the former at right angles and at intervals of one mile.

"Under this act the survey of the public lands in Florida is founded on a true meridian running north and south through Tallahassee and a base line running east and west at right angles to the meridian through this point. The ranges and townships are numbered from this true meridian and base line."

"Practically all of the public lands of Florida, except the Everglades, have been subdivided by the United States Government in accordance with the general provisions above specified. The tract commonly known as the Everglades has not been subdivided, but the greater part of the adjacent lands surrounding this tract has been surveyed by the United States Government and the township and section corners located and marked by suitable monuments."

After making the foregoing statements relative to the general practice followed by the United States in the execution of public land surveys, the instructions proceed to describe in detail the manner of carrying out a survey for the Everglades in accordance with the foregoing.

In brief, the purpose of the instructions was to lay down a plan for carrying out a survey of the Everglades by the usual method of division into sections containing 640 acres each and townships containing 36 sections. This was in conformity with the original and continued intention of the Trustees for surveying the land in the usual manner. The attached map shows the general plan of survey. An examination of the same and a comparison with the plats of 1905 and 1907, shows it to be practically identical with said plats in the manner of land sub-divisions proposed. Thus it is shown that the original intent and purpose of the Trustees to divide the land into townships and sections of normal size and shape is preserved and furthered by the instructions adopted in 1910 for actually beginning the survey of the Everglades.



In the spring of 1911, based on these instructions, actual survey work was begun. One party commenced surveying on the East side of the Glades and one on the West side. The first work was the re-location and re-establishment of the government lines and corners bordering the Everglades. The assumption on which the plan of survey was predicated was, as already shown, that the Federal Surveys of the adjoining exterior lands defined sections and townships of the normal size of one mile square and six miles square respectively.

At the very beginning of actual field surveys it was discovered by measurements on the ground that the old Government lines and corners generally did not represent sections and townships of normal size. Neither did the field notes in many cases disclose the conditions above described. In most cases field surveys marked off larger areas than 640 acres for a section, and 23,040 for a township. In some instances the excess area was not large and was susceptible of the common distribution of excess within a section or within a township, but in many cases the surplus was so large as to require especial disposition. The accumulated excess in the sections of some townships reached nearly a thousand acres.

To give a specific illustration note the attached plat:

TOWNSHIP 46 South RANGE 41 East.

The East two miles surveyed by the United States
in 1845 and 1872The West four miles surveyed by Trustees Internal
Improvement Fund in 1911-12

scale - 1" = 80 chains.

Contents					
Sec	Area	Sec	Area	Sec	Area
1	725.41	13	640.00	25	640.00
2	721.22	14	640.00	26	640.00
3	717.03	15	640.00	27	640.00
4	712.83	16	640.00	28	640.00
5	708.64	17	640.00	29	640.00
6	715.03	18	630.30	30	708.27
7	656.78	19	633.39	31	725.64
8	640.00	20	640.00	32	640.00
9	640.00	21	640.00	33	640.00
10	640.00	22	640.00	34	640.00
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12	640.00	24	640.00	36	640.00
Total 22,774.84					

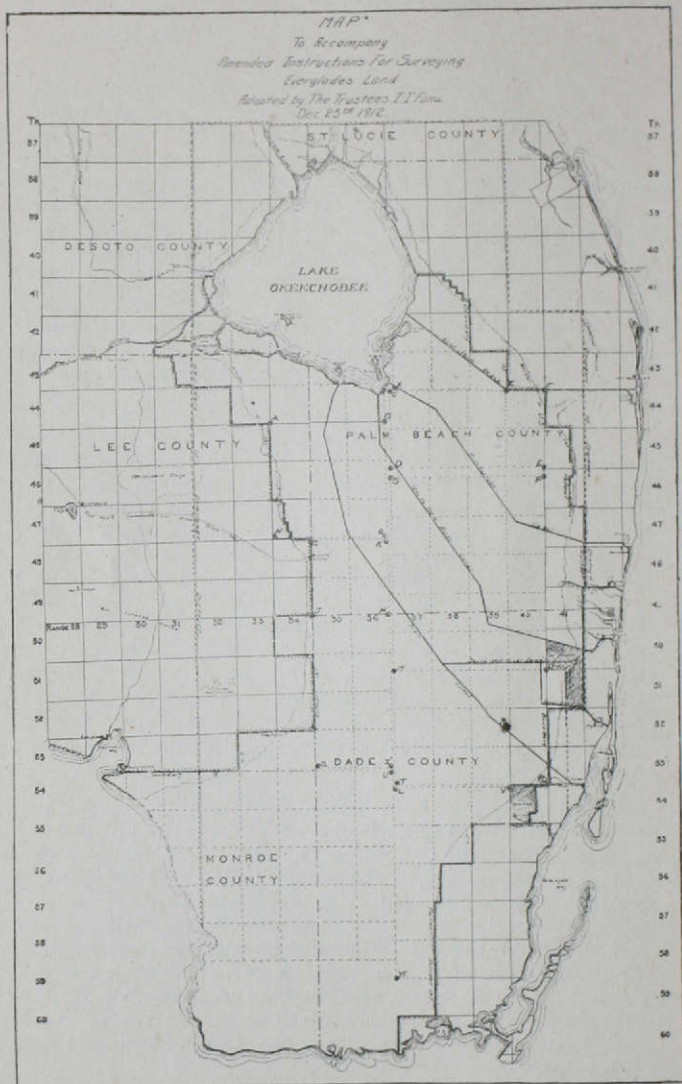
West						
60.15	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	
67.78	6	5	4	3	2	1
82.25			389°45'W			
80.00	7	8	9	10	11	12
82.27			389°45'W			
80.00	18	17	16	15	14	13
82.80			389°45'W			
80.00	19	20	21	22	23	24
82.96			389°45'W			
80.00	30	29	28	27	26	25
82.77			389°45'W			
80.00	31	32	33	34	35	36
81.60	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00

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Many other such cases were disclosed by the State survey. The total amount of surplus thus far discovered amount in round figures to 70,000 acres. This irregularity, if carried out, would have resulted in serious complications in the title to lands conveyed by the Trustees by Sections of a certain size, acreage of a stated amount and for a consideration based thereon. Furthermore, the lands of the district are all subject to taxes and based upon the old protracted plat were thousands of acres that were escaping taxation, because not shown thereon to exist, while in certain other cases taxes were actually levied on lands which did not even exist, but erroneously shown to exist by the same protraction. Obviously the survey must be made to correctly represent the land as it lay and from such a survey a dependable map must be developed.

For the purpose of obtaining adequate and reliable data on which to base a final plan of survey for the Everglades, field investigations were continued, old government lines and corners bordering the Everglades were re-measured and mapped and definite points which could be used for the projection of base parallels and guide meridians for an Everglades survey were established. This work was carried out on both the East and West side of the Glades. A base line carefully projected by accurate instruments, checked and verified, was run from the West side of the Glades, beginning at a proven Government corner, to the East side of the Glades, ending at a Government corner. The opposite sides of the Glades were thus, for the first time, tied together by an actual survey.

With the data now in hand, developed from careful surveys on the ground, it became possible to lay down an intelligent plan for surveying the great unsurveyed area in accordance with the original intent of the Trustees and with which said plan the description and acreage set forth in the deeds from the State would conform, as nearly as the same was physically practicable. For the purpose of laying down a correct plan as above for continuing the survey, the Trustees on December 23rd, 1912, adopted "Amended Instructions for Surveying the Land Embraced in U. S. Patent No. 137, Known as the Everglades."



The general plan under these amended instructions departed in no way from the principle adopted in former minutes and resolutions of the Trustees, these instructions containing in addition merely a provision for taking care of the large surplus of lands and irregularities found to exist from extending the adjoining Federal Surveys.

The following is quoted from the Amended Instructions:

“WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida did on December 29, 1910, approve and adopt certain resolutions for surveying the land embraced in U. S. Patent No. 137, known as the Everglades; and

“WHEREAS, These instructions were based on the lines and corners established by the U. S. Survey of the adjacent territory, together with a map and resolutions of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, adopted June 11, 1907; and

“WHEREAS, The field notes, with few exceptions, of the U. S. Survey show the townships abutting the Everglades to be 480 chains long on each side, and the sections to be one mile square; and

“WHEREAS, The official map adopted by the Trustees was predicated on the Government Survey and Field Notes, and was supposed to give townships six miles square, containing 640 acres each; and

“WHEREAS, It has been found by actual measurement that practically all the townships adjacent to the land embraced in the Everglades Patent No. 137 are more than 480 chains long, and the sections more than one mile square, and it being the desire and intention of the Trustees to have the sections contain 640 acres each, no more nor less, if possible; therefore,

“BE IT RESOLVED, That the instructions heretofore issued be and the same are hereby amended so as to subdivide the land embraced in the U. S. Patent No. 137 into townships six miles square, each township containing 36 sections of 640 acres each, as nearly as may be, and the same be made to conform as nearly as practicable to the U. S. requirements in regard to the survey of public lands.

and that the surplus found to exist be placed as shown on the accompanying map, as near as practicable; the object of the map being to show the general plan of the survey and the general distribution of the surplus, if any. Said Map to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Trustees."

There is shown herewith a plat of a township of Everglades land surveyed by the Trustees.

TOWNSHIP 54 South, RANGE 38 East

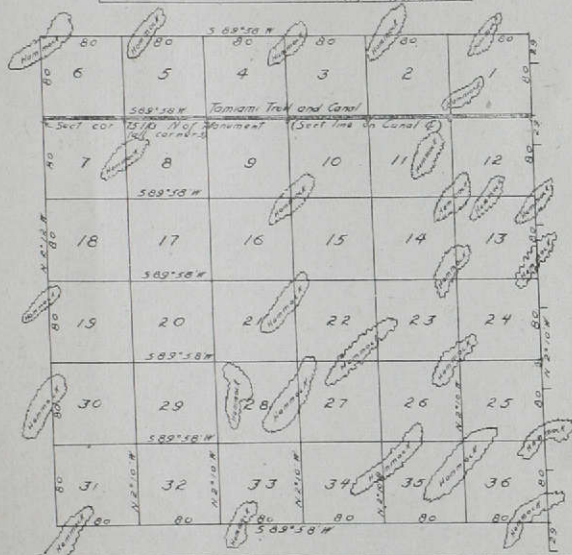
State of Florida

Surveyed in April, 1918

Surveyed in accordance with instructions from
 F. C. ELLIOT, Chief Drainage Engineer for the
 Trustees Internal Improvement Fund State
 of Florida by Sou Eng and Con Co. Surveyor.

Scale - 1" = 80 ft.

Tabulation							
Sec	Acres	Sec	Acres	Sec	Acres	Sec	Acres
1	640	10	640	19	640	28	640
2	640	11	640	20	640	29	640
3	640	12	640	21	640	30	640
4	640	13	640	22	640	31	640
5	640	14	640	23	640	32	640
6	640	15	640	24	640	33	640
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9	640	18	640	27	640	36	640
Total							23040

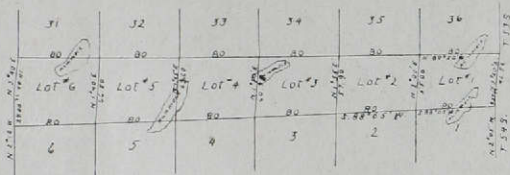


Attention is invited, for the sake of comparison, to this plat representing a regular normal township, and the other plat representing an irregular abnormal subdivision. The surplus of land as above referred to was accounted for in strips called "hiatuses," running North and South or East and West, in accordance with the universal plan which is followed by the General Land Office of the United States in such cases. There is attached hereto a plat representing disposition of surplus as above made by the Trustees and there is also shown a plat of a "Hiatus" as surveyed by the United States.

PLAT OF HIATUSES
 between TOWNSHIPS 33 & 34 S. RANGES 39 & 40 East
 State of Florida
 Surveyed in March 1918 & Feb 1918
 in accordance with instructions from
 F. C. ELLIOT, Chief Drainage Engineer for the
 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the
 State of Florida, by Southern Engineering &
 Construction Company Surveyor

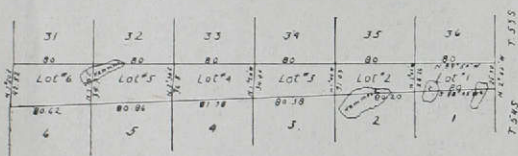
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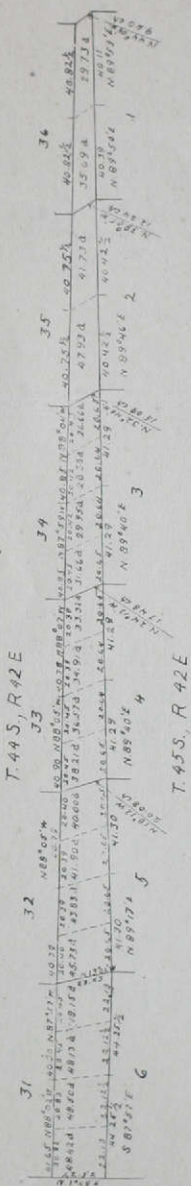
Lot	Acres	Lot	Acres
1	425.6	6	496.9
2	431.0	5	518.7
3	420.1	4	520.7
Total 2910.0			



Tabulation

Lot	Acres	Lot	Acres
1	214.1	4	226.5
2	222.4	3	227.7
3	220.7	2	229.5
Total 1628.0			





PLAT of "HIATUS"
 Otherwise known as T. 44 1/2 S., R. 42 E.
 (between Tps 44 and 45 S., R 42 E.), Tallahassee Meridian,

FLORIDA

Surveyed by William H. Richards, Jr., U. S. Surveyor, from April 21 to May 1, 1915, in
 under special instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office,
 bearing date February 5, 1915

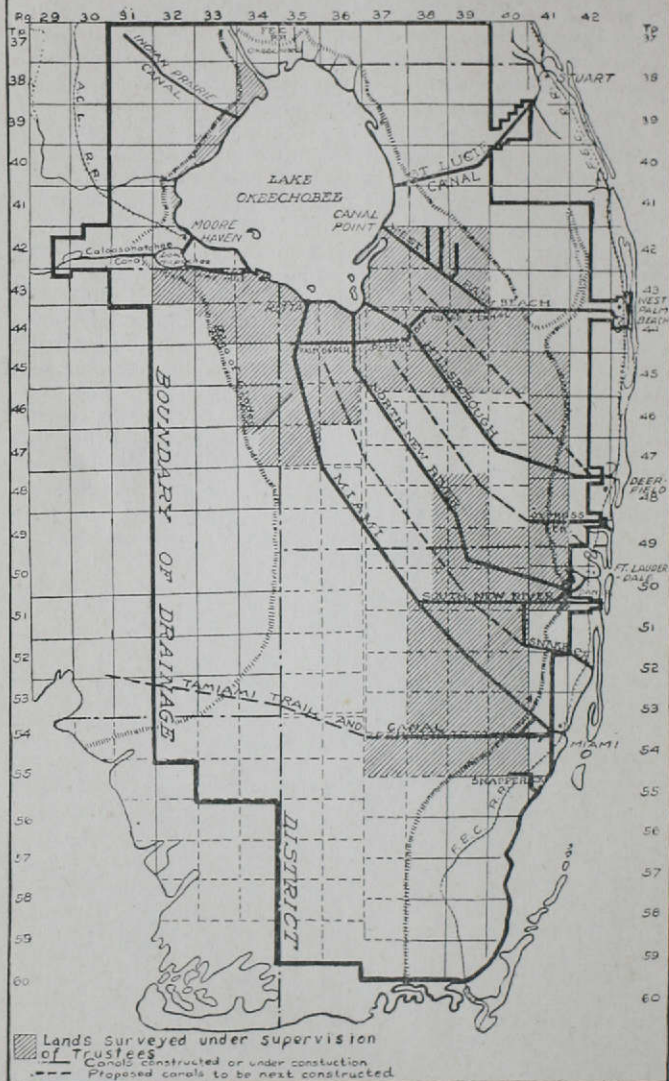
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A comparison of the two shows the similar method used by the Trustees and by the Federal Government in handling a similar condition. In this connection it may be of interest to know that based on the information from the State Surveys, the United States Government made re-surveys of many townships and sections, formerly surveyed by them, and made distribution of the irregularities in the surveys made by them many years before. The plan of distribution of these irregularities which the United States Government followed is, as already shown, precisely the same as the plan followed by the State. Field notes and plats of these "hiatuses," from one of which the reduced insert is taken, are now on file in the General Land Office in Washington, as a part of the records of the official surveys of the United States. Attention is called particularly to this fact: that the United States, long after its surveys, had been made and were of record, considered itself justified in making new surveys to account for and correct this irregularity. How much greater, therefore, was the justification of the State to take cognizance of this situation in the very beginning and to carry out its surveys so that no such irregularities would exist.

The attached map illustrates the surveys thus far made.

EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Issued by the Chief Drainage Engineer
Tallahassee, Fla., February 16, 1920



The total area surveyed, monumented and mapped to date amounts, in round figures, to 988,000, and the remainder of this work will be proceeded with as occasion warrants and needs justify. Based on these surveys there are now thousands of people occupying and cultivating their lands in the Everglades Drainage District. The survey as carried out and as will be continued does the following:

Sets forth and delineates the land as normal sections of 640 acres each as nearly as may be:

Establishes townships of 36 regular sections as nearly as practicable.

Makes disposition of surplus lands in the recognized form of hiatuses, thereby making possible the location of normal townships and ranges substantially with reference to the adjoining government townships and ranges on the exterior of the Everglades;

Provides a means by which lands can be correctly listed for taxation;

Marks out lands according to description, location and acreage as decided by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The surveys thus made have been validated by Chapter 7892, Acts of the Legislature of Florida of 1919. Field notes and Standard plats are on file. The Commissioner of Agriculture is by law Custodian of the same. Such plats and field notes are now a part of the official records of the State of Florida and are open to the use and convenience of the public.

The foregoing is set forth, bearing in mind that question has arisen concerning these Everglades surveys. Certain land companies are now in litigation with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on the subject of this survey. In brief, these land companies are attempting to compel the Trustees to divide the Everglades according to their own interpretation of a protracted paper plat already referred to. These companies do not appear to realize the absurdity of attempting to compel the lands to fit a pre-conceived plat, rather than develop a plat to fit the land. The real reason for the land companies' action is that they want all this surplus land for them-

selves, though they are entitled to it neither by deed, nor by description, nor by acreage, nor by having paid for it, nor by any other consideration. This is not the attitude of all the land owners who purchased land in the Everglades, but of a few only, who are evidently of the opinion that by this subterfuge they can seize a valuable part of the public lands.

This report brings the subject down to the present date. Detailed information concerning the points set forth herein may be obtained by consulting the several references mentioned. There is attached hereto in full, as an appendix, the Instructions of 1910 and of 1912, herein referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

Attest: Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 9, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Mr. J. B. Jeffries and W. O. Bryan of the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Trustees and stated that having ascertained that Section 8 and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 49 South, Range 39 East, did not front on the Canal as shown on Map on September 27, 1920, when selection of said lands was

made and the intention of the Trustees was that these lands should front on the Canal, therefore, the following lands were substituted for Section 8 and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28: The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, and all of Section 28 of Township 49 South, Range 39 East, eliminating from the previous list of September 27, 1920, all of Section 32, Township 49 South, Range 39 East. Upon vote the substitution was unanimously adopted.

Application having been made, to have said lands advertised by Messrs. Jeffries and Bryan, Mr. Amos moved that the Secretary advertise said lands, as selected September 27, 1920, and amended above, as required by law, Seconded by Mr. McRae and upon vote adopted. Mr. Jeffries requested, in case they were the purchasers of said lands when offered for sale, that they be allowed to have releases made from the mortgage at \$8.00 per acre, not on the canal, and \$15 per acre for sections on the Canal, in tracts of not less than one Section. Mr. McRae moved that such agreement be accepted by the Trustees subject to purchase; seconded by Mr. Swearingen and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented a list of lands, title to which had vested in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under Chapter 7862, Laws of Florida, in Dade, Broward, Lee and Palm Beach Counties, with applications to purchase same. Mr. McRae moved that the lands as listed in the above named counties be advertised, as required by law, for sale in the counties in which said lands are located. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Application was received from the Tatum Land Company for the release of certain lands from mortgage, dated the 24th of September, A. D. 1917, whereupon the following release was executed and ordered forwarded to Tatum Land Company, with Draft attached for \$15,296.00.

No. 16,571.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
COUNTY OF LEON.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit, on the 24th day of September, A. D. 1917, The Tatum Land Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, by J. H. Tatum, its President, and B. B. Tatum, its Secretary, of the County of Dade, State of Florida, executed and delivered to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a certain mortgage deed for the purpose of securing the payment of certain indebtedness therein recited, and for the additional purpose of securing the faithful performance of the said The Tatum Land Company on its part of a certain "Contract for Construction of Railroad," as referred to in the said mortgage deed, the said mortgage deed did grant, bargain, sell, convey, release, remise, quit-claim and confirm unto the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as security for the payment of said indebtedness and the performance of the stipulations outlined in the said contract for construction of railroad, as aforesaid, certain lands, tenements, hereditaments, lying, being and situate in the Counties of Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, State of Florida, among which said lands were included the following, to-wit:

All of Sections 9, 10, 11 and all that part of Section 12 lying West of the Miami Canal in Township 50 South, Range 37 East, containing Two Thousand Sixteen and 00/100 acres, more or less; and

WHEREAS, It was further stipulated in said mortgage deed that upon written request of the aforesaid mortgagor the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund would execute and deliver release of the said lands conveyed by said mortgage at Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per acre, excepting when such lands front upon the Miami Canal, in parcels of forty (40) acres or fractional parts thereof, then and in that event Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) per acre shall be paid before securing such release or releases; and

WHEREAS, The said mortgagor has made written request for a release of the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and has paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, a sum sufficient to secure the release of the said lands on the terms as are defined in the said mortgage deed;

NOW THEREFORE:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That in order to release the lands above described from the lien of said mortgage and in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-six Dollars (\$15,296.00) to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in hand paid by the aforesaid mortgagor, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the foregoing described lands, to-wit:

All of Sections 9, 10, 11 and all that part of Section 12 lying west of the Miami Canal, in Township 50 South, Range 37 East, containing Two Thousand Sixteen and 00/100 acres, more or less, are hereby released and discharged from the lien of said mortgage and the said mortgage is hereby cancelled as to the said lands.

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED, That the lien and effect of the said mortgage upon the remainder of the lands therein described shall not be waived, modified or affected by this release, but shall continue in full force and effect thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida have hereunto set their hands and seals and have caused the seal of the said, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the 9th day of November, A. D. 1920.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, (Seal)
Governor.

ERNEST AMOS, (Seal)
Comptroller.

J. C. LUNING, (Seal)
Treasurer.

(SEAL)

VAN C. SWEARINGEN, (Seal)
Attorney General.

W. A. McRAE, (Seal)
Commissioner of Agriculture.

WITNESSES:

C. B. GWYNN,
J. W. WILLIAMS.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:
T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach
County, Everglades Drainage Tax on lands
of the Trustees, for 1920\$ 36,958.28

Upon motion duly seconded the Trustees adjourned.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor,

Attest: J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary, Chairman.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 17, 1920.

The Trustees met on this date in the office of the Governor in the Capitol.

Present:

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

Mr. Powell and Mr. Milam appeared before the Trustees and made application to purchase the following submerged land located in the St. Johns River, Duval County, Florida, under the provisions of Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida.

"That certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in Duval County, Florida, in Township 2 South, Range 26 East, starting at a point South fifteen degrees, west six hundred seventy feet from U. S. Engineer and U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Monument, designated Lancaster 2

(Duval County E. S. 1909) as a place of beginning, thence south sixty degrees, west ten hundred and twenty feet, thence south twenty-nine degrees, west sixteen hundred forty feet, thence south twenty-two hundred eighty feet, thence south twenty degrees, East fifteen hundred and twenty-five feet, thence East three hundred fifty feet, thence North eight degrees East eleven hundred seventy feet, thence north twenty-seven hundred fifty feet, thence north twenty-three degrees, east seventeen hundred feet, thence Northerly one hundred eighty feet, more or less to point of beginning, containing one hundred eleven acres more or less."

After discussion Mr. McRae moved that the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District be instructed to investigate said land and advise the Trustees as to the acreage, and if the same conformed to submerged lands as described in Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1917. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor.

Attest:

Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 18, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The following bills were presented, approved and ordered paid:

Cyril Baldwin, Tax Collector, DeSoto County, Everglades Drainage Tax for 1920 on lands of the Trustees (less 2% discount).....	\$ 1,248.28
P. John Hart, Tax Collector, Lee County, Everglades Drainage Tax for 1920 (less 2% dis- count)	\$ 3,850.23
Palm Beach Drainage & High- way District Tax for 1920 (less 2% discount)	1,066.24
	\$ 4,916.47
J. W. Williams, Tallahassee, to expenses in re- investigating trespass on State lands in Bay and Washington Counties, Oct. 21 to Nov. 8th, 1920	84.14
W. J. Franklin, surveying Island in Sections 8 and 9, Township 2 South, Range 8 West.	54.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., service for Oc- tober, 1920	9.24
Paul V. Lang, Clerk Circuit Court, Leon Coun- ty, taking depositions R. E. Rose and F. C. Elliot in State vs. John J. Windham, Sep- tember 8, 1920	5.06
Frank M. Tyler, Tax Collector, St. Lucie Coun- ty, Everglades Drainage Tax for 1920, on lands of the Trustees (less 2% discount).	31.41
J. S. Blitch, expense inspecting State Lands in Bradford County, November 5th, 1920...	7.95
	\$ 6,356.75

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller.

Attest:

Acting Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 27, 1920.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller,
W. A. McRae, Commissioner of Agriculture.

This date having been set for the sale of all

Sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 in Township 53 South, Range 37 East, containing 3840 acres, more or less, the same having been advertised once a week for five consecutive weeks in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in the county in which said lands are located, as required by law, and affidavit of such publication having been filed with the Secretary the bids were ordered opened and the bid of Paul C. Taylor of Miami, of \$8.00 per acre, being the best bid received, it was ordered filed and held for further consideration of the Trustees, as a quorum was not present.

The Trustees, upon motion, recessed to meet on the 30th to further consider this bid, when another land sale is scheduled for consideration.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Attest: Acting Chairman.
J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 29, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Mr. D. W. Stevenson appeared before the Trustees and stated that if they would eliminate some of the restrictions and considerations in regard to the sale of the land in Palm Beach County which was advertised, at his request, for sale October 12, 1920, that his client would be glad to have said land re-advertised and they would bid

not less than the former price offered upon date of sale. After consideration and discussion the following advertisement was prepared and agreed to by Mr. Stevenson, and same was ordered published once a week for five consecutive weeks in the Miami Herald of Miami, Florida, the Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, Fla., and the Palm Beach Post of West Palm Beach, Fla., the latter paper published in the County in which said lands are located:

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the authority vested in them under the laws of Florida, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will, up to ten o'clock A. M. January 3rd, 1921, receive bids for the purchase of the following described lands:

	Sec.	T. S.	R. E.
N $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$	19	43	37
W $\frac{1}{2}$	29	43	37
All	9	43	37
All	21	43	37
All	3	43	37
All	27	43	37
All	15	43	37
All	11	43	37
All	23	43	37
All	35	43	37
All	13	43	37
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$	11	44	35
All	7	44	35
All	19	44	35
All	23	44	35
N $\frac{1}{2}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$	27	44	35
All	31	44	55
All	27	42	37
All	35	42	37
All	36	42	37
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	15	44	37
All	31	44	37

	Sec.	T. S.	R. E.
All Secs. 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 31, 35		43	38
All Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 31		43	39
All Secs. 1, 25, 29, 32, and all South and West of Hillsborough Canal in Section 33		44	38
All Secs. 13, 15, 17, 19, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35		44	39
All Secs. 3, 7, 11, 13, 19, 23, 25, 27, 31, 35,		45	37
All Secs. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33		45	38
All Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35		45	39
All Secs. 1 to 15 and 17 to 36 inclusive		47	36
All Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35		46	37
All Secs. 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31 and 35		46	39
All Secs. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35		46	38
All Secs. 1 to 15 and 17 to 24 inclusive		47	37
All Secs. 1 to 15 and 17 to 24 inclusive		47	38
All Secs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24		47	39
All Secs. 17, 19, 29, and 31		44	40

containing in all 163,118.64 acres, more or less, lying and being in the Everglades of Florida, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1.

\$200,000.00 of the price bid for the said lands to be paid in cash and the balance to be paid in four equal annual installments on the First day of November each year thereafter; interest on the deferred payments payable semi-annually at Six per cent per annum.

2.

The purchaser, at his own expense, or by the formation of sub-drainage districts, to inaugurate a system of drainage to supplement the works of the Everglades

Drainage District, when such works are sufficiently advanced to make such supplemental drainage effective, the same shall be ample to drain, or reclaim the said lands, and which plans for such supplemental drainage are to be approved by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and executed under the direction of the Chief Drainage Engineer.

3.

The purchaser at his own cost and expense, or by the formation of road districts to construct a system of roads over and across said lands, ample to keep pace with the developments thereof, and suitable to the needs of his immediate grantees.

4.

The purchaser to enter into a contract with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to dispose of the said lands to bona fide settlers or developers, and no sales to be made until the said lands are drained as above set forth, except to such subsequent purchasers as shall assume such obligations and carry the same into effect sufficient for their needs, it being understood that the main purpose of this sale is to provide that the said lands be reclaimed and placed in the hands of bona fide settlers or developers for agricultural purposes.

5.

The purchaser shall further enter into a contract with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to submit a plan of drainage or reclamation within six months from date of execution and delivery of deed therefor, with a guarantee that such drainage will be carried out as provided in the said plan of reclamation and prosecuted continuously as fast as conditions will warrant and the needs of the lands will require.

6.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund reserve the right to reject any and all bids and any re-

leases from the effect of any mortgage or other instrument that may be taken to secure deferred payments will be made and executed subject at all times to the conditions herein outlined. Check for \$10,000.00 to accompany each bid. All bids should be addressed to the Secretary of the Trustees. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor,

Attest:

Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Chairman.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 30, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The Trustees met to further consider bids for the purchase of the following lands: All Sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36, in Township 53 South, Range 37 East. The bid of Paul C. Taylor of \$8.00 per acre was accepted, upon the following terms: \$3,072.00 payable upon delivery of deed and three annual payments of \$9,216.00 each, payable December 1st, 1921; December 1st, 1922, and December 1st, 1923, with six per cent interest on deferred payments, payable annually. It being further agreed that 50 to 100 acres of sugar cane shall be planted per section on said land as soon as same is in cultivable condition.

The Trustees considered the sale of Sections 26, 27 and 28, Township 54 South, Range 37 East, which was advertised for sale on this date in the Miami Herald, a newspaper published in the County in which said lands are located, once a week for five consecutive weeks as re-

quired by law, and affidavit of such publication filed with the Secretary. The bids received were ordered opened and the bid at \$8.50 per acre of Paul C. Taylor being the best bid received, the same, upon motion of Mr. McRae, seconded by Mr. Amos, was accepted upon the following terms: \$1,632.00 upon delivery of deed and three annual payments of \$4,896.00 each, payable December 1st, 1921, December 1st, 1922, and December 1st, 1923, with six per cent interest on deferred payments, payable annually. The Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to make deeds in accordance with the above for the two tracts of land above mentioned.

The Trustees considered the application of Geo. M. Powell, Attorney for Milam & Milam, as made November 17, 1920, for the purchase of certain submerged lands in Duval County. The following letter from Mr. Powell was read:

"Nov. 27, 1920.

"Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,

"Tallahassee, Florida.

"Gentlemen:

"Referring to the offer made by Robert R. Milam to your Honorable Body for the purchase of the property referred to in said offer situated in Duval County, Florida, and in view of the fact that a doubt has arisen as to the jurisdiction of your Honorable Body over the property, we beg leave to request that the advertisement required by law be had at the expense of the prospective purchaser and that the matter of price be deferred until the consideration of the matter in pursuance of the advertisement; and that upon the making of a satisfactory offer that the consideration be paid and that the making and delivery of the deed by your Honorable Body be deferred until the question of your jurisdiction has been decided in favor of that jurisdiction, the expense of which litigation and all other incidental expenses to be paid by the prospective purchaser.

"Yours very truly,

"A. Y. MILAM,

"GEO. M. POWELL,

"Attorneys for Robt. R. Milam."

After further discussion, Mr. McRae moved that the land be advertised, as required by Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida, for sale January 7, 1921, with the understanding that all expense be paid by Milam & Milam, as stated in above letter. Seconded by Mr. Amos, and upon motion adopted, and the following advertisement was ordered inserted in the Times-Union, a newspaper published in the County in which the lands are located:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 3rd, 1920.

Notice is hereby given, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock M. on Friday, January 7th, A. D. 1921, at Tallahassee, Florida, for the purpose of considering the sale of all that real estate situated in Duval County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

"That certain piece, parcel or tract of land situated in Duval County, Florida, in Township Two South, Range Twenty-six East, starting at a point South fifteen degrees West six hundred seventy feet from U. S. Engineer and U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Monument designated Lancaster 2 (Duval County E. S. 1909) as a place of beginning, then south sixty degrees west ten hundred and twenty feet, thence South twenty-nine degrees West sixteen hundred forty feet, thence South twenty-two hundred eighty feet, thence South twenty degrees East fifteen hundred twenty-five feet, thence East three hundred feet, thence North Eight degrees East eleven hundred seventy feet, thence North twenty-seven hundred fifty feet, thence North twenty-three degrees East seventeen hundred feet, thence Northerly one hundred eighty feet, more or less, to a point of beginning, containing one hundred eleven acres, more or less."

This Notice is published in compliance with Chapter 7304, Laws of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present same as therein described.

Bids for above lands will be received at Tallahassee, until 12 o'clock M. January 7th, 1921.

Certified check for \$1,000.00 must accompany all bids
The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, State of Florida.

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

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:

W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Everglades Drainage Tax on Lands of the Trustees for 1919\$ 27,256.74

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

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

Tallahassee, Florida, December 7, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of November 5, 9, 17, 18, 27, 29 and 30 read and approved.

The following lands having been advertised for sale this date, as required by law, in a newspaper published in the county in which said lands are located once a week for five consecutive weeks, and affidavit of such publication filed with the Secretary:

Unsurveyed part of Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36, Township 42 South, Range 29 East, in DeSoto County and containing 883.05 acres, more or less, the bids were ordered opened.

E. C. Chambers bid \$10.10 per acre for the entire tract.
 E. E. Goodno bid \$21.10 per acre for the entire tract.
 Mr. McRae moved that the bid of Mr. E. E. Goodno be accepted and the land be sold upon the terms of \$500.00 cash; \$1,000.00 payable January 1, 1922; \$1,000.00 payable January 1, 1923; \$1,000.00 payable January 1, 1924; \$1,000.00 payable January 1, 1925, and the balance January 1, 1926, with 6% interest on the deferred payments, payable annually, and the Chief Drainage Engineer make a survey to determine the correct acreage. Seconded by Mr. Swearingen, and upon vote adopted.

The following lands having been advertised for sale on this date, as required by law, in a newspaper published in the counties in which the said lands are located, once a week for five consecutive weeks, and affidavit of said publication being filed with the Secretary:

All Section 24, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 26; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 28; all Section 32, South Miami Canal; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 34; NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 36;

Township 52 South, Range 40 East, Dade County, Florida.

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 26; all Section 34; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36;

Township 49 South, Range 40 East.

All Section 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 32; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 36.

Township 50 South, Range 40 East.

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 4; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 6; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 8.

Township 51 South, Range 40 East, in Broward County, Florida, containing 5,621.31 acres, more or less.

The bids were ordered opened. E. C. Chambers bid \$6.00 per acre for the entire acreage, and a telegram was presented by Mr. Amos from the Florida Ranch & Dairy Company of Miami, offering \$10.00 per acre for that portion of the lands located in Township 52 South, Range 40 East, containing approximately 1,700 acres. As the lands for which an offer of \$10.00 per acre represented only one-fourth of the acreage and said lands were the most valuable and best located of the entire tract, and no certified check having accompanied the offer of said Florida Ranch & Dairy Company, and in consideration of the said conditions, Mr. McRae moved that bid of E. C. Chambers be accepted; seconded by Mr. Luning, and upon vote adopted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Geo. I. Davis, P. M., 2000 Stamped Envelopes.	\$ 35.43
Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel, Advertising lands in Broward County for sale December 7, 1920	15.00
The Miami Herald Publishing Co., Advertising lands in Dade County for sale December 7, 1920	15.50
Enterprise Publishing Co., Advertising lands for sale December 7, 1920	5.40
Geo. O. Butler, C. C. C., Recording Deeds, Bill of November 30th, and December 1st and 2nd, 1920	21.45
Western Union Telegraph Company, To services for month of November, 1920	1.73
R. B. McLendon, Tax Collector Dade County, Everglades Drainage Tax, Lands of Trustees, \$20,591.20 less 1%	20,385.29
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	\$ 20,464.30

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,
Acting Chairman.

Attest: J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 14, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The Trustees having, under date of November 8th, 1920, ordered the advertisement and sale of certain lands, title to which had vested in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, under Chapter 7862, Laws of Florida, and the same having been advertised in the counties in which said lands lie, as required by law, and this date set for receiving bids, the following bids presented by the Secretary were accepted by the said Trustees and deeds executed to the said lands as follows:

In Palm Beach County, Florida:

Deed No.	Description	Acres.	Amt.
53	Lot 15, Blk. 34 Okeelanta To Geo. P. Monahan.	Fract.	1.85
54	Lot 8, Blk. 72 Okeelanta To Sarah B. Hamilton.	Fract.	1.92
55	Lot 2, Blk. 103 Okeelanta To Kelly Estate.	Fract.	2.35
56	Lot 11, Blk. 145 Okeelanta To James H. Copas.	Fract.	2.31
57	Lot 1, Blk. 199 Okeelanta To C. L. Mason.	Fract.	2.34
58	Lot 8, Blk. 224 Okeelanta To Mrs. Mathias Thill.	Fract.	2.20

Deed						Acres.	Amt.
No.	Description						
59	Lot 9, Blk. 250 Okeelanta To Rachel B. Watt.					Fract.	2.43
60	Tract 20, Blk 13, P. B. F. Co. Plat 3 To Nellie M. Guardenier.					10	6.44
61	Tract 123, Blk. 29 P. B. F. Co. Plat 3 To Charles M. Rogers.					5	4.79
62	Tract 70, Blk. 38 P. B. F. Co. Plat 3 To R. H. Palenske.					5	4.80
63	Tract 44, Blk. 45 P. B. F. Co. Plat 3 To Homer H. Campbell.					5	4.82
64	Tract 49, Blk. 45 P. B. F. Co. Plat 3 To Rudolph Boetger.					5	4.79
65	Tract 33, Blk. 54 P. B. F. Co. Plat 3 To Minnie I. Carroll.					5	6.06
66	Tract 39, Blk. 72 P. B. F. Co. Plat 3 To Frank Wosta.					5	4.65
		Sec. TS. RE.					
67	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ To E. C. Black.	25	42	37	10		9.85
68	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ To H. E. Hendrick.	32	43	37	40		36.44
69	NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 5. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 9. Lots 89 & 90 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$. To Geo. E. Warren.					44 35 8 45 35 33 45 35 60	73.08
70	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$. To C. L. Mason.	17	45	35	10		9.81
71	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$. To Lucy A. Drew.	25	45	35	10		12.17
72	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ To Sarah B. Hamilton.	13	46	36	10		5.11
73	Tract 48 To Jennie G. Ghrist.	18	46	42	5		4.30
74	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ To E. Mellin.	21	46	42	5		4.20

Deed No.	Description	Acres.				Amt.
75	Tract 2 To P. W. Koetitz.	17	47	39	20	12.50
76	Tract 60 To Phil S. Delaney.	13	47	31	10	7.00
77	Tract 87, Blk 46 P. B. F. Co. Plat 3 To Jas. F. Syer.				9	6.96
78	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$. To R. F. Connell.	5	46	36	10	7.31
79	Tract 45, Blk. 38; Tract 67, Blk. 62; Tract 52, Blk. 81 P. B. F. Co. Plat 3, and Lot 6, Blk. 97 Okeelanta To O. A. Parmley.				15.50	14.64

The following in Lee County:

80	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$... To Owen E. Hulehan.	15	44	33	20	8.86
81	All Sections 24, 26 and 36 To Harvey G. Geer and C. C. Chillingworth.		44	33	1920	1064.25
82	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$... To C. H. Outlank.	9	44	34	20	15.33

The following in Dade County:

83	Tracts 87 and 88 To C. W. Norman.	4	52	39	10	4.96
84	Tract 29, Sec. 13 & Tract 11 To Louise C. Chaplin.	23	52	39	10	14.15
85	Tract 17 To C. C. Montgomery.	31	51	41	15	6.66
86	Tract 29 To Louise C. Chaplin.	13	52	39	10	7.08
87	Tract 16 To Corinne M. Horst- meyer.	29	53	40	10	7.43

Deed No.	Description	Acres.				Amts.
88	Tract 13	30	54	39	10	6.89
	To James Vedder Stevens.					
89	Tract 20	30	54	39	10	6.89
	To J. C. Stevens.					
90	Tract 48	21	54	39	10	4.56
	To Jas. K. Dixon.					

Following in Broward County:

91	Tract 30	35	47	41		
	Tract 4	19	48	39		
	Tract 24	17	49	40	50	37.56
	To Ray E. Pickrel.					
92	N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Tract 2	9	49	39	10	6.97
	To A. M. Burke.					
93	Tract 16	1	49	40	20	12.54
	To Sam T. Bostic.					
94	Tract 20	5	50	39	10	7.05
	To J. Harry Ashby.					
95	Tract 4, Block 3	9	50	41	10	7.11
	To Marie Snyder.					
96	Tract 46, Subdivision ...	29	50	40	10	6.17
	To M. M. Simidian.					
97	Tract 10, Block 3	31	49	41	10	6.65
	To J. E. Jones.					
98	Tract 12, Block 3	31	49	41	10	6.65
	To R. D. Jones.					

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor,

Attest:

Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 22, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of December 7th and 14th read and approved:

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

R. H. Alderman, Tax Collector, Okeechobee County, Everglades Drainage Tax, 1920...	\$ 1,411.97
T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, Everglades Drainage District Tax..	351.77
T. J. Campbell, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, Palm Beach Dr. & Highway District Tax	15,089.10
H. & W. B. Drew Company, 1 Seal.....	4.10
A. L. Durrance, Clerk Circuit Court, Recording Certificate Tampa & Jacksonville vs. Catts95
Chas. H. Gordon, Clerk Circuit Court, Recording Deed	1.25
Ben Sheppard, Clerk Circuit Court, Recording Deeds	5.30
Geo. I. Davis, P. M. Postage Stamps.....	5.00
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	\$ 16,869.44

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Attest: Acting Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 28, 1920.

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

Present:

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

The Trustees having set aside certain lands as per resolution of the Trustees, September 27, 1920, and amended November 9, 1920, at \$5.00 per acre, to aid in canal and road construction in Broward County, and the said lands having been advertised for sale once a week for five consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county in which said lands lie, as required by law, and affidavit of such publication having been filed with the Secretary of said Trustees, and this being the date set for bids to be received, the Secretary was instructed to open said bids for said land as follows, to-wit:

All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36, in Township 49 South, Range 38 East; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4; all Sections 6, 8, 18, 20, 28 and 30, Township 49 South, Range 39 East, containing 20,000 acres, more or less.

The bid of the State Land Committee of the Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce of \$5.00 per acre accompanied by certified check of \$10,000.00 being the best bid received, Mr. McRae moved that the same be accepted and the funds derived from sale of said lands, less the 25% which goes to the State Board of Education be expended by the Trustees in deepening the North New River Canal, and the additional amount of \$3.00 per acre to be received by the County of Broward, be used for a fourteen-foot hard-surfaced road along the South bank of said canal in Broward County. The terms to be \$10,000.00 cash, the balance in three equal payments with 6% interest on deferred payments. Motion seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote unanimously adopted.

Mr. Luning moved that the County Commissioners of Broward County be designated as a Committee to collect and expend the \$3.00 additional per acre to be secured on the 20,000 acres of land, sold to aid Broward County in Canal and road construction; seconded by Mr. McRae and upon vote unanimously adopted.

The following communication from the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was read:

“December 28, 1920.

“Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of Florida,

“Tallahassee, Fla.

“Gentlemen:

“On the 14th of February, 1920, all of Sec. 3, T. 44 S., R. 39 E., was sold to J. S. Daniels for \$9,600.00.

The said Daniels agreed to pay \$3,200.00 cash, and give his notes due February 14, 1921, and February 14, 1922, for similar amounts with mortgage on same, with the understanding that the deed was to be sent to the bank for collection. Said Daniels has not paid any money whatever on said land and has declined to sign the notes and mortgage and his deed has been returned to this office by the bank. As no money has been received, his entry No. 16862 and deed should be cancelled.

On the 17th day of February, 1920, all of Sec. 33, T. 43 S., R. 39 E., and lot 4, between townships 43 and 44 S., R. 39 E., were sold to C. S. Bobb for \$11,614.80, and a deed was sent to the bank with the understanding that said Bobb was to remit \$3,871.60 as cash payment and a similar amount was to be paid February 17, 1921, and February 17, 1922. Said deed No. 16,866 has been returned by the bank and said C. S. Bobb states that he is unable to pay for said land. As no money has been received for same, his entry and deed should be cancelled.

“On the 23rd day of July, 1920, the Boston Palm Beach Development Company purchased 4,200 acres at \$10.00 per acre in Secs. 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33, T. 41 S., R. 42 E. and agreed to pay \$15,435.00, cash payment, \$14,000.00 on December 23, 1920, and \$14,000 December 23, 1921. A deed No. 16934 was sent to the Bank with notes and mortgage to be executed, as above stated. Said Company has only paid \$1,000.00 cash and has given satisfactory statement setting out the fact that they are unable to make said payment as originally agreed upon, and has requested an extension of time to April 1, 1921, in which to make the other payments. As said company has only made a payment of \$1,000.00 on said deed No. 16934, said deed should be turned over to this office to be delivered when said company makes said payment as agreed upon.

“Yours very truly,

“W. A. McRAE,

“Commissioner of Agriculture.”

Mr. Luning moved that Entry No. 16862, covering deed issued to J. S. Daniels, dated February 14, 1920, and entry No. 16,866, covering deed issued to C. S. Bobb, dated February 17, 1920, be cancelled; seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote unanimously adopted.

Mr. McRae moved that the Boston Palm Beach Company be allowed an extension until April 1st, 1921, on entry No. 16934, dated July 23, 1920; seconded by Mr. Swearingen, and upon vote unanimously adopted.

Mr. Luning introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the State provides that twenty-five per cent of the sales of all public lands shall be paid into the State School Fund; and

WHEREAS, There is a considerable amount of money due the State School Fund by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund derived from the proceeds of the sale of lands controlled by the Trustees; and

WHEREAS, The said Trustees have been unable to pay the whole amount due the School Fund by reason of the fact that it has been necessary for the Trustees to pay large amounts for drainage taxes on their lands, and also from time to time to advance as loans large amounts of money to the Board of Everglades Drainage Commissioners in order that there might be no default in providing for the interest on bonds of the Everglades Drainage District and also the prompt retirement of bonds issued upon the District at maturity, the State School Fund being vitally interested in the good credit and reputation of these securities, the school fund owning more than 65,000 acres of land in the Everglades Drainage District, which should be very valuable upon the successful conclusion of the drainage operations, the State School Fund, under the law, not being required to pay drainage taxes upon land in the Everglades Drainage District, owned by it; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are at this time in a position to pay to the State Board of Education the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars on account of said twenty-five per cent of the purchase price received by said Trustees from the sale of public lands; be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, That the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars now be paid to the State Board of Education as a portion of the amount due the State School Fund from the proceeds of land sold by the Trustees, and the State Treasurer, as Treasurer of the Trustees, is hereby authorized and directed to have a check drawn for the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars payable to the State Board of Education on said account."

Mr. McRae moved the adoption of the resolution and upon vote same was unanimously adopted. Whereupon the following warrants were drawn:

4485 State Board of Education	\$15,000.00
4486 " " " "	8,000.00
4487 " " " "	5,000.00
4488 " " " "	751.72
4489 " " " "	21,248.28
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	\$50,000.00

Bill for balance due on Drainage Tax Broward County was ordered paid.

4484 W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector	\$ 145.04	
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Upon motion duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned.

SIDNEY J. CATTS, Governor,

Attest:

Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 31, 1920.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of December 22nd and 28th read and approved.
 Financial statement for December, 1920, was read, approved and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER, 1920.

To Balance on hand December 1, 1920	\$178,717.29	
To Board Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist., Tolls Collected December	\$89.70	
Maps	4.98	94.68
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To Redemption Tax Certificates...	645.89	
To Refund on Drainage Tax.....	49.78	
Thos. E. Will, Interest November and December	74.44	
To Land Sales	12,641.71	
To Sale of Minutes50	
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	\$192,224.29	
By Disbursements December, 1920	88,043.61	
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To Balance January 1, 1921.....		\$104,180.68

RECAPITULATION.

To cash on hand	\$ 1,096.84	
To cash in banks	26,923.84	
To note Bd. Commrs. Ev. Dr. Dist	76,160.00	
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		\$104,180.68

DEPOSITED IN FOLLOWING BANKS.

Atlantic National, Jacksonville.....	\$ 1,576.92
Barnett National, Jacksonville	2,477.39
Florida National, Jacksonville	500.21
First National, West Palm Beach.....	174.16
Capital City, Tallahassee	4,984.20
Exchange, Tallahassee	15,137.84
Lewis State, Tallahassee	2,073.12
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	\$ 26,923.84

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date	Check	Amount.
1920.	No.	
Dec. 1,	4462—Miami Herald	\$ 13.50
Dec. 1,	4463—Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	7.15
Dec. 1,	4464—C. B. Gwynn	192.50
Dec. 1,	4465—Glenn Terrell	91.65
Dec. 1,	4466—Glenn Terrell	137.54
Dec. 1,	4467—J. Stuart Lewis	66.66
Dec. 1,	4468—Jentye Dedge	40.33
Dec. 7,	4469—Geo. I. Davis, P. M.	35.43
Dec. 7,	4470—Ft. Lauderdale Sentinel	15.00
Dec. 7,	4471—Miami Herald	15.50
Dec. 7,	4472—The Enterprise	5.40
Dec. 7,	4473—Geo. O. Butler, C. C. C.	21.45
Dec. 7,	4474—Western Union Tel. Co.	1.73
Dec. 7,	4475—R. B. McLendon, T. C.	20,385.29
Dec. 22,	4476—R. H. Alderman, T. C.	1,411.97
Dec. 22,	4477—T. J. Campbell, T. C.	351.77
Dec. 22,	4478—T. J. Campbell, T. C.	15,089.10
Dec. 22,	4479—H. & W. B. Drew Co.	4.10
Dec. 22,	4480—A. L. Durrance95
Dec. 22,	4481—Charles Gordon	1.25
Dec. 22,	4482—Ben Sheppard, C. C. C.	5.30
Dec. 22,	4483—Geo. I. Davis	5.00
Dec. 28,	4484—W. O. Berryhill, T. C.	145.04
Dec. 28,	4485—State Board of Education....	15,000.00
Dec. 28,	4486—State Board of Education....	8,000.00
Dec. 28,	4487—State Board of Education....	5,000.00
Dec. 28,	4488—State Board of Education....	751.72
Dec. 28,	4489—State Board of Education....	21,248.28
		\$ 88,043.61

This minute was read and approved, whereupon upon motion, duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller,

Attest:

Acting Chairman.

J. STUART LEWIS, Secretary.