

TRUSTEE MINUTES FOR 1927

Tallahassee, Florida, January 4, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

A letter was presented from the Kretex Realty Company, addressed to the State Treasurer, returning check dated December 29, 1926 for \$375.48 payable to the order of Roy A. O'Bannon, Tax Collector of Palm Beach County, being for payment of taxes for the year 1926 upon Lots 3, 4, 5 and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, said property having been purchased by Kretex Realty Company and re-deeded by said Company to the Trustees by reason of the fact that the representative of the Kretex Realty Company was unable to obtain possession of said land, because of a squatter who had come upon said land and refused to allow any one to take possession of same, offering armed resistance against possession.

The Kretex Realty Company claim that having never had possession of this land and being unable to obtain possession, that, therefore, they were not liable to pay the taxes upon the property for the year 1926.

Upon motion the Trustees decided that this contention of the Kretex Realty Company was correct and instructed the Treasurer to cancel said check and issue another check for the sum of \$375.48 payable to Kretex Realty Company in lieu thereof.

Bills approved by the Board of Fire Control amounting to \$5,040.38 were passed by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund at its meeting today, in accordance with Chapter 10116, Acts of 1925, and

transmitted to the Comptroller for warrants to be issued therefor.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 11, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Upon application of Mr. J. W. Holland, for his client Ella F. Mills, the Trustees ordered advertised for sale on this date submerged land lying in Section 6, Township 2 South, Range 28 East, County of Duval. No objections being presented or filed, the sale was consummated, to Ella F. Mills at a price of \$100.00 per acre upon usual terms.

The Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed.

The following Resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the following described lands were advertised and sold to A. O. Henderson as shown by minutes of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, under dates of April 13th, May 25th, and June 15, 1926;

ISLAND NO. 1: Begin at a point on the South boundary of Section 22, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, 5815 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 21,

Run South $35^{\circ} 12'$ East 181.8 feet;
 Thence South $18^{\circ} 02'$ West 110 feet;
 Thence South $66^{\circ} 28'$ East 150 feet;
 Thence South $35^{\circ} 58'$ East 145 feet;
 Thence South $71^{\circ} 58'$ East 40 feet;
 Thence North $27^{\circ} 28'$ West 490 feet;
 Thence North $86^{\circ} 28'$ West 100 feet, to the point of beginning.

Containing .91 acres, more or less. Lying and being in Township 42 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

ISLAND NO. 2: Commencing at a point on the South boundary of Section 21, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, 4,417.5 feet East of the Southwest corner of said Section 21, and run North $86^{\circ} 43' 30''$ East, 1,308.9 feet to the point of beginning. From the point of beginning run,

North $70^{\circ} 47'$ East 60 feet;
 Thence North $36^{\circ} 28'$ West 430 feet;
 Thence North $27^{\circ} 28'$ West 210 feet;
 Thence South $67^{\circ} 2'$ West 20 feet;
 Thence South $23^{\circ} 28'$ East 220 feet;
 Thence South $36^{\circ} 58'$ East 260 feet;
 Thence South $27^{\circ} 34'$ East 152 feet, to the point of beginning.

Containing .52 acres, more or less. Lying and being in Township 42 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

and,

WHEREAS, Deed to said lands has not yet been executed because of pending suits contesting the validity of such sale; and

WHEREAS, Mr. A. O. Anderson is desirous of being in position to apply to the War Department for the privilege of filling in and developing the said land,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;

FIRST: That it is the purpose of the Trustees to execute deed to Mr. A. O. Henderson, covering the said lands if and when the said suits shall be finally culminated in favor of Defendants, Trustees and Henderson.

SECOND: That pending the suits and execution of deed, the Trustees have no objection to Mr. A. O. Henderson making application for and receiving a permit from the War Department for the privilege of filling and improving the said lands.

Mr. Johnson moved that the above Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Western Union Telegraph Company, Tallahassee, Fla., to service for Counsel and Trustees	\$ 12.14
Southern Tel. & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla., to service in Tax Dept., and Trustees	8.50
Postal Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla., to service for December 1926	1.47
George F. Holley, Clerk, Miami, Fla., to recording Instrument	1.45
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk, West Palm Beach, Fla., recording Warranty Deed	1.55
Obe P. Goode, Clerk, St. Augustine, Fla., to recording Deed	1.35
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., to recording Instruments	18.60
Collier County News, Everglades, Fla., to one year's subscription	2.00
The Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, Fla., to advertising Land Sale January 11th 1927	17.25
Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla., to Taxes on Lands of Trustees in Palm Beach County	271.40
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	\$335.71

Financial Statement for the month of December 1926 was read and ordered placed of record:

Balance in Fund December 1, 1926	\$845,326.68
Sale of Lands under Chapters 9131, Acts of 1923, and 10024, Acts of 1925, Laws Florida	854.20
Drainage Tax Fund (refund of temporary loan)	15,000.00
Redemption of Drainage tax certificates	576.33
Refund by Board of Fire Control under agreement of March 9, 1926, Comptroller's Warrant No. 49383	11,718.96
From Land Sales (\$35,176.91) less 25% to the State School Fund (\$8,794.21)	26,382.70
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	\$899,858.87
Less Disbursements	54,327.55
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Balance in fund January 1, 1927	\$845,531.32

RECAPITULATION

Cash and Cash Items	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in Banks	844,531.32
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	\$845,531.32

BALANCES IN BANKS JANUARY 1, 1927

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$204,153.67
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	190,127.22
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	206,940.10
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	76,700.15
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,664.01
First American Bk. & Tr. Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	2,078.47

Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	39,943.84
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	25,279.28
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	58,540.52
Ft. Lauderdale Bk. & Tr. Co. Spl. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	38,104.06
Capital City Bank (Deposit by D. C. Harris, Agent Burgess Co. of Florida, In -Re Moss Contract)	1,000.00
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	\$844,531.32

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1927			
Dec. 3,	6717	Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District (temporary loan)	\$15,000.00
	7,	6718 Southern Telephone & Construction Co.	8.50
		6719 Western Union Telegraph Co.	3.34
		6720 D. A. Dixon Co.	23.00
		6721 T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	12.50
		6722 W. H. May, Postmaster ...	160.00
		6723 Miami Life	2.50
		6724 Clearwater Morning Herald	27.00
		6725 Clearwater Sun	13.00
		6726 Sarasota Times	12.00
		6727 W. T. Byrd	170.05
		6728 Marvin C. McIntosh	65.95
15,	6729	W. T. Byrd	112.50
		6730 J. P. Moore, T. C.	4,537.34
		6731 T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	1.50
		6732 W. L. Marshall	150.00
		6733 Photostat Corporation ...	9.25
		6734 D. Z. Filer	3.50
		6735 Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. ...	3.45

22,	6736	Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C.	1.85
	6737	Post Publishing Co.	27.00
	6738	D. A. Dixon Company	7.50
	6739	D. P. Council, Inc.	31.98
	6740	Bob Simpson, T. C.	345.88
	6741	L. S. Harvard (Refund on land purchase)	16,000.00
	6742	W. H. Nobles (Refund on land purchase)	8,125.00
29,	6743	Kretex Realty Co. (Re- fund on land purchase)	3,405.18
	6744	(Cancelled)	
31	6745	C. B. Gwynn	283.34
	6746	J. Stuart Lewis	83.34
	6747	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	6748	A. R. Richardson	333.34
	6749	Jentye Dedge	50.00
	6750	Dollie Gerald	41.67
	6751	Elgin Bayless	225.00
	6752	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins	150.00
	6753	R. W. Ervin	225.00
	6754	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
	6755	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
	6756	W. T. Wallis, Jr.	4,060.63
	6757	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	52.50
	6758	Geo F. Holly, C. C. C.	4.00
	6759	A. R. Richardson	54.80
			\$ 54,327.55

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

Ernest Amos,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Fla., January 12, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The State Treasurer was directed to transfer from funds of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) payable to the State Office Building Fund, and the Secretary was directed to furnish the State Treasurer with a certified copy of this order, authorizing him to make said transfer.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
 Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
 Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 18, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control, approved by said Board, amounting to \$2,228.03 were passed by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrant be issued to W. A. Dutch, Chief Fire Warden, upon funds in the custody of the State Treasurer to the credit of the Fire Tax Fund.

Mr. Luning moved that Mr. Ervin, Tax Clerk, be requested to furnish a list, showing the assessed valuation of all lands within the boundaries of the Everglades Drainage District for State and County taxes by Counties, also the assessment of all Drainage taxes by Zones and Counties within the boundaries of the Everglades Drainage District, including all Sub-Drainage Districts and the Everglades Drainage District, and submit the same to Mr. Luning, who will present such information to the Trustees when compiled.

Motion seconded by Mr. Johnson and upon vote adopted.

Application from the City of New Smyrna for 26.18 acres of submerged land for Park Purposes was read.

Mr. Luning moved that the Trustees sell said land to the City for \$500.00 with the understanding and proviso that the same be used exclusively for Park or Public purposes.

Seconded by Mr. Johnson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Gregor McLean, for his client J. H. Kerrick, made application for submerged land in Pinellas County, and the following advertisement was placed in the Clearwater Morning Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 18, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, March 1st, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in PINELLAS COUNTY, Florida:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 31, South Range 15 East, run West 582.12 feet to point of beginning, at Government Meander Post; Thence run West 73.68 feet;

Thence North 7 degrees 23' West, a distance of 281.07 feet to Government Meander line; Thence South 21 degrees 30' East, following Government Meander line a distance of 299.59 feet, to point of beginning; containing 235.74 acres.

also:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 31, South, Range 15 East, run West 582.12 feet to Government Meander Post; Thence following Government Meander line North 21 degrees 30' West, a distance of 370.26 feet;

Thence North 6 degrees 15' East, a distance of 73.13 feet to point of beginning; Thence run North 7 degrees 23' West, a distance of 451.46 feet to Government Meander line;

Thence following Government Meander line South 14 degrees 30' East, 300.36 feet; thence South 6 degrees 15' West, 157.87 feet to point of beginning. Containing .19294 acres.

Also:

Beginning at Southeast Corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East; run West 582.12 feet to Government Meander Post; Thence following Government Meander line North 21 degrees 30' West a distance of 370.26 feet; Thence North 6 degrees 15' East a distance of 231 feet; Thence North 14 degrees 30' West, a distance of 330 feet; Thence North 4 degrees 15' West, a distance of 67.17 feet to point of beginning; Thence North 7 degrees 23' West a distance of 51.78 feet; Thence East a distance of 2.84 feet to Government Meander line; Thence along Government Meander line South 4 degrees 15' East, a distance of 51.49 feet to point of beginning; Containing .00168 acres.

Total submerged land to be purchased—
.43036 acres.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN, Governor

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis, Secretary.

Bussey and Mann made application to purchase submerged land in Pinellas County, and the following advertisement was placed in the Clearwater Morning Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 18, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the

Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, March 1st, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, and running South on the Quarter Section line 661.80 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 58' 30" East, 1326.40 feet; Thence North 188.27 feet to an intersection with the Government Traverse of the shore line for a point of beginning;

Thence South 82 degrees East 300 feet;
 Thence North 84 degrees East 290 feet;
 Thence North 48 degrees East 410 feet;
 Thence East 435 feet; Thence South 115 feet;
 Thence South 48 degrees West 490 feet;
 Thence South 19 degrees .07' West 358.61 feet; Thence South 89 degrees 58' 30" West 360 feet; Thence North 22 degrees 58' 30" East 243.25 feet; Thence North 51 degrees 28' 30" East 397.50 feet; Thence North 23 degrees 43' 30" East 265.00 feet; Thence North 34 degrees 31' 30" West 66.25 feet; Thence South 78 degrees 58' 30" West 33.13 feet; Thence South 38 degrees 58' 30" West 331.25 feet; Thence South 70 degrees 58' 30" West 198.75 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 31' 30" West 331.25 feet; Thence North 69 degrees 01' 30" West 212.67 feet, to the point of beginning; Containing 6.66 acres, more or less.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN, Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
 Secretary.

Mr. R. K. Thompson made application for submerged land in Sarasota County, and the following advertisement was placed in the Sarasota Times:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 18, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, March 1st., 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in SARASOTA County, Florida:

Description of land between "Tract 1" and Government Meander line in Section 33, Township 7 South, Range 18 East, West of the Oaks.

From the Southeast Corner of Section 33, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, run West 1320 feet on and along the South line of said Section 33 to original Government Meander corner for point of beginning;

Thence on true bearings:

North 2 degrees 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' West 1679 feet, South 55 degrees 36' East, 85 feet; South 00 degrees 35' East, 1629 feet to point of beginning.

Said tract lying in Section 33, Township 37 South, Range 18 East; Containing 2.60 acres more or less.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN, Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 19, 1927.
11 O'clock A. M..

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.

The Trustees on July 13th, 1926 agreed to refund to Mr. Frank F. Pulver of St. Petersburg, \$25,344.00, which was the first payment made by him on Fractional Lots 1 and 3, not in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lots 4, 5 and 6, Tier 14 in Section 13 Township 50 South, Range 41 East, and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Tier 18, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, as he was unable to get possession of the land, owing to the fact that squatters refused to vacate. Mr. Pulver agreed to allow \$1,000.00 of the above amount to be withheld for the purpose of paying all taxes due on the land, and on September 14th, 1926 the Trustees issued their check in the sum of \$24,344.00 to Mr. Pulver.

It now appears that the taxes on the said land amount to \$247.53, leaving a difference of \$752.47 between the taxes and the amount withheld. The State Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund to Mr. Pulver the amount of \$752.47 and issue check in the sum of \$247.53 to the Tax Collector of Broward County for all taxes on above described land.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 19, 1927.
3 O'clock P. M.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Messrs. W. A. Dutch, J. E. Taylor and L. S. Harvard, members of the Board of Fire Control, with their Counsel, A. O. Kanner, met with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on this date, as required by law, Chapter 10116, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1925, and prepared a Budget for the year 1927, as follows:

BUDGET

Salary, Chief Fire Warden	\$ 3,000.00
Deputy Fire Wardens,—20—12 months at \$100.00 per month	24,000.00
Tractor for hire or purchase	20,000.00
Men with above Tractors—90 days at \$5.00 each per day	15,000.00
Tractors, 180 days at \$30.00 each per day	16,200.00
Men with above Tractors, 180 days at \$5.00 each per day	13,500.00
Extra labor and care of men in field	25,000.00
Other general equipment and tools ..	10,000.00
Aeroplane and Aviator hire	7,500.00

Legal services.....	5,000.00
Salary, Secretary of Board.....	3,000.00
Stenographer.....	1,800.00
Salary, Two Assistant Fire Wardens.....	4,800.00
Office Rent.....	1,000.00
Operation of State Automobile.....	600.00
Incidental expenses of Board.....	5,000.00
Fees, 1% commission, Tax Asses- sor, and Tax Collector.....	3,600.00
Contingent Fund.....	20,000.00
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	\$179,000.00

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

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

After discussion, Mr. Luning moved the adoption of the Budget. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 25, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Representatives of the State Road Department appeared before the Trustees and requested that permission be granted the Road Department to pump sand from Sections 2, 3 and 4, Township 19 South, Range 26 East, lying in Lake Eutis, outside the corporate limits of Eutis, Lake County, for road building purposes.

Mr. Johnson moved that such permit be issued to the State Road Department. Seconded by Mr. Luning and upon vote adopted.

Mr. John W. Williams, who was instructed to examine and report on certain lands in Section 16, Township 4 South, Range 19 East, and Section 22, Township 4 South, Range 20 East, filed his report as follows:

“January 20, 1927.

Internal Improvement Board,
Tallahassee, Florida.
Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of recent date, I beg to submit my report on the following lands inspected by me in Baker and Union Counties. (The South Half of Section 16, Township 4 South, Range 19 East and all of Section 22, Township 4 South, Range 20 East.)

These lands are cut up very badly by swamp and lake. My judgment is that about 600 acres of these lands are in swamp. There is very little timber, cypress or pine, in the swamp. The cypress timber seems to be a very poor grade. The large pine timber outside of the swamp, I am sure, has been more than half cut for ties.

The small timber in the edge of the swamp is very fine for turpentine purposes. My judgment is that the above described lands would cut 15,000 boxes, which would be worth, with a long time lease, \$2250.00 and would cut 450,000 feet of timber at \$5.00 per thousand, which would be worth \$2,250.00, totalling \$4,500.00.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. WILLIAMS.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

John W. Williams, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense account on trip to Baker and Union Counties		\$ 19.51
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense account on trip to South Florida		166.80
T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. Rebinding Record Books for Land Department	\$86.25	
Ribbons for Secretary	10.00	96.25
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To Supplies for Department		4.40
Geo. F. Holly, Clerk Miami, Fla. To copy of Pa. Sugar Company's Deed		1.00
Wm. T. Hull, Clerk, LaBelle, Fla. Re- cording Instrument No. 7685		1.35
C. E. Simmons, Clerk, Okeechobee, Fla. Recording Deeds—Marsh vs. Trus- tees—Jennings vs. Trustees		3.00
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk. West Palm Beach, Fla. Recording D e e d s— Mitchell and Kretex Realty Co.		3.55
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Recording D e e d—Arthur McGowan		1.55
J. D. Raulerson, Clerk, Bartow, Fla. Recording Deed—Minton, et al.		1.40
A. E. Sweeney, Oshkosh, Wis. Refund on Tax Deed		4.54
Lillie M. Smith, T. C. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., taxes on Sec. 33-47-38—1 Mill and Drainage		257.28
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		\$560.63

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 29, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk—January, 1927	\$ 283.34
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary—January, 1927	83.34
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel—January, 1927	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Field Agent—January, 1927	333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary— January, 1927	50.00
Dollie Gerald, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary— January, 1927	41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk—January, 1927	225.00
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—January, 1927	150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Tax Clerk—January, 1927	225.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—January, 1927	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—January, 1927	125.00
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	\$1,895.85

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 1, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

On December 21st, 1926 the Trustees ordered advertised for sale on this date, upon application of Normandy Beach Properties Corporation, TRACT "G", a parcel of land submerged in Biscayne Bay, situated in the East Half of the East Half of Section 9, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida, containing 3.14 acres, more or less.

No objections being presented or filed the sale was consummated to Normandy Beach Properties Corporation, at a price of \$350.00 per acre, upon terms of one-fourth cash and the balance in one, two and three years with interest at the rate of 6 per cent on deferred payments.

The following Resolution was presented by Mr. Johnson:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED That where submerged lands are sold by the Trustees, the sale will carry permission and the right to the purchaser to dredge from adjoining submerged lands not over three feet in depth at high tide, or those lands which do not come under the law which authorizes said Trustees to sell.

Seconded by Mr. Mayo, and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Victor A. Searles made application to purchase 3.56 acres of submerged land in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County. He being the upland owner, it was

agreed to sell him this land at \$100.00 per acre, and same was ordered advertised upon receipt of description.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control amounting to \$6,926.70 approved by said Board were passed by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to Honorable Ernest Amos, Comptroller, for payment from funds of the Everglades Fire Tax Fund, as authorized by Chapter 10116, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1925.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Wallis Engineering Company, Tallahassee Fla. To Survey work during January, 1927	\$2,662.89
Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Service on Phones 258 and 776	9.50
Bob Simpson, T. C. Miami, Fla. To Drainage Taxes on Land in Naranja Drainage District	1,055.02
Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C. West Palm Beach, Fla. Recording Deed Kretex Realty Co., to Trustees	1.55
Geo. F. Holly, C. C. C. Miami, Fla. Recording Deeds—Lahey Corp. and Kretex Realty Co. to Trustees	3.10
Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Recording Deed Kretex Realty Co. to Trustees	1.55
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	\$3,733.61

The following letter was ordered spread on the Minutes, the same having been referred to the Special Counsel and he having rendered his opinion to the effect that deed should be held in abeyance until after termination of Suit:

"Jacksonville, Fla., January 21st, 1927.

Hon. Nathan Mayo,
Commissioner of Agriculture,
Tallahassee, Florida.

RE: SE1-4 of SE 1-4 of SE1-4 of Section
14, T. 43 S. R. 34 East.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of January 13th, advising that Mr. F. V. Johnson of Clewiston has asked that a deed be executed to him by the Trustees covering the above entitled property. We would respectfully advise that heretofore on December 11th, 1907, Hon. B. E. McLin, Commissioner of Agriculture executed a certificate under the seal of his office certifying that certain lands, which include Section 14 above mentioned, had been patented to the State of Florida by the United States Government at various times as enuring to the said State under the Acts of Congress of September 28th, 1850, as evidenced by the records of patents in his office and in his custody. On December 5th, 1907, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund conveyed said Section 14 to Louisville and Nashville Railroad, and thereafter title passed by mesne conveyances to Florida State Drainage Land Company, which company we represent. We respectfully insist that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are without authority to make a new deed to either Mr. F. V. Johnson or to any one else covering Section 14 or any part thereof until the Trustees have by proper legal action duly caused to be cancelled the deed above mentioned under which our clients claim. We submit that it is not in accord with the dignity and position of this State that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund should convey to two different parties the same piece of land and we vigorously protest against such action. We respectfully advise that there is now pending in the United States District for the Southern District of Florida an ejectment suit brought by Florida State Drainage Land Company against Mr. Johnson and that the question of whether or not the deed heretofore given by the Trustees to the L. & N. Railroad is or is not valid will be judicially determined in that cause. It is our intention and we are instructed by our clients, if necessary, to prosecute this action as far as the Supreme Court of the United States, as the Statutes of the United States and the construction thereof are necessarily in controversy. If it is contended that the original deed given by the Trustees is void, we respectfully insist that the Trustees should await in due course, the determination by the Courts of this ques-

tion and should not determine same in advance by executing and delivering a new deed to Mr. Johnson.

We would respectfully request that this letter and protest now entered by us on behalf of the Florida State Drainage Land Company be submitted to the Trustees and spread upon their minutes and that we be advised in due course what action, if any, is taken in the premises. We are,

Very truly yours,

Cooper, Knight, Adair, Cooper & Osborne.
 JCCjr by J. C. Cooper, Jr.
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Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
 Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
 Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 2, 1927.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District met on this date in joint meeting.

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary reported that bills amounting to \$2,-314.16 approved by the Drainage Board February 1, 1927, could not be paid from the Drainage Bond Fund as there was not sufficient money in said Fund.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Drainage Board issue its note to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for \$20,000.00 at 3 percent interest for Ninety days, and that the State Treasurer be requested to

accept such note and issue Trustee Check to said Board in the sum of \$20,000.00. This amount being necessary as Field Payroll for January would be due and payable as soon as audited by the Chief Drainage Engineer.

Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida. February 8, 1927.

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

Present:

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Representative of Graves Brothers of Quincy, Florida, appeared before the Trustees and stated that they were unable to meet the payments on lands purchased by them in Sections 21, 27, 35, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, March, 1926, and requested the Trustees to deed them one-fourth of the land, or acreage in value equal to the first payment, and allow them to re-deed the remainder of said land purchased.

Mr. Johnson moved that such settlement be approved, provided proof was furnished that title to the land was in no way encumbered and that all taxes due on same would be paid by Graves Brothers.

Seconded by Mr. Mayo, and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. C. LUNING,
Treasurer-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida. February 15, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Gregor McLean having made application for his client, Mr. W. S. Blatchley, to purchase certain land in Pinellas County, the following advertisement was placed in the Clearwater Morning Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 15, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, March 29th, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Beginning at a point which is 815 feet West of the Southeast corner of Government Lot No. 1, Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, said point being on the South line of said Government Lot and Meander line of the

Government Survey.

Thence run West along South line of Government Lot No. 1, 400 feet;

Thence North 299.5 feet;

Thence East and parallel to the South line of said Government Lot 550 feet to a point on the Meander line of Government Survey;

Thence South 28 degrees 00' West along Government meander line 339.3 feet to point of beginning.

Containing 3.27 acres.

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

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN, Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. Stamps for

Tax Department.....	\$	21.00
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F. P. Fleming, Jacksonville, Fla. Expenses in Trustees		
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Cases	\$	421.65
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Fees in Trustees Cases.....		15,000.00
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Financial Statement for the month of January, 1927, was read and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR
JANUARY, 1927.

Balance in Fund January 1, 1927	\$845,531.32	
Sale of lands under Chapter 9131, Acts of 1923, and Chapter 10024, Acts of 1925, Laws of Florida	835.13	
Interest on deposits for quarter ending December 31, 1926	8,596.93	
Redemption of Drainage Tax Certificates	1,144.32	
Refund by Southern States Land & Timber Co.	1.04	
Interest due June 30, 1926 and December 31, 1926, on Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District Bonds	780.00	
Redemption of Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District Bond No. 10 at par	500.00	
Refund by Board of Fire Control as per agreement ..	14,057.93	
Sale of Minutes	36.50	
From Land Sales) \$49,257.- 82) less 25 percent to the State School Fund (\$12,- 314.45)	36,943.37	
	\$ 908,426.54	
Less Disbursements (Item- ized below)	53,920.14	
Balance in Fund February 1, 1927		\$854,506.40

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	1,000.00	
Balance in Banks	853,506.40	
	\$854,506.40	

BALANCES IN BANKS FEBRUARY 1, 1927

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$181,427.76
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	218,830.99
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	190,936.20
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	77,280.12
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,676.49
First-American Bk. & Tr. Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	2,094.14
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	57,427.06
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	25,468.87
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee	58,974.93
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Tr. Co., Spl. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	38,389.84
Capital City Bank (Deposit by D. C. Har- ris) Agent, Burgess Co. of Fla., in re Moss Contract)	1,000.00
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	\$853,506.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Check	In Favor of:	Amount
1927	No.		
Jan. 4,	6760	Kretex Realty Co. (Refund on Lands)	\$ 375.48
11,	6761	Western Union Telegraph Co.	12.14
	6762	Southern Telephone & Con- struction Co.	8.50
	6763	Postal Telegraph Co.	1.47
	6764	Geo. F. Holly, Clerk	1.45
	6765	Fred E. Fenno, Clerk	1.55
	6766	Obe P. Goode, Clerk	1.35
	6767	Frank A. Bryan, Clerk	18.60
	6768	Collier County News	2.00
	6769	Florida Times Union	17.25
	6770	Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C.	271.40
14,	6771	J. C. Luning, State Treas- urer (for State Office Building Fund)	25,000.00
	6772	J. C. Luning, State Treas- urer, (for State Office Building Fund)	25,000.00

19,	6773	Frank V. Pulver (Refund on account of taxes)	752.47
25,	6774	John W. Williams	19.51
	6775	A. R. Richardson	166.80
	6776	T. J. Appleyard	96.25
	6777	D. A. Dixon Company	4.40
	6778	Geo. F. Holly, Clerk	1.00
	6779	Wm. T. Hull, Clerk	1.35
	6780	C. E. Simmons, Clerk	3.00
	6781	Fred E. Fenno, Clerk	3.55
	6782	Frank A. Bryan, Clerk	1.55
	6783	J. D. Raulerson, Clerk	1.40
	6784	A. E. Sweeney	4.54
	6785	Lille M. Smith, T. C.	257.28
31,	6786	C. B. Gwynn	283.34
	6787	J. Stuart Lewis	83.34
	6788	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	6789	A. R. Richardson	333.34
	6790	Jentye Dedge	50.00
	6791	Dollie Gerald	41.67
	6792	Elgin Bayless	225.00
	6793	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins	150.00
	6794	R. W. Ervin	225.00
	6795	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
	6796	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
			\$53,920.14

Upon motion the Trutsees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 22, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.

Mr. Luning, State Treasurer, was directed to transfer from funds of the Trustees of the Internal Im-

provement Fund the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) to the STATE PRISON FARM BUILDING FUND, as authorized by Act of the Legislature, Special Session, November 1925.

Upon application of Mr. William P. Hayes of Clearwater, Florida, to advertise certain submerged land abutting his upland holdings and offering \$100.00 per acre for same, Mr. Johnson moved that the land be advertised. Motion duly seconded and adopted, the following advertisement was placed in the Morning Herald of Clearwater:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 22, 1927.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, March 29th, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Beginning at a concrete monument on the North line of land owned by L. P. Hayes, and at the high water mark of Clearwater Bay, which point bears South $87^{\circ} 30'$ West, and a distance of 1623.4 feet and North $2^{\circ} 30'$ West a distance of 536.5 feet from the Southeast corner of Government Lot 2, Section 29, Township 29 South, Range 15 East;

Thence run South $87^{\circ} 30'$ West and parallel to the South line of said Government Lot 2, 1392.4 feet to the Government Channel;

Thence South $37^{\circ} 15'$ West and along the East side of said Government channel, 70.2 feet;

Thence North $87^{\circ} 30'$ East and again parallel to the South line of Government Lot 2, 1428.1 feet to a point at high water mark of Clearwater Bay;

Thence along said high water mark and North $7^{\circ} 13'$ East, 54.8 feet to a point of beginning.

Containing 1.748 acres.

Lying in Section 29, Township 29 South,
Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered transmitted to the State Treasurer for payment on February 28th, 1927:

Photostat Corporation, Providence, R. I. Supplies for Photostat machine—Land Department	\$ 15.73
Postal Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla., ser- vice during January 1927 .....	.67
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla., services during January 1927	5.70
W. L. Marshall, Tallahassee, Fla., to work in Land Office	13.00
T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla., to receipts for Land Office and binder	18.60
C. E. Simmons, Clerk, Okeechobee, Fla., to recording deed 17,707	1.50
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk, West Palm Beach, Fla. To recording deeds—Brown Company; Luning, McGowan & Board Everglades Drainage District	6.45
C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as land clerk—February 1927	283.34
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Secretary—February 1927	83.34
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Counsel—February 1927	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla., salary	

as Field Agent—February 1927	\$333.34;	
expense account February 1927	\$227.31	560.65
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla., salary February 1927		50.00
Dollie Gerald, Tallahassee, Fla., salary— February 1927		41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Land Clerk—February 1927		225.00
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Land Department—February 1927		150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Tax Clerk—February 1927		225.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Tax Department—February 1927		150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Tax Department—February 1927		125.00
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		\$2,184.81

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 1, 1927

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.

Minutes of the Trustees dated November 26th, 30th; December 2nd, 7th, 13th, 14th, 21st, 28th, 1926; January 4th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 29th; February 1st, 2nd, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 1927, read and approved.

On January 18th, the Trustees ordered advertised for sale on this date, upon application of Mr. Gregor McLean for his client, J. H. Kerrick, submerged land in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, containing .43036 acres of land in Pinellas County.

There being no objections, the sale was consummated to J. H. Herrick at a price of \$100.00 per acre.

The Trustees on January 18th, ordered advertised for sale on this date, upon application of Bussey & Mann for their client, W. G. Fox, submerged land in Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, containing 6.66 acres in Pinellas County.

No objections being presented or filed, the sale was made to Mr. Fox at a price of \$100.000 per acre.

Mr. R. K. Thompson, representing Mr. Potter Palmer, made application January 18th, to purchase submerged land between Tract One and Government Meander line in Section 33, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, containing 2.60 acres in Sarasota County. The Trustees ordered this land advertised for sale on this date and no objections being filed or presented, the sale was consummated to Mr. Potter Palmer at a price of \$100.00 per acre.

Mr. W. J. Kronzer, manager of the Builders Products Company having requested cancellation of the permit to mine sand in Phillipi Creek, the Trustees granted the request, and it was so ordered that the permit be cancelled this date.

Mr. Fred M. Valz made application for the North Venetian Islands Corporation to transfer their obligations, for the purchase of land under Deed No. 17,274, to L. G. Finlay of New York City and F. C. B. LeGro of Miami, they assuming all obligations, etc.

The Trustees agreed to this request and referred the matter to Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, to make such transfer.

Mr. Johnson introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there have been heretofore duly selected and patented to the State of Florida as inuring to the State under the provisions of the Act of September 28, 1850, known as the "SWAMP LAND GRANT" as the result of the efforts of John M. Sutton, Esq., pursuant to his contract, certain lands situate on the island known as Virginia Key, situate in Township 54 South, of Range 42 East, Tall. Mer., comprising Lot 1 of Section 9, Lot 1 of Section 17, Lot 1 of Section 20, and Lot 2 of Section 21, and there still remains under such selection Lot 2 and Lot 3 of said Section 20 and Lot 1 of Section 21 in said Township 54 South, Range 42 East, concerning which a hearing has been ordered by the officials of the U. S. Land Department and regarding which said John M. Sutton has procured various data and evidence for the purpose of obtaining or perfecting title thereto in the State of Florida and it is not yet determined what the result of the selection of said unpatented lands will be; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that said John M. Sutton have, and be entitled to all the compensation and rights provided in his said contract (dated March 9, 1923 and renewed and continued as to him by resolution dated November 2, 1925) with respect to each and every of said parcels of land for which patent to the State of Florida shall be issued or concerning which the Land Department of the United States, or any tribunal, shall determine or decide that the State of Florida is the owner of by virtue of any law, whether statutory or otherwise, including that of accretion in case any of said parcels of land should be held and finally determined to be accretion to any other parcel or parcels of land patented to the State of Florida, so that said John M. Sutton shall have and be entitled to the rights and compensation for each of said parcels of land that shall be determined to belong to the State of Florida for any reason, including accretion, the same as if such parcels of land should be determined to be swamp and overflowed lands.

The same was adopted—Yeas, 3; Nays, 0.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla., survey work for February 1927	\$2,362.31
Postal Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla., ser- vices for February 1927	1.33
Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tal- lahassee, Fla., service on phones 258 and 776	8.50
D. A. Dixon Company, Tallahassee, Fla., supplies for office	1.40
Capital Auto Supply Company, Tallahassee, Fla., repairing outboard motor	27.30
Geo. F. Holly, Clerk, Miami, Fla., recording 3 deeds from Philmore Realty Co., to Trustees and Stavinar Investment Co. to Trustees	5.80
C. E. Simmons, Clerk, Okeechobee, Fla., re- cording deed from Conley to Trustees	1.75
E. W. Davidson, refund on Trustee Deed No. 4935	4.04
	\$2,412.43

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 5, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.

Hon. J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, was directed to transfer from funds of the Trustees of the Internal

Improvement Fund, the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) to the STATE OFFICE BUILDING FUND, as authorized by Act of the Legislature, Special Session, November 1925.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 8, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.

The Trustees instructed Mr. Bayless, in the Land Department, to return check of \$10,000.000 deposited by Mr. M. O. Harrison for the purchase of certain islands in Manatee River, the sale having been annulled.

Mr. D. F. Howell of Lake City was granted a ten-year lease for the timber and turpentine rights on State Land in Sections 22 and 16, Township 4 South, Range 20 East, Union and Baker Counties, for the sum of \$4,500.00; \$2,500 payable in cash and \$2,000 to be paid November 1, 1927. Special Counsel for the Trustees was directed to draw Agreement for same.

The Trustees were advised by Mr. J. M. Sutton that the Secretary of the Interior was considering closing

the United States Land Office at Gainesville, Florida.

Mr. Luning moved that the Governor, as Chairman of the Trustees, wire the Secretary of the Interior, protesting against the closing of the Land Office. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees agreed to issue deed to the City of New Smyrna, for land formerly applied for and advertised, the City agreeing that said land would be used only for public purposes, and a clause to this effect to be included in the said deed.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control amounting to \$562.04 approved by said Board and passed by the Trustees, were ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be drawn in payment of same, as authorized by Act of the Legislature of 1925.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 14, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Ex-Governor Sidney J. Catts appeared before the Trustees relative to payments due on lands purchased by Miss Ruth Catts in the Everglades, which were in arrears, and agreed to pay \$300.00 cash on the indebtedness and \$100.00 per month until all payments were made.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the above plan of settlement was accepted and the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to so handle the account.

Mr. Luning, State Treasurer, moved that Mr. Walter L. McGriff be appointed the Proxy of the Trustees to represent them at the annual meeting of the Pahokee Sub-Drainage District.

Seconded by Mr. Johnson, and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Francis P. Whitehair, City Attorney of New Smyrna, made application for the City to purchase submerged lands in Volusia County and offered \$100.00 per acre for same.

The Trustees accepted the offer of the City of New Smyrna and ordered the following notice placed in the DeLand Daily News:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 14, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, April 19th, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following land in VOLUSIA County, Florida:

From a meander corner on line between Sections 42 and 43 in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, an iron pipe driven flush with the center wall and halfway between the North and South end walls of the Old Stone Wharf, and running North 35° 45' West, a distance of 748 feet to a point in the center of Hillsboro Street, which point is 136 feet North of the North property line of Anderson street; thence running North 22° 30' West

a distance of 868 feet to a point in the Center of Hillsboro Street, which point is 36 feet South of the South property line of Douglass Street; Thence running North $14^{\circ} 20'$ West a distance of 825 feet to a point on the West end of the timber bridge of the Gulf Refining Company Wharf and 30 feet North of the North property line of Canal Street; Thence running North $22^{\circ} 15'$ West a distance of 660 feet to a point in the center of Hillsboro street which point is 147 feet South of the South property line of Washington Avenue; Thence running North $43^{\circ} 45'$ West a distance of 446 feet to a point in the center of Hillsboro Street, which point is 176 feet North of the North property line of Washington Avenue or 401 feet South of the South property line of Murray Street; Thence North $51^{\circ} 10'$ East, a distance of 196 feet to the point of beginning, which point is located on the East bank of the creek and on the South right of way line of the Volusia County Highway; Thence North $51^{\circ} 10'$ East along said right of way line a distance of 2750 feet to a point 200 feet East of Bridge No. 3; Thence South $38^{\circ} 45'$ East a distance of 529 feet to a point on the West bank of the Indian River North; Thence South $57^{\circ} 45'$ West a distance of 147 feet; Thence South $52^{\circ} 30'$ West a distance of 401 feet; Thence South $61^{\circ} 15'$ West a distance of 335 feet; Thence South $68^{\circ} 15'$ West a distance of 225 feet; Thence South $82^{\circ} 30'$ West a distance of 405 feet; Thence South $35^{\circ} 45'$ West a distance of 510 feet; Thence South $19^{\circ} 45'$ west a distance of 145 feet; Thence South $42^{\circ} 45'$ West a distance of 210 feet; Thence South 56° West a distance of 244 feet; Thence South 70° West a distance of 150 feet; Thence North 65° West a distance of 160 feet; Thence North $39^{\circ} 15'$ West a distance of 106 feet; Thence North $24^{\circ} 30'$ West a distance of 91 feet, to the point of beginning.

All in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, Florida.

Containing 26.18 acres, more or less.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Messrs. Smith & Crofton of Titusville, Florida, made application to purchase certain land for their client, George W. Scobie, and the following advertisement was order placed in the Star Advocate.

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 14, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, April 19th, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following land in BREVARD County, Florida:

Begin at an iron pipe on the South line of Main Street, 418.99 feet East of the Northwest corner of Block "D" according to the Le-Baron Plat of the City of Titusville, as recorded in the Public Records of Brevard County, Florida, said iron pipe being also on the United States Government Land Office Meander line of the Indian River in Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, and being 2748.01 feet East of and 1038.72 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 3 aforesaid. From said iron pipe run due East along the South line of Main Street aforesaid

and the South line of Main Street continued along the bottom of the Indian River 1430 feet to a point on the river bottom due South of the East end of the present City Dock; thence run due South 100 feet along the river bottom; thence run due West parallel to and 100 feet distant from the South line of Main Street aforesaid 1399.43 feet to a point on the United States Government Land Office Meander line aforesaid; thence run North 17° West along the said meander line 104.57 feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel of land containing 3.324 acres.

Lying and being in Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, Brevard County, Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

B. W. Brown Motor Co., Tallahassee, Fla., storage on Studebaker	\$ 5.00
T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla., punching deeds .....	.75
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Services during February	2.03
Clearwater Morning Herald, Clearwater, Fla., advertising two land sales, March 1, 1927	39.00
Sarasota Times, Sarasota, Florida, advertising land sale March 1, 1927	10.50
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla., supplies for Trustees	10.00

H. C. Mickler, Broksville, Fla., to cost in hearing State of Fla. vs. L. A. Webb	10.00
L. W. Drummond, Clerk, Bronson, Fla., to cost in hearing State vs. Waldo D. Rackley	7.00
Geo. F. Holly, Clerk, Miami, Fla., to recording deed40
K. B. O'Quinn, Clerk, Clearwater, Fla., recording fee—Henderson to I. I. Fund	1.35
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	\$86.03

Financial Statement for the month of February 1927 was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY
RECEIPTS:

Balance in Fund February 1, 1927	\$854,506.40	
Sale of lands under Chapter 9131, Acts 1923, and Chapter 10024 Acts 1925 Laws of Florida	252.54	
Sale of Minutes	1.50	
Redemption of Drainage Tax Certificates	509.68	
From land sales (\$1,619.16) less 25% to the state School Fund (\$404.79) ..	1,214.37	
	<hr/>	\$856,484.49
Less Disbursements (itemized below)	206,411.03	
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Balance in Fund March 1, 1927		\$650,073.46

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and Cash Items	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks	649,073.46	
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Balance in Banks March 1, 1927.		
Atlantic National Bank		
Jackosville, Fla.	146,834.45	

Barnett National Bank,	.....
Jacksonville, Fla.	.....	128,781.03
Florida National Bank,	.....
Jacksonville Fla.	.....	131,743.88
American National Bank,	.....
Pensacola, Fla.	.....	77,280.12
First National Bank, Miami,	.....
Fla.	.....	1,676.49
First-American Bank & Trust	.....
Company, West Palm	.....
Beach, Fla.	.....	2,094.14
Capital City Bank, Tallahas-	.....
see Fla.	.....	36,829.71
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee	.....
Fla.	.....	25,468.87
Lewis State Bank, Tallahas-	.....
see, Fla.	.....	58,974.93
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust	.....
Co., SPL. Ft. Lauderdale,	.....
Fla.	.....	38,389.84
Capital City Bank (Deposit	.....
by D. C. Harris, Agent	.....
Burgess Co. of Fla., in re	.....
moss contract)	.....	1,000.00

 \$649,073.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Check	In Favor of:	Amount
1927	No.		
Feb. 1,	6797	Wallis Engineering Co.	\$ 2,662.89
	6798	Southern Tel. & Const. Co.	9.50
	6799	Bob Simpson, T. C.	1,055.02
	6800	Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C.	1.55
	6801	Geo. F. Holly, C. C. C.	3.10
	6802	Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C.	1.55
2,	6803	Drainage Bond Fund	
		(Loan)	20,000.00
15,	6804	W. H. May, Postmaster	21.00
	6805	F. P. Fleming	15,421.65
23,	6806	Comms. Everglades Dr.	
		Dist. (Loan)	45,049.96
	6807	Comms. Everglades Dr.	
		Dist. (Loan)	35,000.00

	6808	Comms. Everglades Dr. Dist. (Loan)	35,000.00
25,	6809	J. C. Luning, (Prison Farm Bldg. Fund)	25,000.00
	6810	J. C. Luning, (Prison Farm Bldg. Fund)	25,000.00
28,	6811	Phosphat Corporation	15.73
	6812	Postal Telegraph Co. ....	.67
	6813	Western Union Telegraph Company	5.70
	6814	W. L. Marshall	13.00
	6815	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	18.60
	6816	C. E. Simmons, Clerk	1.50
	6817	Fred E. Fenno, Clerk	6.45
	6818	C. B. Gwynn	283.34
	6819	J. Stuart Lewis	83.34
	6820	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	6821	A. R. Richardson	560.65
	6822	Jentye Dedge	50.00
	6823	Dollie Gerald	41.67
	6824	Elgin Bayless	225.00
	6825	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins	150.00
	6826	R. W. Ervin	225.00
	6827	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
	6828	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
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			\$206,411.03

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 17, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

The Secretary reported that bills amounting to \$16,-029.62 approved by the Drainage Board on March 8th, could not be paid from the Drainage Bond Fund as there was not sufficient money in said Fund.

It was moved and seconded that the Drainage Board issue its note to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for \$16,000.00 at 3 per cent interest for Ninety days, and that the State Treasurer be directed to accept such note and issue Trustee check to the board in the sum of \$16,000.00.

The motion was adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 22, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Stavinar Investment Company of Miami, made application to re-convey to the Trustees the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ and $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, 240 acres, located in Dade County, and that the one-fourth purchase price of \$24,102.00 paid, be applied on other lands purchased under Entry No. 17,292.

The Trustees agreed to the above proposition and the Commissioner of Agriculture was requested so to do.

The Trustees and Drainage Board, jointly, granted

the Florida East Coast Railway Company the right, privilege and easement to use for railroad purposes the hereinafter described land:

A tract of land along the Northerly side of Hillsborough Canal and Easterly of the Okeechobee-Miami Extension of Florida East Coast Railway Company, in the North half of Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, to-wit: All that land lying between the Northerly right of way line of said Hillsboro Canal and a line parallel to and twenty (20) feet Northerly from and following the windings of the Northerly edge of said Canal, said strip of land extending twelve hundred (1200) feet Easterly from a point on said Canal right of way line which is fifty (50) feet Easterly at right angles from the center line of said Okeechobee-Miami Extension, Containing two and two-tenths (2.2) acres, more or less.

The following advertisement was ordered placed in the Clearwater Morning Herald, upon application of C. E. Browne of St. Petersburg, Florida, representing J. B. Thomas and Associates, C. E. Browne and Allen Fuller Corporation:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 22, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., May 3rd, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in Pinellas County, Florida:

TRACT NO. 1: From the Southeast corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 31, South, Range 16 East, run West 1155 feet along the South boundary of Section 34; Thence North 14 degrees West, 30.92 feet along the meander line, as originally surveyed in A. D. 1848, to the point of beginning.

From the point of beginning, run North 14 degrees West 290.62 feet, along the meander line as surveyed A. D. 1848.

Thence West 477.22 feet;

Thence South 12 degrees 01' East 288.14 feet;

Thence East 487.52 feet to point of beginning, Containing 3.12 acres, more or less.

TRACT NO. 2: From the Southeast corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, run West 1155 feet, along the South boundary of Section 34; Thence North 14 degrees West 321.54 feet along the meander line as originally surveyed in A. D. 1848, to the point of beginning.

From the point of beginning run North 14 degrees West 338.03 feet along the meander line as surveyed A. D. 1848,

Thence West 570 feet;

Thence South 28 degrees 46' East 374.06 feet;

Thence East 447.22 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 3.94 acres, more or less.

TRACT NO. 3: From the Northwest corner of Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, run South 3393.06 feet, along the West line of said Section 34, to the meander corner between Section 33 and 34, as surveyed A. D. 1848, for the point of beginning.

From the point of beginning, run South 660 feet;

Thence South 64 degrees 03' East 408.84 feet;

Thence South 40 degrees East 490 feet;

Thence North 45 degrees 06' East 420 feet;

Thence North 510.69 feet to intersect the original meander line as surveyed A. D. 1848.

Thence along the meander line North 81 degrees 00' West, 180.99 feet;

Thence North 28 degrees West 429 feet;

Thence West 599.94 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 18.54 acres, more or less.

Tracts 1, 2, and 3, as described above lying and being in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, State of Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 29, 1927.

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

Present:

J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.

The Secretary gave notice that the Trustees had advertised for sale on this date submerged lands in Section 29, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, containing 1.748 acres in Pinellas County, applied for by L. P. Hayes, and submerged lands in Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, containing 3.27 acres in Pinellas County, applied for by W. S. Blatchley.

No person or persons presented objections or protest, and no objections or protests having been filed with the Trustees, a quorum not being present, Mr. Johnson, Attorney General, adjourned the Trustees to meet as soon as a quorum could be secured.

The Trustees adjourned.

J. B. JOHNSON,
Attorney General.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 30, 1927.

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

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.

The Trustees having failed to hold regular meeting on Tuesday, March 29th, on account of no quorum, met on this date for consideration of routine matters.

Submerged land in Pinellas County, lying in Section 29, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, 1.748 acres, applied for by L. P. Hayes, advertised for sale on March 29th, was considered and no objections being presented, the sale was consummated to Mr. Hayes, at a price of \$100.00 per acre, and Deed ordered issued.

Mr. W. S. Blatchley having made application to purchase Submerged land in Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, containing 3.27 acres in Pinellas County, and the same having been advertised for sale on March 29th, no objections being presented the sale was made to Mr. Blatchley and deed ordered issued.

Application of Mr. Carlisle E. Choate for refund of \$880.00 deposited by him with his application to purchase certain submerged land in Pinellas County, was presented. No deed having been issued, Mr. Johnson moved that the amount of \$830.00 be refunded Mr. Choate, the amount of \$50.00 cost of advertising, etc., be retained. Seconded by Mr. Luning and upon vote adopted.

Mr. C. W. Bingham made application to purchase certain land in Palm Beach County, and the Trustees ordered the following Notice placed in the Palm Beach Post:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 30, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the

Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 10th, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in PALM BEACH COUNTY, Florida:

Those certain submerged areas, comprising those islands, sand bars and shallow banks upon which the water is not more than three feet deep at high tide, and which are separated from the shores by a channel or channels not less than five (5) feet deep at high tide, located in and under the tidal waters of Lake Worth, and being situate in Palm Beach County, Florida, more particularly described as Tract 1, Tract 2 and Tract 3.

TRACT NO. 1: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, as marked by an iron spike driven flush with the asphalt and being on the center line of the Dixie Highway, run South 88 degrees 15' 00" East, 4338.23 feet, along the Township line between Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, and Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, to its intersection with the East boundary of Tract No. 2; Thence North 13 degrees 15' East, 221.47 feet along the East boundary of Tract No. 2; Thence North 20 degrees 11' West 707.89 feet to the point of beginning, which is 747.50 feet North and 4142.72 feet East of the Southwest corner of said Section 34.

1. Thence North 72 degrees 54' 00" West 285.0 feet;

2. Thence North 39 degrees 54' West 345.0 feet;

3. Thence North 12 degrees 54' West 615.0 feet;

4. Thence North 10 degrees 06' East 505.0 feet;

5. Thence North 2 degrees 54' West 540.0 feet.

6. Thence North 17 degrees 36' East 730.0 feet.

7. Thence South 66 degrees 54' East 100.0 feet;
 8. Thence South 19 degrees 51' West 320.0 feet;
 9. Thence South 3 degrees 36' 40" East 1305.08 feet;
 10. Thence South 22 degrees 09' East 540.0 feet.
 11. Thence South 12 degrees 51' West 315.0 feet;
 12. Thence South 61 degrees 09' East 220.0 feet;
 13. Thence South 12 degrees 06' West 120. feet;
- to the point of beginning as above described containing 15.67 acres, more or less, after excepting therefrom 0.16 acres as contained in Fishermans Island surveyed by the U. S. Government in 1901, and conveyed by Trustee Deed No. 15879 dated October 27, 1904, to C. W. Bingham.

TRACT NO. 2: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, as marked by an iron spike driven flush with the asphalt and being on the Center Line of the Dixie Highway, run South 88 degrees 15' East, 3108.23 feet along the Township line between Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, and Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, to its intersection with the West boundary of Tract No. 2; said intersection being the point of beginning which is 94.93 feet South and 3106.77 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East.

1. Thence North 17 degrees 15' 00" East 241.62 feet;
2. Thence South 61 degrees 15' East 135.00 feet;
3. Thence South 88 degrees 15' East 240.00 feet;
4. Thence North 17 degrees 45' East 60.00 feet;

5. Thence North 76 degrees 30' West 260.00 feet;

6. Thence North 1 degree 30' East 75.00 feet;

7. Thence North 52 degrees 00' East 265.00 feet;

8. Thence South 86 degrees 15' East 385.00 feet;

9. Thence South 39 degrees 45' East 320.00 feet;

10. Thence South 77degrees 07' 06" East 292.59 feet;

11. Thence South 13 degrees 15' West 221.47 feet;

to the township line between Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, and Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, South 88 degrees 15' East, 4338.23 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East.

12. Thence South 13 degrees 15' 00" West 448.53 feet;

13. Thence South 13 degrees 45' East 180.00 feet;

14. Thence South 9 degrees 15' West 275.00 feet;

15. Thence South 18 degrees 15' East 350.00 feet;

16. Thence South 1 degree 45' West 460.00 feet;

17. Thence South 83 degrees 30' West 800.00 feet;

18. Thence North 11 degrees 15' West 1125.00 feet;

19. Thence North 21 degrees 15' West 650.00 feet;

20. Thence North 17 degrees 15' East 98.38 feet;

to the point of beginning as above described containing 36.78 acres, more or less, after excepting therefrom 4.03 acres as contained in Island No. 1, surveyed by the U. S. Government in 1901, and conveyed by Trustees Internal Improvement Fund Deed No. 15879

dated October 27, 1904, to C. W. Bingham, and 8.09 acres as contained in Lot 5, Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, and Lot 5, Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, surveyed by the U. S. Government in 1885, and conveyed by Trustee Deed No. 14016, dated August 8, 1889 to Richard B. Potter. Of the 36.78 acres contained in this Tract, 9.80 acres are in Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, and 26.98 acres are in Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East.

TRACT NO. 3: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, as marked by an iron spike driven flush with the asphalt, and being on the Center Line of the Dixie Highway, run South 88 degrees 15' East, 4338.23 feet along the Township line between Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, and Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, to its intersection with the East boundary of Tract No. 2, thence along the East boundary of Tract No. 2, South 13 degrees 15' West 448.53 feet.

Thence South 13 degrees 45' East, 180.00 feet;

Thence South 9 degrees 15' West, 275.00 feet;

Thence South 18 degrees 15' East, 350.00 feet;

Thence South 1 degree 45' West 460.00 feet;

to the Southeast corner of Tract No. 2. Thence South 32 degrees 40' 51" West, 50.24 feet to the point of beginning, which is 1849.82 feet South and 4300.41 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East.

1. Thence South 14 degrees 32' East 900.00 feet;

to the Southeast corner of Tract No. 3, said East of A. M. C. on Lot 6, Section 3, Townpoint being 237.58 feet North and 340.18 feet

ship 44 South, Range 43 East, as surveyed by the Government in 1922.

2. Thence South 89 degrees 28' West 455.00 feet;

3. Thence North 19 degrees 32' West 230.00 feet;

4. Thence North 70 degrees 17' West 170.00 feet;

5. Thence South 49 degrees 43' West 110.00 feet;

6. Thence South 7 degrees 51' 14" West 417.86 feet;

7. Thence South 78 degrees 48' West 60.00 feet;

8. Thence North 13 degrees 42' West 460.00 feet;

9. Thence North 36 degrees 47' West 205.00 feet;

10. Thence North 53 degrees 43' East 325.00 feet;

11. Thence North 16 degrees 17' West 205.00 feet;

12. Thence North 81 degrees 58' East 700.00 feet;

to a point of beginning as above described, containing 13.31 acres, more or less, from which has been excepted 1.65 acres as contained in Island No. 2, Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, as surveyed by the U. S. Government in 1901, and conveyed by Trustees Deed No. 15879, dated October 27, 1904, and from which has also been excepted 0.35 acres, as contained in Island No. 3, Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, as surveyed by the U. S. Government in 1901, and conveyed by Trustees Deed No. 15,879, dated October 27, 1904.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Mr. Murray Sams made application to purchase certain submerged land for his client in Volusia County, and the following advertisement was ordered placed in the Daily News:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 30, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 10th, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in VOLUSIA County, Florida:

From the West abutment of Old Stone Bridge on South Line of Section 38 (O & F Palmas Grant) Township 16 South, Range 33 East, run South 60 degrees west 46.40 chains along the South line of Section 38 to West bank of Turnbolls Creek;

Thence North 13 degrees West 10 chains;

Thence North 55 degrees West;

Thence North 8 degrees West 16.20 chains to the point of beginning.

All of the foregoing in accordance with survey made by U. S. Government A. D. 1850.

From the point of beginning run West 5.39 chains;

Thence North 60 degrees West 1.22 chains;

Thence North 1.28 chains;

Thence North 45 degrees East, 1.93 chains;

Thence East 4.63 chains;

Thence South 8 degrees East 3.28 chains to the point of beginning.

Containing 1.8 acres, more or less.
 All lying and being in Section 38, Township
 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County
 Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN. W. MARTIN,
 Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
 Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla.		
Salary as Land Clerk—Mar.		
1927	\$	283.34
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla.		
Salary as Secretary—March,		
1927		83.34
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla.,		
Salary as Counsel—March		
1927		229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee,		
Fla. Salary as Field Agent—		
March, 1927	\$333.34	
Expense Account	233.51	566.85
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla.		
Salary—March, 1927		50.00
Dollie Gerald, Tallahassee, Fla.		
Salary—March, 1927		41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla.		
salary as Land, Clerk, March		
1927		225.00
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee,		
Fla. Salary in Land Depart-		
ment—March, 1927		150.00

R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Tax Clerk—March 1927		225.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Depart- ment—March, 1927		150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department— March, 1927		125.00
Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahas- see, Fla. To Survey work for Trustees—March, 1927		1,628.84
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Supplies		3.50
Clearwater Morning Herald, Clearwater, Fla. Advertising two land sales—March 29th, 1927		24.00
T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla. Printing 300 copies Minutes of Trustees	803.40	
Legal Pads	1.50	
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H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jackson- ville, Fla. Drawing Paper for Engineer		2.13
Geo. F. Holly, Clerk, Miami, Fla. Recording Deed—Hauer to Trustees		1.65
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahas- see, Fla. Stamps for Land Department and Tax Clerk ...		23.00
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		\$4,617.38

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,

Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 5, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. J. J. Kehoe of Miami, representing the Greenlawn Realty Company, having remitted \$1,020.39 to pay taxes on lands reconveyed to the Trustees, and the actual taxes being \$1,012.35, Miss Lillie M. Smith, Tax Collector of Broward County sent refund check payable to Mr. Luning, State Treasurer, in the amount of \$8.04, it was ordered that the State Treasurer endorse said check to Greenlawn Realty Company and the Secretary forward same to Mr. Kehoe, their Attorney, at Miami.

A letter from Mr. N. R. Boniske was read in which he requested the return of \$2,000.00 which he deposited as good faith that he would bid \$40.00 per acre on all Township 47 South, Range 36 East, except Section 16. The land was advertised for sale on November 3, 1925 and Mr. Boniske bid \$40.00 per acre for same, but no deed was issued to him and the deal was not consumated.

Mr. Amos moved that the \$2,000.00 be refunded, less the cost of advertising, which was \$10.50. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and upon vote adopted.

A letter from the Board of Fire Control stated that there were no funds to the credit of said Board, on account of slow payment of taxes levied in the Everglades for such purpose, and requested the Trustees to

pay the current bills of March, 1927 amounting to \$6,-636.15, now in the hands of the Secretary of the Trustees, as per agreement of March 13, 1926, the said agreement to be in full force and effect as to this loan.

Mr. Johnson moved that the bills of the Board of Fire Control be paid by the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Amos moved that the Treasurer of the Trustees transfer from the Funds of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund the sum of \$30,000.00 to the State Prison Building Fund to meet expenditures as per Act of the Legislature 1925, Special Session.

Seconded by Mr. Johnson and upon vote adopted.

Sand Lease of Messrs. Reed and Hashagen of Marion County, for taking sand from Lake Weir, dated January 1st, 1926, was ordered cancelled.

The following bills of the Trustees were approved and ordered paid:

Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Service on Phones 258 & 776	\$ 8.50
B. W. Brown Motor Co., Tallahassee Fla. Storage on Studebaker—March, 1927	5.00
Postal Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Service during March, 1927	1.13
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk, West Palm Beach, Fla. Recording Deed—Graves Bros. to Trustees	1.80
K. B. O'Quinn, Clerk, Clearwater, Fla. Recording Deed No. 17,803	1.45
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Services during March, 1927	1.83

Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D. C., Map for Land Department		.40
F. M. Tyler, T. C., Ft. Pierce, Fla. 1 Mill Drainage Tax on Certificate Lands St. Lucie County		704.10
G. S. Moore, T. C., Stuart, Fla. 1 Mill Drainage Tax on Certificate Lands Martin County		352.63
Bob Simpson, T. C., Dade County, Miami, Fla. 1 Mill Drainage Tax on Certificate Lands		7,530.00
Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, Fla. 1 Mill Drainage Tax on Certificate Lands		9,937.03
D. F. Canfield, T. C. Highlands Co., Sebring, Fla. Drainage Tax on Certificate Lands		1,661.53
J. H. Fears, T. C., Everglades, Fla., drainage Tax on Certificate Lands		32.32
N. R. Boniske, Jacksonville, Fla. Refund of Deposit in purchase of Township 47 South, Range 36 East	\$2,000.00	
Less cost of advertising	10.50	1,989.50
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Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District		
Account of Loan	17,500.00	
Less Note No. 12	1,600.00	15,900.00
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		\$38,127.22

The following bills of the Board of Fire Control were approved for payment by the Trustees:

W. A. Dutch, Chief Fire Warden, Salary and Expense Account for March, 1927	\$ 299.30
J. E. Taylor, Assistant Fire Warden, Salary and Expense Account for March, 1927	215.68

L. S. Harvard, Assistant Fire Warden, Salary and Expense Account for March, 1927	242.50
A. O. Kanner, Attorney, Salary and Expense Account for March, 1927	424.66
Albert Johnstad, Secretary, Salary for March, 1927	250.00
Chas. G. Follin, Salary and Expense Account for March, 1927	249.12
G. E. Wenzloff, Salary and Expense Account for March, 1927	116.74
T. G. Thorgeson, Salary and Expense Account for March, 1927	108.62
C. W. Cranford, Salary and Expense Account for March, 1927	142.00
D. T. Walters, Salary and Expense Account for March, 1927	133.84
V. F. Thirsk, Salary for March, 1927	100.00
W. C. Hooker, Salary for March, 1927	100.00
W. L. Bryant, Salary and Expense Account for March, 1927	121.00
W. G. Stovall, Salary for March, 1927	100.00
Howard A. Ellis, Salary for March, 1927	100.00
B. B. Raulerson, Salary for March, 1927	100.00
W. C. Lord, Salary for March, 1927	100.00
Chas. W. Bell, Salary and Expense Account For March, 1927	111.92
T. Griffin, Salary for March, 1927	100.00
Jesse Reese, Salary and Expense Account for March, 1927	202.79
L. L. Seward, Salary for March, 1927	100.00
Frank L. Reed, Salary and Expense Account for March, 1927	406.40
W. C. Simmons, Salary and Expense Account for March, 1927	258.36
O. L. Giles, Salary for March, 1927	208.00
Felix Tilon, Salary for March, 1927	91.00
H. Phil Bryan	25.20
Collier County News	9.00
A. J. Comeau Co., Inc.	72.50
Durkee Printing Company	37.00
J. A. Guise	114.00
H. H. Everston	20.00
Everglades Development Company	11.25
Halsey & Griffin	52.65

International Harvester Company.....	11.20
A. Kaltenbruner.....	58.77
W. G. Malloch.....	68.00
Palm Beach Mercantile Co., Inc.....	5.00
G. B. Rackstraw.....	32.75
I. E. Scott, Tax Assessor, Glades County.....	73.76
Southern Bell Telephone Co.....	14.90
D. T. Thurmand.....	78.00
Western Union.....	1.40
Everglades Drainage District.....	22.06
Davie Service Station.....	169.68
A. E. Rees.....	30.00
H. M. Viele.....	20.00
W. A. Dutch, Refund for Contingent Fund, Itemized Statements for month of February.....	1,327.10
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	\$6,636.15

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 12, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. R. H. Pedigo of Safety Harbor, Florida, made application for Mrs. Eba E. Pedigo, D. D. Barron and L. H. Zinsser, to purchase land in Pinellas County.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the said land and requested the Engineer to check over plats and de-

scriptions for advertising.

Financial Statement for the month of March was read and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH 1927
RECEIPTS.

Balance in Fund March 1, 1927	\$650,073.46	
Sale of lands under Chapter 9131, Acts of 1923, and CH. 10024, Acts of 1925, Laws of Florida.....	563.48	
Redemption of Drainage Tax Certificates	4,558.01	
From Land Sales (\$3,974.87) Less 25% to State School Fund (\$993.71).....	2,981.16	
	<u>\$658,176.11</u>	
Less Disbursements.....	74,715.84	
Balance in Fund April 1, 1927		\$583,460.27

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks.....	582,460.27	
	<u>582,460.27</u>	
		\$583,460.27

BALANCE IN BANKS APRIL 1, 1927.

Atlantic National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.....	131,834.45
Barnett National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.....	128,781.03
Florida National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.....	133,725.04
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.....	52,280.12

First National Bank, Miami	1,676.49
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach	2,094.14
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	33,235.36
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	25,468.87
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	33,974.93
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co., Spl. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.*	38,389.84
Capital City Bank, Deposit by D. C. Harris Agent, Burgess Co. of Fla. in re moss contract	1,000.00
	\$582,460.27

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1927			
March	2,	6829 Wallis Engineering Co. \$	2,362.31
		6830 Postal Telegraph Co.	1.33
		6831 Southern Tel. & Constr. Co.	8.50
		6832 D. A. Dixon Co.	1.40
		6833 Capital Auto Supply Co.	27.30
		6834 Geo. F. Holly, C. C. C.	5.80
		6835 C. E. Simmons, C. C. C.	1.75
		6836 E. W. Davidson	4.04
	5,	6837 J. C. Luning, a/c St. Office Bldg. Fund	25,000.00
		6838 J. C. Luning, a/c St. Office Bldg. Fund	25,000.00
	15,	6839 B. W. Brown Motor Co.	5.00
		6840 T. J. Appleyard, Inc. ....	.75
		6841 Western Union Tel. Co.	2.03
		6842 Clearwater Morning Herald	39.00
		6843 Sarasota Times	10.50

	6844	D. A. Dixon Co.	10.00
	6845	H. C. Mickler	10.00
	6846	L. W. Drummond, C.C.C.	7.00
	6847	Geo. F. Holly, C. C. C. ....	.40
	6848	K. B. O'Quinn	1.35
17,	6849	Bd. of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District—Loan	16,000.00
30,	6850	Bd. of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District—Loan	1,600.00
31.	6851	G. B. Gwynn	283.34
	6852	J. Stuart Lewis	83.34
	6853	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	6854	A. R. Richardson	566.85
	6855	Jentye Dedge	50.00
	6856	Dollie Gerald	41.67
	6857	Elgin Bayless	225.00
	6858	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins	150.00
	6859	R. W. Ervin	225.00
	6860	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
	6861	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
	6862	Wallis Engineering Co.	1,628.84
	6863	D. A. Dixon Co.	3.50
	6864	Clearwater Morning Herald	24.00
	6865	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	804.90
	6866	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	2.13
	6867	Geo. F. Holly, C. C. C.	1.65
	6868	W. H. May, Postmaster ..	23.00
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			\$74,715.84

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairmon.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 19, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

On March 14, 1927 Messrs. Smith & Crofton of Titusville, representing Mr. Geo. W. Scobie, Jr., applied for submerged land in Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, containing 3,324 acres in Brevard County, and offered \$100.00 per acre for same.

The Trustees ordered the land advertised for sale on this date, and no objections being presented or filed, the sale was consummated to Mr. Scobie at above price. The Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed to Mr. Scobie.

Mr. Francis P. Whitehair, City Attorney, made application on March 14th, to purchase for the City of New Smyrna, submerged lands between Sections 42 and 43, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, containing 26.18 acres in Volusia County.

The Trustees agreed to advertise this land for sale on this date, and no objections being filed or presented the sale was made to the City of New Smyrna at a price of \$500.00 for the 26.18 acres, to be used only for Municipal purposes. The Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed.

Mr. C. L. Waller, representing Mr. J. H. D'Alemberte of Pensacola, who applied to purchase certain submerged lands in Escambia County, March 31, 1925, and deposited with the Trustees \$500.00 as good faith, asked that same be refunded as no deed has been issued.

Mr. Luning moved that same be refunded less cost of survey and plat, which amounted to \$184.65, and advertising \$15.00, making a total of \$199.65. Seconded by Mr. Johnson and upon vote adopted. Check

for \$300.35 was ordered issued to Mr. D'Alemberte.
Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 23, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Messrs. W. A. Dutch, Chief Fire Warden, and A. O. Kanner, Counsel, for the Board of Fire Control, appeared before the Trustees and requested a loan of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to meet contingent expenses in fire control work in the Everglades Drainage District, the present Contingent Fund being exhausted, and insufficient tax funds on hand to meet said expense.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Treasurer of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund be authorized and instructed to issue check to Mr. W. A. Dutch, Chief Fire Warden, in the sum of \$3,000.00 to be paid back as heretofore under agreement dated March 13, 1926. Seconded by Mr. Mayo, and upon vote adopted.

The State Treasurer was also directed and authorized to transfer from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) to the STATE OFFICE BUILD-

ING FUND, and TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) from the same fund to the STATE PRISON BUILDING FUND.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 29, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as land clerk—April 1927	\$ 283.34
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Secretary—April 1927	83.34
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Counsel—April 1927	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Field Agent—April 1927	333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla., salary for April 1927	50.00
Dollie Gerald, Tallahassee, Fla., Salary for April 1927	41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Land Clerk—April 1927	225.00
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Land Department—April 1927	150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla., Salary as Tax Clerk—April 1927	225.00

Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Tax Department—April 1927	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. salary in Tax Department—April 1927	125.00
	\$1,895.85

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 3, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Upon application of Mr. C. E. Brown, for himself and clients, the Trustees on March 25, 1927, ordered advertised for sale on this date, Tracts 1, 2, and 3, lying and being in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, containing 25.60 acres more or less, and no objections being presented on this date, the sale was consummated as follows:

TRACT No. 1. Sold to J. B. Thomas and Associates.

TRACT No. 2. Sold to C. E. Brown, and

TRACT No. 3. Sold to Allen Fuller Corporation, at a price of \$100.00 per acre. The Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deeds to the above parties.

Mr. Harry L. Willensky appeared before the Trustees on this date and stated that he had purchased, jointly, with L. W. Brady, Entries No. 17306 and 17307, embracing all of Section 18, Township 54 South, Range 36 East, containing 640 acres, at \$71.00 per acre; also purchased under the name of Rainbow Realty Company the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$; and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 57 South, Range 40 East—440 acres, at \$350 per acre, in Entries No. 17331 and 17332, and that they were unable to met the payments due and would respectfully request the Trustees to deed them, under Entries No. 17331 and 17332, an amount of land at \$350.00 equal to the amount paid in cash as first payment on all the aforesaid Entries, and allow them to deed back to the State unencumbered, with all 1926 taxes paid, the remainder of said land.

Mr. Johnson moved that the request be granted. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Harry L. Willensky applied to purchase 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 57 South, Range 40 East, at 10.00 per acre.

Mr. Mayo moved that the offer be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Luning and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary was directed to instruct R. W. Ervin, Tax Clerk, to write the Tax Assessor of Dade County not to assess the reconveyed lands under Entries No. 17306, 17307, 17331 and 17332, for State and County Taxes for the year 1927.

Mr. E. C. Kilpatrick of Lake Stearns, Florida, appeared before the Trustees and made application to purchase an Island in Lake Istokpoga, containing approximately 20 acres.

Mr. Kilpatrick was advised that the Trustees were not in a position to sell such area at the present time, but that he would be advised when same was placed on the market.

The Trustees having agreed to advertise certain land in Pinellas County, upon application of Mr. Edgar Baume, the following Notice was placed in the Clear-water Morning Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 26, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., June 7th, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Beginning at a point on the meander line as surveyed by the U. S. Government in A. D. 1848, same being 703.1 feet South of and 1164.09 feet West of the Northwest corner of Northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East;

Thence West 635 feet;

Thence South 409.7 feet;

Thence East 738.71 feet to the H. W. L. of Boca Ceiga Bay;

Thence following aforesaid meander line North 13 degrees East 27.30 feet;

Thence North 16 degree East 398.53 feet to point of beginning.

Containing 6.53 acres.

Lying and being in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, State of Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla., to supplies, Secretary's office	\$ 9.90
Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla., to service in Tax Dept. and Secretary's office during April 1927	8.50
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. to service in April 1927	6.19
Clearwater Morning Herald, Clearwater, Fla., advertising land sale May 3rd, 1927	25.50
The News Publishing Co., DeLand, Fla., to advertising land sale April 19th, 1927	27.00
Post Publishing Co., Inc., West Palm Beach, Fla., to advertising land sale May 10th, 1927	72.00
The Titusville Star-Advocate, Titusville, Fla. to advertising land sale April 19th, 1927	21.77
Photostat Corporation, Providence, R. I., to supplies for Department of Agriculture	72.33
Wallis Engineering Company, Tallahassee, Fla., to survey work done in April 1927	918.19
Walter Scott, Tallahassee, Fla., to repairing office chair	2.50
J. P. Moore, T. C., to Everglades Drainage and One Mill Tax on Certificate Lands in Glades County for the year 1926	5,766.42
Bob Simpson, T. C., to Everglades Drainage and One Mill Tax on Certificate Lands in Dade County for the year 1926, \$687.50; Lot 4 between Tp. 53/54 Range 39, reconveyed to Trustees \$471.14	1,158.64
Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. to Everglades Drainage and One Mill Tax on certificate lands in Palm Beach County for the year 1926	21,022.12
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	\$29,111.06

Financial statement for the month of April was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1927
RECEIPTS

Balance in Fund April 1, 1927	\$583,460.27	
Sale of lands under Ch. 9131 Acts of 1923 and Ch. 10024 Acts of 1925, Laws of Florida	1,660.55	
From C. E. Choate, for adver- tising land	50.00	
From U. S. District Court, refund of costs in case of A. F. Huston vs. Trustees I. I. Fund	10.00	
Redemption of Drainage Tax Certificates	1,435.86	
Sale of Minutes	2.00	
Refund on account of over- payment of Drainage Taxes of Dade County	330.00	
Refund on account of over- payment of Drainage Taxes of Palm Beach County	70.24	
Interest on Deposits in banks	5,572.99	
From land sales (\$22,684.10) less 25% to the State School Fund (\$5,671.02)	17,013.08	
		<u>\$609,604.99</u>
Less disbursements (itemized below)	154,659.22	
Balance in Fund May 1, 1927		<u>\$454,945.77</u>

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in banks	453,945.77	
		<u>\$454,945.77</u>

BALANCE IN BANKS MAY 1, 1927

Atlantic National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.,	\$108,253.48
Barnett National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.	75,314.67

Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	99,199.58
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	52,802.47
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,689.06
First-American Bk. & Tr. Co. West Palm Beach, Fla. ...	2,094.14
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	14,894.91
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	25,659.88
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	34,359.81
Ft. Lauderdale National Bank & Trust Co. SPL., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	38,677.77
Capital City Bank (Deposit by D. C. Harris, Agent), Burgess Company of Fla. In remoss contract	1,000.00
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	\$453,945.77

Disbursements

Date	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1927			
April 5	6869	Southern Tel. & Construction Company	8.50
	6870	B. W. Brown Motor Co.	5.00
	6871	Postal Telegraph Co.	1.13
	6872	Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C.	1.80
	6873	K. B. O'Quinn, C. C. C.	1.45
	6874	Western Union Telegraph Company	1.83
	6875	Department of the Interior (Washington)	40
	6876	F. M. Tyler, T. C.	704.10
	6877	G. S. Moore, T. C.	352.63
	6878	Bob Simpson, T. C.	7,530.00
	6879	Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C.	9,937.03
	6880	D. F. Canfield, T. C.	1,661.53
	6881	J. H. Fears, T. C.	32.32

	6882 N. R. Boniske (refund on land sale).....	1,989.50
	6883 Bd. of Commrs. Everglades Drainage District (loan).....	15,900.00
6	6884 W. A. Dutch.....	299.30
	6885 J. E. Taylor.....	215.68
	6886 L. S. Harvard.....	242.50
	6887 A. O. Kanner.....	424.66
	6888 Albert Johnstad.....	250.00
	6889 Chas. G. Fallin.....	249.12
	6890 G. E. Newzloff.....	116.74
	6891 T. G. Thorgeson.....	108.62
	6892 C. W. Cranford.....	142.00
	6893 D. T. Walters.....	133.84
	6894 V. F. Thirsk.....	100.00
	6895 W. C. Hooker.....	100.00
	6896 W. L. Bryant.....	121.00
	6897 W. G. Stovall.....	100.00
	6898 Howard A. Ells.....	100.00
	6899 B. B. Raulerson.....	100.00
	6900 W. C. Lord.....	100.00
	6901 Chas. W. Bell.....	111.92
	6902 T. Griffin.....	100.00
	6903 Jesse Reese.....	202.79
	6904 L. L. Seward.....	100.00
	6905 Frank L. Reed.....	406.40
	6906 W. C. Simmons.....	258.36
	6907 O. L. Giles.....	208.00
	6908 Felix Tilon.....	91.00
	6909 H. Phil Bryan.....	25.29
	6910 Collier County News.....	9.00
	6911 A. J. Comeau Co.....	72.50
	6912 Durkee Printing Co.....	37.00
	6913 J. A. Guise.....	114.00
	6914 H. H. Everston.....	20.00
	6915 Everglades Development Co.....	11.25
	6916 Halsey & Griffith.....	52.65
	6917 International Harvester Company.....	11.20
	6918 A. Kaltenbruner.....	58.77
	6919 W. G. Malloch.....	68.00
	6920 Palm Beach Mercantile Co.....	5.00
	6921 G. V. Rackstraw.....	32.75
	6922 I. E. Scott.....	73.76

	6923 Southern Bell Telephone Company	14.90
	6924 D. T. Thurmond	78.00
	6925 Western Union Telegraph Company	1.40
	6926 Everglades Drainage District	22.06
	6927 Davis Service Station	169.68
	6928 A. E. Reese	30.00
	6929 H. M. Villa	20.00
	6930 W. A. Dutch	1,327.10
April 6	6931 J. C. Luning, State Treas. (a-c State Prison New Building Fund)	30,000.00
April 23	6932 W. A. Dutch, Ch. Fire Warden (loan to Fire Warden)	3,000.00
April 25	6933 J. C. Luning, S. T. (State Prison New Building Fund)	25,000.00
	6934 J. C. Luning, S. T. (a-c State Office Building Fund)	25,000.00
	6935 J. C. Luning, S. T. (a-c State Office Building Fund)	25,000.00
April 30	6936 C. B. Gwynn	283.34
	6937 J. Stuart Lewis	83.34
	6938 M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	6939 A. R. Richardson	333.34
	6940 Jentye Dedge	50.00
	6941 Dollie Gerald	41.67
	6942 Elgin Bayless	225.00
	6943 Mrs. L. B. Hopkins	150.00
	6944 R. W. Ervin	225.00
	6945 Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
	6946 Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
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		\$154,659.22

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 10, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date, certain submerged areas comprising islands, sand bars and shallow banks under the tidal waters of Lake Worth, in Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, as required by law, and the Trustees having agreed to sell the land to C. W. Bingham at \$100.00 per acre, protest was filed by F. M. Valz, representing Islands, Incorporated, also L. R. Trivette Lockwood, Town Manager of Palm Beach. Senator Wagg of West Palm Beach also protested to the sale, in behalf of Edward F. Hutton, and in his own behalf, until he could confer with the upland owners adjacent to the submerged lands.

Mr. Luning moved that further consideration of the sale be deferred to some future date. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees also advertised for sale on this date 1.8 acres of submerged land in Section 38, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, applied for by Mr. Murray Sams of DeLand. No objections being presented the sale was consummated to Mr. Sams at \$100.00 and deed ordered issued.

Proxy was ordered issued to George H. Earle, Jr., John A. McCarthy, and H. Edgar Barnes, of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company for a portion of the land to which they are entitled to receive deed. Proxy mailed to Mr. H. Edgar Barnes at Philadelphia.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 17, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. J. T. Bruce, who was granted a permit to gather moss from Lake Santa Fe on May 15, 1925, made application to cancel said permit and forfeit bond, as to continue said permit would be a loss to his company.

Mr. Luning moved that permit be cancelled and bond forfeited, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and upon vote adopted.

Mr. D. C. Harris, who entered into an agreement with the Trustees June 1, 1924, to gather moss from the Dead Lakes in Calhoun County, Florida, appeared before the Trustees and stated that he had spent approximately Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.-00) in trying to gather the said moss, and on account of the low water in the Lakes the moss could not be gathered, so as to make a profit, and requested the Trustees to cancel said agreement and if possible relieve him of forfeiture of bond for failure to continue the agreement.

Mr. Johnson moved that he forfeit Five Hundred

Dollars (\$500.00) of said bond and the Treasurer refund him Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and agreement be cancelled. Seconded by Mr. Luning and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Richardson, Field Agent, was instructed when possible to make timber cruise of lands of the State containing merchantable timber.

Mr. John F. Burket made application to purchase certain land in Sarasota County, and the following advertisement was ordered placed in the Sarasota Times:

NOTICE.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 17, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., June 21st, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in Sarasota County, Florida:

TRACT NO. 1: Commencing at the Government stake on the line dividing U. S. Lots 9 and 11, Section 18, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, at Sarasota Bay,

Thence East along said U. S. Lot line produced 396.50 feet to the point of beginning;

Thence North 45 degrees 30' West, 909.50 feet;

Thence North 53 degrees 35' East, 108.00 feet;

Thence South 70 degrees 20' East, 487.50 feet;

Thence South 39 degrees 10' East' 878.00 feet;

Thence South 54 degrees 45' West, 213.00 feet;

Thence North 45 degrees 30' West, 386.50 feet to the point of beginning.

Lying and being in Sarasota County, Florida, and containing 7.31 acres, more or less, and being that land submerged not less than

3.5 feet at high tide lying in front of the property of Charles Hull Ewing, John K. Culver, Harriet Thomas and the Vaughn Estate in Sarasota Bay.

TRACT NO. 2: Commencing at the Northwest corner of U. S. Lot 1, Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East,

Thence South along the West line of said U. S. Lot 1, 1108.0 feet, more or less;

Thence South 48 degrees 00' West, 160.00 feet to the point of beginning;

Thence South 48 degrees 00' West, 323.00 feet;

Thence South 37 degrees 35' East, 300.00 feet;

Thence North 36 degrees 50' East, 303.50 feet;

Thence North 30 degrees 40' West, 246.5 feet to the point of beginning.

Lying and being in Sarasota County, Florida, and containing 1.91 acres, more or less and being that land submerged not less than 3.5 feet at high tide and lying in front of Lots 6 and A of the re-arrangement of Cedar Cove Subdivision of U. S. Lot 1, Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 336 of the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida, in Sarasota Bay.

TRACT NO. 3: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East,

Thence West 326.00 feet to the point of beginning;

Thence North 61 degrees 00' West, 101.50 feet;

Thence South 80 degrees 30' West, 229.50 feet;

Thence South 73 feet;

Thence North 77 degrees 00' East, 220.00 feet;

Thence South 23 degrees 25' East, 23.50

feet;

Thence South 69 degrees 45' West, 190.00

feet;

Thence South 50 degrees 15' East, 139.50

feet;

Thence North 39 degrees 45' East, 252.00

feet to the point of beginning.

Lying and being in Sarasota County, Florida, and containing 0.86 acres, more or less, and being that land submerged not less than 3.5 feet at high tide and lying in front of Lots 2 and 3 of the re-arrangement of Cedar Cove Subdivision of U. S. Lot 1, Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 336 of the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida, in Sarasota Bay.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To Service during April, 1927	\$ 23.69
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To Stamps	10.00
B. W. Brown Motor Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To Storage on Car for April, 1927	5.00
T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. To Supplies	66.25
W. T. Oliver, C. C. C., Punta Gorda, Fla. To Recording Deed No. 15434	1.45

Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To Recording Deeds No. 114333 and 114334	3.10
George F. Holly, C. C. C., Miami, Fla. To Recording Deeds	3.10
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	\$ 112.59

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 24, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees sold to Mr. Michael Rode on December 9th, 1924, Lot 1, Tier 20, Newman's Survey, under Deed No. 16816. A tax certificate for drainage taxes for the year 1924 was issued on said land, and Bert R. Chaplin having secured a tax deed on same from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Broward County, it was ordered that if Mr. Chaplin would issue a deed to the Trustees for the said Lot 1, Tier 20, cost of \$82.00, the amount paid by him for his deed, would be paid him; this to clear title for Mr. Rode, purchased from the Trustees.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:
Grant Furniture Company, Tallahassee,
Fla. To Book Cases for Counsel\$ 78.00

Photostat Corporation, Providence, R. I., To Supplies furnished Land Dept.....	65.85
Lillie M. Smith, T. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To Everglades Drainage & One Mill Tax for the Year 1926 on Certificate Lands	9,207.50
W. P. Andrews, T. C., LaBelle, Fla. To Everglades Drainage One Mill Tax & Acreage Tax on Certificate Lands.....	3,042.83
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	\$ 12,394.18

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 31, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
J. B. Johnson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees on May 10th, 1927, deferred the making of deed and consumation of sale of certain submerged area comprising sand bars and shallow banks under the tidal waters of Lake Worth in Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, as protests were filed with the Trustees, as set out in minutes of said Trustees of May 10th, 1927.

All protests having been withdrawn by F. M. Valz, Attorney for Islands Incorporated, L. R. Trivette Lockwood, Town Manager of Palm Beach, and Honorable Alfred Wagg; Mr. Luning moved that said land

be deeded Mr. C. W. Bingham upon payment of purchase price of \$100.00 per acre, and the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed. Seconded by Mr. Mayo, and upon vote adopted.

The Bills of the Board of Fire Control, amounting to \$12,396.06 and approved by said Board, were O. K.'d by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for payment from the Everglades Fire Tax Fund.

The Trustees having sold to Mr. A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, Studebaker car for \$325.00, it was agreed that Mr. Richardson be allowed to pay same in twelve installments, paying June 1st, \$27.12, and \$27.08 the first of each succeeding month for the next eleven months.

The Trustees at a meeting on December 22, 1925, agreed to sell Lindrose, Osborne and Jones certain land near Pahokee. Mr. Osborne having died, his father, Ole Anderson, was advised he would be given the opportunity to purchase said land, Twenty-eight (28) Acres at \$100.00 per acre; the price having heretofore been agreed upon.

The Land Department received a reply, asking on what terms the land could be purchased, and Mr. Johnson moved that he be allowed to purchase same by paying \$2,871.00 with Six percent interest on said amount for one year; half principal cash, one-fourth in one year and one-fourth in two years with Six percent interest on deferred payments; this offer to hold good only Thirty days from the date, and if not accepted in that time, the land would be sold to other parties. Seconded by Mr. Luning, and upon vote adopted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To Supplies	\$	6.00
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T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. To Supplies	16.50
Wallis Engineering Company, Tallahassee, Fla., to Engineering work done during May, 1927	907.14
C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk—May, 1927	283.34
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary—May, 1927	83.34
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel—May, 1927	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Field Agent—May, 1927	333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for May, 1927	50.00
Dollie Gerald, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for May, 1927	41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk—May, 1927	225.00
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—May, 1927 ..	150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Tax Clerk—May, 1927	225.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—May, 1927	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—May, 1927	125.00
H. L. Shearer, Tallahassee, Fla. To Work in Land Department during May, 1927 ..	150.00
Stephen Causseaux, Tallahassee, Fla. To Temporary Work in Tax Clerk's Office—16 days at \$5.00	80.00
C. K. Allen, Tallahassee, Fla. To Temporary Work in Tax Clerk's Office—15 days at \$5.00	75.00
George Dorman, Tallahassee, Fla. To Temporary work in Tax Clerk's Office—4 days at \$5.00	20.00
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To Expense Account on trip to South Fla.—May 18-29th	225.38

Board of Commissioners Everglades Drain- age District, (Loan).....	5,000.00
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	\$ 8,375.87

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 4, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Upon motion, duly passed, the State Treasurer was authorized and instructed to transfer from the funds of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the STATE PRISON BUILDING FUND, the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00).

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 7, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Edgar Baume made application on April 26th, to purchase 6.53 acres of submerged land, lying in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, and the Trustees having advertised same for sale on this date, no objections being filed, sale was consummated to Mr. Baume at \$100.00 per acre. The Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed to Mr. Baume.

The Secretary was instructed to refund to the following:

P. J. deMuth.....	\$326.44
Roberts & Gretner.....	352.40 and
C. J. Frody.....	111.14

as the aforesaid had deposited with the Trustees amounts to pay the 1926 taxes on lands reconveyed by them, and of said deposits the above amounts were left after paying said taxes.

The Trustees issued proxy to W. T. Wallis, Jr., to act for the Trustees in voting their acreage in Brown Drainage District at a landowners meeting to be held in June, 1927.

Financial Statement for the month of May, 1927 was received and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY, 1927

Balance in Fund May 1,	
1927	\$454,945.77
Sale of lands under Ch. 9131,	
Acts of 1923 and Ch.	
10024, Acts of 1925,	
Laws of Florida.....	288.64

Refund on account of over- payment of Drainage Taxes	451.92	
Sale of Minutes	2.50	
Redemption of Drainage Tax Certificates	19,858.85	
From land sales (\$8,960.59) less 25% to the State School Fund (\$2,240.14)	6,720.45	
	<u>\$482,268.13</u>	
Less Disbursements (item- ized below)	51,158.72	
Balance in Fund June 1, 1927		\$431,109.41

RECAPITULATION.

Cash and cash items	1,000.00	
Balance in Banks	<u>430,109.41</u>	
		\$431,109.41

Balance in Banks June 1, 1927.

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	89,973.15
Barnett National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.	75,314.67
Florida National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.	73,066.64
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	52,802.47
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,689.06
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	2,094.14
Capital City Bank, Tallahas- see, Fla.	35,571.82
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	25,659.88
Lewis State Bank, Tallahas- see, Fla.	34,359.81

Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust
 Co. Spl. Ft. Lauderdale,
 Fla. 38,677.77

\$430,109.41

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1927	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
May 4	6947	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	\$ 9.90
	6948	Southern Tel. & Const. Co.	8.50
	6949	Postal-Telegraph Cable Co.	6.19
	6950	Clearwater Morning Herald	25.50
	6951	The News Publishing Co.	27.00
	6952	Post Publishing Co.	72.00
	6953	The Titusville Star	21.77
	6954	Photostat Corporation	72.33
	6955	Wallis Engineering Co.	918.19
	6956	Walter Scott	2.50
	6957	J. P. Moore, T. C.	5,766.42
	6958	Bob Simpson, T. C.	1,158.64
	6959	Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C.	21,022.12
May 17	6960	Western Union Tel. Co.	23.69
	6961	W. H. May, Postmaster	10.00
	6962	B. W. Brown Motor Co.	5.00
	6963	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	66.25
	6964	W. T. Oliver	1.45
	6965	Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C.	3.10
	6966	Geo. F. Holly, C. C. C.	3.10
May 20	6967	D. C. Harris, Agent Burgess Co. of Fla., a/c refund of one- half of guaranty deposit	500.00
	6968	Princ. St. Sch. Fund a/c forfeit 1/2 guaranty deposit	500.00
May 25	6969	Grant Furniture Co.	78.00
	6970	Photostat Corporation	65.85
	6971	Lillie M. Smith, T. C.	9,207.50
May 25	6972	W. P. Andrews, T. C.	3,207.83
May 31	6973	D. A. Dixon & Co.	6.00
	6974	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	16.50
	6975	Wallis Engineering Co.	907.14
	6976	C. B. Gwynn	283.34
	6977	J. Stuart Lewis	83.34
	6978	M. C. McIntosh	229.18

6979	A. R. Richardson	333.34
6980	Jentye Dedge	50.00
6981	Dollie Gerald	41.67
6982	Elgin Bayless	225.00
6983	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins	150.00
6984	R. W. Ervin	225.00
6985	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
6986	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
6987	H. L. Shearer	150.00
6988	Stephen Causseaux	80.00
6989	C. K. Allen	75.00
6990	George Dorman	20.00
6991	A. R. Richardson	225.38
6992	Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage Dist.	5,000.00
		\$51,158.72

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 21, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees advertised for sale on this date Tracts 1, 2 and 3, in Sections 18 and 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, containing 10.08 acres of land, upon the application of Mr. John F. Burket for his client. There being no objections filed or presented, the sale was consummated to client of Mr.

Burket, and the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed.

Mr. Morey Dunn of West Palm Beach, Florida, having made application to purchase certain land in Palm Beach County, the Trustees ordered the following Notice placed in the Palm Beach Post:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 21, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., July 26th, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in PALM BEACH COUNTY, Florida:

From the Southwest corner of said Section 34, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, run East along the South line of said Section 34, a distance of 1320 feet, more or less, to the Southwest corner of Government Lot 4 of said Section 34;

Thence North along the West line of said Government Lot 4 a distance of 1320 feet, more or less to the Southwest corner of Government Lot 3 of said Section 34;

Thence East along the South line of said Government Lot 3 a distance of 1292.11 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Said point of beginning being on the Government meander line of the West shore of Lake Worth as surveyed by the United States Government in the year A. D. 1858.

From the point of beginning, run North 2 degrees West a distance of 165.10 feet; along the Government meander line;

Thence East and parallel to the South line of said Government Lot 3 produced East, a distance of 540 feet;

Thence South 2 degrees East a distance of

165.10 feet; Thence West a distance of 540 feet along the South line of said Government Lot 3, projected East, to the point of beginning. Containing 2.05 acres, more or less.

Lying and being in Section 34, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, State of Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Mr. C. B. Potter of St. Petersburg, Florida, made application to purchase submerged land in Pinellas County and the Trustees having agreed to sell same to him, ordered the following advertisement placed in the Clearwater Morning Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 21, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., July 26th, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in Pinellas County, Florida:

From the Northwest corner of Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, run South 3393.06 feet, along the West line of said Section 34, to the meander corner between Sections 33 and 34, as surveyed A. D. 1848;

Thence following the original meander line South 81 degrees East 180.99 feet to the point of beginning;

From the point of beginning, run South 81 degrees East 177.18 feet along the meander line as surveyed A. D. 1848.

Thence South 308.58 feet;

Thence South 45 degrees 06' West, 247.08 feet;

Thence North 510.69 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 1.65 acres, more or less.

Lying and being in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, PINELLAS County, State of Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Western Union, Tallahassee, Fla. To Service during May, 1927.....	\$ 3.17
Postal Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To Service during May, 1927.....	2.24
Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To service during June, 1927 for Tax Trustees Office.....	8.50
B. W. Brown Motor Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To Storage on Trustees Car—two weeks in May, 1927.....	2.50
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To Supplies.....	4.40
H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla. To Supplies for Field Agent.....	5.85

Clearwater Morning Herald, Clearwater, Fla. To Advertisement of Land Sale June 7th, 1927	12.00
Sarasota Times, Sarasota, Fla. To Adver- tisement of Land Sale June 21st, 1927	31.50
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk, West Palm Beach, Fla. To Recording Mortgage.....	1.75
Jas. A. Westby, West Palm Beach, Fla. To refund for Illegal Certificate	12.30
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To Ex- pense account for June 8, 9 and 13 to St. Augustine and Blountstown	61.53
Glades Printing Co., Inc., Moore Haven, Fla. To One Year's Subscription	2.00
Ft. Pierce News-Tribune, Fort Pierce, Fla. To One Year's Subscription	6.00
Palm Beach Times, West Palm Beach, Fla. To One Year's Subscription	8.75
Lillie M. Smith, T. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To Everglades Drainage Tax—Tr. 63-33- 51-40	5.06
Lillie M. Smith, T. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To N. B. Broward, Drainage Taxes on State Lands for 1926	437.34
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	\$ 604.89

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 28, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

M. S. Kice Developing Company having made application May 10th, 1927 to purchase certain submerged or sovereignty lands, sand bars and shallow banks now owned by the State of Florida, or the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, in Township 52 South, Range 26 East, as surveyed by the U. S. Government and approved January 6, 1877, lying and being in Collier County, and the Trustees having advertised the same for sale on this date, objections were called for. No objections being filed or presented, the sale was made to M. S. Kice Developing Company at a price of \$500.00. The Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed to said Company.

Mr. Luning reported that two checks from Mr. Leo Bonner of Okeechobee, deposited with Mr. Ervin, Tax Clerk, some months ago, for the purchase of certain land, title which was thought to be in the Trustees, had been returned to Mr. Bonner as it was ascertained that the land belonged to the U. S. Government. Prior to the return of the checks to Mr. Bonner, the Bank of Okeechobee closed its doors, and one of the checks being drawn on that Bank could not, therefore, be cashed.

Mr. Luning moved that Mr. A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, be instructed to go to Okeechobee and secure the two checks from Mr. Bonner and present the one drawn on the Bank of Okeechobee to the Receiver of said Bank, filing proof of claim for said amount; also secure cash on the other check which was made on another Bank in that City.

Motion seconded by Mr. Amos, and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Richardson was instructed to go to Okeechobee and look after the matter.

Mr. Luning moved that when matters are acted

upon by the Trustees, affecting any division of a Department, other than the one presenting same, that the party bringing up the matter be required to advise those in charge of other divisions of said Department of the nature of the business.

Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control amounting to \$12,437.78 approved by said Board, were passed by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to Honorable Ernest Amos, Comptroller, to be paid from funds in his custody to the credit of the Everglades Fire Tax Fund.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk—June, 1927	\$ 283.34
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary—June, 1927	83.34
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel—June, 1927	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Field Agent—June, 1927	333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for June, 1927	50.00
Dollie Gerald, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for June, 1927	41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk—June, 1927	225.00
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—June, 1927	150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Tax Clerk—June, 1927	225.00
Edwin Barnes, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—June, 1927	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—June, 1927	125.00
Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To survey work done in June, 1927	815.31
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To Supplies	7.35
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	\$ 2,718.51

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 5, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Mr. A. R. Richardson reported that, by direction of the Trustees he had made a trip to see Mr. Leo Bonner, relative to two checks of the Trustees held by him, one on the Bank of Okeechobee (closed), for \$1,288.00. He advised that Mr. Bonner was out of the State, but that he had served Receiver's Certificate of Proof of Claim for the \$1,288.00 check, but as the time for filing proof with the Receiver expired on June 1, 1927, was referred to Mr. Amos, Comptroller, to take such action as would be legally authorized.

Upon request of Mr. John M. Sutton, Mr. Richardson was requested to go to Gainesville to be present at a hearing before United States Land Office, relative to Swamp and Overflowed land.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To Service during June, 1927.....	\$ 3.40
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Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, Tallahassee, Fla. To service during June, 1927	1.23
Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To service for Trustees and Tax Department—July, 1927	8.50
T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. To supplies	3.00
Post Publishing Co., Inc., West Palm Beach, Fla. To advertising Land Sale	15.00
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To Expense account June 29-July 2nd to Okeechobee, Fla.	108.32
Phoenix Farms, Inc., Miami, Fla. To Deed to Land	88.00
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	\$ 227.45

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 12, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

22nd, 1927, for dredging shell in Duval County was rescinded and a new contract authorized drawn, as the present contract encroaches on territory embraced in the Atlantic Shell Company's permit. Thirty days was allowed the Standard Dredging Company to make se-

lections of other locations desired by them.

The matter of Oil Lease in Lake Okeechobee to Judge Norfleet was discussed and it was decided to defer any action until a full board could be present.

The Trustees agreed to allow the Key Largo City Properties, Inc., an extension on payments, of one year, provided the said company would take care of mortgage of New Realty Company; the interest to accumulate and be added to the principal of the mortgage.

Upon consideration of the selections of certain lands by Mr. J. M. Sutton, it was ordered that Mr. Sutton be requested not to select any more lands that have already been taken up by homestead entries.

It was further ordered that Mr. Richardson examine the selections in Cards Sound lying south of the mainland of Florida, embraced in affidavit of J. M. McDonald filed by Mr. J. M. Sutton, to be selected by the State, and also the lands in Section 36, Township 40 South, Range 42 East, and Sections 30 and 31 in Township 40 South, Range 43 East, and report as to whether or not any of these lands belong to the State under its sovereign rights, before making said selection.

The Trustees issued their proxy to Mr. Jules M. Burguières of West Palm Beach, Florida, to represent them at a meeting of the Landowners of South Florida Conservancy District to be held at West Palm Beach July 19th, 1927.

The Florida East Coast Railway Company, through their vice-president and general counsel, Mr. Scott M. Loftin, made application for additional right-of-way on the Hillsborough Canal in Palm Beach County, and the Trustees and Drainage Board jointly agreed to grant easement over the following described land:

A tract of land twelve hundred (1200) feet along the Northerly side of the Hillsborough Canal and Easterly of the Okeechobee-Miami Extension of the Florida East Coast Railway, in the South Half of the Northeast quarter and in the North Half of the Southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, described as follows: All that land lying between the northerly right-of-way line of said Hillsborough Canal and a line parallel to and twenty (20) feet Northerly from and following the Northerly edge of said canal; said tract of land extending twelve hundred (1200) feet Easterly from the Easterly end of that tract of land twelve hundred (1200) feet along the Northerly side of said canal that was granted unto the Florida East Coast Railway Company by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and by the Board of Commissioners of the Everglades Drainage District by indenture dated March 22nd, 1927, and recorded in Deed Book 414, Page 403, one of the Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida; the tract of land hereby granted containing two and two-tenths (2.2) acres, more or less.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

To redemption Individual Certificate No. 63	\$16.33
To redemption Individual Certificate No. 428	55.20
To Recording Mortgage No. 117206	1.75
To Recording Mortgage No. 117300	1.55
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	\$74.83

Financial statement for the month of June, 1927 was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE 1927

Balance in Fund June 1, 1927	\$431,109.41	
Sale of lands under Ch. 9131 Acts of 1923 and Ch. 10024 Acts of 1925, Laws of Florida	456.53	
Part Payment (from Secretary) on sale of automobile	27.12	
From Board of Fire Control on account of loan	3,000.00	
Redemption of Drainage Tax Certificates	860.15	
Refund on account of overpayment of taxes	165.00	
From General Revenue Fund (Comptroller's Warrant No. 122305) on account of loan (repayment)	50,000.00	
From land sales (\$62,812.97) less 25% to the State school fund (\$15,703.24)	47,109.73	
	<u>\$532,727.94</u>	
Less Disbursements (itemized below)	103,323.40	
Balance in fund July 1, 1927		\$429,404.54

RECAPITULATION

Cash and Cash Items	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks	428,404.54	
	<u>429,404.54</u>	\$429,404.54

BALANCE IN BANKS JULY 1, 1927

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 64,973.15
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	91,991.27

Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	96,076.37
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	32,802.47
First National Bank, Miami Fla.	1,689.06
First-American Bk. & Tr. Co. West Palm Beach, Fla.	2,094.14
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	40,080.62
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	25,659.88
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	34,359.81
Ft. Lauderdale Bk. & Tr. Co. Spl. Ft. Lauderdale	38,677.77
	\$428,404.54

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1927	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
June	4, 6993	J. C. Luning, St. Treas., for State Prison Building Fund	\$ 25,000.00
	6994	J. C. Luning, St. Treas., for State Prison Building Fund	25,000.00
	8, 6995	Board of Co., Everglades Dr. Dist.	30,000.00
	6996	Board of Co., Everglades Dr. Dist.	20,000.00
	22, 6997	Western Union Telegraph Co.	3.17
	6998	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	2.24
	6999	Southern Telephone & Construction Co.	8.50
	7000	B. W. Brown Motor Co.	2.50
	7001	D. A. Dixon & Co.	4.40
	7002	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	5.85
	7003	Clearwater Morning Herald	12.00

	7004	Sarasota Times	31.50
	7005	Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C.	1.75
	7006	Jas. A. Westby	12.30
	7007	A. R. Richardson	61.53
	7008	Glades Printing Co.	2.00
	7009	Ft. Pierce News-Tribune	6.00
	7010	Palm Beach Times	8.75
	7011	Lillie M. Smith, T. C.	5.06
	7012	Lillie M. Smith, T. C.	437.34
30,	7013	C. B. Gwynn	283.34
	7014	J. Stuart Lewis	83.34
	7015	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	7016	A. R. Richardson	333.34
	7017	Jentye Dedge	50.00
	7018	Dollie Gerald	41.67
	7019	Elgin Bayless	225.00
	7020	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins	150.00
	7021	R. W. Ervin	225.00
	7022	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
	7023	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
	7024	Wallis Engineering Co.	815.31
	7025	D. A. Dixon & Co.	7.35
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			\$103,323.40

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 26, 1927.

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

Present:

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of March 1st, 5th, 8th, 14th, 17th, 22nd, 29th, 30th; April 5th, 12th, 19th, 23rd, 29th; May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st; June 4th, 7th, 21st, 28th, and July 5th and 12th, read and approved.

Mr. Morey Dunn of West Palm Beach, Florida, having made application June 21st, 1927, to purchase 2.05 acres of submerged land in Section 34, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, and the Trustees having advertised the land for sale on this date, sale was consummated to Mr. Dunn as no protests were filed or presented.

The Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed.

Application having been made June 21st, by Mr. C. B. Potter of St. Petersburg, Florida, to purchase 1.65 acres of submerged land in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, and the Trustees having advertised the same for sale on this date, no objections being presented or filed, the sale was made to Mr. Potter. The Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed.

Mr. Luning, State Treasurer, was instructed to transfer \$50,000.00 from funds of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the STATE PRISON BUILDING FUND, in compliance with Acts of the Legislature, Special Session 1925.

The Trustees ordered the following notice placed in the Everglades News, a newspaper published at Canal Point, Palm Beach County:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 26, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida

will receive competitive bids in open session, August 30th, A. D. 1927, at Tallahassee, for the following described land in PALM BEACH County, Florida:

From the Northeast corner of Section 19, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, run South $89^{\circ} 36' 30''$ West 1571.84 feet along the North Line of Section 19;

Thence South $18^{\circ} 33' 30''$ West 909.08 feet

Thence South $44^{\circ} 35' 9''$ West 27.61 feet to the point of beginning;

From the point of beginning run North $78^{\circ} 17'$ East 327.98 feet;

Thence South $50^{\circ} 13'$ East 680 feet;

Thence South $34^{\circ} 44' 27''$ West 1407.31 feet;

Thence North $38^{\circ} 26' 30''$ West 1051.85 feet;

Thence North $29^{\circ} 54' 30''$ East 299.91 feet;

Thence North $44^{\circ} 35' 9''$ East 641.41 feet to the point of beginning as shown by attached plat.

Containing 28 acres, more or less.

Lying and being in Section 19, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, State of Florida.

Certified check for \$100.00 must accompany all bids. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

Bids can be addressed to the Secretary of the Trustees.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN.

Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, reported that he has secured from Mr. Leo Bonner of Okeechobee the two checks of the Trustees which had been returned to said Bonner—one for \$1,288.00 and the other for

\$220.00. These checks represented deposits by Mr. Bonner for the purchase of land.

Mr. Richardson was instructed to make a written report, transmitting said checks.

The following bills were approved and ordered transmitted to the State Treasurer on July 31st for payment:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Land Clerk—July 1927	\$ 283.34
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Secretary—July 1927	83.34
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Counsel—July 1927	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Field Agent—July 1927	333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla., salary for July 1927	50.00
Dollie Gerald, Tallahassee, Fla., salary for July 1927	41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Land Department—July 1927	225.00
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla., to salary in Land Department—July 1927	150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Tax Clerk—July 1927	225.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Tax Department—July 1927	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Tax Department—July 1927	125.00
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla., supplies	1.00
Collier County News, Everglades, Fla., advertising land sale—June 28th, 1927	15.00
Tropical Sun, West Palm Beach, Fla., subscription one year	2.00
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk, West Palm Beach, Fla., recording Mortgages 117643—David W. Fisher	1.65
J. F. Garner, Clerk, Ft. Myers, Fla., recording deed No. 57795—John D. Flynn—No. 57584, John M. Boring	3.00
Clearwater Morning Herald, Clearwater, Fla., to advertising land sale—July 26th	12.00

Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Fla., to advertising land sale, July 26th	15.00
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla., to stamps for Land Department and Sec- retary's office	15.00
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	\$ 1,963.50

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. C. LUNING,
Treasurer-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 2, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Richardson delivered to the Trustees two checks drawn by Mr. Leo Bonner of Okeechobee, one in the sum of \$1,288.00 and one of \$220.00; which were deposited with Mr. Ervin, Tax Clerk, with application to purchase certain land, title which had vested in the Trustees. This land proved to belong to the United States, and was not subject to taxes; therefore the checks were to be returned to Mr. Bonner. Check for \$1,288 was on the Bank of Okeechobee, which bank had failed while the check was in the hands of the Tax Clerk, so it was ordered that the Trustees issue their check in this sum to Mr. Bonner, and check on defunct bank was transmitted to Hon. Fred H. Davis, Attorney General, for such action as he finds legal in making claim upon Receiver of the Bank of Okeechobee.

Pahokee Drainage District made application for site to locate a pumping station in Section 19, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, containing 1.78 acres. This land being owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the permit was issued jointly by the Board and Trustees, same to be used exclusively for a pumping station, and at any time it is not used for this purpose, the said permit shall automatically be cancelled.

The Secretary presented bills approved by the Board of Fire Control in the amount of \$7,351.90, and reported them O. K.

The Trustees approved same, and ordered that they be transmitted to Hon. Ernest Amos, Comptroller, for payment from funds in his custody to the credit of the Everglades Fire Tax Fund.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Leo Bonner, Okeechobee, Fla., refund for check deposited with Trustees on Bank of Okeechobee (Failed)	\$1,288.00
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla., expense account for July 1927	340.86
Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla., survey work outside Lake Okeechobee meander	498.87
Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla., services on phones 258 and 776—August	8.50
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla., Manuscript covers.	1.75
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	\$2,137.98

Financial statement for the month of July 1927 was presented and ordered placed of record:

RECEIPTS

Balance in Fund July 1,	
1927	\$429,404.54

Part Payment (from Secretary) on sale of automobile	27.08	
Redemption of Drainage Tax Certificates	1,532.35	
Refund on account of overpayment of Drainage Taxes	656.71	
Sale of Minutes	2.00	
Interest Due July 1, 1927 on Pelican Lake 6% bonds	375.00	
From sale of lands under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923 and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 Laws of Florida	1,817.28	
Interest on balances in banks for the quarter ending June 30, 1927	3,637.56	
From land sales (\$10,678.29) less 25% to the State School Fund (\$2,669.58)	8,008.71	
	<hr/>	\$445,461.23
Less Disbursements (itemized below)	52,265.78	
Balance in Fund August 1, 1927		\$393,195.45

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$1,000.00	
Balance in banks	392,195.45	
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BALANCES IN BANKS AUGUST 1, 1927

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 42,130.43
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	67,651.42
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	103,087.18

American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	33,162.89
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,701.73
First-American Bk. & Tr. Co. West Palm Beach, Fla.	2,110.02
Capital City Bank, Talla- hassee, Fla.	42,915.31
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	25,852.32
Lewis State Bank, Talla- hassee, Fla.	34,616.80
Ft. Lauderdale Bk. & Tr. Co. Spl. Ft. Lauderdale	38,967.35

\$392,195.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Check	In Favor of:	Amount
1927	No.		
July 5,	7026	Western Union Telegraph Co.	\$ 3.40
	7027	Postal Telegraph - Cable Co.	1.23
	7028	Southern Telephone & Construction Co.	8.50
	7029	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	3.00
	7030	Post Publishing Co.	15.00
	7031	A. R. Richardson	108.32
	7032	Phoenix Farms	88.00
12,	7033	Frank A. Bryan	74.83
28,	7034	J. C. Luning (State Build- ing Fund)	25,000.00
	7035	J. C. Luning, (State build- ing Fund)	25,000.00
30,	7036	C. B. Gwynn	283.34
	7037	J. Stuart Lewis	83.34
	7038	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	7039	A. R. Richardson	333.34
	7040	Jentye Dedge	50.00
	7041	Dollie Gerald	41.67
	7042	Elgin Bayless	225.00
	7043	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins	150.00

7044	R. W. Ervin	225.00
7045	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
7046	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
7047	D. A. Dixon Co.	1.00
7048	Collier County News	15.00
7049	Tropical Sun	2.00
7050	Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C.	3.00
7051	Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C.	1.65
7052	J. F. Garner, C. C. C.	3.00
7053	Clearwater Morning Herald	12.00
7054	Palm Beach Post	15.00
7055	W. H. May, Postmaster	15.00

\$52,265.73

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 9, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. D. E. Knight of Starke appeared before the Trustees and presented application of R. L. O'Berry of Lake Butler to purchase 40 acres of land in Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, being Lot 7 thereof, stating that Mr. O'Berry had lived on this land for a

great many years, thinking he owned the same and had made improvements thereon.

After consideration the Trustees agreed to sell the land to Mr. O'Berry at a price of \$10.00 per acre, and deed was ordered issued to him.

Mr. R. E. Hamrick of Okeechobee appeared before the Trustees and presented a corrected plat of certain lands which had been deeded to Messrs. Hamrick, J. R. Hancock and S. D. Platt under an erroneous plat, the discrepancy in the plat having been previously brought to the attention of the Trustees.

The matter was referred to Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, and Mr. Richardson, Field Agent, to check over corrected plat and upon satisfactory report deeds will be issued to Messrs. Hamrick, Hancock and Platt.

Mr. Locke Kelly, representing clients, made application for a permit to dredge shell from the Indian River from the North line of Township 25 to the South line of Section 32.

After discussion, Mr. Davis moved that the Trustees refuse to grant the permit on the grounds that there would be numerous complaints from adjoining land-owners. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted. Mr. Kelly was so advised.

Mr. John R. Parkinson of Daytona Beach requested the Trustees to release mortgage on Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, of a subdivision of Lot 2 in Hiatus between Ranges 36 and 37, Township 44, which he and others purchased from Jas. A. Dew.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Parkinson that they could not grant his request, as the mortgage they held was on lands sold to Mr. Dew and he would have to make proper settlement before any action was taken. Also to write Mr. Dew that he would be allowed to re-deed three-fourths of the land under agreement and the Trustees would deed him an amount equal to the cash payment.

Mr. Luning presented letter from Mr. F. E. Bryant, of Bryant & Greenwood, requesting the Trustees to allow them to pay the interest and part of the principal on a \$40,000.00 note due August 7, 1927.

Mr. Luning moved that Mr. Bryant be advised that if he would pay the interest and \$20,000.00 on said note, that the Trustees would grant an extension of six months on the balance. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Dr. W. R. Rannie, who had made an offer of \$150.00 per acre for certain land on Virginia Key, which had been rejected as the land was appraised by the Field Agent at \$500.00 per acre, requested that the Trustees reconsider the matter and give their reasons for this appraisal.

Mr. Richardson was requested to give a written report on the matter.

The Attorney General called the attention of the Trustees to the bankruptcy case of Frank J. Kelly, who had purchased land from said Board in 1925, and made a motion that Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, be appointed Attorney in Fact to go to Miami and file such claim as he deemed necessary in the premises. Motion duly seconded and adopted and Mr. McIntosh was so instructed.

Mr. Capps, representing client of his, made application to purchase land on the edge of Lake Okeechobee, being a re-claimed strip between the Florida East Coast Railway right-of-way and the Lake, which right-of-way is adjacent to land of applicant.

The Trustees instructed the Land Department to advise Mr. Capps that they would sell the land in front of property of his client up to the right-of-way of the railroad, at a price of \$50.00 per acre.

Mr. Richardson was instructed to write the Land Department at Gainesville, relative to the status of Lots 11 and 12, Section 30, Township 40, Range 39, about which Mr. Sutton had written the Board.

The Trustees ordered the following increases in salaries:

C. B. Gwynn—\$3,600 per annum.
 Elgin Bayless—\$2,800.00 per annum.
 R. W. Ervin—\$2,800.00 per annum.
 J. Stuart Lewis—\$3,300 per annum.
 Jentye Dedge—\$2,100.00 per annum.

Hon. Fred H. Davis, Attorney General, reported on check of \$1,288.00 made payable to the Trustees by Leo Bonner, which was drawn on the Bank of Okeechobee, (failed) and presented to said bank after the expiration of time in which claims should have been filed.

The Trustees ordered that the check be filed with the Secretary.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
 Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
 Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 16, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

A telegram was received from Mr. W. V. Blackwell, offering \$1,050.00 per acre for 12.65 acres of land in Section 22, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, known as "Dinner Key", which acreage is in litigation at this time as it is claimed by the State and also by an individual. Mr. Blackwell's offer covered the making of

a survey and plat of the land and also taking over the pending lawsuit.

After discussion the Trustees decided to sell the land at this price and requested the Commissioner of Agriculture to issue Quit Claim Deed to Mr. Blackwell's company in accordance with the above offer.

Mr. James P. Daves, of the Marina Land Company requested extension on two notes of \$4,112.00 each, due August 1, 1927, upon payment of the interest.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. Luning, the extension was granted.

Mr. Charles L. Moody of Pahokee requested permission from the Trustees to allow him to vacate Lot 2, Section 24, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, one and a half miles South of Pahokee, on which he has an option of purchase, for a period of ten months and lease the land during his absence.

The Trustees instructed the Land Department to advise Mr. Moody that if he would make the one-fourth cash payment on the land, his request would be granted.

Mr. J. H. Tidwell made objections to the advertisement of land in Section 19, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, stating that the Trustees had agreed to allow him to purchase same.

The Land Department was requested to advise Mr. Tidwell that other parties had also made application to purchase and that they had advertised the same for competitive bids in order that every one would have a chance to bid.

Mr. Paul Camp of White Springs requested extension of one year on note of \$350.00 due August 1st.

The Trustees agreed to grant the extension provided interest was paid on said note.

Mr. P. Bersch of Johnson, Florida, requested the Trustees to place a price on Lot 9, Section 21, Township 10 South, Range 23 East, 12.10 acres and on Lot 3, Section 22, Township 10 South, Range 23 East, 40.13 acres.

The Trustees instructed Mr. A. R. Richardson to investigate the land and report to them; also instructed the Land Department to advise Mr. Bersch of their action in the premises.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, submitted report on the land on Virginia Key applied for some time ago by Dr. Rannie, confirming his former verbal report that the land was worth \$500.00 per acre.

The Trustees instructed the Land Department to advise Dr. Rannie of Mr. Richardson's report and their willingness to accept \$500.00 per acre for said land.

Mr. J. M. Sutton, Selecting Agent, requested the Trustees to file selection on certain land off the Southern coast of Florida.

Mr. Richardson reported that, in his opinion, this was Sovereignty land, and the Trustees ordered that Mr. Sutton be so advised.

The Secretary presented a letter from Mr. F. P. Green, relative to Sand Lease for dredging sand from certain creeks in Duval County.

The Trustees instructed the Secretary to advise Mr. Green, and Mr. Fleming, Attorney for Bayshore Company, objectors to the Lease to Mr. Green, that the Trustees would hear objections on the 23rd inst.

Mr. A. R. Richardson was instructed to go to West Palm Beach to be present at a hearing on land matters to be held on the 23rd of August.

Mr. Marvin C. McIntosh, Counsel, presented report on the status of land purchased by Frank J. Kelly,

covered by mortgages 17276 to 17290, inclusive; said Frank J. Kelly having gone into bankruptcy.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the matter was referred to Mr. McIntosh to be handled by him, and the Secretary was authorized to pay the 1926 taxes now due on said land.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla., to services during July 1927.....	\$ 1.19
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla., to services during July 1927 .....	.31
Marvin C. McIntosh, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla., to expense account from August 11 to 14th	58.39
Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. to recording mortgage	1.85
Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to recording instrument	1.55
Underwood Typewriter Co., Inc., Jacksonville, Fla., to typewriter for Secretary's office	40.05
Fred H. Davis, Tallahassee, Fla., expense account trip to Miami—Frank J. Kelly case	70.45
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	\$ 178.79

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 23, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having set this date for hearing on Sand Lease issued to Mr. F. P. Green, to which the Bayshore Company objected, Mr. F. C. Mitchell, Assistant General Manager of the Bayshore Company, appeared before the Trustees and requested that the permit be cancelled as to the Creeks which were adjacent to lands owned by their company, stating that they were of the opinion that the said creeks were not navigable, and if permit to Mr. Green was allowed to remain in force it would be detrimental to their development. He also requested the Trustees, in case they ruled that the waters were navigable, to consider the application of the Bayshore Company for a permit to mine shell from Clapboard and Sisters Creek.

The Trustees advised Mr. Mitchell that they would take the matter under consideration at a full meeting and notify him of their action.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 30, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date, at competitive bids, 28 acres in Section 19, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, in Palm Beach County, bids were called for.

Mr. Paul G. Biggers of Sanford and Mr. William Bloom of West Palm Beach bid \$155.00 per acre for the land, and this being the highest and best bid, sale was made to them upon the usual terms of one-fourth cash and the balance in three equal annual payments

with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum on deferred payments. Deed was ordered issued.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control for the month of August amounting to \$4,123.54 having been approved by said Board and passed by the Trustees, were ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for payment from the Fire Tax Fund as provided by law.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk—August 1927	300.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary—August 1927	100.00
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel—August 1927. Salary and Expense Account	255.90
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Field Agent—August 1927	333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for August 1927	75.00
Dollie Gerald, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for August 1927	41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department, August 1927	233.34
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—August 1927	150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Tax Clerk—August 1927	233.34
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—August 1927	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—August 1927	125.00
Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla. to survey work during August 1927	332.03
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To Supplies	1.85
Lillie M. Smith, T. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. to taxes on Frank J. Kelley's land	1,450.18
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	\$ 3,781.65

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 13, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Treasurer of the Trustees was authorized and directed to transfer \$25,000.00 from the funds of the Trustees to the State Prison Building Fund, as provided by Acts of 1925.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. stamps and envelopes	27.40
Clyma Publishing Co., Stuart, Fla. To Advertising	98
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla., office Supplies	10.65
Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To Service on Phones 258 and 776	8.90
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahas- see, Fla. To Service during August 1927	2.59

A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense Account for August	268.65
State Prison Building Fund, Tallahassee, Fla.	10,000.00
State Prison Building Fund, Tallahassee, Fla.	15,000.00
	\$25,319.17

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 20, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Gregor McLean of Clearwater, representing Mr. E. L. Martin, made application to purchase certain submerged land in Pinellas County, adjoining his upland, and the following advertisement was placed in the Clearwater Sun-Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 20, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, No-

vember 1st, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in Pinellas County, Florida:

Beginning at a point which is 496.7 feet West of and 103.3 feet North of the center of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 29 South,, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida; said point being at the mean high water mark of Clearwater Bay;

Run thence South $87^{\circ} 25'$ West 490.0 feet to the East edge of Government Channel;

Thence run North $22^{\circ} 10'$ West, and along the East edge of said Channel 55.7 feet;

Thence run North $87^{\circ} 25'$ East and 524.5 feet to the aforesaid high water mark;

Thence run South $13^{\circ} 27'$ West and along said high water mark 54.6 feet to the point of beginning.

All lying and being in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 9, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, State of Florida, and containing 0.63 acres, more or less.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Wallis Engineering Company, representing Mr. Francis P. Bolton, made application to purchase certain submerged land in Palm Beach County, and the

following advertisement was placed in the Palm Beach Post:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, September 20, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, November 1st, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in Palm Beach County, Florida:

Beginning at the intersection of the East shore line of Lake Worth with the South property line of property deeded by C. W. Bingham to Francis P. Bolton, on May 22, 1919, said point of beginning being 2231.32 feet North and 5592.33 feet East of the S. W. Corner of Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East;

Run thence along said property line extended North $87^{\circ} 46'$ West, 280.0 feet;

Thence North $2^{\circ} 16'$ West, 235.0 feet;

Thence South $87^{\circ} 46'$ East, 300.0 feet to the intersection with the East shore line of Lake Worth;

Thence along said shore line South $2^{\circ} 36' 56''$ West, 234.28 feet to the point of beginning as above described. Containing 1.56 acres, more or less.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Financial Statement for the month of August was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST 1927

Balance in Fund August 1 1927	\$393,195.45	
Refund by Palm Beach Post	15.00	
Part Payment (from Secretary) on sale of Automobile	27.08	
Redemption of Drainage Tax Certificates	3,384.77	
From sale of lands under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925, Laws of Florida	711.66	
From Land Sales (\$7,244-.61) less 25% to State School Fund (\$1,811.15)	5,433.46	
	<u>\$402,767.42</u>	
Less Disbursements	6,098.42	
Balance in Fund September 1, 1927		\$396,669.00

RECAPITULATION

Cash and Cash Items	1,000.00	
Balance in Banks	395,669.00	
	<u>395,669.00</u>	
		\$396,669.00

BALANCE IN BANKS SEPTEMBER 1, 1927

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 42,130.43
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	67,651.42
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	108,520.64

American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	33,162.89
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,701.73
First-American Bank, & Trust Company, West Palm Beach, Fla.	2,110.02
Capital City Bank, Talla- hassee, Fla.	40,955.40
Exchange Bank, Tallahas- see, Fla.	25,852.32
Lewis State Bank, Talla- hassee, Fla.	34,616.80
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co. Spl., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	38,967.35
	\$395,669.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Check 1927 No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Aug.	3 7056	Leo Bonner	\$1,288.00
		7057 A. R. Richardson	340.86
		7058 Wallis Engineering Co.	498.87
		7059 Southern Telephone & Con- struction Company	8.50
		7060 D. A. Dixon Co.	1.75
Aug. 17	7061	Western Union Telegraph Company	1.19
		7062 Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. ....	.31
		7063 Marvin C. McIntosh	58.39
		7064 Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C.	1.85
		7065 Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C.	1.55
		7066 Underwood Typewriter Co.	45.05
		7067 Fred H. Davis	70.45
Aug. 31	7068	C. B. Gwynn	300.00
		7069 J. Stuart Lewis	100.00
		7070 M. C. McIntosh	255.90
		7071 A. R. Richardson	333.34
		7072 Jentye Dedge	75.00
		7073 Dollie Gerald	41.67
		7074 Elgin Bayless	233.34
		7075 Mrs. L. B. Hopkins	150.00

7076 R. W. Ervin	233.34
7077 Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
7078 Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
7079 Wallis Engineering Company ..	332.03
7080 D. A. Dixon Company	1.85
7081 Lillie M. Smith, T. C.	1,450.18
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	\$6,098.42

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS.
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 27, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

A quorum not being present the Trustees recessed to meet at 10 o'clock A. M., September 28th, 1927.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 28, 1927.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol, pursuant to adjournment of September 27th, 1927.

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Upon application of Mr. Thos. E. Wills for release of 160 acres of land in Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, from Mortgage held by the Trustees, it was ordered that the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture issue said release to Mr. Wills, upon payment of principal and interest, according to agreement of April 18, 1924.

Mr. L. W. Jennings of Okeechobee appeared before the Trustees and stated that purchasers of lands in Sections 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, and 19, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, through G. W. Killian, B. L. Jennings and J. T. Hutto, Trustees, requested an extension on payments, as their present crops were ruined by rain.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, it was agreed to grant extension to May 1, 1928.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk—September 1927.....		\$ 300.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary—September 1927.....		100.00
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel—September 1927	\$229.16	
Expense Account to Jax	19.28	248.44
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Field Agent—September 1927.....		333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary September 1927.....		75.00
Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary September 1927.....		41.67

Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department— September 1927	233.34
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla. To Salary in Land Depart- ment—September 1927	150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Sal- ary as Tax Clerk—September 1927	233.34
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla., to salary in Tax Depart- ment—September 1927	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Sal- ary in Tax Department—Sep- tember 1927	125.00
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Adding Machine Paper	1.50
E. B. Leatherman, Clerk, Miami, Fla. Recording Deed—Rafter Realty Company	1.55
Geo. F. Holly, Clerk, Dade County Miami, Fla. Recording Deed— Marshall to Trustees	1.45
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk, Ft. Lauder- dale, Fla. Recording Mortgage —J. W. Tourlello	1.75
T. D. Lancaster, Jr., Clerk, Ocala, Fla. Recording Mortgage— Dodson	1.98
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	\$1,998.36

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 4, 1927.

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

Present :

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Mr. A. O. Henderson, who had deposited with the Trustees \$500.00, accompanying an application to purchase certain lands from the Trustees, requested that he be allowed to withdraw said application.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees ordered that Mr. Henderson be allowed to withdraw said application and that the \$500.00 deposit be refunded to him.

Mr. C. W. Bell of West Palm Beach appeared before the Trustees and stated that squatters were cultivating State land East of his property, without any authority or lease from the Trustees, using his land as a means of ingress and egress, and requested that the Trustees lease him the land East of his property in Sections 25 and 36, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, containing approximately 300 acres, for pasturage purposes.

Mr. Amos moved that a lease be made to Mr. C. W. Bell for the consideration of \$5.00 per annum, payable in advance, and subject to cancellation at the pleasure of the Trustees.

Seconded by Mr. Luning and upon vote adopted.

Upon request of Mr. R. R. Martin of Fort Pierce, Florida, the Trustees agreed to allow him to re-convey all land purchased by him under Entry No. 17324 and No. 17475 to the Trustees, clear of all encumbrances, except Lot 3, Section 26, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, Saint Lucie County, to be retained by him, and in consideration of the foregoing the Trustees will execute a deed for right-of-way for a Bridge known as "HEIM BRIDGE" through lands of the Trustees.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control for the month of September, amounting to \$5,003.19, approved by said Board, were O. K.'d by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to the Honorable Comptroller for payment from funds to the credit of the Everglades Fire Tax Fund.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Charles Williams, Tallahassee, Fla. To Glass for Door	\$ 6.06
T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla. To paper for Office	32.05
Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Talla- hassee, Fla. Service on Phones 258 and 776	8.50
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Services during September .....	.37
Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Sur- vey work during September 1927	403.35
H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville, Fla. Compass for Field Agent	4.95
Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Fla. Ad- vertising Land Sale	14.50
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk, West Palm Beach, Fla. Recording Mortgage—P. G. Biggers	1.75
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense account for September—Richardson and Bayless	257.45
W. T. Byrd, West Palm Beach, Fla. To mileage on car in Homestead Hearing—90 miles	8.10
L. W. Armstrong—Refund Drainage Taxes on Land covered by Deed No. 1281—1924 Taxes	16.48
Okeechobee Company—Refund Drainage Taxes on land covered by Deed No. 5240—1925 Taxes	115.99
	<u>\$869.55</u>

Mr. R. W. Ramm of St. Petersburg, Florida, made application to purchase certain land in Pinellas County and the following advertisement was placed in the Clearwater Sun-Herald.

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 4, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, No-

vember 15th, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Beginning at a point 2416.77 feet East and 263.19 feet South of the Quarter Section corner on the West boundary of Fractional Section 31, Township 31 South, Range 17 East;

Run thence South $36^{\circ} 45'$ West, 146.20 feet along the original Government meander line;

Thence East 147.08 feet;

Thence North $31^{\circ} 00'$ East 136.68 feet;

Thence West 130.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 0.37 acres, more or less. Lying and being in Section 31, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County, State of Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Financial Statement for the month of September, 1927, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 1927

Balance in Fund September 1, 1927	\$396,669.00
Redemption of Drainage tax Certificates	12,321.31
Part Payment (from Secretary) on sale of Automobile	27.08
Sale of Minutes	8.00

From sale of lands under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925, Laws of Florida	373.07	
From land sales (\$6,744.06) less 25% to the State School Fund (\$1,-686.02)	5,058.04	
	<u>\$414,456.50</u>	
Less Disbursements (itemized below)	27,317.53	
	<u>Balance on hand October 1, 1927</u>	<u>\$387,138.97</u>

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	1,000.00	
Balance in banks	<u>386,138.97</u>	
		<u>\$387,138.97</u>

BALANCE IN BANKS OCTOBER 1, 1927

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 42,130.43
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	67,651.42
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	97,764.93
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	23,162.89
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,701.73
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Fla.	2,110.02
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee Fla.	52,181.08
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	25,852.32

Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.....	34,616.80
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co., SPL. Ft. Lauderdale Fla.	38,967.35

\$386,138.97

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1927	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Sept. 13	7082	J. C. Luning, S. T. (State Prison New Building fund)	\$10,000.00
	7083	J. C. Luning, S. T. (State Prison New Building Fund)	15,000.00
	7084	W. H. May, Postmaster.....	27.40
	7085	Clyma Publishing Co. ....	.98
	7086	D. A. Dixon Co.	10.65
	7087	Southern Telephone & Construction Co.	8.90
	7088	Western Union Telegraph Co.	2.59
	7089	A. R. Richardson	268.65
Sept. 30	7090	C. B. Gwynn	300.00
	7091	J. Stuart Lewis	100.00
	7092	M. C. McIntosh	248.44
	7093	A. R. Richardson	333.34
	7094	Jentye Dedge	75.00
	7095	Hattie Bell	41.67
	7096	Elgin Bayless	233.34
	7097	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins	150.00
	7098	R. W. Ervin	233.34
	7099	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
	7100	Carrie Ervin	125.00
	7101	D. A. Dixon Co.	1.50
	7102	E. B. Leatherman	1.55
	7103	Geo. F. Holly	1.45
	7104	Frank A. Bryan	1.75
	7105	T. D. Lancaster, Jr.	1.98
Total Disbursements			\$27,317.53

Upon motion the board adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 11, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Mr. B. G. Dahlberg of the Southern Sugar Company appeared before the Trustees and stated that he owned several thousand acres of land South of Lake Okechobee in alternate Sections, and as his company was desirous of erecting a large sugar mill at or near Clewiston, and in order that their holdings may be in a contiguous tract, his company would like to exchange certain sections for other sections of the Trustees, so as to block up their property.

The Trustees advised Mr. Dahlberg that they were agreeable to such exchange, but it would be necessary for him to file a list of the lands he wished to exchange, also a list of Trustees lands he wanted to lieu thereof. Upon receipt of such list an examination will be made so that an exchange can be effected whereby the Trustees and the Company will receive equal consideration.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 13, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Treasurer of the Trustees was authorized and directed to transfer \$25,000.00 from the Funds of the Trustees to the State Office Building Fund, as provided by Special Acts of the Legislature of 1925.

Upon motion the board adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 18, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Mr. Fred M. Valz of Jacksonville, representing the Atlantic Shell Company and Standard Dredging Company, appeared before the Trustees and requested certain changes in their permits for mining shell in Duval County and giving them additional territory.

Upon motion of Mr. Luning, seconded by Mr. Davis

and upon vote adopted, the request was granted, and it was ordered that the present permits of Atlantic Shell Company and Standard Dredging Company be, and the same are hereby, cancelled and new permits issued to each for a period of three years from this date.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, advised the Trustees that the United States District Court of the Southern District had dismissed the cases of Palm Beach Ocean Realty Company vs. Trustees and A. O. Henderson, and East Coast Finance Corporation vs. Trustees and A. O. Henderson, which cases involved the sale of certain Islands in Lake Worth to A. O. Henderson.

A communication was presented from Mr. B. G. Dahlberg, relative to the exchange of lands by him for lands of the Trustees, giving a list which he desired to exchange for lands of the State.

The Governor appointed Messrs. Amos and Luning a Committee to examine the list and report back to the Trustees their findings and recommendations.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.

Services during September 1927	\$ 4.25
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla., to desk for Secretary's Office	26.00
C. H. Caffery, Sta. E., Box 19, Atlanta, Ga., Staple Fastener for Tax Clerk	8.82
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense Account trip to Jacksonville—Oct. 11, 12, 13, 1927	46.34
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	\$85.41

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 25, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Charles R. Pierce, formerly associated with Mr. J. M. Sutton as Selecting Agents of the Trustees, appeared before the Board and stated that through their efforts the State had received Patent to 56.1 acres of Virginia Key in Biscayne Bay, and under their agreement with the Trustees they would make an offer to purchase said land at \$200.00 per acre.

The Trustees agreed to consider the offer and advise their decision.

Mr. Paul H. Brinson, Attorney, and Mr. A. B. Weld, Mayor, of Town of Gulfport, Florida, appeared before the Trustees and requested them to cancel Deed No. 17768 issued to Pinellas Estates, Incorporated, December 1st, 1926, and deposited in escrow with the First National Bank of St. Petersburg, as the Town of Gulfport claimed a portion of land conveyed in said deed had been dedicated to the said Town for Park purposes.

Mr. E. W. McGrew appeared in behalf of Pinellas Estates, Incorporated, and purchasers of the water front lots.

All parties interested being represented, and the land having heretofore been advertised as required by law in a newspaper published at the County Seat, and sale having been consummated and deed issued, the Trustees entered into discussion of the matter.

Mr. Luning, Treasurer, moved that the Trustees affirm their action in issuing said deed and that the same

stand. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote unani-
mously adopted.

Messrs. Brinson and Weld made application to purchase Lots 2, 3 and 7 of Boca Ceiga Park subdivision in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, and offered \$100.00 per acre for same.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted the Trustees accepted the offer, subject to advertisement for objections as required by law.

Mr. A. O. Henderson appeared before the Trustees and stated that since he had withdrawn his application to purchase certain submerged land in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, the Courts had rendered an opinion favorable to the Trustees by dismissing certain suits pending, and requested the Trustees to sell him the land formerly applied for, offering \$1,500.00 per acre for same.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted the Trustees unanimously agreed to accept his proposition.

Mr. Henderson also applied to purchase Ten (10) acres of submerged land in Volusia County near New Smyrna, offering \$150.00 per acre for same.

Mr. Luning moved that the Trustees accept Mr. Henderson's offer, provided the Counsel of the Trustees advised that they held title to said property; also Mr. Henderson to furnish survey and plat of the land so that same could be advertised. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. S. W. Bollinger made application to lease the North 183 feet of Section 25, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, less the North 200 feet of said Section, for pasture purposes for a period of one year at \$5.00.

Mr. Mayo moved that the lease be granted. Seconded by Mr. Luning and upon vote adopted.

Mr. J. N. Cochran of Pahokee made application to lease 40 acres of Muck land for farming.

Upon motion of Mr. Luning, seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted, the lease was denied.

The Trustees were advised that Mr. J. M. Sutton, Selecting Agent for the Trustees, had been applying to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, in behalf of the State, for Patents to tracts of land already patented by the United States to parties several years ago.

Whereupon, the Trustees directed the Secretary to write Mr. Sutton to at once withdraw all applications to the Commissioner of the General Land Office for such lands, as well as all appeals to the Secretary of the Interior for same.

Mr. G. V. Hudson of the Circle Trading Company requested a release of 120 acres from his purchase under Entry No. 17221. After investigation of his payments it was ordered that the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture issue said release.

The Secretary was instructed to advise Standard Dredging Company and Atlantic Shell Company, both of Jacksonville, that on November 15th, 1927, the Trustees would consider issuing a permit to the Bay-shore Company to dredge shell in the St. Johns River and Tributaries.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 31, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Mr. J. L. Doggett, representing the Southern Sugar Company of Florida, appeared before the Trustees relative to the transfer of lands by the aforesaid Southern Sugar Company of Florida.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Amos and Luning, having been appointed on October 18th to investigate the difference, if any, in the lands exchanged, reported that there was possibly a slightly higher valuation of the Trustees lands than those of the Southern Sugar Company of Florida, but in consideration of the improvements and developments to be made by said Southern Sugar Company of Florida, they recommended that the exchange be made.

Whereupon, motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed, unanimously by all present, to make the exchange.

The Chairman stated as the regular weekly meeting of the Trustees would be tomorrow (Tuesday), the matter would be presented at the regular meeting, that Mr. Mayo, with the other members of the Trustees, may have a chance to have his vote recorded.

The Jacksonville Sand Company having applied for a permit to dredge sand from Black Creek, in Clay County, and Mr. Richardson, Field Agent, having investigated the territory and conditions, recommended granting same. Whereupon permit was executed to said company.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk—October 1927.....	\$ 300.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary—October 1927.....	100.00

M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel—October 1927.....	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Field Agent—October 1927.....	333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary—October 1927.....	75.00
Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary—October 1927.....	41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—October 1927.....	233.34
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—October 1927.....	150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Tax Clerk—October 1927.....	233.34
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—October 1927.....	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—October 1927.....	125.00
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To Stamps for Land Department and Secretary's Office.....	22.25
Miami Daily News, Miami, Fla. To 1 year's Subscription.....	9.00
The Miami Herald, Miami, Fla. To 1 year's Subscription.....	9.00
Post Publishing Company, Inc., West Palm Beach, Fla. To advertising Land Sale, November 1, 1927.....	12.00
Clearwater Sun & Herald, Clearwater, Fla., to advertising Land Sale, November 1, 1927.....	15.75
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	\$2,038.85

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 1, 1927.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund

met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees on September 20th, ordered advertised for sale on this date, upon the application of Mr. F. P. Bolton, represented by Wallis Engineering Company, submerged land in Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East—1.56 acres in Palm Beach County. No objections being presented or filed the sale was consummated to Mr. Bolton at a price of \$100.00 per acre. Deed was ordered issued.

Upon application of Mr. E. L. Martin, the Trustees on September 20th, 1927 ordered advertised for sale on this date submerged land lying in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 29 South, Range 15 East—0.63 acres in Pinellas County. No objections being filed or presented the sale was consummated to Mr. Martin at a price of \$100.00 per acre and deed was ordered issued.

The offer of Messrs. Charles R. Pierce and John M. Sutton on October 25th, to purchase land in Dade County on Virginia Key at \$200.00 per acre, was taken up. After consideration the offer was rejected.

Mr. James S. Rickards, Secretary and Treasurer of Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, on behalf of said District, requested the Trustees to transfer to said District a certain acreage for an equal acreage of lands in the District, upon which the District and the Trustees hold "concurrent" title, on account of maturing drainage and sub-drainage district tax certificates. The matter having been referred to Counsel of the

Trustees for an opinion, and the Counsel advising that it would not be advisable to do so, as amended Section 1175, Revised General Statutes requires the Trustees to give notice for thirty days of the sale of such lands in a newspaper in the County in which the lands lie and at the best price obtainable, etc.

The Trustees, upon motion of Mr. Luning, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, rejected the proposition of Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District, and the Secretary was instructed to so advise Mr. Rickards.

The Bayshore Company of Jacksonville having made application sometime ago for a Permit to mine shell in the St. Johns River and Tributaries, the Trustees decided not to issue said permit at present.

Mr. G. M. LeGate, President of the Jacksonville Sand Company, having made application to the Trustees for a Permit to mine sand from Black Creek in Clay County and Mr. Richardson, Field Agent, having reported favorably on the matter, the Trustees ordered permit issued to said company.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control amounting to \$4,999.27 having been approved by said Board, were passed on by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for checks to be issued in payment thereof upon funds to the credit of the Fire Tax Fund.

The Trustees at a meeting October 31st, 1927, agreed to exchange certain lands with the Southern Sugar Company of Florida. Mr. Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, being absent at said meeting, final action was deferred in order that Mr. Mayo might vote on same. Mr. Mayo stated that he was in favor of the exchange, thereby making the action of the Trustees unanimous.

Whereupon Mr. Luning introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the agricultural and industrial development of the Everglades of Florida is of prime importance to the whole people of Florida, and

WHEREAS the Southern Sugar Company of Florida, consisting of B. G. Dahlberg and associates, composed of men of very large means and experience, after the most careful and exhaustive investigation and demonstration in the Everglades, are now ready to commence on a very large scale the growing and manufacture of sugar at Clewiston and other contiguous points in the Everglades, and

WHEREAS these operations will constitute the most important single industry that has ever been established in Florida, and as well one of the largest sugar productions from any single plant in the world, and

WHEREAS these operations cannot be successfully and conveniently and economically carried on, unless the land utilized are all in solid blocks and contiguous, and

WHEREAS it appears that the Internal Improvement Board now have title to several alternate sections of land within the area, that The Southern Sugar Company will necessarily have to utilize if it is to engage in the growing of cane and the manufacture of sugar on a large scale, and

WHEREAS the said Southern Sugar Company and its associates also have title to alternate sections of other lands outside of these lands that are of the same general character and contiguous to other state lands, and

WHEREAS it will be to the best interests of the people of Florida, and particularly to the development of the Everglades if those certain lands owned by The Southern Sugar Company and its associates are deeded to the Internal Improvement Board, in exchange, acre for acre, for the lands in those several sections that are now owned by the Internal Improvement Board and in the area needed by The Southern Sugar Com-

pany for its cane and sugar operations, in exchange for lands outside the area of those lands, and

WHEREAS it appears that the operations of The Southern Sugar Company would greatly enhance the value, as well as saleability, of other state lands in the Everglades, and

WHEREAS it appears to be practically an equal exchange of lands in the premises, and

WHEREAS this procedure is in accordance with the custom and practice of the Board in similar situations,

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in regular meeting assembled:

Section. 1: That the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, for and on behalf of said Trustees, and by and under the advice of their attorney, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, that upon delivery to them of a deed conveying the usual merchantable title in the Everglades, to the sections of lands hereinafter described and now owned by The Southern Sugar Company and its associates, forthwith in exchange therefor, to execute and deliver to The Southern Sugar Company a deed, conveying the usual merchantable title in the Everglades, signed by said Trustees to the sections of land hereinafter described.

Section 2: That the lands to be deeded by The Southern Sugar Company and its associates to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund are described as follows:

In Township 45, Range 34 East—Sections 24, 22, 20, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36.

In Township 46, Range 34 East—Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34.

In Township 46, Range 35 East—Sections 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36.

In Township 45, Range 33 East—SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 4; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 8; all of Section 10.

That the lands to be deeded by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund to The Southern Sugar Company shall consist of the following:

In Township 43, Range 34 East—Fractional Section 13 and Section 25.

In Township 44, Range 34 East—Sections 7 less SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 19, 23, 27, 31, 35.

In Township 45, Range 34 East—Sections 3, 7, 11, 15, 18.

In Township 44, Range 35 East—Sections 7, 19, 31.

In Township 42, Range 37 East—Sections S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 23; 27, 35, 36.

In Township 43, Range 37 East—Sections 3, 11, 13, 15, 23, 25, 27, W $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 29, 35.

In Township 41, Range 38 East—Sections 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36.

Section 3: That the aforesaid deeds be executed and delivered with all convenient speed.

Section 4: This Board exacts evidence of good faith as a guarantee that a sugar mill will be erected at Clewiston or in that neighborhood, of at least one thousand tons cane capacity not later than December 1929. That to insure the erection of said sugar mill and comply with the demands of this Board as to good faith, the said Sugar Company, at the time of the exchange of deeds hereinbefore set forth, and simultaneously therewith, shall place in escrow in the hands of H. Clay Crawford, Secretary of State, a deed conveying the fee simple title to this Board of the following Everglades lands, to-wit:

Sections 26, 28, 30, 32, 34 and 36, Township 46, Range 35 East.

under the following escrow agreement:

"If the Southern Sugar Company or its assigns shall not later than December 1929, erect at Clewiston, Florida, or in that neighborhood, a sugar mill of at least one thousand tons cane capacity, then in such

event the attached deed shall forthwith become null and void and shall be surrendered to the said Southern Sugar Company, otherwise forthwith said deed shall be delivered to this Board."

Said escrow agreement shall be signed by the said Southern Sugar Company and by the Chairman and Secretary of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

All voting Yea, the above Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 8, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

A telegram was read from the Citizens of Canal Point, stating that C. W. Bell and S. W. Bollinger were sub-leasing lands leased from the Trustees for pasture purposes to various parties and charging one-fourth of the crop for use of the land. Mr. Luning moved that Mr. Richardson, Field Agent, investigate the matter, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, and if such was the case, leases issued would be cancelled.

Mrs. Carlos H. Smith of St. Petersburg, made application to purchase submerged land in front of her property and the Trustees agreed to sell same at

\$100.00 per acre, provided, no legal objections were filed to said sale, and the following advertisement was ordered placed in the Clearwater Sun Herald, a newspaper published at the County Seat of the County in which said land lies.

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, November 8th, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, December 13, 1927, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Begin at a point 2580.15 feet East and 10 feet South of the quarter corner on the West boundary of Section 31, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, run

Thence South $31^{\circ} 00'$ West 205.50 feet along the original Government meander line to traverse point No. 16;

Thence South $36^{\circ} 45'$ West, 96.27 feet;

Thence East 130 feet;

Thence North $31^{\circ} 00'$ East, 300.80 feet;

Thence West 120.36 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 0.84 acres, more or less.

Lying and being in Section 31, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County, State of Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement
Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Financial statement for the month of October was
presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER 1927

Balance in fund October 1, 1927	\$387,138.97
Part Payment (From Secre- tary on sale of automo- bile)	37.08
Redemption of Drainage Tax Certificates	2,610.19
Sale of tax lands (title vested in Trustees)	777.44
Sale of lands under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024 Acts of 1925, Laws of Florida	200.09
Interest on deposits in banks for the quarter ending September 30, 1927	3,030.93
From land sales (\$9,809.75) less 25% to the State School fund (\$2,452.44)	7,357.31
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	\$401,142.01
Less Disbursements (item- ized below)	27,993.81
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Balance on hand November 1, 1927	\$373,148.20

RECAPITULATION

Cash and Cash items	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in banks	372,148.20	
		<u>\$373,148.20</u>

BALANCE IN BANKS NOVEMBER 1, 1927

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla	\$ 42,511.89	
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	68,164.64	
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	91,682.95	
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	23,401.32	
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,714.49	
First-American Bk. & Tr. Co. West Palm Beach, Fla.	2,126.01	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.,	42,362.54	
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	26,046.21	
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.,	34,878.55	
Ft. Lauderdale Bk. & Tr. Co. Spl. Ft. Lauderdale	39,259.60	
		<u>\$372,148.20</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1927	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Oct. 4,	7106	Chas Williams	\$ 6.06
	7107	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	32.05
	7108	Southern Tel. & Constr. Co.	8.50
	7109	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.37
	7110	Wallis Engineering Co.	403.35
	7111	H. & W. B. Drew Company	4.95
	7112	Palm Beach Post	14.50

	7113	Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C.	1.75
	7114	A. R. Richardson	257.45
	7115	W. T. Byrd	8.10
	7116	L. W. Armstrong	16.48
	7117	Okeechobee Company	115.99
13,	7118	J. C. Luning, S. T. (for State Office Building fund)	10,000.00
	7119	J. C. Luning, S. T., (for State Office Building fund)	15,000.00
18,	7120	Western Union Telegraph Co.	4.25
	7121	D. A. Dixon Company	26.00
	7122	C. H. Gaffery	8.82
	7123	A. R. Richardson	46.34
31,	7124	C. B. Gwynn	300.00
	7125	J. Stuart Lewis	100.00
	7126	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	7127	A. R. Richardson	333.34
	7128	Jentye Dedge	75.00
	7129	Hattie Bell	41.67
	7130	Elgin Bayless	233.34
	7131	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins	150.00
	7132	R. W. Ervin	233.34
	7133	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
	7134	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
	7135	W. H. May, Postmaster	22.25
	7136	Miami Daily News	9.00
	7137	Miami Daily Herald	9.00
	7138	Post Publishing Co.	12.00
	7139	Clearwater Sun & Herald ..	15.75

Total \$ 27,993.81

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 15th, 1927.

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

Present:

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date at 10 o'clock A. M., 0.37 acres of submerged land in Pinellas County, lying in Section 31, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, in the Clearwater Sun Herald thirty days as required by law and affidavit of such publication having been filed with the Trustees. No one appeared or filed objection or protest to said sale.

A quorum not being present the matter of consummating said sale to Mr. R. W. Ramm of St. Petersburg, was postponed until such time as a quorum may be present.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. C. LUNING,
Chairman-Treasurer.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 22, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees on October 4th, 1927, upon application of Mr. R. W. Ramm of St. Petersburg, advertised for sale on November 15th, 0.37 acres of submerged land in Section 31, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, but as a quorum was not present on the 15th, the sale was postponed until this date.

No objections being presented, the sale was consummated to Mr. R. W. Ramm at a price of \$100.00 per acre, and deed was ordered issued thereto.

Information having been filed with the Trustees that State lands around the shore of Lake Okeechobee were being used for agricultural purposes, without any authority from the Trustees, upon motion duly seconded and adopted, it was ordered that Mr. A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, be appointed as the Agent of the Trustees to lease such lands as are being planted (form of lease having been approved by the Trustees), and make collections of the rent to be charged on said lands from the Lessee upon execution of the leases.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and adopted, it was ordered that the Treasurer of the Trustees pay the taxes due for 1927 on State lands in the Everglades Drainage District as soon as possible, in order that 2% discount allowed during the month of November be obtained.

Mr. Luning, State Treasurer, introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. L. O. Mordt of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has appeared before the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund on this November 22nd, 1927, and advises that he has discovered that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund are in his belief entitled to a refund from certain taxes paid by them in the redemption of certain tax certificates of the Southern Drainage District, of Dade County, Florida, and also of the Lake Worth Drainage District, of Palm Beach County, Florida, covering lands owned at the time of sale by the said Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mordt also reports that he has discovered that there are surplus funds in the Registry of

Courts, held for the benefit of said Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, and surplus funds being derived from various suits instituted in the Circuit Court of Dade County by the Southern Drainage District and from various suits instituted in the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County by Lake Worth Drainage District, and

WHEREAS, the said L. O. Mordt proposes and agrees with the said Trustees Internal Improvement Fund that he will furnish the Attorney General for the use of said Trustees Internal Improvement Fund a full and complete report of the amounts of actual tax at which the properties were assessed, the amounts of bids at sale, as well as an abstractive report of the various suits showing the surplus amounts in the Registry of the Courts of said Counties, and

WHEREAS, the said L. O. Mordt upon the approval of the Attorney General of the above report agrees to undertake the collection for the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of all amounts due the said Trustees for refund of taxes, as above mentioned, and all amounts in the Registry of the Courts as above mentioned, and agrees to employ at his own expense Counsel satisfactory to said Trustees and to do and perform all things necessary in connection with all such collections at his own expense holding the said Trustees harmless from any expense whatsoever, in consideration of which he is to receive fifty per centum of all sums so collected.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved that the proposition made by the said L. O. Mordt, as above outlined, be and the same is hereby accepted and approved and he is directed to proceed in accordance therewith.

Upon application of the Florida Shell Fish Commission, it was ordered that the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture issue a lease for 99 years, at One Dollar (\$1.00) per annum, to the Shell Fish Commissioner, on land located in Section 8, Township 39 South, Range 37 East, Martin County, to be used for the construction of the John W. Martin Fish Hatchery.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla., service on Phones 258 and 776—October 1927	\$	8.80
W. A. Williams, Jr., Palatka, Fla., to re- cording fee		1.80
Western Union Tel. Co., Tallahassee, Fla., to service in October 1927		1.05
Postal Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla., to service in October 1927		1.63
Tallahassee Typewriter Exchange, Talla- hassee, Fla., repairs on typewriter— Tax Agent		1.50
Typewriter Service Co., Tallahassee, Fla., repairs on typewriter — Secretary's office		7.50
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla., stamps for Tax Clerk		6.00
Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla., advertis- ing land sale November 15, 1927		12.36
Geo. D. Barnard Stationery Co., St. Louis, Mo., to stationery—Secretary's office....		70.73
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla., expense account, October 27th and 28th, 1927		48.39
Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla., survey work during October 1927		374.80
T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla., to 1,000 lease forms		16.50
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. note book paper		1.30
T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla., office supplies		16.00
Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla., Pahokee Drainage District Taxes for 1926		546.00
Lillie M. Smith, T. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., taxes		73,835.61
Bob Simpson, T. C., Miami, Fla., taxes		35,315.70
J. P. Moore, T. C., Moore Haven, Fla., taxes		3,364.55
W. P. Andrews, T. C., LaBelle, Fla., taxes		11,910.71
R. H. Alderman, T. C., Okeechobee, Fla., taxes		2,789.62

Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla., taxes	120,144.03
Frank M. Tyler, Ft. Pierce, Fla., taxes	65.96
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	\$248,540.54

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida November 25, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted the State Treasurer was directed and authorized to transfer from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the sum of \$10,000.00 to the State Prison Farm, New Building Fund, and the Secretary was requested to furnish the State Treasurer with certified copy of this Minute.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 29, 1927.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund

met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Upon application of the Board of Public Instruction of Palm Beach County, the Trustees for and in consideration of the sum of \$1.00 per acre sold said Board one acre of land in SW corner of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, to be used for school building and grounds only, located in Palm Beach County.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk—November 1927	\$ 300.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary—November 1927	100.00
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Counsel, November, 1927	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Field Agent—November 1927	\$333.34
Expense Account—November	112.23
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Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary—November 1927	75.00
Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary—November 1927	41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—November 1927	233.34
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—November 1927	150.00

R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Tax Clerk—November 1927	233.34
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—November 1927	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—November 1927	125.00
Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Survey work during November 1927	283.62
Glades Printing Co., Moore Haven, Fla. To One year's subscription to Glades County Democrat	2.00
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	\$2,368.70

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 6, 1927.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date, on competitive bids, 190 acres in Township 46 South, Range 39 East, Palm Beach County, the sale was postponed until December 13th, when a full Board could be present.

Mr. Luning introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On October 25, 1927 the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, leased to C. W. Bell of the County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, for a period of one year, for pasturage purposes only, the following described lands:

All of the unsurveyed lake bottom lands in Lake Okeechobee, lying and being in Section 25, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, except the North 1830 feet of said Section 25, and also excepting therefrom the lands in Section 25 included in Trustees Deed Number 170,78; also

All the unsurveyed lake bottom lands in the North half of Section 36, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, except the lands included in Trustees Deed Number 17,680; also

All of the unsurveyed lake bottom lands in Sections 30 and 31, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, lying West of the Lake Okeechobee levee as constructed by the Everglades Drainage District, except the North 1830 feet of Section 30.

and,

WHEREAS, On December 6th, 1927, the following telegram was received from Trustees Agent, A. R. Richardson:

"Investigation lands in Bell and Bollinger Leases develops that same being used for cultivation. At meeting yesterday with Bell, Bollinger and all parties interested, Messrs. Bell and Bollinger admitted their action and made no objection to leases being cancelled. Please have Trustees pass necessary resolution cancelling these leases today and wire me their action here today. Bell and Bollinger will then get leases from me on that part

which they have in crops and remainder will be apportioned among about thirty others.

A. R. Richardson.”

and;

WHEREAS it appears by said telegram that the said lands are not being used for pasturage purposes only, and it also appears that the said C. W. Bell has no objection to the said Lease being cancelled; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 7 of said Lease reads as follows:

“Upon neglect or failure of the Lessee to fully perform and observe, in the time prescribed and in the manner provided, each and every of the terms, conditions, reservations and restrictions required of said Lessee by this agreement, then, and in that event, this agreement shall be null and void and all rights of said Lessee or any other person or persons claiming rights under said Lessee, shall cease and the estate herein conveyed shall immediately thereupon revert to the Lessors and a resolution of said Lessors, or their successors in office, shall be sufficient evidence of such reversion.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the said Lease to C. W. Bell, of the lands above described, for pasturage purposes only, bearing date of October 25, 1927, be and the same is hereby cancelled; and

RESOLVED FURTHER That a copy of this Resolution cancelling said Lease be forwarded by the Secretary of this Board to the said C. W. Bell.

Upon motion the Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Luning also introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On November 2, 1927, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Flor-

ida, leased to S. W. Bollinger of the County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, for a period of one year, for pasturage purposes only, the following described lands:

"All the unsurveyed lake bottom land in Lake Okeechobee, lying and being in the North 1830 feet of Section 25, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, except the North 200 feet of said Section 25."

and,

WHEREAS, On December 6th, 1927, the following telegram was received from Trustees Agent, A. R. Richardson:

"Investigation lands in Bell and Bollinger Leases develops that same being used for cultivation. At meeting yesterday with Bell, Bollinger and all parties interested, Messrs. Bell and Bollinger admitted their action and made no objection to leases being cancelled. Please have Trustees pass necessary Resolution cancelling these Leases today and wire me their action here today. Bell and Bollinger will then get leases from me on that part which they have in crops and remainder will be apportioned among about thirty others.

A. R. RICHARDSON."

and,

WHEREAS, it appears by said telegram that the said lands are not being used for pasturage purposes only, and it also appears that the said S. W. Bollinger has no objections to the said Lease being cancelled; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 7 of said Lease reads as follows:

"Upon neglect or failure of the Lessee to fully perform and observe, in the time prescribed and in the manner provided, each and every of the terms, conditions, reservations and restrictions required of said Lessee by this agreement, then, and in that event, this agreement shall be null and void and all rights of said Lessee or any other person or persons

claiming rights under said Lessee, shall cease and the estate herein conveyed shall immediately thereupon revert to the Lessors and a resolution of said Lessors, or their successors in office, shall be sufficient evidence of such reversion."

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That the said Lease to S. W. Bollinger, of the lands above described, for pasturage purposes only, bearing date of November 2, 1927, be and the same is hereby cancelled; and

RESOLVED FURTHER that a copy of this Resolution, cancelling said Lease be forwarded by the Secretary of this Board to the said S. W. Bollinger.

Upon motion the Resolution was adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 13, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Trustee Minutes of July 26th, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, September 13th, 20th, 27th, 28th, October 4th, 11th, 13th, 18th, 25th, 31st, November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 25th, 29th, and December 6th, 1927, were read and approved.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on December 6th, certain land, title which has vested in the Trustees for non-payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes, as follows:

Tract 5 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Tract 13, Section 21;
Tract 16, Section 29, and Tract 2, N $\frac{1}{2}$ of
Tract 3, and Tract 16, Section 33, all in
Township 46 South, Range 39 East, contain-
ing 190 acres in Palm Beach County.

And said sale having been postponed to this date on account of a quorum not being present, bids were called for.

Brown Company of Portland, Maine, bid \$669.31 for the entire acreage and this being the highest and best bid, the land was sold to said company.

Submerged land in Pinellas County, lying in Section 31, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, containing 0.84 acres, having been applied for by Mrs. Carlos H. Smith on November 8th, 1927, was advertised for sale on this date. No objections being presented or filed the land was sold to Mrs. Smith at a price of \$100.00 per acre. Deed was ordered issued.

A Resolution from the County Commissioners of Broward County, requesting the Trustees to have Section Markers placed in the Newman's Survey in that County, in order that land owners may properly locate their holdings, was read and after discussion referred to F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board, for a report as to cost of such work.

Hon. J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, was instructed to transfer NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,000.-00) from the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund to the STATE BUILDING FUND, as authorized by Acts of the Legislature of 1925.

Mr. Bayless, of the Land Department, presented calculation of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County for outstanding taxes on Lot 3, Section 23, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, for the years 1923 to 1927, inclusive, amounting to \$47.00, and stated that as this land was sold to New Realty Company on July 22, 1925, they were responsible for the 1926 and 1927 taxes, and the State, being owners prior to that time, was responsible for the 1923, 1924 and 1925 taxes. The New Realty Company having mailed check in the sum of \$14.16, amount of 1926 and 1927 taxes, the Trustees ordered said check deposited with the State Treasurer for the payment of taxes.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Service on Phones 258 and 776—December 1927.....	\$	8.50
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Service during November 1927.....		2.12
Postal Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Service during November 1927.....		.63
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To Supplies		4.25
T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. Ink Well and Paper		6.25
Grant Furniture Co., Tallahassee, Fla. 1 Shade for Counsel		4.00
M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense account trip to Jacksonville ...		20.23
Samuel D. Jordan, Clerk Circuit Court, De- Land, Fla. Recording W. D. Samuel Cummins		1.50
Post Publishing Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. Advertising Land Sale December 6, 1927		9.00
The Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla. Ad- vertising Land Sale December 13, 1927..		12.36
Lillie M. Smith, T. C., Fort Lauderdale, Fla. To Taxes on Trustee Lands in N. B. Broward Drainage District—\$956.70 less 1% Discount \$9.57.....		947.13

W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. To Stamped Envelopes for Office—2000.....	44.70
Board of Commissioners Everglades Dr. District, Tallahassee, Fla., Due on Taxes Palm Beach County account error in Discount	4.00
J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. Transfer of funds to State Building Fund	9,000.00
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	\$10,064.67

Financial Statement for the Month of November was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 1927

Balance in Fund November 1, 1927	\$373,148.20
Redemption of drainage tax certificates	8,996.58
Refund by Post Publishing Company	12.00
From Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District—Payment of Note	25,000.00
Payment of Note	39,000.00
Payment of Note	84,000.00
Interest on these three Notes	7,337.50
Part Payment on \$150,000.00 Note	85,338.68
Interest on this Note to Nov. 26, 1927	6,750.00
Part Payment on sale of automobile (from Secretary)	27.08
Sale of Lands under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923 and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925	258.46

From sale of land (\$35,258.- 73) less 25% to the State School fund (\$8,814.69)	26,444.04	
	<u>26,444.04</u>	
	\$656,312.54	
Less Disbursements	260,909.24	
	<u>260,909.24</u>	
Balance on hand December 1, 1927		\$395,403.30

RECAPITULATION

Cash and Cash Items	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks	394,403.30	
	<u>394,403.30</u>	
		\$395,403.30

BALANCES IN BANKS DECEMBER 1, 1927

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 66,997.51	
Barnett National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.	68,164.64	
Florida National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.	93,641.37	
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	23,401.32	
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,714.49	
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	2,126.01	
Capital City Bank, Tallahas- see, Fla.	38,173.60	
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	26,046.21	
Lewis State Bank, Tallahas- see, Fla.	34,878.55	
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Spl.)	39,259.60	
	<u>394,403.30</u>	
		\$394,403.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1927			
Nov. 22,	7140	Southern Telephone & Construction Co.	\$ 8.80
	7141	W. A. Williams, Jr.	1.80
	7142	Western Union Tele- graph Co.	1.05
	7143	Postal Telegraph- Cable Co.	1.63
	7144	Tallahassee Typewriter Exchange	1.50
	7145	Typewriter Service Co.	7.50
	7146	W. H. May, Postmaster	6.00
	7147	Clearwater Sun	12.36
	7148	Geo. D. Barnard Station- ery Co.	70.73
	7149	A. R. Richardson	48.39
	7150	Wallis Engineering Co.	374.80
	7151	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	16.50
	7152	D. A. Dixon Company	1.30
	7153	Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C.	546.00
	7154	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	16.00
25,	7155	J. C. Luning, St. Treas., Prison Farm New Bldg. Fund	10,000.00
	7156	Bd. Com. Ev. Dr. Dist. Taxes on State Land— Glades Co.	3,364.55
	7157	Bd. Com. Ev. Dr. Dist., Taxes on State Land— St. Lucie Co.	65.96
	7158	Bd. Com. Ev. Dr. Dist., Taxes on State Land— Okeechobee Co.	2,789.62
	7159	Bd. Com. Ev. Dr. Dist., Taxes on State Land— Hendry Co.	11,910.71
	7160	Bd. Com. Ev. Dr. Dist., Taxes on State Land— Dade County	35,315.70

	7161	Bd. Com. Ev. Dr. Dist., Taxes on State Land— Broward Co.	73,835.61
	7162	Bd. Com. Ev. Dr. Dist., Taxes on State Land— Palm Beach Co.	66,144.03
	7163	Bd. Com. Ev. Dr. Dist., Taxes on State Land— Palm Beach Co.	24,000.00
	7164	Bd. Com. Ev. Dr. Dist., Taxes on State Land— Palm Beach Co.	30,000.00
30,	7165	C. B. Gwynn	300.00
	7166	J. Stuart Lewis	100.00
	7167	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	7168	A. R. Richardson	445.57
	7169	Jentye Dedge	75.00
	7170	Hattie Bell	41.67
	7171	Elgin Bayless	233.34
	7172	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins	150.00
	7173	R. W. Ervin	233.34
	7174	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
	7175	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
	7176	Wallis Engineering Co..	283.62
	7177	Glades Printing Co.	2.00
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			\$260,909.24

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 20, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Application of the City of New Smyrna for 126 acres of submerged lands at a nominal price, for municipal purposes, was presented and discussed.

The Trustees decided as they had already sold said City 26 acres for Park purposes, that the additional lands would not be necessary. Whereupon Mr. Luning moved that the application be denied. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Fred M. Valz of Jacksonville, requested permission to re-convey certain lands purchased by him for the New Realty Company and that the purchase price of same be applied on other lands purchased by him for Islands Incorporated under Entry No. 17773 in Township 43 South, Range 36 East.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant Mr. Valz' request upon his furnishing the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture with abstract, showing no outstanding indebtedness on the lands, and evidence that all taxes had been paid.

Mr. Valz stated that he was advised that a certain Island, containing approximately three acres, would be patented to the State by the United States Land Commissioner, and offered \$1,250.00 per acre for same, agreeing to deposit the purchase price with the Land Office; said amount to be forfeited to the State should the land not be patented to the State.

The Trustees agreed to accept the above offer, provided Mr. J. M. Sutton, Selecting Agent, did not care to purchase at the above price.

A letter was read from Mr. M. E. Bidlack, in which he requested deed for certain lands for which he had applied.

The Trustees instructed the Land Office to advise Mr. Bidlack that deed could be issued on his claim, as per plat on file in the Land Office showing his claim.

Mr. J. R. Poland of Canal Point, who had deposited certain money with application to purchase land lying contiguous and adjacent to several lots owned by him in Sections 8 and 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, and he having withdrawn said deposit on account of the Trustees not being in position to make deed, as survey had not been made, requested deed to the land.

From the records it appears that the above land was granted to the Florida East Coast Railway Company for a right-of-way, but as the railway company is not using said right-of-way, the Trustees directed the Counsel to take up the matter with the Florida East Coast officials with a view to having the lands reconveyed to the State.

Shutts & Bowen, representing Mr. F. H. Siegel, made application for certain submerged lands in Dade County, and the Trustees ordered the following advertisement placed in the Miami Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 20, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, January 31, 1928, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in DADE County, Florida:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Fractional Section 22, Township 54 South, Range 41 East;

Thence South along the production of West line of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of aforesaid Section 22, for a distance of 66 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described;

Thence North 63° East along the original meander line for a distance of 1421.10 feet to a point on the high water mark of Biscayne Bay;

Thence South 15° 29' 40" west along the high water line of Biscayne Bay for a distance of 362.02 feet to a point;

Thence South 16° 18' East along the high water line of Biscayne Bay for a distance of 315.6 feet to a point;

Thence South 11° 07' 30" East, along the high water line of Biscayne Bay for a distance of 217.4 feet to a point;

Thence South 45° West along high water line of Biscayne Bay for a distance of 141.4 feet to a point;

Thence North 73° 18' West along the high water line of Biscayne Bay for a distance of 104.4 feet to a point;

Thence North 48° 02' west along high water line of Biscayne Bay for a distance of 134.5 feet to a point;

Thence North 75° 58' West along high water line of Biscayne Bay for a distance of 515.4 feet to a point;

Thence West along high water line of Biscayne Bay for a distance of 100 feet to a point;

Thence South 78° 41' west for a distance of 102.00 feet (along high water line of Biscayne Bay) to a point;

Thence West along high water line of Biscayne Bay for a distance of 200 feet to a point;

Thence North 75° 58' West along high water line of Biscayne Bay for a distance of 103.1 feet to a point on the projection of the West line of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Fractional Section 22, Township 54 South, Range 41 East;

Thence North 70 feet, more or less, along the projection of the West line of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Fractional Section 22, Township 54 South, Range 41 East to the point of beginning of the tract of land herein described.

Containing 12.69 acres, more or less.

All lying and being in Section 22, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, State of Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Mr. Luning, State Treasurer, moved that Mr. L. O. Mordt file with the Counsel of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund his data and claims against the Southern Drainage District for over-payment of drainage taxes by the Trustees, and that Mr. Mordt be paid \$400.00 cash and \$150.00 per month for four months. The above amount of \$400.00 and four months salary, making a total of \$1,000.00, to be deducted from his 50% to be earned under his agreement dated November 22nd, 1927, with the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, and that during the four months service he check up the other Sub-drainage Districts within the Everglades. For this work he is not to receive any compensation.

Seconded by Mr. Amos, and upon vote adopted.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:
L. O. Mordt, Tallahassee, Fla., to amount allowed as per minutes of this date \$ 400.00

Mr. Tabor appeared before the Trustees, relative to the case of A. F. Wyman, E. P. Green and Paul Gilmore vs. J. L. Kilgore and Edna W. Kilgore, his wife, John W. Martin, et al. as Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, and requested the Trustees to authorize their attorney to sign a supplication for settlement, which has been signed by all other interested parties.

Upon vote duly seconded and adopted, the request was unanimously agreed to.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 30, 1927.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Land Clerk, December 1927	\$ 300.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Secretary, December 1927	100.00
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Counsel, December 1927	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Field Agent, December 1927	333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla., salary, December 1927	75.00
Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla., salary December 1927	41.67

Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Land Department, December 1927	233.34
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Land Department, December 1927	150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Tax Clerk, December 1927	233.34
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Tax Department, December 1927	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Tax Department, December 1927	125.00
Matilda Pasteur, Tallahassee, Fla., work in Tax Department, 23 days at \$125.00 per month	92.74
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Fla. redemption Dr. Tax Certificates 223, 153, 216, lands of Trustees, \$47.00, less payment New Realty Co., \$14.16	32.84
Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla., survey work during December 1927	782.32
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla., expense account Nov. 26th to Dec. 18th, 1927	391.84
H. R. Kaufman, Tallahassee., Fla., repair of typewriter	8.50
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	\$3,279.09

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

TRUSTEES MINUTES FOR 1928

Tallahassee, Florida, January 3, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Wallis Engineering Company presented Supplemental Plat of Survey of Fractional Sections 5, 8 and 17 of Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, showing subdivisions of lands between 17 foot contour and original meander of Lake Okeechobee.

Mr. Luning moved that said Plat be officially adopted by the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted. The Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to have said Plat placed of record in the County Records of Palm Beach County.

Mr. Fred M. Valz of the New Realty Company, Jacksonville, Florida, appeared before the Trustees and stated that the following land, purchased by his company:

Lots 14, 15, 16 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of 19; all 21, Section 13; also Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5, Section 23, and Lot 4, Section 24, all in Township 43 South, Range 36 East,

at \$200.00 per acre was in part occupied and claimed by a squatter, and requested permission to reconvey said land to the Trustees and have the purchase price refunded to him.

After discussion, and upon vote duly made and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant Mr. Valz' request.

The Attorney for the Trustees was requested to bring suit of ejectment upon the squatter on the lands to be reconveyed by the New Realty Company in Sections 13, 23 and 24, Township 43 South, Range 36 East.

Wallis Engineering Company of Tallahassee, Florida, made application to purchase certain submerged lands in Palm Beach County for Henry P. Bingham, Francis P. Bolton and Elizabeth B. Blossom, upland owners.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the said land, as required by law, and if no legal objections were presented to sell same on date advertised at \$100.00 per acre to clients of Wallis Engineering Company.

The following Notice was ordered placed in the Palm Beach Post:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 3, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, February 14th, 1928, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land in PALM BEACH County:

That certain submerged area comprising those islands, sand bars and shallow banks, located in and under the tidal waters of Lake Worth, adjacent to Lot 1, Section 2, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, and being situate in Palm Beach County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Tract deeded to Chester C. Bolton by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund Deed No. 17,863; said point of beginning being on the East shore line of Lake Worth, and being 2465.36

feet North and 5603.02 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 43 East.

Thence run along the East shore line of Lake Worth, North 2° 36' 56" East 270.72 feet; North 5° 30' West 228 feet; North 24° 30' West 97 feet; North 8° 30' East 186 feet; North 6° 45' West 132 feet; North 25° 15' West 230 feet; North 11° 15' West 405 feet; North 4° 15' West 245 feet; North 8° 15' West 439 feet; North 4° 15' East 135.26 feet to intersection with the North boundary of property owned by Henry P. Bingham;

Thence run along this property line as extended Westward North 87° 46' West 175.22 feet; to the intersection with the U. S. Government Pierhead line;

Thence run along Pierhead line, South 7° 7' 40" East 1157.33 feet; South 9° 8' 41.7" East 646.94 feet; South 2° 27' 17.5" East 532.38 feet, to intersection with North boundary of Tract deeded to Chester C. Bolton by Trustees Internal Improvement Fund Deed Number 17,863.

Thence along said North boundary South 87° 46' East 192.02 feet to point of beginning, containing 9.53 acres, more or less.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.,
to service during December 1927\$ 5.41

Southern Tel. & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla., to service on Phones 258 and 776, January 1928	8.20
D. A. Dixon Company, Tallahassee, Fla., supplies for Department	15.60
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Jacksonville, Fla., repair on machine in Tax Department	4.31
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., recording fee, Buford to Trustees	1.55
Roy A. O'Bannon, Tax Collector, West Palm Beach, Fla., to Pahokee Drainage District Taxes on Trustee lands in Palm Beach County, 1927 taxes	7,282.94
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	\$7,318.01

Bills of the Board of Fire Control for the month of December 1927, were approved by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be issued and forwarded to W. A. Dutch, Fire Warden.

Financial statement for the month of December was approved and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 1927

Balance in Fund December 1, 1927	\$395,403.30
Redemption of Drainage Tax Certificates	6,513.34
From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925 ..	459.86
Sale of Minutes	1.50

Sale of Tax Lands	669.31	
From land sales (\$2,528.55)		
less 25% to the State		
Schol Fund (\$632.13)	1,896.42	
		<u>\$404,943.73</u>
Less Disbursements (Item-		
ized below)	13,743.76	
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Balance on hand January 1,		
1928		\$391,199.97

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in banks	390,199.97	
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		\$391,199.97

BALANCES IN BANKS, JANUARY 1, 1928

Atlantic National Bank, Jack-		
sonville, Fla.	\$ 67,060.51	
Barnett National Bank, Jack-		
sonville, Fla.	68,164.64	
Florida National Bank, Jack-		
sonville, Fla.	95,474.79	
American National Bank,		
Pensacola, Fla.	23,401.32	
First National Bank, Miami,		
Fla.	1,714.49	
First-American Bk. & Tr. Co.		
West Palm Beach, Fla.	2,126.01	
Capital City Bank, Talla-		
hassee, Fla.	31,404.54	
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee,		
Fla.	26,046.21	
Lewis State Bank, Talla-		
hassee, Fla.	35,547.86	
Ft. Lauderdale Bk. & Tr. Co.		
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Spl.	39,259.60	
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		\$390,199.97

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Check	In Favor of:	Amount
1927	No.		
Dec. 14	7178	Southern Tel. & Construc- tion Co.	\$ 8.50
	7179	Western Union Telegraph Co.	2.12
	7180	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.63
	7181	D. A. Dixon Co.	4.25
	7182	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	6.25
	7183	Grant Furniture Co.	4.00
	7184	M. C. McIntosh	20.23
	7185	Samuel D. Jordan	1.50
	7186	Post Publishing Company....	9.00
	7187	The Clearwater Sun	12.36
	7188	Lillie M. Smith	947.13
	7189	W. H. May, Postmaster	44.70
	7190	Bd. Com. Ev. Dr. Dist., error taxes Palm Beach County	4.00
	7191	J. C. Luning, St. for State Prison New Building Fund	9,000.00
20	7192	L. O. Mordt, acct. overpay- ment Drainage taxes	400.00
30,	7193	C. B. Gwynn	300.00
	7194	J. Stuart Lewis	100.00
	7195	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	7196	A. R. Richardson	333.34
	7197	Jentye Dedge	75.00
	7198	Hattie Bell	41.67
	7199	Elgin Bayless	233.34
31,	7200	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins	150.00
	7201	R. W. Ervin	233.34
	7202	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
	7203	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
	7204	Matilda Pasteur	92.74
	7205	Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C.	32.84
	7206	Wallis Engineering Co.	782.32
	7207	A. R. Richardson	391.84
	7208	H. R. Kaufman	8.50
			\$13,743.76

Application of Diston Island Drainage District for establishing the meander line of Lake Hicpochee which had been referred to the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Board with request for report as to advisability of having said survey made to determine the meander line of the Lake, was presented to the Trustees with report of the Engineer.

After discussion the Trustees decided that they could not undertake the Survey at this time, but if the Diston Island Drainage District desired to make such survey at the expense of the District, the Trustees will issue instructions under which the survey may be made, and when made, if found to be in accordance with the instructions, the Trustees will adopt the same as the official survey of the meander line of the Lake.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 7, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The State Treasurer reported that there was a balance of \$800.00, which had not been transferred, of the \$300,000.00 appropriated for a State Prison Building at the State Farm.

It was ordered that this \$800 be transferred from the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund to the State Prison Building Fund, thus completing the transfer of the appropriation.

The Secretary was requested to furnish the State Treasurer with a certified copy of this Minute.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 10, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Mr. M. W. Moore of Dunedin presented application from D. D. Barron, L. H. Yinsser and Reydon Realty Company to purchase submerged land lying in front of their property in Pinellas County and offered \$100.00 per acre for same.

The Trustees agreed to sell the said land at above price subject to advertisement for objections, and the following notice was ordered placed in the Clearwater Sun-Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 10, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, February 21st, 1928 at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in PINELLAS, County, Florida:

Beginning at a point which is 137.5 feet North of and 1221 feet West of the Southeast corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida, said point being on the meander line whose bearing is South 4° 30' West and also the high water mark of Clearwater Bay;

Thence run North 77° West, 500 feet to East edge of channel;

Thence run North 4° 30' East, 182 feet and along the East edge of said channel;

Thence run South 77° East, 500 feet to aforesaid meander and high water lines;

Thence run South 4° 30' West and along said lines 182 feet to point of beginning.

Containing 2.08 acres, more or less.

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

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Letter from Hon. Geo. C. Crom, Register of the General Land Office at Gainesville, Florida, addressed to Honorable Nathan Mayo, complaining of the actions of Mr. John M. Sutton and his mode of procedure as Selecting Agent for the Trustees, was read.

After discussion Mr. Davis, Attorney General, introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on the 9th day of March, 1923, the

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, entered into an agreement in writing with Charles R. Pierce and John M. Sutton, Attorneys at law, both of Washington, D. C., whereby the said Pierce and Sutton were retained and employed to represent the Trustees in making selection and securing a Patent to swamp and overflowed lands coming to the State under the Swamp Land Grant Act of Congress of September 28, 1850, compensation to said Pierce and Sutton to be as in said written agreement set out; and

WHEREAS, The said Charles R. Pierce did notify the Trustees that he would no longer be in a position to represent said Trustees in making selection and securing patents to such swamp and overflowed lands and did withdraw from said contract, and

WHEREAS, Paragraph eleven (11) of said Contract provides as follows:

“The employment under the terms of this contract shall be exclusive so long as Pierce and Sutton, or either of them, shall diligently prosecute and carry on their part hereof, but when in the judgment of the Trustees, after sixty days written notification to Pierce and Sutton, with opportunity to be heard, that they are not diligently executing the same, the Trustees may at their option enter into contract with any other party or parties, for a like or similar purpose as herein expressed, or may discontinue this contract.”

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, that the said John M. Sutton is not diligently executing the said contract and the Trustees deem and consider it for the best interest of the State, that said contract be terminated and any further services of the said John M. Sutton be dispensed with after sixty days notice to the said John M. Sutton in accordance with the terms of paragraph eleven of said contract; therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED, that sixty days notice to the said John M. Sutton be given by sending a certified

copy of this Resolution by registered mail to his address at Metropolitan Bank Building, Washington, D. C., requesting a return receipt card therefor.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the said John M. Sutton be given opportunity to be heard at any regular meeting on Tuesday of each week after receipt of this notice and within sixty days therefrom.

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

YEAS: Amos, Luning and Davis.

NAYS: None.

Whereupon the Resolution was declared adopted.

Mr. Palmer, representing the West Coast Oil Company appeared before the Trustees and made application for lease of State lands along the coast in Hernando County for the purpose of putting down test wells for oil.

The Trustees requested Mr. Palmer to outline form of lease desired and forward same to the Trustees for further consideration.

Griffin Sand Company of Tavares, Florida, made application to have their contract cancelled, and as all payments due had been made to the Trustees, the contract was ordered cancelled and Bond returned to said Company.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

West Palm Beach, Florida, January 12, 1928.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the City of West Palm Beach with the Board of Fire Control.

Present:

John Martin, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. W. A. Dutch, Chief Fire Warden of the Board of Fire Control, presented the following budget for 1928:

BUDGET 1928

Extra labor and care of men in field	\$ 20,000.00
Salary, Chief Fire Warden	3,000.00
Deputy Fire Wardens, twenty, 12 months at \$100.00	24,000.00
Tractors for hire or purchase	36,200.00
Men with above tractors	26,500.00
Other general equipment and tools	12,000.00
Legal Services	5,000.00
Salary, Secretary of Board	3,000.00
Salary, Two Assistant Fire Wardens	4,800.00
Office Rent	720.00
Operation of State Automobile	600.00
Incidental Expense of Board	5,000.00
Contingent Fund	20,000.00
Commissions, Tax Assessors and Collectors	2,400.00
 Total Estimated	 \$163,220.00

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

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

Mr. Luning, Treasurer, moved that the above Budget of the Board of Fire Control for the year 1928, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Davis, and upon vote same was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Davis made a motion to authorize the increase in the Revolving Fund of the Board of Fire Control in the sum of \$3,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Mayo, all members of the Trustees voted in the affirmative, except Mr. Luning, who cast his vote in the negative.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid from the Fire Tax Fund:

W. A. Dutch, Chief Fire Warden, West Palm Beach, Fla. To Account of Contingent or Revolving Fund.....	\$3,000.00
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Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 24, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Russell appeared before the Trustees and made application to purchase, for the City of Fort Pierce, for municipal use, certain sovereignty land in Township 35 South, Range 40 East, containing 475 acres, but the City having no definite proposition as to price to be paid and purpose for which the land would be used, the Trustees advised Mr. Russell that they would withhold from sale the land applied for and have same investigated.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, was instructed to investigate and inspect the aforesaid land and report to the Trustees.

Representatives of the City of New Smyrna appeared before the Trustees and stated that they had made plans for constructing docks and buildings on the 26 acres purchased from the Trustees May 15, 1927, and it being agreed that said land would be used for public purposes only, the City desired, before making such improvements, to be advised by the Trustees what, in their opinion, would be considered public use.

The Trustees advised Representatives of New Smyrna to prepare and forward to said Trustees, plat and drawings of the proposed improvements for their inspection and consideration, and if said improvements were found to be for general use of the public, they would be authorized to proceed with construction.

The Representatives of the City of New Smyrna made application to purchase 126 acres of submerged land for the said City, adjacent to the lands heretofore purchased and offered \$50.00 per acre, which offer was accepted, subject to advertisement for objections, as required by law.

Mr. L. B. Skinner appeared before the Trustees and stated that they held four Mortgages on land purchased by him, requesting the Trustees to cancel three of said mortgages and apply the purchase price on the remaining mortgage, upon condition that he re-deed to the Trustees the land contained in the three mortgages, free from all encumbrances and with all taxes paid.

Upon motion duly made seconded, the Trustees agreed to the above proposition upon the conditions as set out.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, who had been authorized to lease bottom lands around Lake Okeechobee for farming purposes, reported that he has issued 33 leases, covering 788½ acres at a rental of \$14,827.50 of which \$1,540.80 had been collected by him and turned over to the Secretary of the Trustees.

The report was accepted and the Secretary requested to transmit the \$1,540.80 to the State Treasurer.

Mr. L. L. Stuckey was present and stated that the cost of clearing willow land being leased by the Trustees was approximately \$30.00 or \$40.00 per acre, and that some compensation should be allowed lessors where such clearing was necessary before the land could be cultivated.

Mr. Luning moved that in renewing leases to lessors this matter would be considered by the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Messrs. W. O. Rouse, H. N. Meloche and John Sartor presented plats and applications to purchase the submerged lands in front of their property at \$100.00 per acre.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to sell the land in front of the above applicants' property, after same is advertised as required by law.

The Trustees authorized Mr. A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, to purchase a Ford car at a cost of \$589.01, to be paid for by Mr. Richardson in twelve monthly payments. Title to said car to be in Trustees Internal Improvement Fund until all payments are made.

The Trustees having invited bids for the re-survey of Newman's Survey in Township 50 South, Range 41 East, to be considered at their meeting on January 17, 1928, and no meeting having been held on that date, the bids were presented by the Secretary.

After discussion, it was decided that it was not necessary to make this re-survey at this time.

Mr. Luning moved that all bids be rejected and re-survey not be made. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to make voucher for W. A. Dutch, Fire Warden, in the sum of \$3,000.00 to be used as Revolving Fund, as agreed by the Trustees at meeting held January 12, 1928, at West Palm Beach.

The Secretary was also instructed to transmit to Honorable Ernest Amos, Comptroller, bill against the Board of Fire Control in the amount of \$10,028.96 as reimbursement for funds advanced said Board by the Trustees, with request that warrant be issued to said Trustees for said amount.

Mr. Luning, Treasurer, reported that he and Mr. Mayo had visited settlers along the Northeast shore of Lake Okeechobee and advised such settlers that they would recommend to the Trustees at its first meeting that the following prices be placed on certain lands:

- \$25.00 per acre from Meander Line of Lake to Ridge;
- \$100.00 per acre for Ridge lands;
- \$15.00 per acre for lands back of Ridge.

Mr. Davis moved that the prices above be adopted, in lieu of the prices agreed on December 8, 1925, and that settlers who had made improvements on lands in said territory be allowed a reasonable time within which to purchase such lands. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote was adopted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Service during December 1927.....	\$ 12.25
H. R. Kaufman, Tallahassee, Fla. Rental on Typewriters for Tax Clerk	4.00
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. Stamps for Land Department and Tax Clerk	18.50
C. H. Caffery, 1156 Euclid Ave., Atlanta, Georgia. Speed Fastener and Staples for Land Department	9.00
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense Account January 1st to 22nd, 1928.....	226.77
Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla., to drafts in payment of Ford Car for Field Agent	589.01
Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla. Subscription to Paper One Year—Tax Department	2.50

Lillie M. Smith, T. C., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	
Balance due on 1927 Drainage Taxes	
Broward County.....	657.98
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	\$1,520.01

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, January 31, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees on December 20, 1927, ordered advertised for sale on this date, upon application of Shutts & Bowen of Miami, for their client F. H. Siegel, Submerged land lying in Section 22, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, 12.69 acres in Dade County, Florida.

No objections being filed or presented, the sale was consummated and Deed ordered issued to Central Union Trust Company of New York, and Hamlin F. Andrus, as Trustee, and William H. Taylor, as successor trustee, under Deed of Trust dated December 30, 1921, made by John F. Andrus and recorded in Deed Book 314, at page 202, Public Records of Dade County, Florida.

The Trustees instructed the State Treasurer to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Internal Improvement Fund to the State Office Building Fund, as authorized

by Acts of the Legislature of 1925. Copy of above action to be furnished the State Treasurer by the Secretary.

James B. Evans, Attorney-in-fact, made application for a refund to heirs of Willis Sturdevant for lands erroneously deeded to Sturdevant, being Lots 1 and 2, Section 31, Township 6 North, Range 29 West—128.25 acres, sold to him at a price of \$1.50 per acre January 15, 1861 under Entry No. 3565, the said lands having been previously conveyed to Alabama and Florida Railway Company.

After consideration, the Trustees referred the matter to Counsel of Trustees, and requested that he advise them if the heirs of Sturdevant were entitled to such refund, and if so, the purchase price of \$192.37 would be refunded.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control, approved by said Board, were passed on by the Trustees in the amount of \$7,433.05, that being all the funds to the credit of the Fire Tax Fund, and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for warrants to be issued.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk—January 1928	\$ 300.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary—January 1928	100.00
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel—January 1928	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Field Agent—January 1928	333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary— January 1928	75.00
Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary—Jan- uary 1928	41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—January 1928	233.34
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—January 1928	150.00

R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Tax Clerk—January 1928	233.34
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Tax Department, January 1928	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—January 1928.....	125.00
Wallis Engineering Company, Tallahassee, Fla. Survey work during January 1928	1,233.08
L. O. Mordt, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., salary, Special Clerk—January 1928.....	150.00
State Building Fund, Tallahassee, Fla. Authorized by 1925 Act of Legislature	10,000.00
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	\$13,353.93

Financial Statement for the month of January 1928, was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY, 1928

Balance in Fund January, 1928	\$391,199.97
Received from Secretary account part payment on automobile	27.08
Redemption Drainage Tax Certificates	8,883.52
Interest on deposits in Banks for quarter ending December 31, 1927.....	2,887.81
Redemption of Pelican Lake Sub - Drainage District bond (matured).....	500.00
Interest due December 31, 1927 on Pelican Lake—Sub - Drainage District bonds owned by Fund....	375.00
From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts 1925.....	296.44
Refund by Board of Fire Control	10,028.96

From Land sales (\$67,127.- 00) less 25% to State School fund (\$16,781.76)	50,345.24	
		<u>\$464,544.02</u>
Less Disbursements (Item- ized below)	47,879.95	
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Balance on hand February 1, 1928		\$416,664.07

RECAPITULATION

Cash and Cash Items	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks	415,664.07	
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		\$416,664.07

BALANCE IN BANKS FEBRUARY 1, 1928

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 77,487.03	
Barnett National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.	68,673.88	
Florida National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.	104,361.48	
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	23,578.27	
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.,	1,727.35	
First-American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	2,141.89	
Capital City Bank, Tallahas- see, Fla.	36,083.64	
Exchange State Bank, Talla- hassee, Fla.	26,241.54	
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	35,814.94	
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Company, Ft. Lauder- dale, Fla. (Spl.)	39,554.05	
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		\$415,664.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1928	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Jan. 3	7209	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.....	\$ 5.41
	7210	Southern Telephone & Con- struction Company	8.20
	7211	D. A. Dixon Company.....	15.60
	7212	Burroughs Adding Machine Company	4.31
	7213	Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C.....	1.55
Jan. 4	7214	Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C.	7,282.94
Jan. 9	7215	J. C. Luning, St. Tr. @ St. Prison Building Fund	800.00
Jan. 21	7216	The New Realty Co. (Refund Purchase Land)	34,888.00
Jan. 25	7217	Western Union Telegraph Co.	12.25
	7218	H. R. Kaufman	4.00
	7219	W. H. May, Postmaster	18.50
	7220	C. H. Caffery	9.00
	7221	A. R. Richardson	226.77
	7222	Exchange Bank	589.01
	7223	Everglades News	2.50
	7224	Lillie M. Smith, T. C.	657.98
Jan. 31	7225	C. B. Gwynn	300.00
	7226	J. Stuart Lewis	100.00
	7227	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	7228	A. R. Richardson	333.34
	7229	Jentye Dedge	75.00
	7230	Hattie Bell	41.67
	7231	Elgin Bayless	233.34
	7232	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins	150.00
	7233	R. W. Ervin	233.34
	7234	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
	7235	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
	7236	Wallis Engineering Co.	1,233.08
	7237	L. O. Mordt	150.00
			\$47,879.95

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 15, 1928.

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

Present:

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Upon application of Wideman & Wideman, Attorneys of West Palm Beach, for their clients Frances C. Bolton, Elizabeth B. Blossom, and Henry P. Bingham, the Trustees on January 3rd, advertised for sale on the 14th inst., submerged lands located in and under the tidal waters of Lake Worth, adjacent to Lot 1, Section 2, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, and being situate in Palm Beach County—containing 9.53 acres. A quorum not being present on the 14th, the sale was held over until this date.

No objections being filed or presented, the Trustees sold the above land at a price of \$100.00 per acre as follows:

Frances C. Bolton, 2.66 acres;
Elizabeth B. Blossom, 4.92 acres; and
Henry P. Bingham, 1.95 acres;

and deeds were ordered issued to said parties.

Application was presented from Mr. A. O. Henderson of Miami Beach, to purchase 14.13 acres of land

situate in Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, offering \$100.00 per acre for same.

After consideration, the Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, provided Mr. Henderson would bid \$100.00 per acre, and instructed the Secretary to so advise Mr. Henderson.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

J. C. LUNING,
Treasurer-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 20, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Mr. Casey Thigpen, representing clients, made application to purchase for H. T. Mann and Roy E. Mann 4.46 acres in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County; and for R. F. Ashley and W. W. Steele 3.34 acres in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, also in Pinellas County.

The Trustees agreed to sell the said land and ordered advertisement of same as soon as correct description could be obtained.

Upon motion of the Attorney General Davis, duly seconded and adopted, it was agreed that hereafter no lands in Lake Worth would be sold without giving notice, by advertising thirty days for competitive bids, in a newspaper published in Palm Beach County.

Mr. Luning moved that the Trustees immediately pay the Fire Tax for 1927 on all lands owned by them in the Drainage District, as the Board of Fire Control is in need of such funds at this time.

Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Upon application of the Florida Gravel Company, the Trustees directed Counsel to draw a permit to said Company to mine sand and gravel from the Chatahoochee and Apalachicola Rivers; said permit to be for a period of five years, and submit the same to the Trustees for approval.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

P. C. Eldred, Clerk, Ft. Pierce, Fla. Recording Deeds 8330 and 8331.....	\$ 3.85
T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. Supplies for Department	24.50
D. A. Dixon Company, Tallahassee, Fla. Supplies for Department	9.55
H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville, Fla. Disbursement Book for Trustees	31.14
Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Fla. Land Sale Advertisement—February 14, 1928	22.50
Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla. Advertising Land Sale—February 24, 1928.....	14.61
Miami Herald Publishing Co., Miami, Fla. Advertising Land Sale—January 31, 1928	46.20
E. B. Leatherman, Clerk Circuit Court, Miami, Fla. Recording Deeds to Trustees	11.90
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Fla. Recording Deed New Realty Company to Trustees.....	1.85
W. L. Marshal, Tallahassee, Fla. To glass in Trustees Office.....	10.71
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Service during January 1928.....	.52
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Service during January 1928.....	8.22
Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Service on Phones 258 and 776 for February.....	8.50

Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. Draft of Grant Motor Co., West Palm Beach—ac- count Field Agent's Car.....	85.99
	<u>\$280.04</u>

Upon application of Mr. W. A. Dutch, Chief Fire Warden of the Board of Fire Control, bill for contingent fund, amounting to \$3,000.00 was approved by the Trustees and ordered paid, on account of emergency fires in the District, and the Honorable Comptroller was requested to issue warrant in above amount and forward to Mr. Dutch.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, February 28, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The Trustees having on January 10, 1928, upon application of M. W. Moore of Dunedin, Florida, advertised for sale on Tuesday, February 21st, 1928, 2.08 acres of submerged land lying in Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, and there being no quorum of the Trustees present on the 21st, the sale was continued till this meeting.

No objections being presented or filed, the sale was consummated to Reydon Realty Company of Dunedin,

Florida, client of M. W. Moore, at a price of \$100.00 per acre, and deed was ordered issued to said company.

Proxy of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund was issued to Mr. Jules M. Burguieres, authorizing him to cast the vote of said Trustees at the meeting of the South Florida Conservancy District to be held on Tuesday, March 13th, 1928, for the purpose of electing a Supervisor for said District.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk—February 1928	\$ 300.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary—February 1928	100.00
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel—February 1928	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Field Agent—February 1928	333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary—February 1928	75.00
Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary—February 1928	41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—February 1928	233.34
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—February 1928	150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Tax Clerk—February 1928	233.34
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—February 1928	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—February 1928	125.00
L. O. Mordt, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Salary as Special Clerk—February 1928	150.00
	\$2,120.85

Financial Statement for February 1928 was presented and ordered placed on record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY, 1928

Balance in Fund February 1, 1928.....	\$416,664.07	
From Receiver Bank of Okeechobee account Proof of Claim No. 475.....	58.79	
From Receiver Bank of Okeechobee account Proof of Claim No. 538.....	15.00	
From sale of Minutes.....	8.00	
From Redemption Drainage Tax Certificates.....	13.51	
Amount collected on Leases of Lake Bottom lands around Lake Okeechobee	1,294.95	
From Land Sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923 and Ch. 10024, Acts 1925.....	28.19	
Amount collected on Leases of lands in Drainage District	597.90	
From land sales (\$10,819.00) less 25% to State School Fund (\$2,704.74)	8,114.26	
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	\$426,794.67	
Less Disbursements (Itemized below)	32,386.71	
Balance on hand March 1, 1928		\$394,407.96

RECAPITULATION

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks.....	393,407.96	
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		\$394,407.96

BALANCE IN BANKS MARCH 1, 1928

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 77,768.28
Barnett National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.	68,673.88
Florida National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.	81,313.16
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	23,578.27
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	1,727.35
First American Bank & Trust Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	2,141.89
Capital City Bank, Tallahas- see, Fla.	36,594.60
The Exchange Bank, Talla- hassee, Fla.	26,241.54
Lewis State Bank, Tallahas- see, Fla.	35,814.94
Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co., Spl. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	39,554.05
	\$393,407.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Check	In Favor of:	Amount
1928	No.		
Feb. 1	7238	J. C. Luning, St. Tr. Acct. State Office Building Fund	\$10,000.00
Feb. 14	7239	J. B. Evans, Atty. of Heirs Willis Sturdevant	192.37
Feb. 21	7240	P. C. Eldred, C. C. C.	3.85
	7241	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	24.50
	7242	D. A. Dixon Company	9.55
	7243	H. & W. B. Drew Company	31.14
	7244	Palm Beach Post	22.50
	7245	Clearwater Sun	14.61
	7246	Miami Herald Publishing Co.	46.20
	7247	E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C.	11.90
	7248	Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C.	1.85

	7249	W. L. Marshal	10.71
	7250	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. ...	.52
	7251	Western Union Telegraph Co.	8.22
	7252	Southern Telephone & Construction Company	8.50
	7253	Exchange Bank a/c Grant Motor Company	85.99
Feb. 22	7254	J. C. Luning, a/c Taxes on Trustee Lands for Everglades Drainage Fire Tax 1927.....	19,793.45
Feb. 29	7255	C. B. Gwynn	300.00
	7256	J. Stuart Lewis	100.00
	7257	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	7258	A. R. Richardson	333.34
	7259	Jentye Dedge	75.00
	7260	Hattie Bell	41.67
	7261	Elgin Bayless	233.34
	7262	Mrs. Laura B. Hopkins	150.00
	7263	R. W. Ervin	233.34
	7264	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
	7265	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
	7266	L. O. Mordt	150.00
			\$32,386.71

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 6, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees directed the Counsel to institute foreclosure proceedings of the mortgage of Thomas N. Jarrell on the said Jarrell's various land purchases, as he is in arrears on payments and interest.

Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, stated that he was in receipt of letter from Mr. John M. Sutton requesting the Trustees to give him a hearing on Tuesday, March 20th, instead of March 13th, as already agreed on.

The Trustees directed the Counsel to advise Mr. Sutton that a quorum would be present on the 20th instant and would hear him on that date.

Upon application of Standard Manufacturing Company of Cedar Keys for cancellation of their Shell contract, the Trustees ordered same cancelled and directed the Secretary to return to said Company the \$500.00 Liberty Bond deposited by them as bond.

Mr. W. C. Lockey, representing Mr. C. S. Russ, made application to purchase the timber in Townships 3 and 4 West of Range 15 South, and offered \$4,000.00 cash for same.

After consideration the Trustees agreed to sell the timber for the sum of \$6,000.00.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 13, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
 Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Honorable J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Attorney General reported to the Board there were tremendous fires in the Everglades, calculated to destroy a great many acres of valuable land; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Fire Control is without funds to handle the situation, and in the opinion of the Attorney General the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, having thousands of acres of state land in the Everglades, would be justified and had a legal right to advance funds of said Trustees to said Board of Fire Control for the purpose of extinguishing said fires, the Trustees being in position to advance as much as \$25,000 to said Fire Board for said purpose; Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Treasurer is hereby directed to advance said sum of \$25,000.00, and the Secretary is hereby directed to furnish the State Treasurer with a certified copy of said Resolution, and upon said certified copy being furnished him, the said State Treasurer be authorized to draw checks for and transfer to said Board of Fire Control, the sum of \$25,000.00 to be repaid to said Trustees out of taxexs to be collected by said Fire Board for the year 1927.

Upon vote on the Resolution, same was as follows:

YEAS: Martin, Amos, Luning, Davis, Mayo—5.

NAYS: None.

The Resolution was adopted.

The Trustees having on January 24, 1928, received an application from the City of Fort Pierce to purchase

475 acres of submerged land for municipal purposes, advised the representatives of said City that they would have Mr. Richardson, Field Agent, examine the lands and advise as to its value, etc.

Mr. Richardson's report, dated February 5, 1928, was read and ordered filed.

A committee from Fort Pierce being present was advised that the Trustees would sell the City 475 acres in Township 35 South, Range 40 East, at a price of \$50.00 per acre, upon usual terms of one-fourth cash and balance in three annual payments, with 6% interest on deferred payments.

The Committee requested the Trustees to allow them Ninety (90) days in which to consider the matter and render a decision. The request was granted.

Leesburg Sand & Supply Company having made application to have their permit to mine sand and shell cancelled, same was considered and permit ordered cancelled.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Service on Phones 258 776—March 1928	\$	8.50
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Service during February 1928.....		6.09
Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, Tallahassee Fla. Service during February 1928.....		2.61
M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, Tallahassee. Fla. Expense account trip to Jacksonville		25.86
Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Sur- vey work during February 1928.....		1,522.33
H. R. Kaufman, Tallahassee, Fla. Service on Typewriter for Field Agent		5.00
P. C. Eldred, Clerk, Fort Pierce, Fla. Record- ing Deed Krantz		2.00
J. L. Holmberg, P. O. Box 643, Miami, Fla. Refund for Drainage Tax Certificate 421		6.80

T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. Maps & Receipts	10.00
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Supplies for Office	7.15
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Recording Deed Kretex Realty Co. to Trustees	1.55
Leola May Van Horne, Refund account double assessment	8.87
Marvin C. McIntosh, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense account trip to Miami in Chapman Field Hearing.....	67.31
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	\$1,674.07

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 16, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to take up outstanding Tax Certificates on land purchased by W. L. Adams under Entry No. 16,805, September 13, 1919, as the Trustees hold mortgage on this property. The amount of said Tax Certificate is \$276.51.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Fla., to Tax Certificates on land mortgaged to Trustees I. I. Fund under Entry No. 16,805, September 13, 1919	\$ 276.51
A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, Tallahassee, Fla., expense account for February 1928	469.59
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	\$ 746.10

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 20, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. M. E. Bidlack, who deposited with the Trustees \$575.00 to purchase certain lands in Eagle Bay section on Lake Okeechobee in 1926, requested the return of the above amount as he had never received deed to the land.

Mr. Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, moved that the State Treasurer be authorized to refund to Mr. Bidlack the \$575.00. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. McIntosh, Counsel of the Trustees, was instructed to enter ejectment proceedings against squatters on State lands, Mr. Richardson, Field Agent, hav-

ing reported that there are a number of parties farming State land around Lake Okeechobee.

Messrs. Luning and Davis were appointed a committee to have contract drawn for the removal of certain minerals from the sand in Indian River by a company represented by Mr. T. W. Shands of Tampa, and present said contract to the Trustees for approval and execution.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Land Clerk, Tallahassee, Fla., expense account on trip to Miami for swamp claim hearings	\$56.95
Hendry County Abstract & Real Estate Co., LaBelle, Fla., abstract of land in Dahl- berg transaction	24.50
Atlantic Title Company, West Palm Beach, Fla., abstract of lands in Dahlberg transaction	174.00
	\$ 255.45

The Bayshore Company of Jacksonville, Florida, having made application for a permit to mine shell from the St. Johns River near Pilot Town and Mayport, in Duval County, Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, was directed to draw contract to said company and forward for its signature and execution of Bond.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, March 27, 1928.

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

Present :

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
 J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
 Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Mr. Pope, representing the State Land Committee of Fort Lauderdale, appearing before the Trustees and took up with them the matter of certain moneys deposited in the Fort Lauderdale Bank and Trust Company, (which bank closed its doors February 16, 1928) to the credit of the said Land Committee.

After discussion, Mr. Luning presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption :

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Fort Lauderdale Bank & Trust Company failed to open its doors for business February 16th, A. D. 1928, at which time there was a deposit in the name of the Trustees of State Land Committee, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Chamber of Commerce, the sum of Seventy-five Thousand, Seven Hundred and 62/100 (\$75,700.62) Dollars, which money is not now available; and

WHEREAS, The Broward Bank & Trust Company has indicated its willingness to make a loan to Trustees of State Land Committee, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Chamber of Commerce, up to the amount of Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars, taking as security for the same an assignment of the said account in the Fort Lauderdale Bank & Trust Company; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees Internal Improvement Fund have no interest in or claim upon said account in the Fort Lauderdale Bank & Trust Company,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund have no objection to the making of said loan and the assignment of said account for security thereof, it being understood that no liability shall attach to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund for the repayment of said loan, or otherwise.

Upon vote the Resolution was adopted as follows:
YEAS: Amos, Luning and Davis.
NAYS: None.

Mr. Ball of the Almours Securities, Incorporated, made application to purchase 14.67 acres of land in the St. Johns River, running from the North line of the San Jose Tract South for approximately 2400 feet, and made an offer of \$100.00 per acre for same.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to sell the above land to the above company, subject to advertisement for objections as required by law; Almours Securities Incorporated to make survey and furnish plat and description for advertisement.

Mr. R. W. Ervin made application to purchase 75 acres of land in St. Marks River.

After discussion, the Land Department was directed to request Mr. Ervin to make an offer for the land.

Resolution was received from the County Commissioners of Glades County, requesting right-of-way through said county for roads No. 26 and No. 29.

Mr. Luning made motion that the Land Department write Mr. Homer G. Hand, Chairman of said Board, asking that map showing location of the said roads be furnished before definite action was taken. Seconded by Mr. Davis, and upon vote duly adopted.

Mr. A. Y. Milam, representing Capt. John B. Daniels of Mayport, made application to purchase what is known as Daniels Addition to Mayport, which land was formed by dredging operations.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, Mr. Richardson was directed to make investigation of the land and report to the Trustees the value of same and price the Trustees should receive.

Mira Mar Beach Incorporated made application for release of oil, mineral, canal and other reservations on land contained in Deed No. 16337 to Thomas C. Hammond, dated February 24, 1913, on Section 11, Township 37 South, Range 17 East.

Mr. Davis moved that the Trustees sell the above mentioned rights to said company at a price of 25 cents per acre. Seconded by Mr. Luning and adopted.

Wire from Cooper, Knight, Adair, Osborn & Cooper of Jacksonville, Florida, requested the Trustees to issue correction deed to their client on account of the absence of the Governor's signature to deed issued April 29, 1873, covering Lot 1, Section 28, Township 25, Range 29.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to make desired correction upon receipt of proof of ownership.

Mrs. Mary E. Boyd made application to purchase 59.28 acres in Lot 1, Section 31, Township 12 South, Range 32 East, offering \$20.00 per acre for same.

The Trustees directed Mr. Richardson, Field Agent, to investigate the land and report his findings to the Trustees, and requested the Land Department to advise Mrs. Boyd of this action.

Mrs. H. B. Hempe made application to re-convey one-half of the land purchased under Entry No. 17571 and retain one-half, which she has paid for.

The request was granted upon condition that Mrs. Hempe furnish abstract and evidence that all 1927 taxes are paid, depositing check to take care of 1928 taxes on the land reconveyed.

Mr. Charles A. Douglas of Hollywood, Florida, asked to be allowed to reconvey to the Trustees one-half of the land purchased in Entry No. 17300 and retain one-half, paying part of the principal and extending the balance for one year.

The Trustees agreed to the request upon condition that Mr. Douglas furnish abstract and evidence that all taxes were paid for 1927 and deposit check for 1928 taxes on land to be reconveyed.

The Land Department was directed to advise Mr. Douglas and make proper release of that portion of the mortgage covering land to be reconveyed to Trustees.

Mr. A. R. Richardson applied for refund of amount paid on land purchase by him in Broward County as the land was occupied by a squatter and also had a certificate outstanding against said property prior to purchase by him.

Mr. Davis moved that the matter be referred to Counsel of Trustees for report. Seconded by Mr. Luning and upon vote adopted.

The matter of expenses attached to leasing lands around Lake Okeechobee was brought up, and Mr. Davis moved that Mr. Luning, Treasurer, be directed to hold these amounts in a separate fund and deduct said expenses of the Field Agent therefrom before credits were made to proper funds. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

A letter was read from Thos. E. Will, in which he requested the Trustees to take action as to outstanding certificates against lands on which he has a contract to purchase, as he is unable to take care of them at this time, giving reasons therefor.

Mr. Luning moved that the letter be referred to the Tax Clerk with directions to ascertain from Mr. Will the condition and amounts of outstanding certificates and report to the Trustees.

Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Land Clerk, March 1928	\$ 300.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Secretary, March 1928	100.00

M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Counsel, March 1928	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Field Agent, March 1928	333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla., salary for March 1928	75.00
Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla., salary, March 1928	41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Land Department, March 1928	233.34
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Land Department, March 1928	150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Tax Clerk, March 1928	233.34
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Tax Department, March 1928	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla., salary in Tax Department, March 1928	125.00
L. O. Mordt, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as special clerk, March 1928	150.00
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla., fees to clerk in ejectment suits	150.00
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla., expense account during March 1928	340.79
M. Squires, Chicago, Ill., to refund for drainage tax certificates illegally issued	557.05
Fred H. Davis, Tallahassee, Fla., to expense account, trip to Miami Re: Fire matters	64.48
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	\$3,233.17

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, April 12, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. S. D. Platt who had deposited \$225.00 with the Trustees on a claim in the Eagle Bay section, requested that this amount be returned to him, claiming that he was unable to secure possession of the land.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to refund the \$225.00.

Mr. C. P. Weidling of Fort Lauderdale made application to lease for oil rights the land in Sections 22 and 24, Township 50 South, Range 41 East.

The Trustees agreed to lease him approximately 240 acres in Section 22, owned by the Trustees, at a price of \$300.00 per annum.

Those voting Yea were Messrs. Amos and Mayo; Nays, Mr. Luning.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control for the month of March, 1928, amounting to \$19,255.74 was approved by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be issued upon funds to the credit of the Fire Tax Fund.

The Trustees having notified Mr. John M. Sutton, Selecting Agent, of their intention to cancel his contract as such Selecting Agent, and as the matter is pending a hearing and final action, the Secretary is hereby directed to advise Mr. Sutton that the Trustees request that he not make any further new selections of lands until the matter is finally disposed of.

The City of Fort Pierce having made application to purchase certain land in Sections 34 and 35, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, and the Trustees having on March 13th, 1928, agreed to make sale of said lands at a price of \$50.00 per acre, the following advertisement was ordered placed in the Fort Pierce News-Tribune:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 11, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 15th, 1928, at Tallahassee to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in SAINT LUCIE County:

Beginning at a point on the North boundary of Section 34, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, 2008 feet West of N. E. Corner;

Run South 3000 feet;

Thence South $41^{\circ} 26'$ East 3041 feet to the S. E. corner of Section 34; thence East along South boundary of Section 35, 1200 feet;

Thence North 14° East 3200 feet;

Thence North 24° East 800 feet;

Thence North $57^{\circ} 11'$ West 2709 feet;

Thence North $16^{\circ} 5'$ West 222.6 feet;

Thence North $75^{\circ} 12'$ West 615.6 feet;

Thence South $59^{\circ} 23'$ West 166.5 feet;

Thence North $67^{\circ} 23'$ West 984.1 feet;

Thence North $54^{\circ} 1'$ East 128 feet;

Thence North $43^{\circ} 43'$ East 734.8 feet;

Thence North $20^{\circ} 6'$ East 537.2 feet;

Thence North $21^{\circ} 12'$ West 345.8 feet;

Thence South $55^{\circ} 56'$ West 300 feet;

Thence South $40^{\circ} 14'$ West 200 feet;

Thence South 17° West 137.9 feet;

Thence South $66^{\circ} 22'$ West 887.1 feet;

Thence South $72^{\circ} 47'$ West 64.2 feet;

Thence North $47^{\circ} 12'$ West 1362 feet;

Thence West 1008 feet, to point of beginning as above described; containing 475.63 acres, more or less.

All lying and being in Sections 34 and 35 Township 34 South, Range 40 East, Saint Lucie County, Florida.

This Notice is given in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections may

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla., stamps and stamped envelopes	\$ 31.75
Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla., service on phones 258 and 776, April 1928	8.50
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla., service during March 1928	5.92
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla., service during March 1928	4.55
Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla., survey work during March 1928	1,451.86
M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla., expense account on trip to Gainesville— Re: Sutton	8.40
A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, Tallahassee, Fla., expense accounts, trips to Gainesville, Brooksville and West Florida	109.91
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Fla., recording mortgages and warranty deeds	10.00
Alvah Bushnell Company, Philadelphia, Pa., to 50 file pockets for Counsel and Land Department	11.13
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	\$1,642.02

Financial Statement for the month of March was approved and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH 1928

Balance in Fund March 1, 1928	\$394,407.96	
From Redemption of Drainage Tax Certificates	10,424.33	
From land sales under Chapter 9131, Acts of 1923, and Chapter 10024, Acts of 1925	873.26	
Amount collected on leases of lake bottom lands around Lake Okeechobee	969.00	
Refund by Clerk Circuit Court Palm Beach Co., in case Hardee vs. Harris	6.69	
From land sales (\$5,280.41) less 25% to State School Fund (\$1,320.10)	3,960.31	
	<hr/>	\$410,641.55
Less Disbursements	30,908.79	
Balance on hand April 1, 1928		\$379,732.76

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in banks	378,732.76	
	<hr/>	\$379,732.76

BALANCES IN BANKS APRIL 1, 1928

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 71,650.05
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	68,673.88
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	70,538.28
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	23,578.27
First National Bank, Miami Fla.	1,727.35

First-American Bk. & Tr. Co. West Palm Beach, Fla.	2,141.89
Capital City Bank, Talla- hassee, Fla.	38,812.51
The Exchange Bank, Talla- hassee, Fla.	26,241.54
Lewis State Bank, Talla- hassee, Fla.	35,814.94
Ft. Lauderdale Bk. & Tr. Co. Spl. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	39,554.05

\$378,732.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1928	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Mar. 13,	7267	Southern Telephone & Construction Co.	\$ 8.50
	7268	Western Union Telegraph Co.	6.09
	7269	Postal Telegraph Co.	2.61
	7270	M. C. McIntosh	25.86
	7271	Wallis Engineering Co.	1,522.33
	7272	H. R. Kaufman	5.00
	7273	P. C. Eldred	2.00
	7274	J. L. Holmberg	6.80
	7275	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	10.00
	7276	D. A. Dixon Company	7.15
	7277	Frank A. Brvan, C. C. C.	1.55
	7278	Leola May Van Horne	8.87
	7279	Marvin C. McIntosh	67.31
	7280	J. C. Luning, Treas., loan to Board of Fire Control	15,000.00
	7281	J. C. Luning, Treas., loan to Board of Fire Control	10,000.00
16,	7282	Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C.	276.51
	7283	A. R. Richardson	469.59
21,	7284	C. B. Gwynn	56.95
	7285	Hendry County Abstract & Real Estate Co.	24.50
	7286	Atlantic Title Company	174.00
31,	7287	C. B. Gwynn	300.00

7288	J. Stuart Lewis	100.00
7289	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
7290	A. R. Richardson	333.34
7291	Jentye Dedge	75.00
7292	Hattie Bell	41.67
7293	Elgin Bayless	233.34
7294	Mrs. Laura B. Hopkins	150.00
7295	R. W. Ervin	233.34
7296	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
7297	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
7298	L. O. Mordt	150.00
7299	M. C. McIntosh	150.00
7300	A. R. Richardson	340.79
7301	M. Squires (refund on taxes)	557.05
7302	Fred H. Davis	64.48
		\$30,908.79

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 1, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Application from Mr. George T. Badger of Sebastian, Florida, to purchase an Island in Sebastian River, containing 4.33 acres, lying in Township 30 South, Range 38 East, Indian River County, offering \$100.00 per acre, was considered.

Mr. Luning moved that the said Island be advertised for sale for competitive bids. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote duly adopted.

Mr. Mayo introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On the 14th of September, 1925, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, by Deed No. 17325, conveyed to Arthur Henderson Properties, Incorporated, a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, certain tracts of submerged land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, Florida, therein particularly described under and in pursuance of a certain contract therefor, made by said Trustees and Arthur O. Henderson of Dade County, Florida, which contract was on the 12th day of September 1925, duly assigned and transferred by said Henderson to said Corporation, the original copy of which instrument of assignment is on file in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to the execution of said deed the survey of the lands to be sold under said contract was completed; and

WHEREAS, The description of the lands in said deed is general in its nature and not as particular as the same might be; and

WHEREAS, Said complete survey now renders it possible to make a deed with the most exact description of said submerged lands; and

WHEREAS, Said Grantee, Arthur O. Henderson Properties, Incorporated, is willing to surrender said deed for cancellation, and has actually surrendered the same to the Commissioner of Agriculture, said deed never having been recorded in the public records of Dade County, Florida, or elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, There has been deposited with the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund the sum of \$21,757.14 on account of the purchase price of said lands; and

WHEREAS, There are two certain suits pending in the Circuit Court of Dade County, Florida, to enjoin said sale and the conveyance of said lands upon various grounds; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the surrender of said deed be and the same is hereby accepted and that said deed be and the same is hereby cancelled, and the Commissioner of Agriculture is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to cancel the same upon the condition that said sum of money, now on deposit, continue and remain on deposit as earnest money under said contract until the favorable termination of said litigation, whereupon said contract, as assigned as aforesaid, will be performed by the proper execution of deed in accordance with said complete survey and by the further execution of notes, mortgages and payment of moneys as therein provided.

The Resolution was adopted with the following vote:

Yeas: Amos, Luning and Mayo—3.

Nays: None.

Approved bills of the Board of Fire Control for the month of April 1928, amounting to \$8,262.10, were passed by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for payment.

As the Board of Fire Control is indebted to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, in the amount of \$45,071.73 for loans made from time to time to meet the current expenses of the said Board of Fire Control, it was ordered by the Trustees that the Treasurer pay to the Trustees from the Fire Tax Fund all money now in said Fire Tax Fund, except \$5,000.00, to be credited on the indebtedness of the Board of Fire Control to the Trustees.

A letter from Mr. John M. Sutton, Selecting Agent, for the Trustees, having been read and ordered filed, the State Treasurer introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Since the adoption, at the meeting of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund held on January 10, 1928, of a Resolution concerning the swamp-land contract with Mr. John M. Sutton, the

matter was postponed until April 3, 1928, at which time it was not then possible to hold any meeting of the Trustees, and it does not seem probable that such a meeting can be held for some time yet, at which all of the members of the Board can attend;

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, That this matter be postponed until some later date to be determined as early as possible.

The Resolution was adopted with the following vote:

Yeas: Amos, Luning, Mayo—3.

Nays: None.

The Secretary was directed to forward copy of said Resolution to Mr. Sutton.

Almours Securities, Inc., having made application on March 27, 1928, to purchase submerged land in Duval County, the following Notice was ordered placed in the Florida Times-Union:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 26, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 29th, 1928, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the J. M. Sanchez Grant, Section 41, Township 3 South, Range 26 East;

Thence North $88^{\circ} 51'$ East 862.5 feet;

Thence South $1^{\circ} 38'$ East 1077.9 feet;

Thence South $49^{\circ} 50'$ East 1487.2 feet;

Thence South $54^{\circ} 49'$ West 649.3 feet; to a Cypress tree marked with an X on the East side, standing on the margin of the St. Johns River, for a place of beginning.

Thence South $54^{\circ} 49'$ West 230.0 feet;

Thence South $50^{\circ} 19'$ East 688.0 feet; to the mouth of Christopher Creek;

Thence South 35° 11' East 78.5 feet to the South side of Christopher Creek;

Thence South 7° 24' West 448.5 feet; Thence South 5° 49' East 485.8 feet; thence South 19° 27' East 441 feet; Thence South 26° 37' East 582.3 feet; Thence South 42° 23' East 435.5 feet; to a point on the Northwesterly line of Lot 1, Block 62, Section G, San Jose, Recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 62 Public Records of Duval County, Florida, extended South 42° 49' West 540.3 feet from the Southernly side of Rio Grande Avenue;

Thence North 42° 49' East, 230 feet to the high tide line on the East margin of the St. Johns River; Thence Northerly along the high tide line on the East margin of the St. Johns River 3087.6 feet to the place of beginning. Excepting from the above description Christopher Creek, 78.50 feet in width.

Containing 15.88 acres, more or less, and lying and being in Duval County, Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Land Clerk—April 1928	\$	300.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla., Salary as Secretary—April 1928		100.00
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla., Salary as Counsel—April 1928		229.16

A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla., Salary as Field Agent—April 1928.....	333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla., Salary for April 1928	75.00
Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla., Salary for April 1928	41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla., Salary in Land Department—April 1928	233.34
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla., Salary in Land Department—April 1928	150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla., Salary as Tax Clerk—April 1928	233.34
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla., Salary in Tax Department—April 1928	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla., Salary in Tax Department—April 1928	125.00
L. O. Mordt, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Salary as Special Clerk—April 1928	150.00
American Railway Express Co., Tallahassee, Fla., to Express charges—April 1928 .....	.38
Marvin C. McIntosh, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla., Recording Deed from W. C. Foster and wife to Trustees I. I. Fund	1.55
Isabel Commeford, West Palm Beach, Fla., to taking testimony in cases of State vs. James H. Powell and State vs. William M. Smith	60.00
Miles Warren, West Palm Beach, Fla., Taking and transcribing testimony in case of State of Florida vs. Amos B. Knight	17.61
Roy A. O'Bannon, Tax Col., West Palm Beach, Fla., Drainage taxes on lands held by Trustees under Certificates—Sales of 1914 to 1924	25,185.96
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	\$ 27,386.35

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 7, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Upon motion duly made and carried the Trustees authorized the transfer of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund to the STATE OFFICE BUILDING FUND.

The Honorable State Treasurer was directed to make said transfer upon the Secretary furnishing him with certified copy of this minute.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 8, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Ed. A. Haley of Clearwater, purchaser of certain lands in Pinellas County, under Entry No. 17694, made application to the Trustees to have said Entry cancelled, (Deed not being recorded) and issue a new deed to A. L. Haley and Lillian Haley, his wife, upon conditions that he, Ed. A. Haley, make payment of all amounts now due on said Entry.

Mr. Mayo made motion that the request be granted upon condition that Mr. Ed. A. Haley furnish the Trustees with Abstract, showing the land clear of all encumbrances and evidence that all taxes have been paid.

Seconded by Mr. Luning, and upon vote adopted.

Application of the Jacksonville Sand Company of Duval County, Florida, to cancel their permit or lease to mine sand dated October 31, 1927, and which was filed with the Secretary March 4, 1928, was considered.

Mr. Luning moved that said Permit be cancelled and bond of Globe Indemnity Company of Newark, N. J., be released from further obligation.

Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to make bill for part of the indebtedness of the Board of Fire Control to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund in the amount of \$29,093.92 and transmit same to the Comptroller for payment from funds to the credit of the Fire Tax Fund in the custody of the State Treasurer.

Mr. Francis P. Whitehair, of Hull, Landis & Whitehair, Attorneys, DeLand, Florida, representing the City of New Smyrna, made application to purchase certain land in Volusia County, and the Trustees ordered the following advertisement placed in the DeLand Daily News:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 8th, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, June 19th, 1928, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in VOLUSIA COUNTY:

PARCEL "A."

From a meander corner on line between Sections 42 and 43 in Township 17 South,

Range 34 East, an iron pipe driven flush with the center wall and half way between the north and south end walls of the Old Stone Wharf and running North $34^{\circ} 30'$ West a distance of 748 feet;

Thence running North $22^{\circ} 45'$ West a distance of 1252 feet;

Thence running North $16^{\circ} 45'$ West a distance of 600 feet;

Thence running North $22^{\circ} 45'$ West a distance of 970 feet to its intersection with the South line of the Volusia County Highway Right-of-way;

Thence North $51^{\circ} 10'$ East along the South line of the Volusia County Highway Right-of-way a distance of 2550 feet to the point of beginning;

Thence South $38^{\circ} 45'$ East a distance of 620 feet to a point on the North Bank of the Indian River North.

Thence North $58^{\circ} 45'$ East along the North Bank of the Indian River a distance of 634 feet;

Thence North $38^{\circ} 45'$ West a distance of 679 feet;

Thence South $51^{\circ} 10'$ West a distance of 630 feet to the point of beginning.

Lying and being in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, and within the incorporated limits of the City of New Smyrna, Volusia County, State of Florida, as surveyed by N. A. Hotard, Civil Engineer.

Containing 9.4 acres, more or less.

PARCEL "B."

From a meander corner on line between Sections 42 and 43 in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, an iron pipe driven flush with the center wall and half way between the North and South end walls of the Old Stone wharf and running North $34^{\circ} 30'$ West a distance of 748 feet;

Thence running North $22^{\circ} 45'$ West a distance of 1252 feet;

Thence running North $16^{\circ} 45'$ West a distance of 600 feet;

Thence running North $22^{\circ} 45'$ West a distance of 970 feet to its intersection with the South line of the Volusia County Highway Right-of-way;

Thence North $51^{\circ} 10'$ East along the South line of Volusia County Highway Right-of-way a distance of 3470 feet to the point of beginning;

Thence South $38^{\circ} 45'$ East a distance of 739 feet to a point along the North bank of the Indian River North;

Thence North $61^{\circ} 30'$ East along the North Bank of the Indian River North a distance of 325 feet;

Thence North $50^{\circ} 30'$ East along the North Bank of the Indian River a distance of 500 feet;

Thence North $41^{\circ} 00'$ East along the North Bank of the Indian River North a distance of 600 feet;

Thence $19^{\circ} 45'$ East along the Northerly and Westerly bank of the Indian River North a distance of 200 feet;

Thence North $00^{\circ} 15'$ West along the Westerly bank of the Indian River North a distance of 400 feet;

Thence North $6^{\circ} 45'$ West along the Westerly bank of the Indian river North a distance of 398 feet to the Southeast corner of the Volusia County Highway Right-of-way;

Thence Southwesterly along the South line of the Volusia County Highway Right-of-way a distance of 440 feet;

Thence South $51^{\circ} 10'$ West along the South line of the Volusia County Highway Right-of-way a distance of 1764 feet to the point of beginning.

Lying and being in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, and within the incopated limits of the City of New Smyrna, Volusia County, State of Florida, as surveyed by N. A. Hotard, Civil Engineer.

Containing 33.49 acres, more or less.

PARCELS "C" AND "D."

From a meander corner on line between Sections 42 and 43 in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, an iron pipe driven flush with the center walls and half way between the North and South end walls of the Old Stone Wharf and running North $34^{\circ} 30'$ West a distance of 748 feet;

Thence running North $22^{\circ} 45'$ West a distance of 1252 feet;

Thence running North $16^{\circ} 45'$ West a distance of 600 feet;

Thence running North $22^{\circ} 45'$ West a distance of 970 feet to its intersection with the South line of the Volusia County highway right-of-way;

Thence North $40^{\circ} 25'$ West a distance of 150 feet to the North line of the Volusia County Highway right-of-way to the point of beginning;

Thence North $51^{\circ} 10'$ East along the North line of the Volusia County Highway right-of-way a distance of 5181 feet;

Thence Northeasterly along the North line of the Volusia County Highway right-of-way to the Northeast corner of the Volusia County Highway right-of-way a distance of 521 feet;

Thence North $14^{\circ} 00'$ East along the West bank of the Indian River North a distance of 279.5 feet;

Thence North $00^{\circ} 30'$ West along the West bank of the Indian River North a distance of 485.5 feet;

Thence North $5^{\circ} 15'$ West along the West bank of the Indian River North a distance of 932 feet;

Thence South $87^{\circ} 50'$ West a distance of 500 feet;

Thence South $2^{\circ} 55'$ East a distance of 1979 feet;

Thence $51^{\circ} 10'$ West a distance of 5561 feet;

Thence South 40° 25' East a distance of 509 feet to the point of beginning.

Lying and being in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, and within the incorporated limits of the City of New Smyrna, County of Volusia, State of Florida, as surveyed by N. A. Hotard, Civil Engineer. Containing 83.91 acres, more or less.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Services during April 1928	\$	1.22
Southern Telephone & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Services on Phones 258 and 776—May 1928		8.50
Wm. T. Hull, Clerk Circuit Court, LaBelle, Fla. Recording Instruments 9413 and 9414		3.00
J. R. Pomeroy, Clerk Circuit Court, Stuart, Fla. Recording Deeds		8.55
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Services during April 1928		2.27
Wallis Engineering Company, Tallahassee, Fla. Survey work during April 1928		987.93
Bob Simpson, Tax Collector, Miami, Fla. Drainage Taxes—Acreage, 1 Mill and Fire, on lands of Trustees in Dade County—1927		85.36

A. R. Richardson, Field Agent, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense account during April 1928	298.21
J. C. Luning, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. For Lillie M. Smith, Tax Col., Broward County, 1927 Tax on Certifi- cated lands title vested in Trustees	11,094.14
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	\$12,489.18

Financial Statement for the month of April, 1928,
read and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1928

Balance in Fund April 1, 1928	\$379,732.76
From redemption Drainage Tax Certificates	13,028.87
Interest on deposits quarter ending March 31	2,699.14
From Land Sales under Chap. 9131 Acts 1923, and Chap. 10024, Acts 1925	913.91
Interest on Deposits in Ft. Lauderdale Bank & Trust Co. 1-1-28 to 2-16-28, date Bank closed	148.33
Collected by A. R. Richard- son—Land Leases	623.47
From Land sales (\$1,755.30) less 25% to State School Fund (\$438.81)	1,316.49
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	\$398,462.97
Less Disbursements	1,642.02
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Balance on Hand May 1, 1928	\$396,820.95

RECAPITULATION

Cash and Cash Items	\$ 1,000.00
Balance in Banks	395,820.95
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	\$396,820.95

BALANCES IN BANKS MAY 1, 1928

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 72,189.15
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	69,186.88
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	82,727.45
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	23,754.62
First National Bank, Miami ...	41,442.68
First-American Bk. & Tr. Co., West Palm Beach.....	2,157.60
Capital City Bank, Talla- hassee, Fla.	41,841.42
The Exchange Bank, Talla- hassee, Fla.	26,438.34
Lewis State Bank, Tallahas- see, Fla.	36,082.81
	\$395,820.95

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1928	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Apr. 13,	7303	W. H. May, Postmaster	\$ 31.75
	7304	Southern Tel. & Constr. Co.	8.50
	7305	Western Union Tel. Co.....	5.92
	7306	Postal Tel-Cable Co.....	4.55
	7307	Wallis Engineering Co.....	1,451.86
	7308	M. C. McIntosh	8.40
	7309	A. R. Richardson	109.91
	7310	Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C.....	10.00
	7311	Alvah Bushnell	11.13
			\$1,642.02

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 15, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The City of Fort Pierce having made application January 24th, 1928 to purchase certain lands in St. Lucie County, and the Trustees having agreed on March 13th, 1928 to sell same at a price of \$50.00 an acre, and the land having been advertised for sale on this date, no objections being presented or filed, the sale was consummated to the City of Fort Pierce at the above price and the Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed.

The Trustees ordered Permit issued to Asa E. Maige for mining sand from the bottom of Oclocknee River for a period of Five years, upon the usual terms and conditions.

Attorney General Davis read a letter from Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher, United States Senator from Florida, relative to H. R. 11281, relating to the disposition of certain public lands in Florida and stated that the said Resolution should be amended, or should not become effective.

Mr. Luning moved that a Committee be appointed by the Chairman of the Trustees to confer with Senator Fletcher and take such action as would be to the best interest of the State.

Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

The appointment of a Committee was held in abeyance until a later date.

Mr. L. W. Hollingsworth of Fort Lauderdale made application to purchase lands in Broward County and

offered \$1,250.00 for 2.48 acres. This offer was accepted by the Trustees and the following advertisement ordered placed in the Fort Lauderdale News:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 15, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, June 26th, A. D. 1928, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

From the Northeast corner of Section 12, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, run South $86^{\circ} 00' 40''$ West, 350 feet along the North boundary of aforesaid section 12;

Thence South $42^{\circ} 26' 40''$ West, 559.7 feet to the point of beginning;

From the point of beginning run North $21^{\circ} 53' 40''$ East, 109.6 feet;

Thence North $6^{\circ} 42' 20''$ West 158.1 feet;

Thence North $86^{\circ} 09' 30''$ West 93.5 feet;

Thence South $33^{\circ} 44' 10''$ West 140.8 feet;

Thence South $68^{\circ} 57' 10''$ West 187.5 feet;

Thence South $20^{\circ} 07' 20''$ East 59.3 feet;

Thence South $23^{\circ} 00' 40''$ West 175.0 feet;

Thence South $69^{\circ} 31' 50''$ East 200.9 feet;

Thence South $37^{\circ} 25' 20''$ East, 108.5 feet;

Thence North $21^{\circ} 53' 40''$ East 315.30 feet; to the point of beginning.

Containing 2.48 acres, more or less.

Lying and being in Section 12, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, County of Broward, State of Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Mr. A. W. Fisher of St. Petersburg made application to purchase 1.12 acres of land in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, and Mr. W. O. Rouse of St. Petersburg applied to purchase 4.88 acres of land in Sections 29 and 30, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County.

The Trustees agreed to sell the said lands to applicants and ordered the following Notice advertised in the Clearwater Sun Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 15, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, June 26th, A. D. 1928, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

From the quarter Section corner on the West boundary of Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, run East 2253.00 feet;

Thence South 1200 feet to the point of beginning. Said point of beginning being also the Southwest corner of Tract of submerged land as described in Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund Deed No. 17,132;

From the point of beginning run South 205 feet on and along the projection South, of the West line of Lot 9, Leslie Subdivision in the Town of Gulfport;

Thence East 238.65 feet more or less, to the East line, projected, South of Lot 13 of aforesaid Leslie Subdivision;

Thence North 205 feet along the projected East line of aforesaid Lot 13 of Leslie Subdivision;

Thence West 238.65 feet more or less, along the South boundary of tract of submerged land as described in Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund Deed No. 17,132, to the point of beginning.

Containing 1.12 acres, more or less.

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

ALSO:

TRACT NO. 1.

From the point of beginning, same being the meander corner between Sections 29 and 32, of Township 31 South, Range 17 East, run East 813.43 feet;

Thence North $8^{\circ} 15'$ East 40.04 feet;

Thence West 814.15 feet;

Thence South $7^{\circ} 15'$ West, 40.32 feet along the original meander line to the point of beginning.

Containing 0.75 acres, more or less, and lying and being in Section 29, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, County of Pinellas, State of Florida.

TRACT NO. 2.

From the point of beginning, same being on the original meander line 1180 feet North of, and 77 feet West of the corner to Sections 29, 30, 31 and 32, of Township 31 South, Range 17 East, run East 1152.48 feet;

Thence North $8^{\circ} 15'$ East 154.60 feet;

Thence West 1200.93 feet;

Thence South $9^{\circ} 45'$ East 155.25 feet along the original meander line to the point of beginning.

Containing 4.13 acres, more or less.
Lying and being in Sections 29 and 30,
Township 31 South, Range 17 East, County of
Pinellas, State of Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, Tallahassee, Fla. Services during April 1928.....	\$ 7.95
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Services during April 1928	12.38
Southern Telephone & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services on Phone 585— May 1928	4.25
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense account trip to Jacksonville	32.64
D. A. Dixon Company, Tallahassee, Fla. Supplies for Secretary's Office	2.60
R. C. Baker, Sheriff, West Palm Beach, Fla. Service in Ejectment Suits	38.50
News Printing Company, Fort Pierce, Fla. Advertising Land Sale May 15th, 1928....	14.50
W. H. Marshall, Clerk Circuit Court, Panama City, Fla. Testimony in case of J. M. Sutton	68.50
F. C. Allen, Box 1750, Miami, Fla., to payment of Drainage Tax Certificate 418, sale of July 7, 1924.....	146.90

W. C. Foster Co., 222 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ill. To payment of Drainage Tax Certificate No. 472, Sale of July 6, 1925	183.51
J. H. Fears, Tax Collector, Everglades, Fla. Taxes due on certificated lands in Collier County	31.88
Bob Simpson, Tax Collector, Miami, Fla. Taxes due on Certificated lands in Dade County	336.46
D. F. Canfield, Tax Collector, Sebring, Fla. Taxes on Certificated lands in Highlands County	1,557.21
G. S. Moore, Tax Collector, Stuart, Fla. Taxes on Certificated lands in Martin County ...	100.66
Frank M. Tyler, Tax Collector, Fort Pierce, Fla. Taxes on Certificated lands in St. Lucie County	6.44
W. P. Andrews, Tax Collector, LaBelle, Fla. Taxes on Certificated lands in Hendry County	3,121.05
	<u>\$5,666.43</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, May 31, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Almours Securities, Inc., of Jacksonville, Florida, made application on March 27th, 1928 to purchase certain land in Duval County, and the Trustees agreed to sell the land at a price of \$100.00 per acre, subject to advertisement for objections as required by law. No objections being filed on March 29th, date advertised, and a quorum not being present, consummation of sale was postponed until this date, at which time sale was made to Almours Securities, Inc., and the Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture requested to issue deed.

The Trustees authorized the execution of Proxy to Mr. W. C. Lord of Palm Beach County, owner of land in Brown Drainage District, to vote the Trustees holdings in said Brown Drainage District at the meeting of the landowners to be held during June 1928.

Approved bills of the Board of Fire Control amounting to \$5,171.25 were passed by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that he issue warrants in payment of same upon funds to the credit of the Fire Tax Fund in the custody of the State Treasurer.

Mr. H. N. Meloche of St. Petersburg, Florida, having made application to purchase submerged land adjoining his upland property, offering \$100.00 per acre for same, the Trustees agreed to make sale, and the following advertisement was ordered placed in the Clearwater Sun-Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, May 22, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, June 26th, A. D. 1928, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

From the Southeast corner of Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, run North along Quarter Section line 2323.78 feet;

Thence South $89^{\circ} 59' 40''$ East, 1500.98 feet to the point of beginning.

Run thence South $89^{\circ} 59' 40''$ East 1848.48 feet; Thence North $0^{\circ} 00' 20''$ East, 270.00 feet; Thence North $89^{\circ} 59' 40''$ West, 1808.54 feet; Thence South $8^{\circ} 23' 57''$ West, 272.97 feet to the point of beginning first above described.

Containing 11.33 acres, more or less, and lying and being in the County of Pinellas, State of Florida.

Correct description to be furnished with deed.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—May 1928	\$	300.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary—May 1928		100.00
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel—May 1928		229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Field Agent—May 1928		333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for May 1928		75.00

Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for May 1928	41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—May 1928	233.34
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—May 1928	150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Tax Clerk—May 1928	233.34
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—May 1928	150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—May 1928	125.00
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. Stamped Envelopes—3000	\$67.42
Stamps	10.00
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	77.42
Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, Fla. Advertising Land Sale, May 29th, 1928	21.00
F. M. Tyler, Tax Collector, Ft. Pierce, Fla. Advertising Delinquent Tax Sale—St. Lucie County	1.50
Lillie M. Smith, T. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Taxes on lands of Trustees in Broward Drainage District—Broward County	875.24
J. P. Moore, T. C., Moore Haven, Fla. Taxes on lands of Trustees in Glades County in Disston Island Drainage District	2,855.18
W. P. Andrews, T. C., LaBelle, Fla. Taxes on lands of Trustees in Hendry County within South Florida Conservancy Dis- trict	3,656.70
Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. Taxes on lands of Trustees in Palm Beach County within, South Florida Conservancy District	\$18,533.10
Brown Drainage District	1,599.63
Highland-Glades Drainage District	5,255.86
Pelican Lake Drainage District	2,782.69
Pahokee Drainage District	378.00
(Balance)	
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	28,549.28

Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla., balance due on Drainage Taxes in Palm Beach County—Certificated lands	27.92
	\$ 38,035.09

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 19, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees dated December 13th, 20th, 30th, 1927; January 3rd, 7th, 10th, 12th, 24th, 31st; February 15th, 28th; March 6th, 13th, 16th, 20th, 27th; April 12th; and May 1st, 7th, 8th, 15th, and 31st, 1928, read and approved.

The Trustees having on May 8th, ordered advertised for sale on this date submerged land in Volusia County upon application to purchase from the City of New Smyrna, and no objections being filed or presented, the sale was made to the said City of New Smyrna at a price of \$50.00 an acre. The Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to issue deed.

The Board of Public Instruction of Glades County, made application for two acres of land in the Town of Moore Haven, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, for School purposes.

After discussion, Mr. Luning moved that one acre of land be deeded to the County of Glades for School Purposes only, upon payment of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees ordered that Pahokee Drainage District taxes for 1926 and 1927, on lands on which they hold mortgages, be paid.

Mr. W. R. Rannie of Jacksonville made application to purchase approximately 56 acres of land in Sections 17, 19 and 20, Township 54 South, Range 42 East—Dade County. The Trustees advised Mr. Rannie that they would advertise the land for sale at competitive bids, provided he would agree to bid not less than \$300.00 per acre on date of sale, and also deposit \$500.00 as good faith.

Mr. Rannie accepted the proposition of the Trustees and the land was ordered advertised as above agreed.

Messrs. Valz and Hawkins appeared before the Trustees and made application to lease certain lands of the Trustees in Glades County for a Hunting Preserve.

The Trustees agreed to lease the land for a period of ten (10) years, provided the Lessee pays all taxes on said land and Twenty Cents (20c) per acre additional to said tax, which terms were satisfactory to Messrs. Valz and Hawkins.

Miss Miller Douds made application to purchase the submerged land in front of her property at St. Petersburg, and it was ordered by the Trustees that the land be advertised for objections only as follows:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 21st, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, July 24th, A. D. 1928, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Beginning at a point which is 854 feet North of and 834.9 feet West of the Southeast corner of Section 4, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida; said point being at the high water mark of Clearwater Bay.

Run thence West 350 feet to the East bank of Government Channel;

Run thence North $17^{\circ} 30'$ East 52.4 feet and along said channel;

Run thence East 350 feet to said high water mark;

Run thence South $17^{\circ} 30'$ West, 52.4 feet, along said high water mark to the point of beginning.

Containing .401 acres. Lying and being in Section 4, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, State of Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Mr. George T. Badger of Sebastian, Florida, made application to purchase land in Indian River County, and offered to bid not less than \$100.00 per acre on date of sale.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids and the following advertisement was placed in the Vero Beach Press and Journal, Vero Beach, Florida:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 13th, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will receive competitive bids in open session at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, July 17th, 1928, at Tallahassee, for the following described land in Indian River County, Florida:

From the quarter corner between Section 1, Township 31 South, Range 38 East, and Section 6, Township 31 South, Range 39 East, run North along the range line 1056.6 feet to the Fleming Grant line;

Thence South 45° West 1813.5 feet along the boundary of Fleming Grant;

Thence North 45° West, 8057.9 feet;

Thence North 37° 5' West, 1520.7 feet to the point of beginning.

From the point of beginning run North 45° 30' West, 250 feet;

Thence North 44° 30' East 823.4 feet;

Thence South 45° 30' East 250.0 feet;

Thence South 44° 30' West, 823.4 feet to the point of beginning.

Lying and being in Township 30 South, Range 38 East, Indian River County, State of Florida.

Containing 4.73 acres, more or less.

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

sale may have an opportunity to present same on date of sale as therein prescribed.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Mr. L. L. Stuckey of Pahokee, appeared before the Trustees and requested an adjustment on lands leased on account of clearing.

After discussion, and upon suggestion of Mr. Richardson, Field Agent, the Trustees agreed to credit Mr. Stuckey with \$2,000.00 on renewal of his lease.

Supplemental Plat of Sections 5, 8 and 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, showing subdivision of lands between 17 foot contour and original meander of Lake Okeechobee, surveyed by Wallis Engineering Company for upland owners in afore-said Sections, was adopted by the Trustees for sale of lands in that locality.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Services during May 1928.....	\$.92
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla., services during May 1928	1.78
Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tal- lahassee, Fla. Services on Phones 258 and 776—June 1928.....	8.50
Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Survey work during May 1928.....	435.80
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense account as Field Agent during May 1928	260.61
D. A. Dixon Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Supplies Secretary's Office	1.75

The News Publishing Co., DeLand, Fla. Advertising land sale Volusia County—June 19th	51.75
Frank A. Bryan, Clerk Ct. Ct., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., recording deed—Ray Jenne to Trustees	1.55
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Ct. Ct., West Palm Beach, Fla. Recording Deeds—A. H. Ramsey, Ketchum Tobacco Co., and J. M. Griffin to Trustees	5.10
H. R. Kaufman, Tallahassee, Fla. Service on Line-a-Time in Tax Dept.	2.50
	\$ 770.26

Financial Statement for the month of May 1928, was read and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY 1928

Balance in Fund May 1, 1928	\$396,820.95
From Redemption of Drainage Tax Certs.	22,052.48
From Secretary on account of payment on Ford Car ...	112.50
Refund by Clerk of Supreme Court of the U. S., in re: Trustees I.I. Fund of Fla. v. s. Townsend, Adm'r, case No. 1209, October Term 1884—dismissed	160.55
Refund by Fire Tax Fund on account of funds advances	29,093.92
From Board of Commissioners Everglades Drainage District—part payment on \$150,000.00 note	11,094.14
Collections made on account land leases	1,171.90

Refund by Dade County account over payment		
Drainage taxes	3.89	
From Land sales (\$9,423.85)		
less 25% to State School Fund (\$2,355.96)	7,067.89	
	<u>\$467,578.22</u>	
Less Disbursements	98,576.05	
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Balance on hand June 1, 1928		\$369,002.17

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks	368,002.17	
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		\$369,002.17

BALANCES IN BANKS JUNE 1, 1928

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 72,945.15	
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	80,281.02	
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	68,666.41	
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	23,754.62	
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	41,442.68	
First-American Bk. & Tr. Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	2,157.60	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	16,233.54	
The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	26,438.34	
Lewis State, Tallahassee, Fla.	36,082.81	
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		\$368,002.17

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1928	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
May 1,	7312	C. B. Gwynn.....	\$ 300.00
	7313	J. Stuart Lewis.....	100.00
	7314	M. C. McIntosh.....	229.16
	7315	A. R. Richardson.....	333.34
	7316	Jentye Dedge.....	75.00
	7317	Hattie Bell.....	41.67
	7318	Elgin Bayless.....	233.34
	7319	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins.....	150.00
	7320	R. W. Ervin.....	233.34
	7321	Edwin Barnes, Jr.....	150.00
	7322	Mrs. Carrie Ervin.....	125.00
	7323	L. O. Mordt.....	150.00
	7324	American Railway Ex- press Co.....	.38
	7325	M. C. McIntosh.....	1.55
	7326	Isabelle Commeford.....	60.00
	7327	Miles Warren, C. C. C.....	17.61
	7328	Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. —Drainage Taxes.....	10,000.00
	7329	Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. —Drainage Taxes.....	15,185.96
8,	7330	J. C. Luning, St. Tr. Acct. State Office Bldg.....	15,000.00
9,	7331	Postal Telegraph - Cable Co.....	1.22
	7332	Southern Telephone & Construction Co.....	8.50
	7333	Wm. T. Hull, C. C. C.....	3.00
	7334	J. R. Pomeroy, C. C. C.....	8.55
	7335	Western Union Tel. Co.....	2.27
	7336	Wallis Engineering Co.....	989.93
	7337	Bob Simpson, T. C.....	85.36
	7338	A. R. Richardson.....	298.21
	7339	J. C. Luning, for Lillie M. Smith, T. C., etc.....	11,094.14
16,	7340	Postal Telegraph - Cable Co.....	7.95
	7341	Western Union Tel. Co.....	12.38

	7342	Southern Telephone & Construction Co.....	4.25
	7343	Fred H. Ravis, Attorney General	32.64
	7344	D. A. Dixon Co.....	2.60
	7345	R. C. Baker, Sheriff.....	38.50
	7346	News Printing Co.....	14.50
	7347	W. H. Marshall.....	68.50
	7348	F. C. Allen.....	146.90
	7349	W. C. Foster Co.....	183.51
	7350	J. H. Fears, T. C.....	31.88
	7351	Bob Simpson, T. C.....	336.46
	7352	D. F. Canfield, T. C.....	1,557.21
	7353	G. S. Moore, T. C.....	100.66
	7354	Frank M. Tyler, T. C.....	6.44
	7355	Cancelled	
	7356	W. P. Andrews, T. C.....	3,121.05
31,	7357	R. W. Ervin.....	233.34
	7358	Mrs. Carrie Ervin.....	125.00
	7359	C. B. Gwynn.....	300.00
	7360	J. Stuart Lewis.....	100.00
	7361	M. C. McIntosh.....	229.16
	7362	A. R. Richardson.....	333.34
	7363	Jentye Dedge.....	75.00
	7364	Hattie Bell.....	41.67
	7365	Elgin Bayless.....	233.34
	7366	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins.....	150.00
	7367	Edwin Barnes, Jr.....	150.00
	7368	W. H. May, Postmaster.....	77.42
	7369	Florida Times-Union.....	21.00
	7370	F. M. Tyler, T. C.....	1.50
	7371	Lillie M. Smith, T. C. (Tax on Trustees land)	875.24
	7372	J. P. Moore, T. C. (Taxes on Trustees land).....	2,855.18
	7373	W. P. Andrews, T. C. (Tax on Trustees land)	3,656.70
	7374	Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. (Tax on Trustees land)	28,549.28
	7375	Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. (Tax on Trustees land)	27.92
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			\$ 98,576.05

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 20, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Messrs. Amos and Luning, Committee appointed November 30th, 1926, to make settlement with Pennsylvania Sugar Company under a certain contract dated October 15, 1921, presented the following report:

“June 20, 1928.

Honorable Board of Trustees,
Internal Improvement Fund,
The Building.
Gentlemen:

Your Committee appointed to investigate the transactions between the Pennsylvania Sugar Company and the Trustees beg to say that they have gone carefully into all of said matters and respectfully submit the report hereto attached and recommend that the same be adopted and deeds be passed between the parties for the lands as mentioned therein.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LUNING,
State Treasurer.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller.”

REPORT

MEMORANDUM RE: CONTRACT BETWEEN
TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT
FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
AND PENNSYLVANIA SUGAR COM-
PANY DATED OCTOBER 15th, 1921.

The original contract called for the purchase of approximately 62,420 acres, the same to be paid for in annual installments of \$50,000.00 per year, on the 30th day of December in each year, until the land should have been paid for at the price of \$7.00 per acre.

The Pennsylvania Sugar Company made the following payments:

1921—Pro-rated	\$ 8,333.34
1922—Annual payment, Dec. 30th	50,000.00
1923—Annual payment, Dec. 30th	50,000.00
1924—Annual payment, Dec. 30th	50,000.00
1925—Annual payment, Dec. 30th	50,000.00
1926—Pro-rated payment (at termination)	45,068.49
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Total payments to Trustees	\$253,401.83

ACREAGE WHICH PENNSYLVANIA SUGAR
COMPANY IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE

Paragraph Seventh of the Agreement between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Pennsylvania Sugar Company reads as follows:

“SEVENTH. In the event that Pennsylvania should neglect, fail or refuse to make full payment for the lands herein specified, or in case Pennsylvania should terminate and surrender this contract under the provisions of Paragraph Fifth hereof, then all sums theretofore paid by Pennsylvania to the Trustees on account of this contract shall be retained by the Trustees; PROVIDED, however, That

if all drainage taxes levied upon the said lands shall have been paid to the date thereof, then Pennsylvania shall be entitled to receive from the Trustees a deed of conveyance, free and clear of all encumbrances, of one acre of land for each Ten Dollars (\$10.00) paid to the Trustees by Pennsylvania in a tract of not less than Ten Thousand (10,000) contiguous acres, to be selected by Pennsylvania from the above described lands. Furthermore, that a conveyance of lands by the Trustees to Pennsylvania in such case shall constitute a final settlement so as to release both parties from any further liabilities or obligations under this contract."

From the foregoing it is clear that Pennsylvania is entitled to receive from the Trustees, a Deed of Conveyance for each \$10.00 paid, or a total of 25,340 acres Less acreage conveyed to Pennsylvania by

Trustees Deed of 7/15/25	6,100 acres
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Remaining acres to be deeded to	
Pennsylvania Sugar Company	19,240 acres

Under the provisions of Paragraph Seventh, it is to be noted that Pennsylvania has the right to select the acreage to be conveyed to it.

RIGHT OF TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

Paragraph Fifth of the Contract provides as follows:

"Fifth. The Trustees covenant and agree for the consideration herein stated that Pennsylvania shall have and is hereby given the unqualified and absolute right, option and discretion at any time during the continuance of this agreement to determine, cancel, rescind and surrender this contract to purchase the above described lands, without any further liability whatsoever upon its part, and all the obligations and undertakings herein specified to be performed on the part of Pennsylvania shall

thereupon immediately cease and become of no further force and effect. Provided, however, that Pennsylvania shall be liable for the pro-rata amount of the annual payment for any fractional portion of the year extending from the thirtieth day of December to the date next following when Pennsylvania shall terminate and surrender this contract. In the event that Pennsylvania shall exercise this right of cancellation and surrender it shall give written notice thereof by registered mail to the Trustees at their office at Tallahassee, Florida, and shall execute such releases or other assurances in law or enter such satisfactions of record as the Trustees may reasonably request. And provided, further, That Pennsylvania shall be liable for the drainage taxes levied upon the said lands for the year in which the termination and surrender of this contract shall be made."

Pennsylvania gave notice of its election to terminate, cancel, surrender and rescind the contract by notice dated November 4th, 1926, (Mr. Earle's letter), and more formally given on November 24th, 1926, (Mr. Barnes' letter).

Pursuant to the provisions of the contract, the annual payment of \$50,000.00 for the year 1926, was pro-rated in the sum of \$45,068.49, representing the period from December 30th, 1925, to November 24th, 1926. This payment was acknowledged by the Trustees under date of February 11th, 1927, with the statement that said payment was accepted as "the pro-rated payment for 1926."

DRAINAGE TAXES

With respect to the Drainage taxes, it was provided in Paragraph Fourth as follows:

"Fourth. As a further consideration for this contract Pennsylvania agrees to assume and pay promptly hereafter when and as the same fall due and become payable all drainage taxes

levied upon the said lands from and after the year 1921, (but not including those for the calendar year 1921)."

In Paragraph Fifth it was provided that in the event of the termination of the contract as follows:

"And provided further, That Pennsylvania shall be liable for the drainage taxes levied upon the said lands for the year in which the termination and surrender of this contract shall be made."

Accordingly Pennsylvania was liable for the Drainage taxes on all of the lands for the year 1926, i.e. the year in which termination and surrender of the contract was made. It was not liable for the drainage taxes on all of the lands for the succeeding year of 1927, but only upon the 19,240 acres for which it was entitled to have a Deed.

In order to avoid the heavy penalties on drainage taxes, and the sale of the land for taxes, Pennsylvania paid the 1927 drainage taxes on all of said lands and it is, therefore, entitled to have from the Trustees a refund upon the 37,080 acres which are to be retained by the Trustees and released by Pennsylvania Sugar Company.

The 1927 drainage taxes paid by Pennsylvania Sugar Company were as follows:

		1927
	Acres	Drainage Taxes
On lands to be retained by Trustees	37,080	\$ 36,262.68
On lands to be conveyed to Pennsylvania Sugar Co.....	19,240	18,569.04
Total.....	56,320	\$ 54,831.72

(Attached hereto is a statement setting forth the lands for which Pennsylvania is requesting a Deed from the Trustees, with the 1927 drainage taxes noted thereon; and likewise a list setting forth the lands to

be retained by the Trustees and released and quit-claimed by Pennsylvania Sugar Company).

LANDS PAID FOR TO BE DEEDED TO
PENNSYLVANIA SUGAR COMPANY

Township 52—Range 37	Acres	Taxes paid in 1927
Section 13—South Half	320	229.12
Section 14—South Half	320	229.12
Section 15—South Half	320	229.12
Section 16—South Half	320	229.12
Section 17—SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	40	28.64
Section 19—All	640	586.24
Section 20—All	640	586.24
Section 21—All	640	586.24
Section 22—All	640	586.24
Section 23—All	640	586.24
Section 24—All	640	586.24
Section 25—All	640	586.24
Section 26—All	640	586.24
Section 27—All	640	586.24
Section 28—All	640	586.24
Section 29—All	640	586.24
Section 30—All	640	586.24
Section 31—All	640	458.24
Section 32—All	640	458.24
Section 33—All	640	458.24
Section 34—All	640	458.24
Section 35—All	640	458.24
Section 36—All	640	458.24
Township 52—Range 38		
Section 19—All	640	598.40
Section 20—All	640	854.40
Section 21—All	640	854.40
Section 22—All	640	918.40
Section 23—All	640	918.40
Section 24—All	640	1,014.40
Section 25—North Half	320	597.70
Section 26—North Half	320	480.70
Section 27—North Half	320	480.70

Township 52—Range 38	Acres	Taxes Paid in 1927
Section 28—North Half	320	480.70
Section 29—North Half	320	320.70
Section 30—North Half	320	320.70
Township 51—Range 38		
Section 16—All	640	Mr. Earle
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	19,240	\$ 18,569.04

LANDS TO BE RETAINED BY TRUSTEES AND
RELEASED BY PENNSYLVANIA SUGAR CO.

Township 51—Range 37	Acres	Taxes paid in 1927
Section 2—All	640	705.28
Section 3—All	640	705.28
Section 4—All	640	449.28
Section 5—All	640	449.28
Section 6—All	640	449.28
Section 7—All	640	577.28
Section 8—All	640	577.28
Section 9—All	640	577.28
Section 10—All	640	833.28
Section 11—All	640	833.28
Section 13—All	640	833.28
Section 14—All	640	833.28
Section 15—All	640	833.28
Section 16—All	640	577.28
Section 17—All	640	577.28
Section 18—All	640	577.28
Section 19—All	640	449.28
Section 20—All	640	449.28
Section 21—All	640	449.28
Section 22—All	640	705.28
Section 23—All	640	705.28
Section 24—All	640	705.28
Section 25—All	640	705.28
Section 26—All	640	705.28
Section 27—All	640	705.28
Section 28—All	640	449.28
Section 29—All	640	449.28

	Acres	Taxes paid in 1927
Township 51—Range 37		
Section 30—All	640	449.28
Section 31—All	640	577.28
Section 32—All	640	577.28
Section 33—All	640	833.28
Section 34—All	640	833.28
Section 35—All	640	833.28
Section 36—All	640	833.28
Township 52—Range 37		
Section 1—All	640	586.24
Section 2—All	640	586.24
Section 3—All	640	586.24
Section 4—All	640	586.24
Section 5—All	640	586.24
Section 6—All	640	586.24
Section 7—All	640	458.24
Section 8—All	640	458.24
Section 9—All	640	458.24
Section 10—All	640	458.24
Section 11—All	640	458.24
Section 12—All	640	458.24
Section 13—North Half	320	229.12
Section 14—North Half	320	229.02
Section 15—North Half	320	229.12
Section 16—North Half	320	229.12
Section 17—All Except SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	600	429.60
Section 18—All	640	458.24
Township 52—Range 38		
Section 7—South Half	320	384.64
Section 8—South Half	320	416.64
Section 9—South Half	320	416.64
Section 10—South Half	320	416.64
Section 11—South Half	320	464.70
Section 12—South Half	320	464.70
Section 14—All	640	790.40
Section 15—All	640	790.40
Section 16—All	640	790.40
Section 17—All	640	726.40
Section 18—All	640	726.40
TOTALS	37,080	\$ 36,262.68

Mr. Mayo moved that the above report be approved and accepted by the Trustees. Seconded by Governor Martin and upon vote unanimously adopted by all present.

Mr. H. Edgar Barnes, representing Pennsylvania Sugar Company, presented the following Deed:

THIS INDENTURE, Made this 14th day of June, A. D. 1928, between the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, a Corporation existing under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and duly licensed to do business in the State of Florida, party of the first part, and JOHN W. MARTIN, Governor, ERNEST AMOS, Comptroller, J. C. LUNING, Treasurer, FRED H. DAVIS, Attorney General, and NATHAN MAYO, Commissioner of Agriculture, of and composing the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, parties of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, and other good and valuable considerations to it in hand paid by said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has remised, released, and quit-claimed, and by these Presents doth remise, release and quit-claim unto the said parties of the second part, and their successors in office, all the right, title, interest, claim and demand which the party of the first part hath in and to all those certain Everglades lands, situate, lying and being in the Counties of Dade and Broward, State of Florida, and more particularly described as follows:

All of Sections two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), thirteen (13), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), eighteen (18), nineteen (19), twenty (20), twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26), twenty-seven (27), twenty-eight (28), twenty-nine (29), thirty (30), thirty-one (31), thirty-two (32), thirty-three (33), thirty-four (34),

thirty-five (35), and thirty-six (36), in Township Fifty-one (51) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East.

All of Section one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), and twelve (12), the North half of Sections thirteen (13), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), and sixteen (16); All of Section seventeen (17), (except the Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$); and all of Section eighteen (18), in Township Fifty-two (52) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East.

The South half of Sections seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), twelve (12); All of Sections fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), and eighteen (18), in Township Fifty-two (52) South, Range Thirty-eight (38) East.

The said lands containing approximately 37,080 acres, more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and all the estate, right, title, interest and claim whatsoever of the said party of the first part, either in law or in equity, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the parties of the second part, and their Successors in Office, and particularly insofar as the hereinabove described lands are concerned does the party of the first part release, quit-claim and forever discharge the parties of the second part, and their Successors in Office, of and from any and all claims and demands whatsoever upon said lands arising out of, or created by and under a certain contract or agreement in writing between the aforesaid Pennsylvania Sugar Company, and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, dated the fifteenth day of October, 1921.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The party of the first part has caused these Presents to be signed in its name,

by its President, and its corporate seal to be affixed, attested by its Secretary the day and year above written.

PENNSYLVANIA SUGAR COMPANY,

(SEAL)

By JOHN A. McCARTHY,

President.

Katherine G. Herzberg.

H. Edgar Barnes.

As to Penn. Sugar Co.

ATTEST:

H. H. Jones,

Secretary.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA)
) SS:
 COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA)

I hereby certify, that on this 14th day of June, A. D. 1928, before me personally appeared J. A. McCarthy, and H. H. Jones, respectively, President and Secretary of the PENNSYLVANIA SUGAR COMPANY, a Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, registered and authorized to transact business in Florida, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing Quit-claim Deed to the TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, and severally acknowledged the execution thereof to be their free act and deed as such officers, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned; and that they affixed thereto the official seal of said Corporation, and the said instrument is the act and deed of said Corporation.

WITNESS my signature and official seal at Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, the day and year last aforesaid.

KATHERINE G. HERZBERG,

(SEAL)

Notary Public.

My Commission expires February 21st, 1931.

The foregoing deed was accepted by the Trustees.

WHEREUPON, Mr. Mayo moved that the Secretary secure check from the Treasurer for the sum of \$36,050.27 in favor of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, being reimbursement to said Company for taxes paid on lands of the Trustees, (which taxes should have been paid by the Trustees) which payment by the Company relieved the Trustees of penalty of 24% per annum on said lands for the 1927 taxes. Motion duly seconded and adopted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Pennsylvania Sugar Company, Philadelphia, Pa. To reimbursement of taxes paid by Pennsylvania Sugar Co., on lands of Trustees I. I. Fund.....	\$36,050.27
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Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, June 26, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Upon the application of Mr. H. N. Meloche of St. Petersburg, Florida, the Trustees advertised for sale on this date 11:33 acres of land in Pinellas County, Section 19, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, and no objections being filed or presented, the sale was made to Mr. Meloche at a price of \$100.00 per acre. Whereupon Deed was ordered issued.

The Trustees advertised for sale on this date, upon application of A. W. Fisher to purchase 1.12 acres of submerged land in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, and application of W. O. Rouse to purchase 0.75 acres in Section 29, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, and 4.13 acres in Sections 29 and 30, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, all in Pinellas County. No objections being presented or filed, sales were made to applicants at a price of \$100.00 per acre and deeds ordered issued to Mr. A. W. Fisher and Mr. W. O. Rouse.

Lands in Section 12, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, 2.48 acres in Broward County, applied for by L. W. Hollingsworth on an offer of \$1,250.00, and advertised for sale on this date, was postponed for further consideration as protests were filed by Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Commodore A. H. Brook and Gilbert A. Youngberg.

Messrs. O. B. McClure and T. W. Cranford made application for adjustment on lands leased from the Trustees on account of clearing same.

After discussion it was agreed to allow Messrs. McClure and Cranford the same adjustment as granted to L. L. Stuckey at a meeting of June 19th, 1928, viz: \$10.58 per acre when renewal lease is executed with above parties.

Mr. C. L. Wilder of Pahokee appeared before the Trustees and requested that deed be executed to him for lands between the meander line and Lake Okeechobee level, in front of Lots 5 and 6, Section 24, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, in exchange for lands outside of Lake Okeechobee Levee in front of his lands in Section 24, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, and Section 19, Township 42 South, Range 37 East.

The Trustees advised Mr. Wilder that they would take the proposition under consideration and notify him of their decision.

Mr. William J. Wood of Fort Myers, Florida, representing San Marco Corporation, made application to purchase land in Collier County, and the following advertisement was ordered placed in the Collier County News, Everglades, Florida.

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 25th, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, July 31st, A. D. 1928, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in COLLIER County, Florida.

The submerged or sovereignty land adjacent to the Lots 5 and 7 of Section 5, Township 52 South, Range 26 East, more particularly described as follows:

TRACT "A."

From the point of beginning which is a concrete permanent reference monument, accepted as being the Southwest corner of Lot 7 of aforesaid Section 5, and which monument is 3047.8 feet west of, and 1822.5 feet North of a concrete monument which is accepted as being the corner to Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9 of Township 52 South, Range 26 East; Run

Thence North 27° 12' East 1052 feet;
 Thence North 7° 47' West 211.8 feet;
 Thence North 55° 20' West 345.0 feet;
 Thence North 42° 37' West 386.0 feet;
 Thence North 24° 13' West 461.4 feet;
 Thence South 7° 44' East, 2035.0 feet,
 more or less, to the point of beginning.

Containing 13.3 acres, more or less.

TRACT "B."

From the point of beginning, which is a concrete permanent reference monument, accepted as being the Southeast corner of Lot 7, Section 5, Township 52 South, Range 26 East, and which monument is South 89° 40' East, 1287.8 feet from the monument accepted as the Southwest corner of aforesaid Lot 7; run

Thence North 17° 58' East 747.3 feet to a concrete permanent reference monument;

Thence Southwesterly along the shore to the point of beginning.

Containing 1.6 acres, more or less.

Tracts "A" and "B" containing a total of 14.9 acres. Lying and being in Section 5, Township 52 South, Range 26 East, Collier County, State of Florida. Plat of same to be attached to and a part of deed.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control, amounting to \$7,534.78 approved by said Board, were passed for payment by the Trustees and checks ordered issued.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—June 1928	\$	300.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Secretary—June 1928		100.00
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel—June 1928		229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Field Agent—June 1928		333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for June 1928		75.00
Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for June 1928		41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—June 1928		233.34
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—June 1928		150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Tax Clerk—June 1928		233.34
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—June 1928		150.00
Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—June 1928		125.00
D. A. Dixon Company, Tallahassee, Fla. To office Supplies—June 1928		2.25
Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. To Recording Deed R. H. Bagley and Wife to Trustees I. I. Fund		1.85
T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. To Office Supplies—June 1928		22.50
Vero Beach Press-Journal, Vero Beach, Fla., to advertising land sale		15.00
Clearwater Sun-Herald, Clearwater, Fla. To Advertising two land sales		39.00
Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. Pahokee Drainage District Taxes—1927		1,478.74
R. E. Kurtz, Atty., Pahokee Drainage District, Fort Myers, Fla. Delinquent Drainage Taxes on lands of Trustees in Pahokee Dr. Dist. (This check No. 7388 cancelled and Check No. 7390 for		

\$2,757.02 issued to Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C. Palm Beach county, in lieu there- of)	2,757.02
J. P. Moore, Tax Collector, Moore Haven, Fla. Drainage Taxes on Certificated lands in Glades County	5,782.98
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	\$ 12,070.19

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 3, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

The Secretary presented letter from The Bayshore Company of Jacksonville, Florida, addressed to Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, advising the Trustees that they had removed 4200 tons of shell under verbal permit with the Trustees and enclosing check for \$210.00 in payment of same; also advising that their company would not need any more shell, as the road work for which the shell was used, is completed.

It was ordered by the Trustees that the amount be accepted and turned over to the School Fund, and the Secretary be directed to advise The Bayshore Company that this closes their permit for dredging shell.

The Trustees ordered the following advertisement placed in the Miami Herald, asking for bids on certain land in Dade County:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 3, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will receive competitive bids in open session, at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, August 14th, 1928, at Tallahassee, for the following described land in DADE County, Florida:

Lot 1 of Section 9;
 Lot 1 of Section 17;
 Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Section 20;
 Lots 1 and 2 of Section 21;
 All in Township 54 South, Range 42 East.
 Containing 66.12 acres in Dade County,
 Florida.

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

TERMS: Cash, or One-fourth cash and balance in One, Two and Three years, with 6 per cent interest on deferred payments.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
 Governor.

ATTEST:
 J. Stuart Lewis,
 Secretary.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control for the month of June amounting to \$7,534.78 were approved by the Trustees for payment from the Fire Tax Fund and ordered submitted to the Honorable Comptroller for warrants to be issued.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla., 1924 Pahokee Drainage District taxes	\$433.00
Bob Simpson, T. C., Miami, Fla. To 1 Mill, Acreage, and Fire taxes for 1927	197.90
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense account trip to Jacksonville Re: Deering v. Trustees	60.92
Obe P. Goode, St. Augustine, Fla. Services in taking deposition for State of Florida in case of United States v. State of Florida	12.11
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services for June 1928	8.13
Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To four blueprints of Map showing Shoals in Biscayne Bay	3.00
Southern Tel. & Constr. Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services on Phone 258	4.25
Postal Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services during June 1928	18.37
Dixon Transfer Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Drayage50
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	\$738.18

Financial Statement for the month of June was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE 1928

Bal. in Fund June 1, 1928	\$369,002.17
From redemption Drainage Tax Certificates	6,253.64
From Secretary account payment on Ford Car	56.25

From Land sales Ch. 9131, Acts 1923, & Ch. 10024, Acts 1925.....	4,898.41	
Collections made account Land Leases.....	13,601.05	
Refund in Ejectment Case No. 4790—Trustees I. I. Fund vs. H. L. Douglas.....	3.95	
To adjust error in May re- conciliation in balancing Capital City Bank Ac- count.....	875.24	
From land sales (\$67,967.74) Less 25% to State School Fund (\$16,991.92).....	50,975.82	
	<u>\$445,666.53</u>	
Less Disbursements.....	46,839.27	
Balance on hand July 1, 1928		\$398,827.26

RECAPITULATION

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks.....	397,827.26	
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		\$398,827.26

BALANCES IN BANK JULY 1, 1928

Atlantic National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.....	\$ 97,577.53
Barnett National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.....	80,281.02
Florida National Bank, Jack- sonville, Fla.....	58,916.08
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.....	23,754.62
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.....	41,442.68
First-Am. Bk. & Tr. Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.....	2,157.60
Capital City Bank, Talla- hassee, Fla.....	31,176.58

The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	26,438.34	
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	36,082.81	
		<u>\$397,827.26</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1928	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
June 20,	7378	Southern Telephone & Constr. Co.	\$ 8.50
	7379	Wallis Engineering Co.	435.80
	7380	A. R. Richardson	260.61
	7381	D. A. Dixon Co.	1.75
	7382	The New Publishing Co.	51.75
	7383	Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C.	1.55
	7384	Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C.	5.10
	7385	H. R. Kaufman	2.50
	7386	Pennsylvania Sugar Co.	36,050.27
	7387	Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C.	1,478.74
	7388	Cancelled	
	7389	J. P. Moore, T. C.	5,782.98
	7390	Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C.	2,757.02
			<u>\$ 46,839.27</u>

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 7, 1928.

The Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met in joint session on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol:

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

In accordance with instructions of the Board, under date of July 3, 1928, the Chief Drainage Engineer submitted his report relative to reducing expenses of the Drainage District to the minimum.

The report contains a general resume of the work which has been done since operations were suspended in June of last year; recommendations as to necessary maintenance, operation, emergencies and taxes are set out; also a statement of financial conditions of the District. The report of the Chief Drainage Engineer relates to the work strictly under his direction and has no reference to any other departments of the Board or Trustees for which his office is not directly responsible.

Upon receipt of the above report the Board and Trustees went into executive session, and after fully considering the conditions of both the Drainage Board and the Trustees, the following joint resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Existing conditions make it imperative that a readjustment in the operations of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be had, by reason of the inability of the Drainage Board to secure further funds sufficient to prosecute the work of drainage, and the small amount of land transactions now being had by the Trustees, thereby greatly reducing the clerical work necessary in the past by the Trustees, and likewise greatly reducing the revenue being received by the Trustees, the sole source of revenue of said Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Owing to the great amount of litigation which both the Drainage Board and Trustees have,

in the opinion of the Attorney of both boards, and also the Attorney General who is assisting in said suits, it is essential to retain the Chief Drainage Engineer of the Drainage Board so that his knowledge of matters relating to drainage, gained by his long years of service as Chief Drainage Engineer, may be available whenever needed in connection with said suits, and his knowledge of all matters connected with properties of the Board; Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That for reasons stated above, the Chief Drainage Engineer, F. C. Elliot, be retained at the same compensation, and in addition to his other duties be designated as Secretary to both the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, whose duty it shall be to act as Chief Drainage Engineer and also Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, effective August 1, 1928. of all matters of the Trustees, including that of taxes and lands, it being deemed highly essential that these several duties relating to these Boards be co-ordinated under one head, for economy and efficiency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary, so created, shall notify this Board at the earliest possible date of the number of employees he deems necessary to properly and efficiently handle this re-adjusted condition, together with the salary recommended for each.

The above resolution adopted unanimously, with the exception of the Governor who requested to be excused from voting.

The Secretary is hereby directed to furnish each employee to these Boards with a copy of these resolutions.

Upon motion the Board and Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 10, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The sale of 2.48 acres of land lying in Section 12, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County, which was advertised to be sold Tuesday, June 26, 1928, (upon application of L. W. Hollingsworth) at which meeting the sale was postponed for further consideration, was taken up, and protests filed by the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Commodore A. H. Brooks and Chief Engineer Gilbert A. Youngberg were considered.

After discussion, Mr. Amos moved that the land be withdrawn from sale. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

A letter from Messrs. Wideman & Wideman, requesting hearing on the sale of Hunter's Island in Lake Worth, was read and the Trustees agreed to hear Wideman & Wideman on Tuesday, August 14th, 1928.

The Secretary was instructed to so advise Messrs. Wideman & Wideman; also to notify Mr. Fred M. Valz, purchaser of the property.

Mr. McIntosh, Counsel for the Board, reported that there was an outstanding Drainage Tax Certificate in favor of the Palm Beach Drainage & Highway District on Section 25, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, and that the amount necessary to redeem said Certificate was \$542.66.

Mr. Luning moved that check be issued in payment of said Certificate. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:

Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court, West Palm Beach, Fla. To redemption of Palm Beach Drainage & Highway Dist. Tax Cert. 755, Sale of August 1922 for 1921 taxes on Section 25, Township 43 South, Range 37 East	\$542.66
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Mr. John H. Dohrman of 825 Hammond Building, Detroit, Michigan, made application to purchase for John Sartor of Detroit, certain land in Pinellas County, and the Trustees ordered the following advertisement placed in the Clearwater Sun-Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 10, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, August 21st, A. D. 1928, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in PINELLAS COUNTY, Florida:

From the Northeast corner of Section 9, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, run South $2^{\circ} 31'$ East 1532.2 feet to the intersection of the center line of Myrtle Avenue and the center line of Engman Street;

Thence North $80^{\circ} 31'$ West 1022.2 feet along the center line of Engman Street to its intersection with the West line of Sunset Drive;

Thence North $14^{\circ} 35'$ West 195.3 feet along the West line of Sunset Drive;

Thence North $81^{\circ} 15'$ West 175.0 feet to the highest water mark of Clearwater Bay, being the point of beginning.

From the point of beginning run North $81^{\circ} 15'$ West 597.0 feet;

Thence North 14° 35' East, 75.0 feet;
Thence South 81° 15' East, 597.0 feet to the
high water mark of Clearwater Bay;

Thence South 14° 35' West 75.0 feet along
the high water mark of Clearwater Bay to the
point of beginning.

Containing 1.03 acres, more or less. Being
the submerged or sovereignty land adjacent
to Lot 58 and the North half of Lot 57 of
"Enghurst," a subdivision of the City of
Clearwater.

Lying and being in Section 9, Township 29
South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, State
of Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement
Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

The County Commissioners of Gulf County appeared
before the Trustees relative to securing additional land
for the State Park at Port St. Joe, stating that the
Railroad Company had offered to donate additional
land for such purpose and requesting the Trustees to
take such action as may be necessary to secure such
land, as required by the Laws of Florida, Acts of
1925.

The Chairman appointed a Committee—Messrs.
Amos, Luning and Davis, to go into the matter and
report to the Trustees.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 17, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The Trustees having ordered advertised for sale on this date, upon application of Geo. T. Badger of Sebastian, Florida, 4.73 acres of land, lying in Township 30, Range 38 East, Indian River County, bids were called for.

The bid of Mr. Badger of \$100.00 per acre, for his clients James R. and Ella R. Goodrich, being the highest and best bid, was accepted and deed was ordered issued.

Proxy was issued to Mr. F. E. Bryant to vote the acreage of the Trustees at a meeting of Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District to be held at Canal Point, July 20, 1928, for the purpose of electing Supervisors and considering other matters coming up at that time. The Trustees holdings in that District are as follows:

All North and East of West Palm Beach
Canal in Section 11, Township 42 South,
Range 37 East;

Lots 1 and 2; 8 to 10; 15 to 18; 23 to 26, 31 and 32, State Survey of Section 7, Township 42 South, Range 38 East;

All Section 19, Township 42 South, Range 38 East. Containing 935.42 acres in Palm Beach County.

Application of Mr. A. C. Preston, to lease certain lands in the Everglades for oil, was considered and unanimously rejected by all present, and Mr. Preston was so advised.

On June 19th, 1928, the Trustees granted to the Board of Public Instruction of Glades County One (1) acre of land for School purposes. A letter from the said Board requests the additional grant of another acre, stating that funds granted the School Board could not be used unless the grounds contained two acres.

In view of the conditions, Mr. Luning moved that the Trustees sell the Board of Public Instruction of Glades County the required two acres at a price of \$10.00 per acre. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted. Deed was ordered issued to said County.

On November 1, 1927, the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund adopted a Resolution agreeing to exchange certain lands of the Trustees for certain other lands of Southern Sugar Company of Florida.

Inasmuch as the lands to be described in the escrow deed in the Resoultion of November 1, 1927, are included in those offered for exchange, Mr. Dahlberg and his associates offered in place of Sections 26, 28, 30, 32, 34 and 36, Township 46, Range 35 East, the following, namely:

Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12, Township 46 South, Range 33 East,

as and for the lands in the deed which is to be held in escrow, which was approved under the advice of the attorney of the Board.

Mr. B. C. Dahlberg, and associates, of said Company appeared before the Trustees and requested a further exchange of their lands for lands of the Trustees, to-wit:

Sections 8 and 10 of Township 44 South,
Range 33 East, of Southern Sugar Company,

in exchange for the following lands of the Trustees:

Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 34
East and Fractional Sections 23 and 24,
North of the Old Meander Line of Lake Okeechobee,
Township 43 South, Range 34 East.

This exchange to aid in carrying out the plans and provisions of Resolution dated November 1, 1927.

After discussion Mr. Luning moved that the exchange be made. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote unanimously adopted by all members present.

Mr. R. W. Ervin, Tax Collector, made application for vacation for himself and wife, Mrs. Carrie Ervin, beginning July 15th, which request was granted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Wallis Engineering Company, Tallahassee, Fla. Survey work during June 1928	\$370.95
C. E. Simmons, C. C. C., Okeechobee, Fla. Re- cording Deed R. L. Mixon to Trustees	1.75
T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. Print- ing 500 Leases	12.50
W. H. May, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. Stamps for Land Department	10.50
John F. Spitler, U. S. Commissioner, Miami, Fla. Testimony in case of Whitten vs. Read	117.70
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	\$513.40

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 24, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on this date .401 acres of submerged land lying in Section 4, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, State of Florida, and no objections being filed or presented, the sale was consummated to Mr. F. C. Douds at a price of \$100.00 per acre, and deed was ordered issued.

Mr. A. C. Preston appeared before the Trustees and submitted an application for Oil and Gas lease on lands of the State in Broward and Dade Counties. After considering the matter the Governor stated that he was not in favor of encumbering the State lands in large acreages, but would consider the leasing of one Section of land for making oil tests. All members of the Trustees present concurred in the opinion of the Governor and Mr. Preston's application was denied.

The Land Clerk was instructed to advise all applicants for oil leases that same had been rejected.

The Land Department was authorized to deliver deed No. 17905 made to Benjamin A. Dopcus; deed having been held up by request of Mr. H. V. Waggoner who claimed that deed of Mr. Dopcus encroached on his property, but this was found to be in error and deed was ordered delivered.

The Trustees executed Sand Lease to Asa E. Maige to mine sand from the waters of Ocklocknee River in

The Committee appointed July 10, 1928, to investigate the matter of additional land for Park purposes at Section 23, Township 1 North, Range 2 West, Leon County.

Port St. Joe, Gulf County, submitted the following Report:

July 20, 1928.

Trustees Internal
Improvement Fund,
The Building.
Gentlemen:—

The undersigned committee appointed to consider the offer to sell the Board eighteen and one-half acres of land for park purposes near Port St. Joe, respectfully report that they had the same under consideration and to advise that the Trustees are not now in position to buy said property, and therefore, suggest that the same be not considered at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED H. DAVIS,
Attorney General.

J. C. LUNING,
State Treasurer.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller.

Mr. Mayo moved that the report be adopted.
Seconded by Mr. Amos, and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 27, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—July 1928.....	\$ 300.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla., salary as Secretary—July 1928.....	100.00
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel—July 1928.....	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Field Agent—July 1928.....	333.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for July 1928.....	75.00
Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary for July 1928.....	41.67
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—July 1928.....	233.34
Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Land Department—July 1928.....	150.00
R. W. Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Tax Clerk—July 1928.....	233.34
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—July 1928.....	150.00

Carrie Ervin, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary in Tax Department—July 1928.....	125.00
The Herald Company, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Advertising Land Sale June 26th, 1928....	18.25
Clearwater Sun & Herald, Clearwater, Fla. Advertising Land Sale July 24th, 1928	13.50
Underwood Typewriter Co., Hogan & Adams Sts., Osceola Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla. Repairing Typewriter	7.50
H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla. Cushion Stamps for Trustees	4.57
Printing Dept., Boys School, Marianna, Fla. Receipt Pads for Treasurer's Office.....	4.25
Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. Recording Mtg. Deed—Moran to Trustees	1.85
M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense account trip to Jacksonville	14.05
D. A. Dixon Company, Tallahassee, Fla. Supplies	4.50
E. B. Leatherman, Clerk, Miami, Fla. Re- cording Deed--Pa. Sugar Co., to Trustees	1.65
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	\$2,040.97

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, July 31, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Upon application of Mr. William J. Wood of Fort Myers, representing San Marco Corporation, the Trustees advertised for sale on this date submerged land adjacent to Lots 5 and 7 of Section 5, Township 52 South, Range 26 East, containing 14.9 acres, in Collier County. No objections being filed or presented the sale was consummated to San Marco Corporation at a price of \$100.00 per acre, and deed was ordered issued thereto.

Messrs. W. A. Dutch and L. W. Jennings of the Board of Fire Control, appeared before the Trustees and presented a Resolution passed by said Board, which was read and ordered placed of record:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Under the law it is improper for the Board of Fire Control to exceed its budget during any year, and

WHEREAS, if the number of sub-fire districts, as now constituted, and the number of deputy fire wardens and the expense of their salaries, and maintenance, be continued and the usual fires that can be expected during the Fall and Winter occur, the budget will have been exhausted before the close of the year, and

WHEREAS, Through the Summer months, due to the rains, the fire hazard is not great and fewer deputies can efficiently perform the services now being performed by all the deputies, and

WHEREAS, it is more economical to have larger districts and fewer deputies, and

WHEREAS, the Board did, at its regular meeting in June, A. D. 1928, resolve that certain districts be consolidated, and that the resignation of certain deputies be asked for, effective July 1st, A. D. 1928, and

WHEREAS, most of the deputies whose resignations were asked for failed to tender their resignation, and

WHEREAS, the deputy wardens are all commissioned at the will of the Governor and without any definite termination of their commission, Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Control of the Everglades Drainage District that sub-fire districts numbers three (3) and four (4) respectively, as now constituted, subject to the approval of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, be and the same are hereby abolished and that sub-fire district number two (2) be hereafter constituted of that territory now embraced in sub-fire districts numbers three (3) and four (4), and that the Board do recommend to the Governor the appointment of T. G. Thorgeson as Deputy Fire Warden for said new district number two (2), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sub-fire district number five (5), as now constituted, subject to the approval of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, be and the same is hereby abolished and that sub-fire district number three (3) be hereafter constituted of that territory now embraced in sub-fire districts numbers five (5) and two (2), and that the Board do recommend to the Governor the appointment of G. E. Wenzloff as Deputy Fire Warden for said new district number three (3), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sub-fire districts numbers eight (8), nine (9) and ten (10), as now constituted, subject to the approval of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, be and the same are hereby abolished and that sub-fire district number four (4) be hereafter constituted of that territory now embraced in sub-fire districts numbers eight (8), nine (9) and ten (10), and that the Board do recommend to the Governor the appointment of D. G. Cox as Deputy Fire Warden for said new district number four (4), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sub-fire districts numbers fourteen (14) and fifteen (15), as now constituted, subject to the approval of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of

Florida, be and the same are hereby abolished and that sub-fire district number five (5) be hereafter constituted of that territory now embraced in sub-fire districts numbers fourteen (14) and fifteen (15), and that the Board will hereafter recommend to the Governor a Deputy Fire Warden for said new district number five (5), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sub-fire districts numbers sixteen (16), seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) as now constituted, subject to the approval of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, be and the same are hereby abolished and that sub-fire district number five and one-half ($5\frac{1}{2}$) be hereafter constituted of that territory now embraced in sub-fire districts number sixteen (16), seventeen (17) and eighteen (18), and that the Board do recommend to the Governor the appointment of W. C. Simmons as Deputy Fire Warden for said new district number five and one-half ($5\frac{1}{2}$), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in the interest of economy, the following Deputy Fire Wardens be and they are hereby relieved of their deputyships, to-wit:

D. T. Walters, Deputy Fire Warden, sub-fire district number five (5); W. L. Bryant, Deputy Fire Warden, sub-fire district number eight (8); Howard A. Eells, Deputy Fire Warden, sub-fire district number ten (10); T. Griffin, Deputy Fire Warden, sub-fire district number fourteen (14); Jesse Reese, Deputy Fire Warden, sub-fire district number fifteen (15); L. L. Seward, Deputy Fire Warden, sub-fire district number sixteen (16); Frank L. Reed, Deputy Fire Warden, sub-fire district number seventeen (17); and that the Governor of Florida, Honorable John W. Martin, be and he is hereby requested to concur in such action, and that he be and is hereby requested to notify said Deputy Fire Wardens that their commissions are henceforth terminated, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida be and they are hereby requested to concur in and approve, by motion or resolution, at their next meeting,

or as soon thereafter as may be possible, the changes in the sub-fire districts, as hereinbefore set out, and the abolition of those abolished, and the creation of those new districts as hereinbefore set forth, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that His Excellency, Honorable John W. Martin, Governor of Florida, as soon as the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund shall have concurred in the creation of the new districts as hereinbefore provided, be and he is hereby requested, and this Board recommends, that he do appoint and commission T. G. Thorgeson, Deputy Fire Warden for sub-fire district number two (2), as hereinbefore proposed; G. E. Wenzloff, Deputy Fire Warden, sub-fire district number three (3), as hereinbefore proposed; D. G. Cox, Deputy Fire Warden, sub-fire district number four (4), as hereinbefore proposed, and W. C. Simmons, Deputy Fire Warden, sub-fire district number five and one-half (5½) as hereinbefore proposed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted promptly to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and that a copy be transmitted to His Excellency, Honorable John W. Martin, Governor of Florida, and he and they are hereby requested to concur in and agree to the same.

Mr. Davis moved that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund concur in the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Luning and upon vote adopted—Yeas: 4; Nays: 0.

Approved bills of the Board of Fire Control for the month of July 1928, amounting to \$3,082.31 were passed by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for warrants to be issued against the Fire Tax Fund.

Mr. Davis moved that the following employees of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, be

granted fifteen (15) days' vacation with salary. Seconded by Mr. Luning and upon vote adopted. Yeas: 4; Nays: 0.

J. Stuart Lewis, Secretary,
J. L. Hays, Clerk, and
William Burgstimer, Office Assistant.

Minutes of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of June 19th, 20th, 26th; July 3rd, 7th, 10th, 17th, 24th, 27th, 31st, read and approved.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

J. Stuart Lewis,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 2, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. A. C. Preston of Miami, appeared before the Trustees and presented draft of Oil Lease which he desired to secure from the Trustees.

After a full discussion of the matter, Mr. Luning moved that the Lease be executed and deposited in escrow with the Capital City Bank of Tallahassee, Florida. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0. Whereupon the following Lease and Escrow Agreement was executed:

ESCROW AGREEMENT

Tallahassee, Florida, August 2nd, A. D. 1928.

THIS AGREEMENT entered into by the TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, as parties of the first part, A. C. PRESTON, Trustee, party of the second part, and THE CAPITAL CITY BANK OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, as Trustee, party of the third part:

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar paid by the party of the second part to the party of the first part, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the party of the first part hereby agrees and does deliver to The Capital City Bank of Tallahassee, Florida, as Depository, party of the third part, a certain lease dated 1st (2nd) day of August, 1928, and duly executed by and between parties of the first part and party of the second part. Said lease to be held by the party of the third part in escrow until November 30, 1928, or as soon as the party of the second part pays party of the third part, the approximate sum of \$31,000.00 as drainage and fire taxes for the year 1928 on the land as described in said lease.

This agreement shall only be binding until November 30, 1928, and on failing to deliver the money within this time, said lease shall become null and void and be surrendered to party of the first part.

WITNESS our hands and seals, this 2nd day of August, 1928.

Parties of the First Part:

John W. Martin,	(SEAL)
Governor.	
Ernest Amos	(SEAL)
Comptroller.	
J. C. Luning,	(SEAL)
Treasurer.	
Nathan Mayo,	(SEAL)
Commissioner of Agriculture.	
Fred H. Davis,	(SEAL)
Attorney General.	

Witnesses:

F. E. Bayless, Jr.,
F. C. Elliott.

Party of the Second Part:

A. C. Preston (SEAL)

Witnesses:

F. E. Bayless, Jr.,
F. C. Elliott.

Party of the Third Part:

CAPITAL CITY BANK (SEAL)
By D. M. Lowry, President.

Witnesses:

Ruby Proctor.
Mrs. E. A. Ogilvie.

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into the 2nd day of August, 1928, by and between the TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND of FLORIDA, party of the first part, hereinafter called lessor, and A. C. PRESTON, Trustee, for Thomas J. Peters and A. C. Preston, Miami, Florida, party of the second part, lessee.

WITNESSETH: That the said lessor, for and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), cash in hand paid, and other good and valuable considerations, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained and on the part of the lessee to be paid, kept and performed, has leased and let, and by these presents does lease and let unto the said lessee, for the sole and only purpose of mining and operating for oil and gas, or other petroleum products, and laying pipe lines, and building tanks, power stations and structures thereon to produce, save and care of said products, all that certain tracts of land situated in the Counties of Dade and Broward, State of Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

Sections	Township Range		Acres
	South	East	
All sections 25, 26, 27, 28 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36	49	35	7,680
All sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36	50	35	22,400
All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36	51	35	22,400
All sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31 32 and 33	50	36	10,880
All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36	51	36	22,400
All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20, all Sections 21, 22, 23 and 25	52	35	13,600
All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of 21, 22, 23, N $\frac{1}{2}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 24, all of sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34 35 and 36	54	35	18,720
All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36	55	35	18,560
All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36	56	35	22,400

Sections	Township		Range	Acres
	South	East		
All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36	52	36		22,400
All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36	53	36		22,400
All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 22, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 23, All sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36	54	36		18,020
All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36	55	36		22,400
All Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36	56	36		22,400

Containing 266,700 acres, more or less.

IT IS AGREED that this lease shall remain in full force so long as lessee complies with all terms, covenants and conditions hereon for a maximum term of five (5) years from this date, and as long thereafter as oil or gas, or other petroleum products or either of them, is produced in commercial quantities from said land by the lessee, or assigns.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PREMISES THE LESSEE COVENANTS AND AGREES:

1st. To deliver to the credit of the lessor, free of cost, in the pipe line to which he may connect his wells, the equal one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) part of all oil produced and saved from said leased premises.

2nd. To pay the lessor one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) of the proceeds of all gas produced from each well where gas only is found, while the same is being used off the premises, and lessor to have gas free of cost from any such well for all stoves and all inside lights in the principal dwelling house on said land during the same time by making his own connections with the wells at his own risk and expense.

3rd. To pay lessor for gas produced from any oil well and used off the premises or for the manufacture of casing-head gas one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) of the proceeds, for the time during which such gas shall be used, said payments to be made each three months.

4th. If no well be commenced on said lands on or before January 1st, 1929, and report thereof made to the lessor within said period, this lease shall terminate as to both parties.

4th-A. The Lessee hereby obligates himself to exercise due diligence upon the part of himself and employees to see that no fires start or originate upon any of the lands embraced in this Lease, and in case of fires the Lessee agrees to take every necessary step extinguish same as soon as discovered.

5th. In consideration of the premises, the lessee agrees to pay on or before November 30, 1928, the first annual rental on the leased land, which rental shall be a sum which is the equivalent of the taxes charged on said lands against the lessors for the tax year 1928, said payment to be made by deposit of the rental to the credit of lessors in the Capital City Bank at Tallahassee, Florida, which shall continue as the depository regardless of change in ownership of the lands, insofar as payment of rental for subsequent years is concerned. In like manner this lease may be continued in force for each subsequent year of its life after the year 1928, by like payment and deposit to credit of lessors of

the taxes charged against said lands to lessors for such subsequent year or years, but it is understood that this lease shall absolutely expire and cannot be extended beyond January 1, 1933, unless during its life oil or gas is found on same in commercial quantities, in which event this lease shall continue in full force and effect so long as oil and / or gas is produced from said lands in commercial quantities, as hereinbefore provided.

Lessee hereby agrees to drill three test wells to a depth of twenty-five hundred feet if oil or gas be not found before that depth in commercial quantities. All test wells to be drilled on State land.

Should the first well drilled on above described land be a dry hole, then, and in that event if a second well is not commenced on said land within the rental period for which rental has been paid, this lease shall terminate as to both parties.

If the said lessor owns a less interest in the above land then the entire and undivided fee simple estate therein, then the royalties and rentals herein provided shall be paid the lessor only in the proportion which his interest bears to the whole and undivided fee.

Lessee shall have the right to use, free of cost, gas, oil and water produced on said land for its operations thereon, except water from wells of lessor.

When requested by lessor, lessee shall bury his pipe lines below the plow depth.

No well shall be drilled nearer than 200 feet to a house or barn now on said premises, or any of works of the Everglades Drainage District, without the written consent of the lessor.

Lessee shall pay for damages caused by his operations to growing crops on said land.

Lessee shall have the right at any time to remove all machinery and fixtures placed upon said premises, including the right to draw and remove casing.

The lessors or their successors in office shall have the right at any time to sell and convey any part or all of the above described lands provided that during the

life of this lease and agreement such sales or conveyances shall be subject to this lease or agreement in the event oil or gas is found in commercial quantities during the life of this lease.

It is agreed and understood that this lease will not be assigned except to an operating company to be organized by the said Trustee and his associates for drilling purposes, except and until oil or gas be found in commercial quantities then the following clause shall become operative and bind on all parties hereto:

If the estate of either party hereto is assigned and the privilege of assigning in whole or in part is hereby expressly allowed, the covenants hereof shall extend to their heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, but no change in the ownership of the land or assignment of rentals or royalties shall be binding on lessee until after the lessee has been furnished with a written transfer or assignment or a true copy thereof; and it is hereby agreed in the event this lease shall be assigned as to a part or as to parts of the above described lands and the assigns of such part or parts shall fail or make default in the payment of the proportionate part of the rents due from him or them such default shall not operate to defeat or affect this lease insofar as it covers a part or parts of said lands upon which said lessee or any assignee thereof shall make due payments of said rentals.

Lessee agrees not to construct any ditch, levee or other works affecting said lands except road ways to location of drilling operations and necessary ditches, or levees around the drilling location. The lessee shall not operate to prevent or become a source of inconvenience to Everglades Drainage in carrying out any work of said district. The lessors and their successors in office or their agents shall have free entrance at all times to view the state and condition of premises. The lessee agrees that no cypress, hardwood or cabbage palmetto trees of commercial value shall be cut, removed or deadened without written permission of lessor.

This lease shall not be made the basis of any stock selling enterprise by any company or organization

formed to promote the privilege conferred by this lease unless oil or gas is first found in commercial quantities, and this lease may be cancelled upon thirty (30) days' notice for any breach of this covenant.

It is agreed and understood that if oil or gas be found in commercial quantities on the above described land then and in that event the lessee or his assigns will be relieved of paying any and all drainage taxes and other taxes on said land as hereinabove stated, but shall pay in lieu thereof the consideration hereinbefore mentioned in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.

It is fully understood and agreed that upon neglect or failure of the lessee to fully perform and observe in the time prescribed and in the manner provided, each and all of the terms, conditions, reservations and restrictions, this agreement shall be null and void and all rights of said lessee or any other person or persons claiming rights under said lease, shall cease and the estate herein conveyed shall immediately thereupon revert to the lessors or their successors in office.

The lessee hereby agrees to case or cement each hole drilled, so that the fresh water strata shall not become contaminated with salt water strata, before hole is abandoned.

Lessor hereby warrants and agrees to defend the title to the lands herein described, and agrees that the lessee shall have the right at any time to redeem for lessor, by payment, any mortgage, taxes or other liens on the above described lands, in the event of default of payment by lessor, and be subrogated to the rights of the holder thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF WE SIGN, This the
2nd day of August, A. D. 1928.

JOHN W. MARTIN,	(L. S.)
Governor.	
ERNEST AMOS,	(L. S.)
Comptroller.	
J. C. LUNING,	(L. S.)
Treasurer.	
FRED H. DAVIS,	(L. S.)
Attorney General.	
NATHAN MAYO,	(L. S.)
Commissioner of Agriculture.	
<i>As and Constituting Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.</i>	

I hereby accept and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the above lease.

A. C. PRESTON,	(L. S.)
Trustee.	

WITNESSES:

F. E. Bayless, Jr.
F. C. Elliot,

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 7, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Minutes of August 2nd read and approved.

Application of S. A. Dowdell, Jr., of Wimauma, Florida, for land in Manatee County, with an offer of \$5.00 and \$7.00 per acre, was presented.

Upon report of Land Agent that the land was worth \$17.50 per acre, the Trustees directed the Land Clerk to advise Mr. Dowdell that they would not accept less than \$17.50 per acre for the land.

Mr. I. H. Aderholdt of Branford, Florida, made application to purchase 40 acres of land in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 6, Range 14, Suwannee County, on which he had been paying taxes for 26 years under the impression that he had title to same.

The land clerk was directed to advise Mr. Aderholdt that the Trustees would sell him the land at a price of \$5.00 per acre.

Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, presented request of settlers of Lake Port section for a 90 foot Right-of-Way to be excepted from their deeds; said right-of-way to be used for a public road. Mr. Richardson reported that the State Road Department required only 66 feet as right-of-way for State highways and recommended that the same number of feet be allowed for this purpose.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted the Trustees directed the Land Agent to advise the Lake Port settlers that a 66 foot right-of-way would be allowed and excepted from their deeds.

A letter from Mr. G. W. Comstock was read, relative to leasing lands in the bottom of Lake Webster for farming purposes. The Trustees instructed the Land Agent to advise Mr. Comstock that they would lease this land at a price of \$12.50 per acre, in conformity with other lake bottom lands being leased by the Trustees.

The application of Messrs. H. Stein and N. N. Starling for purchase of lake bottom lands, offering \$50.00 per acre, was presented. The matter was passed for a full board meeting.

Application was received from Mr. E. D. Harris for the purchase of English Island in Section 12, Township 43 South, Range 36 East—16.17 acres, with an offer of \$50.00 per acre. This application was also postponed for a full board meeting.

Mr. E. C. Douglas made an offer of \$10.00 per acre for the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 34, Township 49 South, Range 39 East, Broward County.

The Trustees rejected this offer and directed the Land Clerk to so advise Mr. Douglas.

Mr. R. E. Sappenfield made application to purchase the oil and mineral rights of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 6, Township 54 South, Range 38 East, which land he purchased from the Trustees.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to sell the oil and mineral rights on above land to Mr. Sappenfield at a price of 25c per acre. The Land Clerk was directed to advise Mr. Sappenfield of this action and have the proper release executed.

Application was presented from Dr. Frances Dickenson of Orange City, Florida, to purchase 12 acres in fractional SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 18 South, Range 29 East, East of the St. Johns River, with an offer of \$15.00 per acre.

The Trustees ordered the application held over for full board meeting.

Mr. J. G. Black applied for lease to turpentine rights on the E $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 1, Range 15, offering 10 cents per cup per year. The Trustees

declined the offer and directed the Land Clerk to so advise Mr. Black.

Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, presented letter from Conway Lake Sand Company, requesting cancellation of Sand Lease. He reported that this Company was in arrears in their payments for the months of February, March, April, May, June and July, 1928.

Mr. Davis offered the motion that said contract be cancelled upon payment of the amounts due for the above months. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Mr. McIntosh, Counsel, presented protest of Mr. V. H. Waggoner to the sale of lands on Kraemer Island to Mr. Benjamin A. Dopus.

After consideration, the Trustees decided that the objections were not sufficient to authorize setting aside the sale and directed the Secretary of the Trustees to so advise Mr. Waggoner.

The Secretary presented the following letter to the Trustees:

“August 6, 1928.

Trustees of the Internal
Improvement Fund,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Gentlemen:

Within recent years a large number of Drainage Districts, both under General and Special Acts, have come into existence in Florida, and lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are affected by such districts in that they are subject to the imposition of drainage taxes.

The General Drainage Law and certain types of special Acts require the giving of notice to land owners by newspaper publication of the various intents of the Act and of

the governing board of the district under the law applicable to the district. Among other things, notice is required to be published of the intention to form a drainage district and of the levy of the taxes thereon. This notice is legally sufficient for the purpose, but in reference to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund having holdings in nearly every county of the state, such notice by newspaper publication is often insufficient from a practical standpoint to call the attention of the Trustees to the inclusion of their lands in the district, and to the levying of taxes on the same. Result of the foregoing has been that in some instances lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have been subjected to drainage taxes without the knowledge of the Trustees, and on occasion have been advertised and sold for the lien of drainage taxes. There have been cases where the first knowledge that the Trustees had of the imposition of taxes upon their lands in certain drainage districts was the discovery that such lands had been so'd for taxes and that tax certificates had been bought by private individuals, covering them. This has been through no intention on the part of the Trustees to escape such taxes or to decline to pay them. There is an instant case in that of Manatee Valley Drainage District, now before the Trustees for adjustment, where their lands have been taxed for drainage purposes where such taxes have become delinquent without the knowledge of the Trustees, and where past due taxes, together with costs and penalties, have accrued.

To obviate occurrences of this kind resulting in unnecessary extra cost to the Trustees, it is suggested for your consideration that there be prepared and presented a Bill for passage at the next session of the Legislature, directing all drainage districts, heretofore created and hereafter to be created under the

laws of Florida, to transmit to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund at their office at Tallahassee, Florida, a copy of all notices required by law to be sent out, and to furnish to the Trustees each year the description of lands and the amount of drainage taxes thereon imposed for such year, giving the date when the same are collectable and the date on which they become delinquent, and that where such notice shall not have been furnished to the Trustees, no penalties or costs shall attach for failure to pay taxes when due.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. ELLIOT,
Chief Drainage Engineer
and Secretary."

Attorney General Davis moved that the suggestion of Mr. Elliott be carried out as it was in accordance with the position already taken by himself and Counsel for the Trustees in similar cases.

A letter was presented from Mr. Thos. E. Will, in which he requested the Trustees to take care of taxes due on lands he has contracted to purchase from the Trustees.

The Trustees directed the Secretary to advise Mr. Will that they would expect him to pay the taxes referred to, and hereafter keep up all taxes on the lands under contract; also furnish them with evidence that the taxes have been paid and the title clear.

Mr. McIntosh presented letter from the Attorney General and himself relative to report of Mr. L. O. Mordt, in which they recommend that Mr. Mordt be instructed to not make any adjustment with Broward Drainage District and Southern Drainage District, as this action would be taken by the Trustees, or their agent, at Tallahassee.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, Mr. McIntosh was directed to write Mr. Mordt substantially as outlined in above mentioned letter.

Mr. McIntosh presented letter from Wideman & Wideman, attorneys for Southern Sugar Company, in which it was requested that lands of the Trustees being exchanged be advertised as other lands are advertised for sale.

Mr. Amos offered a motion that the Trustees not advertise the land as there was no requirement in the Statutes to the effect that lands being exchanged should be advertised and to do so would start a precedent. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Attorney General Davis moved that the Land Department furnish him with a list of all mortgages past due two years, in order that foreclosure proceedings may be instituted. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted. Whereupon, the Land Department was directed to furnish such list at the earliest date possible.

The Secretary was authorized to renew subscription to Collier County News and Palm Beach Times.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

R. C. Baker, Sheriff, Palm Beach Co., West Palm Beach, Fla. To services rendered in following cases:—Ejectment Suits pending in Palm Beach County:	
Trustees I. I. Fund vs.	
R. M. Thomas	\$20.00
Trustees I. I. Fund vs.	
O. P. Griffin	14.00
Trustees I. I. Fund vs.	
John P. Downing	14.00
(Error of 25c in bill paid in Stamps— —Counsel)	
	\$ 48.00

Ralph B. Johnson, Tax Col., Manatee Co., Bradenton, Fla. To Drainage Taxes due on Trustees' lands in Manatee Valley Drainage District—1927	1,172.34
The Everglades Publishing Company, Ever- glades, Fla. To Subscription The Collier County News—1 year	2.00
The Palm Beach Times, West Palm Bealh, Fla. To subscription Palm Beach Times 1 year	6.50
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	\$1,228.84

Financial Statement for the month of July, 1928 was presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY 1928

Balance in Fund July 1, 1928	\$398,827.26
From Land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts 1923 and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925	879.65
Refund South Fla. Conserv- ancy District Tax	3,427.10
Pelican Lake Drainage Tax....	287.18
Everglades Tax	360.96
Payment made on account of land leases	2,216.90
Redemption of Drainage Tax Certificates	12,351.85
Refund on check for Pahokee Drainage District Taxes	23.40
Refund by J. P. Moore, T. C. on Account overpayment Everglades D r a i n a g e District Taxes	389.16
Interest from First-American Bk. & Tr. Co., West Palm Beach, Apr. 1 to June 18, date bank closed.....	14.02

From Land Sales (\$7,771.03)		
less 25% to State School		
Fund (\$1,942.75)	5,828.28	
Interest on deposits for		
quarter ending June 30	2,825.05	
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	\$427,430.81	
Less Disbursements	5,886.66	
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Balance on hand August 1,		
1928		\$421,544.15

RECAPITULATION

Cash and Cash Items	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks	420,544.15	
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		\$421,544.15

BALANCES IN BANKS AUGUST 1, 1928

Atlantic National Bank, Jack-		
sonville, Fla.	\$100,310.02	
Barnett National Bank, Jack-		
sonville, Fla.	80,847.24	
Florida National Bank, Jack-		
sonville, Fla.	85,243.71	
American National Bank,		
Pensacola, Fla.	23,932.29	
First National Bank, Miami,		
Fla.	41,694.59	
Capital City Bank, Tallahas-		
see, Fla.	25,527.00	
The Exchange Bank, Talla-		
hassee, Fla.	26,636.62	
Lewis State Bank, Tallahas-		
see, Fla.	36,352.68	
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		\$420,544.15

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1928	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
July 2,	7391	C. B. Gwynn.....	\$ 300.00
	7392	J. Stuart Lewis.....	100.00
	7393	M. C. McIntosh.....	229.16
	7394	A. R. Richardson.....	333.34
	7395	Jentye Dedge.....	75.00
	7396	Hattie Bell.....	41.67
	7397	Elgin Bayless.....	233.34
	7398	Mrs. L. B. Hopkins.....	150.00
	7399	R. W. Ervin.....	233.34
	7400	Edwin Barnes, Jr.....	150.00
	7401	Mrs. Carrie Ervin.....	125.00
	7402	D. A. Dixon Company.....	2.25
	7403	Fred E. Fenno, C.C.C.....	1.85
	7404	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.....	22.50
	7405	Vero Beach Journal.....	15.00
	7406	Clearwater Sun and Herald.....	39.00
6,	7407	Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C.....	433.00
	7408	Bob Simpson, T. C.....	197.90
	7409	M. C. McIntosh.....	60.92
	7410	Obe P. Goode, T. C.....	12.11
	7411	Western Union Telegraph Co.....	8.13
	7412	Wallis Engineering Co.....	3.00
	7413	Southern Tel. & Constr. Co.....	4.25
	7414	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.....	18.37
	7415	Dixon Transfer Co.....	.50
11,	7416	Fred E. Fenno, C.C.C.....	542.66
17,	7417	Wallis Engineering Co.....	370.95
	7418	C. E. Simmons, C. C. C.....	1.75
	7419	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.....	12.50
	7420	W. H. May, Postmaster.....	10.50
	7421	Jno. F. Spitler, U. S. Com- missioner — Expense of taking testimony.....	117.70
31,	7422	C. B. Gwynn.....	300.00
	7423	J. Stuart Lewis.....	100.00
	7424	M. C. McIntosh.....	229.16
	7425	A. R. Richardson.....	333.34
	7426	Jentye Dedge.....	75.00

7427	Hattie Bell	41.67
7428	Elgin Bayless	233.34
7429	Mrs. Laura B. Hopkins	150.00
7430	R. W. Ervin	233.34
7431	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	150.00
7432	Mrs. Carrie Ervin	125.00
7433	The Herald Company	18.25
7434	Clearwater Sun	13.50
7435	Underwood T y p e w r i t e r Company	7.50
7436	H. & W. B. Drew Company	4.57
7437	Printing Department Boys Ind. School	4.25
7438	Fred E. Fenno, C.C.C.	1.85
7439	M. C. McIntosh	14.05
7440	D. A. Dixon Company	4.50
7441	E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C.	1.65

\$5,886.66

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 14, 1928.
10 O'clock A. M.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Messrs. H. Stein, N. N. Starling, E. D. Harris and P. C. Kreessee having made application to purchase land lying between Little Torry Island and the mainland in Palm Beach County, the Trustees agreed to sell the land as follows:

H. Stein.....	75	acres, at \$50.00 per acre
N. N. Starling,.....	125	acres, at \$50.00 per acre
E. D. Harris	16.17	acres, at \$50.00 per acre
P. C. Keesee.....	7.7	acres, at \$50.00 per acre

Mr. Amos made a motion that a clause be inserted in the deed to the effect that the Trustees will not assume any obligation in the way of drainage for these lands, but the owners will be expected to do whatever reclamation work is necessary; also provided that the lands in question are not involved in any ejectment suits by the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Davis, and upon vote adopted.

Mr. W. J. Schaut of Auburndale, Florida, applied for 240 acres of land in Section 11, Township 27 South, Range 25 East, Polk County, offering \$500.00 for the acreage.

Upon report of the Land Agent that the $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of this Section is worth \$35.00 per acre, and the balance worth \$15.00 an acre, Mr. Amos moved that the offer of Mr. Schaut be rejected, and he be advised that the Trustees will accept the price outlined by the Land Agent. Seconded by Mr. Mayo, and upon vote adopted.

Attorney for Mr. I. H. Aderholdt of Bronson, Florida, following up his application of August 7th to purchase lands in Manatee County, requested the Trustees to cut the price from \$5.00 to \$4.00 per acre. Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Aderholdt's attorney that they would abide by the price made on the 7th instant, viz \$5.00 per acre.

Mr. J. W. Bishop of Ritta, Florida, requested to know what price had been placed on lands in Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 35 East. The Trustees instructed the Land Office to write Mr. Bishop to make an offer on the land.

Mr. J. G. Black, who offered 10c per cup for turpentine rights on the E $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 1, Range 15, which offer was rejected, now offers 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per cup per year for a four year lease.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. Davis, and adopted, the Trustees directed the land office to advise Mr. Black that they would accept his offer of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per cup for the turpentine rights on the land for a four year lease.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of Miami made application to purchase Bay Bottom land in Biscayne Bay for filling-in purposes, and asked that the Trustees set a price on the land. Mr. Davis moved that Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, check up on the land mentioned and the Land Department write Mr. Horobin, requesting him to make an offer. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department requested to be informed if it was desired that Mr. Richardson be directed to investigate certain swamp land selections and secure necessary data to represent them at hearings ordered by the Register of the United States Land Office; such hearings to be held before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at West Palm Beach, September 25th and 27th, 1928, and before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Orlando on September 20th, 1928, and any other hearings fixed by the Register.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and adopted, Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, was directed to make the necessary investigation and be present at the hearings in the interest of the State.

Mr. Bayless of the Land Department reported that he had compiled a list of approximately 196 mortgages on which no payments had been made during the past two years. Mr. Davis moved that said list be turned

over to him for foreclosure proceedings to be instituted, and that the Land Office be directed to write the Clerks of the Circuit Court of the various counties to ascertain if any outstanding taxes are due on these lands; also that hereafter, when taxes, interest, etc., are not paid promptly that Counsel be furnished with necessary information for foreclosure.

Mr. A. R. Richardson appeared before the Trustees and asked to be allowed to re-deed the E $\frac{1}{4}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 14, Section 36, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Newmans Survey, in Broward County, and allowed the one-fourth cash payment of \$1,556.25, less the one-fourth deposited to the credit of the permanent School Fund, and less taxes due, to be placed to his credit.

Mr. Amos moved that the request be granted. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. Fred E. Fenno, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County, relative to cancellation of drainage tax certificates dated June 7, 1926 on lands belonging to Lake Worth Drainage District. Mr. Davis moved that the matter be referred to the Counsel for his opinion as to whether the Trustees were authorized to cancel said certificates. Seconded by Mr. Amos, and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees ordered advertised for sale on this date, upon application of Mr. Wm. R. Rannie of Jacksonville, the following described land on Virginia Key in Dade County:

- Lot 1 of Section 9;
- Lot 1 of Section 17;
- Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Section 20;
- Lots 1 and 2 of Section 21;

All in Township 54 South, Range 42 East.
Containing 66.12 acres in Dade County,
Florida.

This land being advertised for objections and competitive bids, the Chairman called for objections. Protests and objections were offered to the sale of this land by and on behalf of the following:

Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, Florida;

Carl G. Fisher, Rand Daniels, and others;

B. B. Freeland, Chairman of the Industrial Commission;

Miami Bank & Trust Co., as Trustee Mortgage Holder and Oscar Daniels Company, Bond Holder;

Frank H. Heuning, President City Council, City of Miami Beach, Florida;

Richardson Saunders, President Chamber of Commerce, City of Miami, Florida;

E. G. Sewell, Mayor City of Miami, Florida;

Thos. J. Pancoast, President, Board of Governors, Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce;

J. E. Yonge, Chairman of the Municipal Aviation Board of the City of Miami, Florida;

Ben Shepard, Vice-President, Miami Real Estate Co.;

B. B. Freeland, Avery Guyton, Henry Shaw and A. L. Babcock, Industrial Advisory Board of City of Miami;

R. V. Waters, President, Greater Miami Airport Association;

J. N. Lummus, Jr., Mayor Miami Beach, Florida;

Frank B. Shutts, Attorney, Miami, Florida;

The objections were based on two principal grounds: One that the sale of the lands will interfere with the proposed development of an Airport and Seaport for the Cities of Miami and Miami Beach, Florida; Second, that the sale might interfere with certain private interests owning property and bay bottom lands adjacent.

After due consideration of all objections, and of Mr. Rannie's request that sale be made, the Trustees were

of the opinion that the objections should be sustained. General Davis moved that the sale of the land on Virginia Key described above, be indefinitely postponed. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted. Yeas: 4; Nays: 0.

General Davis moved that the check of Mr. Rannie of \$1,000.00, which was deposited as good faith, be returned to him. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees having set this date for hearing on the sale of Hunters Island in Lake Worth, the Governor advised interested parties that the Trustees would be glad to hear them.

Mr. Frank Wideman, representing his clients, Messrs. Paul and Edward Moore, requested the Trustees to rescind their action of December 20th, 1927, with regard to the sale of Hunters Island to Mr. Fred M. Valz and asked that the Secretary read objections filed to said sale; also the recommendations that the Island be set aside as a Bird Sanctuary. The objectors were as follows:

Arthur F. Abker, Scout Executive, West Palm Beach;

Mrs. Harry Kocher, President Palm Beach County League of Women Voters;

Mrs. Harry Hauck, President, Animal Rescue League of the Palm Beaches;

Clarence P. Grill, Secretary Lions Club of West Palm Beach;

E. E. Vorenberg, Secretary, Greater Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce;

Mrs. Charles H. Wentworth, Editor and Publisher of "BE KIND" Magazine;

Ethel Youngblood, Luella Bowman, Florence Prescott, Beryl Haught, and Celia Grant;

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Scrogia;

Mrs. C. S. Haney, Chairman for Legislation for Stuart Women's Organization;

Mrs. Thos. Remington, Cor. Sec'y Southboro P. T. A.;

Clark J. Lawrence, 1st Vice-Pres., Reserve Officers' Association of the United States;

C. W. Carroll, Palm Beach Mercantile Co., Inc.;

Mrs. E. W. Lamson, Chairman Conservation Dept. of Woman's Club;

Petition signed by 14 members Woman's Club of West Palm Beach;

Mrs. A. D. Knowles, J. D. Wolcott, Jane S. Dixon, Grace D. Birchard, Mrs. Harry Kocher, Mrs. Clyde Chace, Mrs. A. Hoyt, Edith G. Berg, Louise M. Tunnecliffe, Susan Welch McKee, Katherine DaCamara, and Margaret Campbell;

Mrs. S. B. Crabtree, President Pro. Tem., City League of Women Voters of West Palm Beach;

W. J. vonBehren, President, Rotary Club of West Palm Beach;

W. C. Deady, President, Exchange Club of West Palm Beach;

John Zimmer, President, Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach;

Edith Walker, Town Clerk and Treasurer;

W. Randolph Cosby, Secretary, West Palm Beach Alumni Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity;

Elmer Burgess, Secretary, Palm Beach County Chapter of Izaak Walton League of America;

H. S. Searle, Secretary, Civitan Club of West Palm Beach;

L. M. Studstill, President Palm Beach County Real Estate Board, Inc.

Dr. J. C. Crist of West Palm Beach appeared and made protest to the sale and asked that it be withdrawn from sale and set apart as a Bird Sanctuary.

Mr. A. C. Adams of West Palm Beach appeared and protested to the sale on the same grounds.

Mr. Charles R. Pierce, representing Mr. Whitten for whom the island was purchased by Mr. Valz, asked that the sale be upheld and that deed be delivered to Mr. Valz.

After all objections had been heard, the Trustees went into executive session.

Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees rescind the action taken on December 20th, 1927, and cancel proposed deed to Mr. Valz. Also that the \$4,437.50 deposit of Mr. Valz be returned to him. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted. Yeas: 4; Nays: 0.

The Governor advised Mr. Valz, Mr. Wideman, and others interested in the matter, that the above action was taken by the Trustees.

Attention was called to the indefinite description of the land referred to as Hunters Island, as appears in the Minutes of December 20, 1927, as follows:

"Mr. Valz stated that he was advised that a certain Island, containing approximately Three acres, would be patented to the state by the United States Land Commissioner, and offered \$1,250.00 per acre for same, agreeing to deposit the purchase price with the Land Office; said amount to be forfeited to the State should the land not be patented to the State.

The Trustees agreed to accept the above offer, provided Mr. J. M. Sutton, Selecting Agent, did not care to purchase at the above price."

and as correct description was given at the December meeting, General Davis moved that the Minutes of December 20, 1927, relative to the sale of Hunters Island, be amended to read as follows:

"Mr. Valz appeared before the Trustees and stated that he was advised that Lot 4, Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 43 East,

containing 3.55 acres in Palm Beach County, would be patented to the State by the United States Land Commissioner and offered to purchase the island at a price of \$1,250.00 an acre agreeing to deposit the purchase price with the Land Office, and should the land not be patented to the state the \$4,437.50 to be forfeited to the State.

“The Trustees agreed to accept the above offer, provided Mr. J. M. Sutton, Selecting Agent, did not care to purchase at the above price.”

Mr. Valz also requested that he be furnished with certified copy of proposed deed to him to Hunters Island, which request was granted.

The Mayaca Land Company made application to purchase certain tax lands from the Trustees, offering to pay for same the amount of all taxes due on the land. The offer was rejected.

Capital City Sand & Gravel Company of Tallahassee, Florida, makes application to the Trustees to have the bond of Chas. A. Goldsmith released and accept bond of Capital City Sand & Gravel Company in lieu thereof, as Mr. Goldsmith has sold all his interest and title in and to said Lease to the Capital City Sand & Gravel Company.

Mr. Amos moved that the bonds be so exchanged, upon presentation of assignment from Mr. Goldsmith of his rights in the Lease. Seconded by Mr. Davis, and upon vote adopted.

It being 1:00 o'clock General Davis moved that the Trustees recess to meet at 2:30 P. M. Seconded and adopted.

2:30 P. M.

The Secretary presented application of Lake Butler Villa Company, represented by Hon. James F. Sikes of Clearwater, for an oil lease covering the bottom of Lake Butler, agreeing to pay \$300.00 per annum for such lease.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and upon vote adopted, the Trustees advised Mr. Sikes that they would issue Lease to his company after Counsel for the Trustees had examined the proposed Lease and reported that it was properly prepared and in accordance with law.

Mr. A. C. Adams, of West Palm Beach, made application to purchase 14.42 acres of land near the Inlet in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, offering \$1,000.00 per acre. Mr. Amos moved that the land be advertised for competitive bids and objections in the Palm Beach Times and Palm Beach Post. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Jas. H. Garrison made application to purchase Tax Certificate lands in Section 29, Township 52 South, Range 40 East, Dade County. Mr. Amos moved that the land be sold to him at \$50.00 an acre. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted. The Trustees directed that Mr. Garrison be so advised.

Mr. F. M. Valz made application to have additional acreage included in the Lease to his Clients as follows:

In Section 33, Township 40 South, Range 33 East—80.59 acres;

In Section 34, Township 38 South, Range 34 East—189.53 Acres;

In Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 34 East—188.77 Acres, Glades County, Florida,

which property is to be used as a Hunting Preserve, agreeing to pay all Drainage Taxes on the land plus 20c per acre. The Lease to run for 10 years.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Amos, and duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to include the additional acreage in the Lease to clients of Mr. Valz at the above price.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

The Southern Tel. & Construction Co. Tallahassee, Fla., to services on Phones 258 and 776	\$ 12.75
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To service for month of July 1928	1.98
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To service during July 1928	1.21
Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Ct., West Palm Beach, Fla. To recording Mortgages from Chas. Moran and H. Lyngholm to Trustees	3.55
J. F. Garner, C. C. C., Fort Myers, Fla. To Recording Deed R. E. Watkins to Trustees and J. W. McWilliams to Trustees	3.75
T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. To Office Supplies August	4.25
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. Land Agent. Expense Account—Land Leases Lake Okeechobee and examination of lands during month of July 1928	322.31
Everglades Publishing Co., Everglades, Fla., Notice of Land Sale Collier County	21.00
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	\$511.37

In accordance with letter from the Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary, in reference to transfer of Mr. Bayless to the Land Department, and the retaining of Mr. Gwynn by the Trustees in the Land Department, the Trustees authorized the following:

That Mr. Bayless be retained in the Land Department to attend to all work coming under Swamp and Overflowed lands of the Trustees, after the title of the

same shall have vested in the State through patent from the United States. All sovereignty lands provided by law to be administered by the Trustees and in connection with the same, the sale of such lands, conveyances by deed, the handling of notes and mortgages, and all funds accruing from the sale, and other matters connected with lands designated as lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and sovereignty lands.

That the above Clerk in charge of this work be responsible to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund through the Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary.

That under Mr. Gwynn, designated as Chief Clerk, be the following:

Selection of all lands for patent;
Making and securing swamp land affidavits,
and

Attending to all other matters connected with patenting of lands from the United States to the State;

The handling of State School lands through the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as heretofore;

The handling of all matters arising through School Indemnity Lands;

All lands classified other than those of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, and such Sovereignty lands as are directed by law to be administered by the Trustees.

That the Clerk having charge of the above be in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, directly responsible to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund through no other Department.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 21, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.

The sale of submerged land in Pinellas County advertised to be sold on this date, was postponed on account of a quorum not being present. No objections were presented or filed to the sale.

Mr. S. J. Murphy of Bradenton, Florida, representing Mr. J. L. Kilgore, being advised that there was not a quorum present desired to make a statement in reference to two tracts of land deeded to Mr. Kilgore in deeds No. 17574 and No. 17575, dated March 15, 1926, the latter including all the sand flats in Sarasota Bay, Manatee County, concerning which question has arisen as to the title of the Trustees and their right to convey. In view of the fact that the title to this land has been brought into Court, and also in view of the fact that the States' Answer to the Bill of Complaint, filed in this suit, practically admits that the title of the Trustees is bad, Mr. Murphy requests that the money paid on Deed No. 17575, being questioned, be returned to Mr. Kilgore upon the land being re-deeded to the State, and in addition that he be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the survey of flats, attorneys fees, etc. Mr. Murphy also stated that while no controversy has arisen in reference to Deed No. 17574, if the Trustees so desire, Mr. Kilgore will re-deed the land contained in both deeds, or will retain land covered by Deed No. 17574 and re-deed that contained in No. 17575.

Mr. Amos called attention to the fact that One-Fourth of the amount paid on the land had been placed to the credit of the State School Fund and under law could not be withdrawn; also that One-half the amount

of Survey (\$1,209.78) or \$604.89, was paid by the Trustees.

Mr. Murphy requested that the above statement be presented to the next Board meeting, together with his statement of expenses which was presented to the Secretary.

Mr. J. T. Diamond, secretary of the Board of Control asked if it would be permissible for him to request Counsel for the Trustees to take up with Florida Sugar & Food Products Company the matter of exchanging land desired by the Experiment Station in the Everglades, which exchange has been agreed to by the above Company and the Trustees, and all that would be necessary would be for the Counsel to draw proper papers.

The two members present advised that they saw no objection to this procedure and authorized Mr. Diamond to so proceed. This action to be subject to the approval of the Trustees at its next meeting.

There being no quorum present, the Chairman ordered that any business coming before the Trustees be postponed until the next meeting.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot.
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 28, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of August 7th, 14th and 21st, presented to the Trustees and ordered approved.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on August 21st, upon application of Mr. John Sartor of Detroit, Michigan, 1.028 acres of submerged land adjacent to Lot 58 and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 57 of Enghurst, a subdivision of Clearwater, in Section 9, Township 29 South, Range 15 East—Pinellas County, and a quorum not being present on the 21st, the sale was postponed until this date. There being no objections, the land was sold to Mr. Sartor and deed was ordered issued thereto.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of Miami, who made application to purchase bay bottom land lying off Biscayne Point, in compliance with action of the Trustees on the 14th instant, has submitted an offer of \$50.00 an acre for land, to be used for filling-in purposes.

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

Mr. J. G. Black, to whom the Trustees agreed to lease turpentine rights on land in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 1, Range 15, requested Lease to be dated January 1, 1929 for four years.

The Trustees directed that the Land Clerk advise Mr. Black that the Lease would be dated as of this date, but would run for four years from January 1, 1929.

A portion of the lands applied for by Messrs. Stein, Starling, Harris and Keesee, being involved in Ejectment suits instituted by the Trustees, Wallis Engineering Company, representing said parties, requested that they be allowed to rent that portion of land involved in suits and apply rental on purchase price at such time as Trustees will be in position to make deed.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to rent the land outright, but when ejection suits shall have been disposed of, deeds will be issued in accordance with Minutes of August 14th, 1928. Acceptance of this offer to be made by above parties within ten days.

Mr. J. L. Trotman of Portland, Florida, offered \$5.00 an acre for E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, Township 1 South, Range 19 West,—80 acres in Walton County.

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

Mr. V. H. Waggoner made application to purchase land adjacent to his upland on Kraemer Island and requested to know at what price the Trustees would sell.

The Trustees set a price of \$50.00 an acre on the land and directed the Land Clerk to so advise Mr. Waggoner.

The Land Clerk presented letter from Mr. Gus Wilder, relative to land sold Bellair Development Company, which is involved in various suits.

Mr. Amos moved that the matter be referred to Counsel of the Trustees for report. Seconded by Mr. Davis and adopted.

A letter was read from Mr. L. O. Mordt of Fort Lauderdale, requesting permission from the Trustees to have pamphlets prepared, showing the creation and conduct of the various sub-drainage districts in the Everglades, the payment of sub-drainage district taxes by the Trustees, foreclosure suits brought by said districts against the Trustees, etc., which pamphlets are to be presented to the members of the Legislature for information.

General Davis moved that the Secretary write Mr. Mordt that the Trustees do not care to have any pamphlets prepared on the above subject at this time and sent out. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Thos. W. Everhart, attorney for Naranja Drainage District, gives notice that he will foreclose tax liens amounting to \$610.80 on 440 acres of land in Naranja Drainage District on which the Trustees hold mortgage from Mr. R. G. Holgate.

Mr. Amos moved that the matter be held over for a full board meeting and that the Secretary communicate with Mr. Holgate with a view of having him pay these taxes. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Earl Hoffman of Pensacola, appeared before the Trustees and made an offer of \$50.00 per acre for quit-claim deed to a small tract of land within the city limits of Pensacola, correct description of which he will furnish the Trustees within a few days.

General Davis moved that the offer be accepted, subject to advertisement for objections, as required by law. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Mr. W. T. Wallis made request in behalf of Brown Company of Portland, Maine, to purchase tax deeds to the following described land in Palm Beach County:

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

Also:

E $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$; W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ (S. of C.), Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 38 East.

Brown Company offering to pay therefor the amount of all taxes in default, plus all costs, interest and charges.

Mr. Amos made a motion that the above offer be accepted and the land advertised as required by law; also that the original owners be notified that the Trustees contemplate issuing said tax deeds. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. W. T. Wallis, representing Mr. E. Lindrose, makes application for release of mortgage of 10 acres of land on Pelican Island, covered by Deed No. 17847, dated August 1, 1927, and offering to pay for the released portion \$100.00 per acre; said land being the Southwesterly 10 acres of Tract 2, as conveyed to Mr. Lindrose in said Deed 17847.

It was ordered that the request be granted and the Land Department execute release to the said land, upon correct description being furnished by Mr. Lindrose.

Mr. W. T. Wallis, representing settlers of Pahokee and Bacom Point section, makes application to have Plat, prepared by him, adopted by the Trustees.

It was ordered that the Plat be filed in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, to be used as a guide for illustrating the locations of Lots for deeds, and that Mr. Wallis advise his clients that the Trustees will allow them until December 15th, 1928, to take advantage of the price agreed on for said lots.

Mr. Amos presented letter from G. W. Bingham of West Palm Beach, relative to securing oil lease on all lands purchased by him from the State, which land he is desirous of re-deeding to the Trustees; said lease to be granted without compensation for the purpose of drilling test wells. It was ordered that Mr. Amos take the matter up further with Mr. Bingham as the Trustees do not feel disposed to execute oil lease without compensation.

The Secretary presented proposed Oil Lease prepared by Messrs. Sikes & Edgar of Tarpon Springs, Florida, representing Lake Butler Villa Company, covering the bottoms of Lake Butler in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Township 27 South, and Township 28 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida, for a term of five years, upon a rental basis of \$300.00 per year. There being no objections the Trustees ordered that the Lease be executed to Lake Butler Villa Company.

Mr. Vernon Price Williams inquired if the Trustees would lease him the right to drill for oil on all lands in the Everglades Drainage District not covered by other leases or sales. Also desired to be advised if the Trustees would sell their contract with Preston & Peters.

It was ordered that the Secretary ascertain from Mr. Williams description of the lands on which oil lease is desired; and also advise him that the Trustees do not care to sell the oil lease of Preston & Peters.

The Secretary presented letter from Lake Shore Land Company, requesting to be advised the latest date on which delinquent taxes, amounting to \$8,150.88, can be paid on their land without including the 1928 taxes.

The Trustees ordered that the Secretary ascertain from the Tax Assessor whether he will extend the 1928 taxes on the assessment roll, if the delinquent taxes are paid the latter part of September; also advised the Lake Shore Land Company that their request will be granted provided the Tax Assessor agrees to the above.

Mr. R. G. Johnson of West Palm Beach requested extension of time for foreclosure mortgages on his property.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted it was agreed that if Mr. Johnson would pay all taxes and interest now due on the land extension would be granted. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Johnson.

Recommendation from the Secretary that Mr. Clarence M. Busch be reimbursed \$47.26, overpayment of drainage taxes on his lands, was adopted and check in the above amount was ordered issued to Mr. Busch.

Mr. R. W. Ervin offered \$150.00 for 75 acres of submerged land West of the Channel of St. Marks River, about two miles Southwest of St. Marks Lighthouse. The offer was rejected.

Mr. W. T. Carter applied for release of oil rights on E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 6, Township 54 South, Range 38 East—160 acres in Dade County, owned by him, offering 25 cents an acre for said release.

It was ordered that release be executed to Mr. Carter at the above price upon proof of ownership.

The Secretary requested the Trustees to have Counsel draft new form of Tax Deed, bringing the Laws down to date. It was so ordered that Counsel comply with request of the Secretary.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, stated to the Trustees that he was in receipt of request from Mr. Charles R. Pierce, Attorney of Miami, that he write a letter to the Secretary of the Interior with reference to Township 56 South, Range 40 East, and request a hearing to determine the validity of the survey of said Township, according to the plat approved by the Commissioner January 18, 1924, and protesting against the cancellation of said plat.

Upon consideration, the Counsel was directed not to write the proposed letter, but directed to address the Secretary of the Interior and request to be advised in case hearing should be ordered.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, stated that he had received check in the sum of \$212.76 from the Secre-

tary of Pahokee Drainage District, representing attorneys fees and costs paid to the District in the payment of district taxes on lands in which the Trustees held an equity, and stated that the check had been delivered to the State Treasurer for collection.

Mr. McIntosh also advised that Messrs. Kurtz & Roll, Attorneys of Fort Myers, representing the complainant in the case of Slayton v. Pahokee Drainage District, et al., had written a letter, advising that they would dismiss the bill of complaint, in which the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund are interested, upon receipt of check for \$212.76, representing attorneys fees and costs, which amount was paid to the District at the same time taxes were paid on lands in which the Trustees hold equity.

It was ordered that upon advice from the State Treasurer, of payment of the check from Pahokee Drainage District in the sum of \$212.76, that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund forward to Messrs. Kurtz & Roll check in the sum of \$212.76 with request that the Bill of Complaint be dismissed with reference to lands in which the Trustees hold an equity.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, stated that Messrs. Knowles & Fair, of Bradenton, Florida, Attorneys for the Manatee Valley Drainage District, have consented for the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund to pay Manatee Valley Drainage District taxes for 1926, against lands owner by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund without penalties.

It was ordered that check be forwarded to the Manatee Valley Drainage District for 1926 taxes in the sum of \$807.47 as per statement from said District.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, stated that he was in receipt of letter from Mr. M. B. Blackwell, Secretary, Southern Drainage District, under date of August 22, 1928, in which it was proposed that if the Trustees would redeem Southern Drainage District Tax Certificates No. 1523 and No. 1524 by the payment of \$5,307.00, the amount of actual tax represented in said

tax certificates, that the Board of Supervisors of Southern Drainage District would in turn forward to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund their check for \$3,646.65, representing the amount of costs, interest and attorneys fees, and would have the tax certificates mentioned cancelled by the Clerk of the Circuit Court and forward same to the Trustees. It was ordered that check in the sum of \$5,307.00 be forwarded to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dade County for redemption of Southern Drainage District Tax Certificates Nos. 1523 and 1524 of August 1, 1927, and that the Board of Supervisors of Southern Drainage District be advised and requested to comply with their part of the proposition above stated.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliott, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary and Chief Drainage Engineer—August 1928	\$ 225.00
J. Stuart Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Secretary—15 days in August at \$100.00 per month	48.39
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel—August 1928	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Land Agent—August 1928	333.34
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. To Salary as Land Clerk—August 1928	233.34
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as as Stenographer—August 1928	75.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Clerk in Tax Department—August 1928	50.00
Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer—August 1928	41.67
Daisy Jinright, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer—August 1928, 19 days at \$60.00 per month	36.77
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	\$1,272.67

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 4, 1928.

The Trustees Internal Improvement Fund were scheduled to meet on this date, but on account of no quorum being present the Governor ordered the meeting adjourned and all business held over until the next regular meeting.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 6, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Select Securities Co., Box 1750, Miami, Fla.	
Reimbursement for cancellation of Drainage Tax Certificate No. 288, issued in error	\$ 1.45
Marvin C. McIntosh, Counsel, Tallahassee, Fla.	
Expense account, trip to West Palm Beach, August 18th to 23rd, 1928—Re: ejection Suits	61.24
The Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla. To Advertisement Land Sale—Pinellas County	20.25

The Miami Herald, Miami, Fla., to advertising Land Sale—Dade County	15.40
T. J. Appleyard, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla. To Office Supplies August 1928	6.10
Underwood Typewriter Co., Inc., Jacksonville, Fla. Repairing Underwood Typewriter Secretary's Office	9.50
Sebring American, Sebring, Fla. Advertising Everglades Drainage Legal Notice	30.00
E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C., Miami, Fla. To Recording Deed No. D-36532 Fla. East Coast Ry. Co. to Trustees I. I. Fund	3.10
Dale Brown, Bushnell, Fla. To Recording Deed of Marie Mann Boyd to Trustees I. I. Fund	1.50
The Sun Land Company, Box 80, Miami, Fla. Reimbursement for cancellation Drainage Tax Certificate No. 633 Issued in error	12.55
Magnolia Company, Box 153, Miami, Fla. To reimbursement for cancellation of Drainage Tax Certificates Nos. 403, 404, 405, 406 and 408—Issued in error	124.32
C. E. Simmons, C. C. C., Okeechobee, Fla. Refund on Individual Certificate on July Report	1.27
A. T. O'Buck, Tallahassee, Fla., to building addition office for Secretary—August 1928	182.00
Lee Doyle, Tallahassee, Fla., painting three offices—September 1928	60.00
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	\$528.68

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 11, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

EXCHANGE OF LANDS OF SOUTHERN SUGAR COMPANY

In compliance with resolutions of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund under date of November 1, 1927 and July 17, 1928, exchange of lands between the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and Southern Sugar Company was effected in open meeting by mutual exchange of deeds between the parties; Hon. John L. Doggett of Jacksonville, attorney for Southern Sugar Company, representing the said Sugar Company.

It was further understood, agreed and authorized by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and Southern Sugar Company that any and all taxes that might be due for the year 1928 on the lands of Southern Sugar Company, conveyed by deed of the Company to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund this day delivered, shall be paid by Southern Sugar Company whenever said taxes are assessed and collectable, it appearing that all other taxes on said lands have been paid. It being understood and agreed that the lands conveyed by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund to Southern Sugar Company are conveyed free and clear of all taxes up to and including the year 1928, and that any and all taxes that may be due and payable up to and including the year 1928 in relation thereto shall be promptly paid by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

It appearing from examination of abstracts of title to the lands of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund conveyed to Southern Sugar Company that some of these lands have been erroneously assessed for State and County taxes, the Comptroller of the State

of Florida is hereby requested to take the proper steps to have such assessments cancelled of record, including any outstanding tax certificates for State and County taxes against said lands.

The Escrow Deed and the Escrow Agreement referred to in the Resolution were also signed, delivered and filed with the Secretary of State, as provided in said Resolution.

The following letter containing the Escrow Agreement was delivered by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and Southern Sugar Company to Hon. H. Clay Crawford, Secretary of State, on this date:

"Tallahassee, Florida.
September 11, 1928.

Hon. H. Clay Crawford,
Secretary of State,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Dear Sir:—

WHEREAS, in open meeting of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, November 1, 1927, a resolution was unanimously adopted by said Trustees, providing for the exchange of certain lands by the Trustees and the Southern Sugar Company; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund on July 17, 1928, certain corrections, substitutions or additions were unanimously made to said aforesaid resolution, and it was therein provided that the following lands shall be incorporated in the Escrow deed in place of the lands set forth in the resolution of November 1, 1927, as follows, to-wit:

Section 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12, of
Township 46 South, Range 35 East;

and,

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Resolution of November 1, 1927 provides as follows:

"This Board exacts evidence of good faith as a guarantee that a sugar mill will be erected at Clewiston, or in that neighborhood, of at least one thousand tons cane capacity not later than December 1929. That to insure the erection of said sugar mill and comply with the demands of this Board as to good faith, the said Sugar Company, at the time of the exchange of deeds hereinbefore set forth, and simultaneously therewith, shall place in escrow in the hands of H. Clay Crawford Secretary of State, a deed conveying the fee simple title to this Board of the following Everglades lands, to-wit:

"Section 26, 28, 30, 32, 34 and 36, T. 46, R. 35, East, under the following escrow agreement:

"If the Southern Sugar Company or its assigns shall not later than December 1929 erect at Clewiston, Florida, or in that neighborhood, a sugar mill of at least one thousand tons cane capacity, then in such event the attached deed shall forthwith become null and void and shall be surrendered to the said Southern Sugar Company, otherwise forthwith said deed shall be delivered to this Board."

Said escrow agreement shall be signed by the said Southern Sugar Company and by the Chairman and Secretary of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund."

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with the foregoing resolutions, the undersigned, the Southern Sugar Company by John L. Doggett, its Counsel, and the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, by the undersigned John W. Martin, Governor-Chairman, and F. C. Elliot, Secretary, do hereby deposit with you, attached hereto, the deed referred to in the

Escrow Agreement aforesaid and you are hereby directed and requested, as provided by the said Escrow Agreement, that "if the Southern Sugar Company, or its assigns shall, not later than December 1929, erect at Clewiston, Florida, or in that neighborhood, a sugar mill of at least one thousand tons cane capacity, then in such event the attached deed shall forthwith become null and void and shall be surrendered to the said Southern Sugar Company, otherwise forthwith said deed shall be delivered to this Board."

SOUTHERN SUGAR COMPANY,
By J. L. DOGGETT,
Its Counsel.

TRUSTEES INTERNAL
IMPROVEMENT FUND,
By JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

The following is a copy of the Escrow Deed deposited with Hon. H. Clay Crawford, Secretary of State:

THIS INDENTURE, made this 1st day of August, 1928, by and between THE SOUTHERN SUGAR COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, party of the first part, and the TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, constituted and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, party of the second part,

WITNESSETH

That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10) and other good and valuable consideration to it in hand paid by the party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained and sold and by these presents, does grant, bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part, its successors

and assigns forever, the following described land, situate, lying and being in the County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, more particularly described as follows:

Sections Two (2), Four (4), Six (6), Eight (8), Ten (10), and Twelve (12), in Township Forty-six (46) South, Range Thirty-five (35) East.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments thereunto belonging and appertaining and every right, title and interest, legal or equitable of the said party of the first part of, in and to the same.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns to it own proper use, benefit and behoof.

AND THE Said party of the first part for itself, its successors and assigns covenants with the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, that the said party of the first part is seized of said land in fee simple; that it has full power and lawful right to convey said land in the manner and form aforesaid; that said lands are free and clear of all liens and encumbrances whatsoever, and that said party of the first part does hereby fully warrant the title to said lands and will defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Southern Sugar Company has caused these presents to be signed in its corporate name by its Vice-President and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its Secretary all as of the day and year first above written.

THE SOUTHERN SUGAR COMPANY,
By T. A. BURT,
Vice-President.

ATTEST:
E. B. ROBERTS,
Secretary.

(SEAL)

Signed, sealed and delivered in
the presence of
Marjorie E. Scott.
J. C. Merriman.

The following receipt was taken from the Secretary of State for the foregoing Escrow Agreement and Escrow Deed:

RECEIVED of F. C. Elliot, Secretary of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, Escrow Agreement between the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and Southern Sugar Company, dated September 11, 1928, together with Escrow Deed thereto attached.

H. CLAY CRAWFORD,
Secretary of State.

Tallahassee, Florida.
September 11, 1928.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

E. B. Leatherman, Clerk Circuit Court, Miami, Fla. To redemption Southern Drainage District Tax Certificates No. 1523 and No. 1524 Sale of August 1, 1927 on lands of Trustees I. I. Fund	\$5,307.00
Manatee Valley Drainage District, Knowles & Fair, Attorneys, Bradenton, Fla. Payment of 1926 Manatee Valley Drainage District Taxes on lands owned by Trustees I. I. Fund	807.47
Kurtz & Roll, Fort Myers, Fla., Attorneys. Payment of Attorneys fees and costs in dismissal of Bill of Complaint in case of Slayton vs. Pahokee Drainage District....	212.76
A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, Tallahassee, Fla. Expense account for August 1928	232.94
D. A. Dixon Company, Tallahassee, Fla. To supplies for Trustees	6.25
Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Service on Phone No. 585 —September 1928	4.25
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services during August 1928....	2.94

Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services during August 1928.....	1.01
W. H. May, Postmaster, Stamps for Trustees	10.00
Clarence M. Busch, Trustee, Box 326, Miami Beach, Fla. Refund overpayment Drain- age Taxes and Interest.....	47.26
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	\$6,631.88

Financial statement for the month of August 1928,
presented and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST 1928

Balance in Fund August 1, 1928	\$421,544.15
From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923 and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925	15,441.47
From L. D. Bessent in Eject- ment Suit No. 4786.....	82.50
From Redemption Drainage Tax Certificates	698.88
Receipt on account of land leases	165.75
Refund on deposit made in the Ejectment Suit of Trustees I. I. Fund vs. L. D. Bessent	3.55
Refund on Pahokee Drainage taxes	212.76
From land sales (\$3,630.59) less 25% to State School Fund (\$907.65).....	2,722.94
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	\$440,872.00
Less Disbursements.....	3,172.31
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Balance on hand September 1, 1928	\$437,699.69

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks	436,699.69	
		<u>\$437,699.69</u>

BALANCES IN BANKS SEPTEMBER 1, 1928

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 97,214.81	
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	80,847.24	
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	88,219.11	
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	23,932.29	
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	41,694.59	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	41,802.35	
The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	26,636.62	
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	36,352.68	
		<u>\$436,699.69</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1928	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Aug. 8,	7442	R. C. Baker, Sheriff	\$ 48.00
	7443	Ralph B. Johnson, T. C.	1,172.34
	7444	Everglades Publishing Co.	2.00
	7445	Palm Beach Times	6.50
15,	7446	Southern Tel. & Constr. Co.	12.75
	7447	Cancelled	
	7448	Western Union Telegraph Co.	1.98
	7449	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	1.21
	7450	Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C.	3.55
	7451	J. F. Garner, C. C. C.	3.75

	7452	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	4.25
	7453	A. R. Richardson	322.31
	7454	Everglades Publishing Co.	21.00
31,	7455	F. C. Elliot	225.00
	7456	J. Stuart Lewis	48.39
	7457	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	7458	A. R. Richardson	333.34
	7459	Elgin Bayless	233.34
	7460	Jentye Dedge	75.00
	7461	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	50.00
	7462	Hattie Bell	41.67
	7463	Daisy Jinright	36.77
	7464	C. B. Gwynn	300.00
			\$3,172.31

Bills of the Board of Fire Control amounting to \$2,519.64 approved by said Board were passed by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be issued in payment of same.

Other business to come before the Trustees was ordered postponed to the next meeting by reason of the press of work requiring members of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund as members of the Pardon-ing Board.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 18, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
J. C. Luning, Treasurer.

Minutes of the Trustees of August 28th, September 4th, 6th, and 11th, 1928, read and ordered approved.

Mr. S. Bryan Jennings of Jacksonville, applied to purchase 14.10 acres in Lot 5, Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 25 East, and requested the Trustees to set a price on the land.

Mr. Amos moved that the land be sold to Mr. Jennings at a price of \$20.00 per acre cash. Seconded by Mr. Luning and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Bayless presented letter from Mr. W. J. Marsh, in which he made request that the Trustees accept \$500.00 in full payment of amount due on his land in the Eagle Bay Section and cancel his mortgage thereon. The amount due on the property being \$632.30, plus interest from October 12, 1926, the Trustees refused to accept the offer of Mr. Marsh.

Mr. A. B. Edwards of Sarasota, who in 1925 purchased 49.16 acres of sovereignty land in Sarasota Bay, having paid \$4,865.60 requests the Trustees to release to him 17 acres of this land on the West side of the Government Cut, cancel the present mortgage and draw a new mortgage to cover remainder of the land on the East side; payment to be made in five years.

Mr. Luning moved that Mr. Richardson be directed to investigate the land and report as to value of that on the West side of the Cut in comparison with that on the East side. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Messrs. Thompson & Thompson of Miami, requested the Trustees to set a price on all of Township 57 South,

Range 37 East. The Trustees agreed on a price of \$25.00 per acre and directed the Land Department to so advise Thompson & Thompson.

A letter was read from Hon. Herbert J. Drane, relative to land which has been occupied by Mr. J. G. Brown for some years as a home and on which he has filed Homestead Entry.

The State having selected this land to be patented as swamp land and the Land Agent reporting that it should be classed as swamp land, the Trustees decided that to protect the interests of the State it would be necessary for them to contest the Entry of Mr. Brown and determine the character of the land. The Land Department was requested to so advise Mr. Drane.

Mr. Luning moved that the Secretary be requested to ascertain from the members of the Trustees, at least two weeks in advance, when a full membership would be present and that Mr. Sutton, Selecting Agent, be notified that the Trustees will give him a hearing on said date. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

On July 28, 1925, Mr. Barron Collier appeared before the Trustees and made a proposition to purchase all swamp, overflowed and sovereignty lands in Township 52 South, Range 26 East, offering \$20,000.00 for same. This offer was accepted and Mr. Collier agreed to undertake to have re-survey of the Township made.

It now appears that certain land in this Township has been patented to the State under the Old Survey and Mr. Collier is making application to have it deeded to him under his agreement with the Trustees.

Mr. Luning moved that the matter be referred to Counsel for an opinion as to whether or not this land would be subject to agreement with Mr. Collier. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Mrs. A. B. Ashley made application to purchase land in front of her upland property in Pinellas County.

The Trustees directed that Mr. Richardson make an investigation and report to the Board.

The Land Clerk presented Tax Receipt of Mr. W. V. Knott for taxes paid by him prior to 1926 on land which he purchased in July 1926, and stated that Mr. Knott wished to be reimbursed for the amount of such taxes.

The Trustees directed the Land Clerk to advise Mr. Knott that if he would furnish statement of all Everglades Drainage District and Palm Beach Drainage & Highway District taxes on this land, which had been paid by him, a check would be issued to cover amount of erroneous assessment on the land; also that a Certificate held by the Trustees would be cancelled as to his property.

Mr. C. B. Gwynn, Land Clerk, wished to be advised as to the following:

First: If Mr. Richardson should have stenographers make extra copies of testimony in contest cases, which copies may be needed in suits.

The Trustees ordered that Mr. Richardson have copies made sufficient for the needs of the Department.

Second: Desired to know what amount of expense would the Trustees agree to pay in obtaining witnesses to testify for the State at hearings to prove character of land in contest.

Mr. Luning moved that the amount be governed by each individual case. Seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted.

Third: Mr. Richardson wanted Mr. Bayless as a witness in contest suit of lands in Section 30, Township 41 South, Range 39 East, as he has been over these lands and was a witness for the State two years ago for other lands in the same section.

It was ordered that Mr. Bayless be directed to be present as a witness as requested by Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Elliot, Secretary, presented the matter of erroneous deed issued by the Board on June 28, 1920, to F. H. King covering lands owned by F. R. Egger in Section 13, Township 47 South, Range 35 East, on which lands Mr. Egger had paid taxes from 1912 to 1927, except for the year 1926, (tender of payment being made to pay taxes) which taxes were paid by Mr. King in conformity with erroneous deed, and stated that in an effort to correct the error he had written Mrs. F. H. King, widow of F. H. King, but she refused to execute quit-claim deed to Mr. Egger.

The Trustees directed the Secretary to advise Mrs. King that if she would execute such deed to Mr. Egger he would reimburse her for the amount of taxes paid by Mr. King for the year 1926 on Mr. Egger's land—\$4.02, otherwise the error would be corrected by Court proceedings and refund of taxes would not be allowed to her.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. McIntosh, Counsel of the Trustees, with copy of letter from Mr. Chas. R. Pierce of Miami, to Mayor E. G. Sewell of Miami, relative to the land advertised for sale on Virginia Key, August 14th, 1928, which sale was indefinitely postponed after a hearing of numerous objections to the sale.

Mr. Luning moved that the matter be held over for a full membership of the Trustees, at which time the final disposition of this land would be discussed. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion the Trustes adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, September 27, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary—September 1928	\$ 225.00
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Counsel—September 1928—\$229.16; Expense Account \$65.58	294.74
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To Salary as Land Agent—September 1928	333.34
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. To Salary as Land Clerk—September 1928	233.34
A. C. Bridges, Tallahassee, Fla. To Salary as Accountant—September 1928	80.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To Salary as Assistant Secretary—September 1928	75.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. To Salary as Clerk in Tax Department—September 1928	50.00
Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. To Salary as Stenographer—September 1928	41.67
Daisy Jinright, Tallahassee, Fla. To Salary as Stenographer—September 1928	60.00
Robert Wynn, Tallahassee, Fla. To Salary as Janitor—September 1928	40.00
	\$1,367.51

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 3, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented request of Standard Dredging Company for cancellation of their Sand Lease, and advised that this Company's account was paid up to date.

The Trustees ordered the contract of Standard Dredging Company cancelled as of this date.

The following bill was approved and ordered paid:

C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Chief Clerk in Land Department—September 1928	\$300.00
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Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 9, 1928.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of September 18th and 27th, ordered approved.

Mr. Amos presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

That in order to encourage boring for oil in this State, the policy of the Trustees hereafter will be to lease Trustee lands when held in such quantities as to justify it, upon the following condition:

1st. Such taxes as have to be paid by Trustees to be paid by lessees, or where there are no taxes payable, a sum equal to the tax must be paid annually in advance.

2nd. Lessees or successors or assigns not to sell stock to the public.

3rd. No lease to be laid on lands within two miles of the location of any well being put down.

4th. Lease not to run for more than five years.

5th. Drilling to begin within six months from beginning of lease; failure, to terminate the contract.

6th. Assignment of lease to be first agreed to by Board.

7th. Usual leases as to royalties to be entered into.

Upon motion the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Messrs. Daniels & Boggs made an offer of \$25.00 an acre for 39 acres in Lot 2, Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 27 East, Duval County.

The matter was ordered held in abeyance pending investigation and report by Mr. Richardson, Land Agent.

Mr. W. A. Wynne, representing Sarasota County, made application to purchase the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 20, Township 36 South, Range 20 East—80 acres, offering \$1.00 an acre for the land, and stating that the County desired the property for a Poor Farm.

General Davis moved that the request be granted and the land sold to Sarasota County, to be used for a Poor Farm, at a price of \$80.00. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

Mr. E. D. Harris, who recently purchased English Island for the sum of \$808.50, paying \$202.13 as first payment, advised the Trustees that he could not execute the mortgage as his wife refused to sign with him.

General Davis moved that the Land Department write Mr. Harris requesting him to execute mortgage without his wife as the Supreme Court of Florida held a mortgage was legal without the signature of the wife. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

A letter was read from Mr. F. M. Valz, representing Key Largo Properties, Inc., requesting extension of 5 years on payment for land purchased from the Trustees through Mr. Valz, also waiving of accrued interest and interest for the extension period.

Mr. Amos moved that the Governor appoint a committee of two or three to go into propositions of this kind and report back to the Trustees their recommendations as to adjustments; also moved that in the instant case the accrued interest to be waived and extension of one year without interest be granted, provided all taxes on the property are paid and proof furnished the Trustees to that effect. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. T. W. Conley, Jr., of Okeechobee made application to the Trustees for extension on mortgages due by M. F. Scott, F. W. Zanders, J. R. DeVane and Charlotte McLendon.

General Davis moved to waive all accrued interest and also to grant extension of one year from date, without interest, provided the above parties will pay all taxes due on the land and furnish proof to that effect. It was so ordered.

General Davis moved, that in view of the fact that a great number of people in the Everglades had suffered losses during the recent storm, and as the Trustees would receive numerous applications from parties in that section for allowance and extension on mortgages, and as the present administration would soon end, that all these cases be continued until they can be taken up by the incoming administration in January 1929.

Senator Alfred H. Wagg of West Palm Beach, wire^d, the Trustees requesting adjustment of mortgages and contracts of parties in the Everglades who suffered losses by the recent storm.

After discussion the Trustees directed that Senator Wagg be advised that the matter will be taken up as soon as report from investigations can be had.

Mr. St. Elmo W. Acosta, Commissioner of Parks of the City of Jacksonville, requested the Trustees to turn over to the City of Jacksonville, for Park purposes, certain islands in the St. Johns River.

Mr. Amos moved that the Land Department request Mr. Acosta to submit a price for the lands, as the Trustees are not authorized to donate lands of the State for any purpose, giving location of islands and distance from the city limits. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted.

The matter of sale of land off Biscayne Point to Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of Miami for fill purposes was again brought up. General Davis moved that the Land Department ascertain the amount of sand Mr. Horobin will require to make the fill, upon receipt of which the Trustees will draw lease, allowing him to dredge sand within designated limits at a set price per cubic yard. Seconded by Mr. Amos and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented the matter of sale of Daniels Addition to Mayport and the Trustees ordered it held over for investigation and report.

Jacksonville Sand Company made application for permit to mine sand for commercial purposes from the channel of the St. Johns River in Duval County, from approximately one-half mile above Fulton to Fulton in what is known as "OLD CHANNAL."

General Davis moved that permit be granted on the usual terms. Seconded and adopted.

C. R. Brown, owner of 12 acres of land in Glades County adjoining Indian Prairie Canal, requested the Trustees to allow him to farm land owned by the State, adjoining his property, as his land is under water and cannot be planted this season.

It was ordered that the Land Department advise C. R. Brown that the land referred to was contained in lease to clients of Mr. F. M. Valz and the matter would have to be taken up with him.

Mr. L. L. Stuckey, who rented land in Palm Beach County from the Trustees last season and made claim that cost him \$2,000.00 to clear, which amount the Trustees agreed to credit on his rental for the coming season, advised that he did not care to rent the land again and asked that the \$2,000.00 be refunded to him.

The request was denied and the Land Department directed to write Mr. Stuckey that the Trustees would credit this amount as heretofore agreed on.

Mr. J. H. Garrison who applied to purchase tax land at \$50.00 an acre, wished to be advised whether or not the Trustees would accept one-fourth cash and balance in one, two and three years.

The Trustees directed the Secretary to write Mr. Garrison that it was their policy to sell Tax lands for cash only.

The Trustees directed Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, to go to Tavares to represent the State in ascertaining the status of lands now being investigated by the Department of the Interior.

L. E. Brown, colored, who suffered heavy losses during the recent storm, requested extension on payments due by him.

Mr. Mayo moved that he be advised that an extension would be granted. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Counsel, presented letter from Mr. J. M. Couse, Attorney for Newhall Drainage District, in which was enclosed Tax Receipts for the years 1925, 1926 and 1927 on lands of the Trustees in said District, which receipts amounted to \$1,245.00. Mr. Couse requested that by adjustment of accounts between the Trustees and Drainage Board that this amount, together with check for \$1,952.45 enclosed, be credited on Notes of Newhall Drainage District to the Drainage Board.

This arrangement being satisfactory to both Boards, it was ordered that the above amounts be credited on Notes of Newhall Drainage District to Board of Commissioners Everglades Drainage District.

Mr. McIntosh also presented letter from Mr. Gus Wilder, Attorney of Clearwater, relative to foreclosure of mortgage by Trustees Internal Improvement Fund against Bellair Estates, covering, among other lands, certain submerged lands in front of property of his client Mr. Hill, plaintiff in the case of Hill v. Carley, offering to handle foreclosure proceedings for a certain fee, but if the Trustees did not care to foreclose, made inquiry as to whether or not they would grant his client satisfaction of mortgage, to lands in front of property claimed by his client, for a consideration.

The Trustees declined to take any action at the present time and requested Counsel to write Mr. Wilder suggesting that he make an effort to adjust matters with Bellair Estates.

Judge John L. Doggett, Messrs. Jules M. Burguieres and R. Y. Patterson. representing Southern Sugar

Company, appeared before the Trustees and requested exchange of certain lands.

The Trustees asked that the proposition be submitted in writing, upon receipt of which information action would be taken.

Mr. Vernon Price Williams, representing himself and Judge Tom Norfleet of Miami, presented application for Oil and Gas Lease to be executed to them, without compensation to the Trustees, covering practically the lower two-thirds of the submerged lands in Lake Okeechobee.

The application was denied.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control amounting to \$2,220.65 were passed by the Trustees for payment from the Fire Tax Fund.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Seabrook Hardware Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Paint and Supplies—September 1928	\$ 4.75
Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Exchange service—September 1928	4.25
Artcraft Printers, Tallahassee, Fla. Supplies furnished—September 1928	10.25
William T. Hull, C. C. C., LaBelle, Fla. Recording Deed Southern Sugar Co.—September 1928	1.75
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla. Supplies furnished—September 1928	6.43
Fred E. Fenno, C. C. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. Recording deeds—September 1928	13.55
T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla. Supplies furnished—September 1928	1.75
Wallis Engineering Co., Tallahassee, Fla., Revision of description lands in Ejectment Suits	77.62
Lois B. Hazard, care of Wideman & Wideman, West Palm Beach, Fla. Services as Stenographer—September 1928	15.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Services rendered September 1928	.76

Frank A. Bryan, C.C.C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Recording Deeds from C. A. Douglas and Wife; Pennsylvania Sugar Co., and Hempt	4.65
Postal Telegraph & Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. Services rendered during September 1928	.52
	\$141.28

Mr. Barron Collier having applied to purchase land in Lee County, the following advertisement was placed in the Tropical News, Fort Myers, Florida:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 9, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will receive competitive bids in open session at 10 o'clock, A. M., Tuesday, November 13th, 1928, at Tallahassee, Florida, for the following described land in LEE County, Florida:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Township 44 South, Range 21 East, as surveyed A. D. 1875, and running thence South 89° 57' West on said Township line a distance of 16,641.8 feet, more or less, to an iron pipe marking the Westerly intersection of the meander line of Patruca Island with said Township line, as surveyed A. D. 1875, continuing thence run South 87° 30' West along said Township line a distance of 1490 feet to an iron pipe marking the point of beginning of the land herein to be described;

Run thence North 87° 30' East along said Township line 276 feet to the point of intersection of the easterly boundary line of the premises herein to be described with said Township line, thence South 30° 5' East 428 feet; thence South 17° 0' East a distance of 740 feet; run thence South 3° 33' West 1136 feet; thence South 50° 35' West 371 feet; thence North 64° 45' West 440 feet;

Thence South 89° 39' West 862.4 feet;
 Thence North 46° 38' West 384 feet;
 Thence North 15° 21' East 586 feet;
 Thence North 2° 23' East 573 feet;
 Thence North 26° 42' East 701 feet;
 Thence North 22° 3' West 211 feet, to a
 point of intersection with said North Town-
 ship line which is North 87° 30' East a dis-
 tance of 935.3 feet from the westerly meander
 line of Mundungo Island as surveyed A. D.
 1875;

Run thence North 87° 30' East 687 feet to
 said iron pipe marking the point of beginning,
 and containing 76.16 acres, more or less.

Lying and being in Township 44 South.
 Range 21 East, Lee County, State of Florida.

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

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

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement
 Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
 Governor.

ATTEST:
 F. C. Elliot,
 Secretary.

Webb & Yates having made application to purchase
 land in Pinellas County, the following advertisement
 was placed in the Clearwater Sun Herald, Clearwater,
 Florida:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 9, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, November 13th, 1928, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described lands in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot 8 of John T. Leslie's Subdivision of the East $1/3$ of Government Lot 2, Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, town of Gulfport, which point of beginning is on the original Government Meander line and is further described as being 3,696.77 feet South of, and 514.60 feet West of the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East;

Thence South 320.00 feet;

Thence West 93.4 feet;

Thence North 320.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 7 of aforesaid John T. Leslie's Subdivision, which point is on the original Government Meander Line;

Thence East 93.4 feet along the Government Meander line to the point of beginning.

Containing .68 acres, more or less.

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

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. J. B. L'Engle of Jacksonville, relative to land in Volusia County, in which his client, Grace C. Thurman, is interested. The Trustees ordered this matter referred to Counsel for report at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. O. W. Randolph requested refund of \$351.31 over-payment on Tax Deed from Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

It was ordered that check be issued to cover above amount.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 16, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. H. E. Kimball offering \$15.00 per acre for Lot 3, Section 34, Township 51 South, Range 41 East. The offer was refused.

The Secretary presented a statement of the finances of both the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and Board of Commissioners Everglades Drainage District. In addition to the statement the Secretary recommended that certain tax lands be advertised for sale.

It was ordered that a list of tax lands selected with a view to sell be submitted, and that together with other matters in the Statement, be taken up at a full board meeting.

The Secretary presented several letters from Mr. H. H. Hart, representing Florida East Coast Railway, asking for releases on various tracts of land, in order to secure right-of-way for Florida East Coast Railway extension. This matter was ordered referred to Mr. Richardson to check up on the lands and report to the Trustees.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. D. C. Gillett of Tampa, relative to securing contract for exclusive removal of mineral bearing sand on the shores of a certain river in Florida.

The Trustees directed the Secretary to ascertain from Mr. Gillett what price he would be willing to pay for the contract and the location of the River.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented letter from Standard Dredging Company, requesting that the Trustees rescind action taken October 3, 1928, cancelling their contract and reinstate the contract, as it is their desire to continue dredging operations.

Mr. Amos moved that the action of the Trustees under date of October 3, 1928, be rescinded and the contract of Standard Dredging Company be reinstated, the bond attached to the contract being in force at this time. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, presented matter of Conway Lake Sand Company, stating that the Company was in arrears eight (8) months on their payments.

Mr. Amos moved that the Bonding Company be notified and settlement effected through them. Motion duly seconded and adopted.

Hillsborough Sand & Shell Company, holders of contract for dredging in Alafia and Manatee Rivers, being in arrears since April of this year, and bond having expired, the Trustees ordered the contract cancelled.

Mr. Jules M. Burguières, representing Southern Sugar Company, appeared before the Trustees and presented written proposition for the exchange of certain lands with the Trustees.

After due consideration, it was moved and adopted that the Secretary, Mr. Richardson, (Land Agent), and Mr. Bayless of the Land Department, check over the lands listed, ascertain their present status and relative value, and present to the Trustees at the earliest date possible.

Mr. R. G. Johnson of West Palm Beach requested the Trustees to make some adjustment in connection with sale of land near Ft. Pierce, sold to R. G. Johnson, Jr., and Mr. Bingham, on which they had paid \$34,000.00 principal and \$7,957.00 interest. The matter was ordered held over for full board meeting.

Mr. Johnson then asked if the Trustees would consider refunding one-half of the amount paid and accept deed from Messrs. Johnson and Bingham for the land. This was also ordered held for full board meeting.

Mr. L. O. Mordt and his counsel, Mr. Cromwell Gibbons, appeared before the Trustees with reference to settlement under this agreement dated November 22, 1927. In view of the fact that no statement or account has been filed with the Trustees, Mr. Mordt was requested to furnish Counsel for the Trustees with itemized statement of amount he claims is due by the Trustees and the matter will be presented to the Board.

Upon request from the Secretary, as to what is desired in reference to supplying copies and certified copies of Minutes or other records of the Trustees, Mr. Amos moved that copies of such minutes and other records be furnished upon application, and that a charge be made to cover cost of preparation. Seconded and adopted.

Mr. A. O. Henderson having applied to purchase land in Volusia County, the following advertisement was placed in the DeLand Daily News:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 15, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will receive competitive bids in open session at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, November 20th, 1928, at Tallahassee, Florida, for the following described land in Volusia County, Florida:

From the West abutment of Stone Bridge, which point is North 60° 00' East, 152.50 chains from the Southwest corner of the O. & F. Palmas Grant in Township 16 South, Range 33 East, run thence along the Meander Line of the O. & F. Palmas Grant as surveyed by David H. Burr, A. D. 1850.

North 41° 00' West 5.00 chains;

North 66° 00' West 4.50 chains;

North 27° 00' West 6.00 chains;

North 22° 30' West 16.00 chains;

to point of beginning.

From the point of beginning continue North 82° 30' West 7.88 chains along Meander Line;

Thence North 11° 15' West 12.58 chains;

Thence North 59° 25' East 3.03 chains;

Thence South 66° 45' East 9.24 chains;

Thence South 29° 35' East 9.03 chains;

Thence South 48° 17' West 6.43 chains to the point of beginning.

Containing 14.68 acres, more or less, lying and being in Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, State of Florida.

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

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

The rights to reject any and all bids is reserved.

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 23, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Minutes of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of October 3rd, 9th and 16th, 1928 were ordered approved.

General Davis presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, under resolution adopted on November 22, 1927, accepted and approved a proposition of Mr. L. O. Mordt of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in which Mr. Mordt agreed to undertake the collection for the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of refunds from the Southern Drainage District and the Lake Worth Drainage District, to which he believed the Trustees were entitled, and for which collections Mr. Mordt was to receive 50 per centum of all sums so collected; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mordt has not reported, nor paid over, to the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund any monies collected under the said resolution; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund that the best interests of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State of Florida, will be served by rescinding the said Resolution of November 22, 1927, Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the resolution of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, under date of November 22, 1927, accepting and approving the said proposition of Mr. L. O. Mordt, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Mr. L. O. Mordt, formerly of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, but now residing at 316 Cedar Street, South Jacksonville, Florida, be notified of the action herein taken and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to him at his last address.

The Resolution was adopted as follows:

YEAS: Governor, Comptroller and Attorney General. Nays: None.

The Secretary presented bill submitted by Mr. L. O. Mordt, claiming \$13,645.37 due him by the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund under agreement dated November 22, 1927.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees declined to pay the bill of Mr. Mordt, as no such amounts had ever been collected through his efforts, or otherwise. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Mordt and his attorney, Mr. Cromwell Gibbons being present the Governor stated as follows:

That the Trustees had gone on record as refusing to pay to Mr. Mordt the amount set forth in his statement on the ground that collections amounting to \$27,290.73, as shown by his statement and of which he was to receive 50 per cent, or \$13,645.37, had not been made by Mr. Mordt as provided in his agreement, and had never been received by the Trustees;

That the Trustees were, and are, willing to pay 50 per cent of any amounts collected through the efforts of Mr. Mordt;

That the only amount collected since the agreement with Mr. Mordt, is \$5,398.86 and as this amount was collected by Counsel for the Trustees in a settlement with Southern Drainage District, the following is a statement of account with Mr. Mordt, as the Trustees see it:

\$3,646.65	—Check for Refund from Southern Drainage District.
1,752.21	—Costs and penalties saved in redemption of Southern Drainage District Tax Certificates 1523 and 1524, Sale of August 1, 1927.
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1/2—\$5,398.86	
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\$2,699.43	
1,000.00	—Advances to Mr. Mordt by Trustees.
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\$1,699.43	—Balance and Total amount due Mr. Mordt by Trustees under agreement of November 22, 1927.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees pay Mr. Mordt the sum of \$1,699.43 in full settlement of his claim and

accept his receipt in full for all services rendered and the termination of his connection with the Trustees Improvement Fund.

Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

L. O. Mordt, 316 Cedar Street, South Jacksonville, Fla., full and final settlement of agreement between Trustees and L. O. Mordt, dated November 22, 1927	\$1,699.43
K. B. O'Quinn, C. C. C., Clearwater, Fla. To recording Mortgage Murok Realty Corporation to Trustees I. I. Fund	1.35
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	\$1,700.78

General Davis presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It has been called to the attention of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, by Hon. Fred H. Davis, Attorney General, that Section 16, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, in the County of Palm Beach, Florida, which said land is situate within the boundary of Everglades Drainage District has heretofore been assessed to the State Board of Education of Florida, and no taxes have been paid on said Section since the establishment of said District, and

WHEREAS, There is an outstanding Everglades Drainage tax certificate against said land, No. 514 of July 4, 1927, for 1926 taxes in the sum of \$814.92, and

WHEREAS, There is an outstanding State and County tax certificate against said land, No. 569 of July 4, 1927, in the sum of \$675.81, and

WHEREAS, Taxes have been assessed against said land for 1927, but no tax certificates based on such assessment have been found, and

WHEREAS, It has been called to the attention of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by Hon. Fred H. Davis, Attorney General, that the Supreme Court of this State has held in the case of Southern Drainage District, et al., v. State of Florida, 112 Southern 561, that land originally granted to the State Board of Education for School purposes is not subject to State and County, or Everglades Drainage District taxes or any other taxes, and can not be legally sold for delinquent taxes, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are convinced that said tax certificates against said land above described cannot be legally enforced against said land,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That said assessments for Everglades Drainage District taxes against said land described as Section 16, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, located in Palm Beach County, Florida, and the said Everglades Drainage District Certificate No. 514 of July 4, 1927, be and the same is hereby cancelled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Comptroller of the State of Florida be requested to cancel State and County Tax Certificate No. 569 of July 4, 1927, against said land, and to direct that the amounts assessed against said lands for 1927 be entered on the error and insolvency list if said land has not been sold for taxes, or to cancel any tax certificates that might exist on account of said assessment for 1927.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund will execute and deliver the necessary documents requested by said Attorney General, to legally perfect the cancellation of said tax certificate and remove the same as a cloud on the title of said land.

Upon vote the Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Amos presented a letter from Mr. G. W. Bingham, in which was submitted an offer from J. B. Dill of Miami of \$1,000.00 for a 5-year Oil Lease from the Trustees on lands purchased by Mr. Bingham, Mr. Dill agreeing to put down one well and pay one-eighth in royalties to the State.

The Trustees requested Mr. Amos to forward to Mr. Bingham copy of Resolution passed by the Trustees, October 9th, governing oil leases.

Mr. W. O. Berryhill of Fort Lauderdale appeared relative to adjustment on his mortgage to the Trustees covering land purchased in Newman's Survey in Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County.

Upon motion of Mr. Amos, seconded by Mr. Davis and adopted, the Trustees agreed to deed Mr. Berryhill one-fourth of the land and sell the balance to him at a price of \$250.00. As a portion of this land belonged to the School Fund, the School Board went on record as agreeing to the proposition.

Mr. R. G. Johnson of West Palm Beach came before the Trustees relative to adjustment on Mortgage of R. G. Johnson, Jr., and G. W. Bingham, covering land purchased from the Trustees near Fort Pierce, on which a payment of \$34,000.00 and \$7,957.00 interest had been made.

The Trustees agreed to deed one-half of the acreage for the amount paid and sell the balance at a price of \$750.00.

Judge John L. Doggett and Mr. Julius M. Burguieres of the Southern Sugar Company appeared before the Trustees relative to exchange of land.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, having submitted report as to value of lands involved, copy of the report was ordered furnished to Messrs. Doggett and Burguieres and the matter ordered held over for a full Board meeting.

The following bill approved on the 9th instant was ordered paid:

O. W. Randolph, Detroit, Michigan, Refund account overpayment on Tax Deed No. 5350	\$350.31
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Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, October 30, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of October 23, 1928 ordered approved.

The Land Department presented telegram from Mr. A. E. Schafer, Director American Red Cross, West Palm Beach, requesting to know what position the Trustees would take in the matter of the Red Cross re-building homes in the storm area on State owned lands.

It was ordered that the Land Department ascertain from Mr. Schafer the location of the lands desired, as it would be necessary to check description; the Trustees having contracts for sale and also ejection suits against land in that vicinity.

Mr. J. T. Hancock, who purchased land in Okeechobee County, paying cash therefor, requested that he be allowed to re deed the land to the Trustees and they issue check reimbursing him for the amount paid. The request was denied and the Land Department directed to so advise Mr. Hancock.

Sam Sanders of Lake City, Florida, made an offer of \$5.00 per acre for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 15 East—40 acres, in Suwannee County.

The Trustees declined this offer, but agreed to sell the land at \$10.00 per acre and the Land Department was requested to so advise Sam Sanders.

A letter was presented from C. E. and G. J. Hardin of Okeechobee, requesting adjustment on their purchase of 13 acres of land in Okeechobee County, on which the first payment of \$975.00 had been made; also \$658.45 principal and \$452.60 interest.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to ascertain from Messrs. Hardin what adjustment they desired in the premises.

Tabor-Murphy Realty Company of Bradenton, representing Mr. J. L. Kilgore, requested the Trustees to take action on the statement presented to two members of the Board on August 21, 1928. Messrs. Green and Roberts, who opposed the sale to Mr. Kilgore, being present, the Trustees advised that on November 13th, a hearing would be had to make final disposition of the transaction. The Land Department was directed to advise Tabor-Murphy Realty Company of the date set for hearing.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. B. G. Dahlberg, President of Southern Sugar Company, rela-

tive to exchange of lands with the Trustees, in which he advised that he did not think the basis of exchange submitted by the Trustees was fair, and asked for further consideration at an early date. The Trustees directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Dahlberg that they would be glad to consider selling the land at a fair price if the exchange proposition was not satisfactory.

Mr. Amos again presented letter from Mr. G. W. Bingham, in which he requested oil lease executed, provided the Trustees would extend time for boring of first well to twelve months instead of six months. The Trustees ordered that time limit for boring first well be fixed at twelve months and that Oil Lease be prepared in accordance therewith.

Messrs. Scarborough and Williams appeared before the Trustees relative to application of Capt. Daniels to purchase 15 acres of land which had been brought into existence through dredging operations of the Government near Mayport.

The Governor having made report as to the location and character of this land, and the Secretary having presented letter from the United States Government, requesting that no lands in that vicinity be sold until description of area needed by the Government could be furnished, the Trustees ordered the matter held in abeyance until description could be obtained from District Engineer of the War Department.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented plats of certain swamp and overflowed lands in the neighborhood of Tavares. These lands have been recently surveyed by the United States, and their character as swamp and overflowed lands open them to application for patent to the State of Florida. Much of these lands are improved, settled upon, residences built, streets

and other municipal improvements completed; the square on which the Court House is located is partly upon swamp and overflowed land.

It was recommended that the State make selections covering this area as swamp and overflowed lands and that in order to facilitate their disposition by the United States in favor of those who had settled upon them, that the State accept other lands in lieu of those located near Tavares under indemnity provision which permits such alternate selections. The Trustees took the view that selections should be made and that when such selection had been allowed, the Trustees request the United States to convey to the State other lands in lieu thereof under indemnity provision.

The Secretary reported that in accordance with Minutes of September 18, 1928, he had written Mrs. F. H. King, widow of F. H. King, relative to executing quit-claim deed to F. R. Egger, covering land originally owned by Mr. Egger but erroneously deeded by the Trustees to F. H. King.

The Trustees ordered that the matter be referred to Counsel with a view to having erroneous deed set aside.

The Secretary reported that upon examination of lands exchanged with Southern Sugar Company it has been disclosed that \$640.00 of Pahokee Drainage District taxes are in arrears and should be paid by the Trustees.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, it was ordered that the taxes as above be paid, and check forwarded to Tax Collector.

The Secretary reported that the Tax Collector of Palm Beach County has issued a number of Tax Certificates in duplicate to Robert F. Wirthwine and that refund check should be issued to Mr. Wirthwine in the sum of \$55.61. It was ordered that check for \$55.61 be issued to Mr. Wirthwine.

The Secretary reported that Tax Collector of Dade County had erroneously included Tax Certificate No. 6725 with other certificates sold to Seminole Bond & Mortgage Company, said Company paying \$357.46 for the certificate, and that check in this amount should be issued to reimburse said Company.

It was ordered that reimbursement check for \$357.46 be forwarded to Tax Collector of Dade County to take up this Certificate.

The Secretary advised that full and final settlement had been made with Mr. L. O. Mordt and his agreement with the Trustees cancelled. The following Receipt was taken from Mr. Mordt:

Tallahassee, Florida.

October 25, 1928.

Received of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, this October 25th, 1928, the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Nine and 43/100 Dollars (\$1,699.43), in full and final settlement of the agreement of the said Trustees Internal Improvement Fund under resolution of said Trustees Internal Improvement Fund bearing date of November 22, 1927, and I hereby release the said Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of all obligations under said agreement or otherwise, and acknowledge that the said Trustees Internal Improvement Fund are in no way obligated or indebted to me on account of said agreement or otherwise.

L. O. MORDT. (Seal)

WITNESSES:

Cromwell Gibbons.

Jentye Dedge.

STATE OF FLORIDA)
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 COUNTY OF LEON)

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at large, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, on this 25th day of October, A. D. 1928, personally appeared L. O. Mordt, to me well known, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he signed the foregoing receipt and release and that he executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the purpose of relinquishing all claims whatsoever against the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida.

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

My Commission expires July 10, 1929.

It was ordered that sale of Virginia Key land, advertised to be sold August 14, 1928, and indefinitely postponed, be cancelled and the land re-advertised for sale.

The Attorney General moved that the Trustees notify Mr. John M. Sutton, Selecting Agent, that on and after January 8th, 1929, his contract as Selecting Agent for the Trustees, will be terminated and that the following Resolution be adopted and a copy forwarded to Mr. Sutton and to the Secretary of the Interior of the United States:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, that on and after the 8th day of January, 1929, the employment of John M. Sutton under that certain Agreement en-

tered into on the 9th day of March, A. D. 1923, with the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, by which said John M. Sutton was employed in the capacity as outlined in said contract, be and the same is hereby terminated and ended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Interior of the United States and that the Department be advised that on and after January 8, 1929, the said John M. Sutton has no further right, title or authority to represent the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in any manner or capacity whatsoever; and that the said John M. Sutton also be furnished with a copy of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall not affect any transaction had by the said John M. Sutton under said contract by which he has already earned or become entitled to the compensation agreed on in said Contract.

Upon vote the Resolution was adopted and the Secretary requested to forward copies as above.

Mr. F. F. Pulver of St. Petersburg, requested the Trustees to make some adjustment on his mortgage held by the Trustees, stating that he had paid \$7,242.75 on Entry No. 17407, for himself and \$21,499.00 on Entry No. 17412 in the name of his Company, Pasedena Gardens, Inc.

The Trustees agreed to deed Mr. Pulver one-fourth of the land for the amounts paid and sell the balance at a price of \$1,000.00; \$250.00 on Entry No. 17407, and \$750 on Entry No. 17412.

Messrs. Johnson & Goldsmith, representing Capital City Sand and Gravel Company, requested exclusive

permit to mine sand from the Junction of Chattahoochee and Flint Rivers to the Alabama line.

Mr. Mayo moved that the matter be referred to Mr. Richardson for investigation and report. Seconded by Mr. Amos and adopted.

A letter was presented from Mr. Peter L. Rosasco relative to Lease for mining sand from Molino on Escambia River to the North side of the L. & N. Railroad Bridge crossing Escambia Bay in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. The Trustees stated that they were not willing to give exclusive lease, and especially over such a large territory, but would give permit to take sand and gravel from the river, reserving the right to issue other permits in the same territory. Correspondence beng with Mr. Amos, he was requested to advise Mr. Rosasco of the action taken.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control amounting to \$3,295.28 approved by said Board, were passed on by the Trustees and warrants ordered issued in payment of same.

Salary of Mr. C. B. Gwynn, Land Clerk for the Trustees, was approved and ordered paid.

Land applied for by Mr. G. E. Hoffman, for his client, Mr. James T. Kersey of Pensacola, was ordered advertised and the following Notice placed in the Pensacola Journal:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 30, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a

meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, December 4th, 1928, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in ESCAMBIA County, Florida:

That piece or parcel of land in Pensacola, Florida, bounded on the South by the North line of East Wright Street, from the waters of Bayou Texar on the East;

Thence along said North line of East Wright Street Westward to the East line of North Seventeenth Avenue;

Thence Northward along the said East line of North Seventeenth Avenue to the South line of East Belmont Street;

Thence Eastward along the South line of said East Belmont Street to the waters of said Bayou Texar;

Thence Southerly meandering the low water mark of the West shore of said Bayou Texar to the point of beginning.

Containing approximately One and one-half (1½) Acres, and known as the Kersey Block, in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary—Octo- ber 1928	\$ 225.00
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M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel—October 1928	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla.:	
To salary as Land Agent	\$333.34
To Expense Account	340.74
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Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Land Clerk—October 1928	233.34
A. C. Bridges, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Accountant—October 1928	80.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Assistant Secretary	75.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Clerk in Tax Dept.—October 1928	50.00
Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer—October 1928	41.67
Daisy Jinright, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer—October 1928	60.00
Miami Herald, Miami, Fla. Subscription to paper—One year from Nov. 2, 1928	9.00
M. O. Barco, Tallahassee, Fla. To taking depositions in Land cases for Mr. Sutton	22.50
Robert F. Wirthwine, 2211 Union Central Bldg., Cincinnati, O., to refund on Drainage Tax Certificates	55.61
Bob Simpson, Tax Collector, Miami, Fla. Assignment of Drainage Tax Certificate No. 6725	357.46
Roy A. O'Bannon, Tax Collector, West Palm Beach, Fla. 1924 Pahokee Drainage District Taxes on Sec. 27-42-37	640.00
C. B. Gwynn, Tallahassee, Fla. Salary as Land Clerk—October 1928	300.00
	<hr/> \$3,052.82

Financial Statement for September presented and ordered placed of record:

TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVE-
MENT FUND ACCOUNT

W. V. KNOTT, *Treasurer*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH
OF SEPTEMBER 1928

RECEIPTS

Balance in fund September 1, 1928	\$437,699.69	
From Land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925	26,191.50	
Refund on account of over-payment for recording deed	1.55	
Sales of Minutes	1.00	
From land sales (\$1,062.50) less 25% to State School Fund (\$265.62)	796.88	
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		\$464,690.62
Less Disbursements (itemized below)	8,593.65	
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Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1928		\$456,096.97

RECAPITULATION

Cash and cash items	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in banks	455,096.97	
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		\$456,096.97

BALANCES IN BANKS OCTOBER 1, 1928

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 88,621.16
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	98,120.03
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	96,749.88

American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	23,932.29
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	41,694.59
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	42,989.72
The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	26,636.62
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	36,352.68
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	\$455,096.97

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1928	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Sept. 6,	7465	Select Securities Com- pany	\$ 1.45
	7466	Marvin C. McIntosh	61.24
	7467	The Clearwater Sun	20.25
	7468	The Miami Herald	15.40
	7469	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	6.10
	7470	Underwood Typewriter Co	9.50
	7471	Sebring American	30.00
	7472	E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C.	3.10
	7473	Dale B. Brown	1.50
	7474	The Sun Land Company	12.55
	7475	Magnolia Company	124.32
	7476	C. E. Simmons, C. C. C.	1.27
	7477	A. T. O'Buck	182.00
	7478	Lee Doyle	60.00
12,	7479	E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C.	5,307.00
	7480	Manatee Valley Drainage District	807.47
	7481	Kurtz & Roll	212.76
	7482	A. R. Richardson	232.94
	7483	D. A. Dixon Company	6.25
	7484	Southern Tel. & Const. Co.	4.25
	7485	Western Union Tel. Co.	2.94
	7486	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	1.01
18,	7487	W. H. May, Postmaster	10.00
	7488	Clarence M. Busch, Trustee	47.26

(Checks 7489-7525, inclusive, cancelled on account of the death of Hon. J. C. Luning, whose signature they bore).

29,	7526	F. C. Elliot	225.00
	7527	M. C. McIntosh	294.74
	7528	A. R. Richardson	333.34
	7529	Elgin Bayless	233.34
	7530	A. C. Bridges	80.00
	7531	Jentye Dedge	75.00
	7532	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	50.00
	7533	Hattie Bell	41.67
	7534	Daisy Jinright	60.00
	7535	Robert Wynn	40.00

Total disbursements during
month \$8,593.65

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:
F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 13, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The Minutes of the Trustees of October 30th, 1928, were approved.

Financial statement for the month of October 1928, was approved and ordered placed of record:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER 1928

RECEIPTS

Balance in Fund Oct. 1, 1928	\$456,096.97	
Sale of certified copy of Minutes	6.00	
From land sales under Ch. 9131, Acts of 1923, and Ch. 10024 Acts of 1925 ..	27,551.26	
Interest on deposits for the quarter ending 9-30-28 ..	3,233.01	
From land sales (\$1,449.78) less 25% to State School Fund (\$362.44)	1,087.34	
	<u>\$487,974.58</u>	
Less disbursements	5,545.19	
Balance on hand November 1, 1928		\$482,429.39

RECAPITULATION

Cash and Cash Items	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks	481,429.39	
	<u> </u>	\$482,429.39

BALANCES IN BANKS NOVEMBER 1, 1928

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 89,441.48
Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	98,749.49
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	125,791.28
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	24,113.25
First National Bank, Miami, Fla.	42,009.23
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	37,860.71

The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	26,836.39
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	36,627.56

\$481,429.39

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
1928			
Oct. 3,	7536	C. B. Gwynn	\$ 300.00
10,	7537	Seabrook Hardware Co.	4.75
	7538	Southern Tel. & Constr. Co.	4.25
	7539	Artcraft Printers	10.25
	7540	Wm. T. Hull, C. C. C.	1.75
	7541	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	6.43
	7542	Fred E. Fenno	13.55
	7543	T. J. Appleyard, Inc.	1.75
	7544	Wallis Engineering Co.	77.62
	7545	Louis B. Hazard	15.00
	7546	Western Union Tel. Co.	.76
	7547	Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C.	4.65
	7548	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.52
23,	7549	O. N. Randolph (Refund)	350.31
25,	7550	L. O. Mordt	1,699.43
	7551	K. B. O'Quinn, C. C. C.	1.35
31,	7552	F. C. Elliot, Secretary	225.00
	7553	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	7554	A. R. Richardson	674.08
	7555	Elgin Bayless	233.34
	7556	A. C. Bridges	80.00
	7557	Jentye Dedge	75.00
	7558	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	50.00
	7559	Hattie Bell	41.67
	7560	Daisy Jinright	60.00
	7561	Miami Herald	9.00
	7562	M. O. Barco	22.50
	7563	Robt. F. Wirthwine	55.61
	7564	Bob Simpson, T. C.	357.46
	7565	Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C.	640.00
	7566	C. B. Gwynn	300.00

\$5,545.19

Upon application of Webb & Yates of Gulfport, Florida, the Trustees on October 9th, 1928, ordered advertised for sale this date .68 acres of submerged land in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County. No objections being presented or filed, sale was consummated to Webb & Yates and deed ordered issued to purchaser.

Upon application of Mr. Barron Collier of Everglades, Florida, the Trustees on October 9th, 1928, ordered advertised for highest bid 76.16 acres in Township 44 South, Range 21 East, Lee County.

Mr. Collier's bid of \$10.00 per acre being the only bid received, the land was sold to him at this price and deed ordered issued.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. Y. L. Watson, Attorney for Florida Gravel Company, in which he advised that Mr. Lipscomb, President of Florida Gravel Company, was unable to accompany Mr. Richardson on trip to investigate territory desired by Florida Gravel Company and Capital City Sand & Gravel Company, and asked that action be deferred until Mr. Lipscomb could appear before the Trustees.

Mr. Amos moved that the matter be held over until such time as representatives from both companies can be present. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented letter from Mrs. Ruth B. Owens of Okeechobee, Florida, to Hon. W. V. Knott, representing client Margaret Scott, containing request that the Trustees endorse draft drawn in favor of Margaret Scott and Trustees Internal Improvement Fund; draft being ni payment of damages to house of Margaret Scott during the September storm, which house was located on land purchased from the Trustees.

It was ordered that the necessary endorsement be placed on the draft and returned to Mrs. Owens.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. John F. Harrell of Live Oak, Florida, in which he asked to be advised if the Trustees would make satisfaction of mortgage on 40 acres of land in Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 14 East, which his client Chas. Forman had purchased from Frank H. George, original purchaser from the Trustees.

It was ordered that upon payment of amount due on the mortgage the Trustees would release same, or assign or transfer the mortgage to Mr. Forman. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Harrell.

A letter was presented from Mr. St. Elmo W. Acosta, Park Commissioner of Jacksonville, relative to certain islands in St. Johns River, which he desired donated to the City of Jacksonville for Park purposes.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees sell the islands at \$100.00 per acre, subject to advertisement for objections, to be used only for park purposes, and that the Land Department advise Mr. Acosta of this action. Also advise him that the Trustees have no authority to donate lands of the State for any purpose. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Land Department presented letter from Messrs. C. E. and G. J. Hardin of Okeechobee, requesting the Trustees to make some adjustment on their Entry No. 17530.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to advise Messrs. Hardin that they would allow them to reconvey a portion of the land purchased, and the Trustees would then sell the property back to them at a fair price as of this date, after the Land Agent had appraised the land and reported as to its valuation.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. W. B. Harvard of Sarasota, in which he made request for adjustment on Entries No. 17,542, 17,543, and 17,545, asking that the Trustees allow him to re-deed to them one-half of the land purchased, or 280 acres, for which he paid \$5,600.00 and that the Trustees issue him refund check for one-half of this amount, or \$2,800.00.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees decline Mr. Harvard's request. Seconded by Mr. Knott and upon vote adopted.

Letter was presented from Mr. Hal. E. Townsend, Manager of Snell, Inc., making application to purchase 57.71 acres of land in Sections 8, 9, 16 and 17, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County, offering \$100.00 per acre as owners of the upland.

It was ordered that Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, make investigation of the property and report to the Trustees. The Land Department to advise Mr. Townsend of this action.

Mr. J. C. Fudge, of Okeechobee, requested the Trustees to return his check for \$150.00, part payment on land in Eagle Bay section, as he had never received deed to the property.

It was ordered that the \$150.00 be returned to Mr. Fudge as no deed had ever been executed to him.

Mr. J. C. Bills, Jr., of Sanford, requested adjustment on Entry No. 17,423 as he was unable to make further payment on the land.

The Trustees agreed to allow Mr. Bills to re-deed ($\frac{3}{4}$) Three-fourths of the original purchase and cancel mortgage and notes, upon proof that all taxes were paid and no encumbrances on the land. The Land Department was directed to so advise Mr. Bills.

Mr. A. C. Plage requested extension of time on Entry No. 17,419. The Trustees directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Plage that if he would pay all interest to date, an extension of six months would be granted.

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. Fred M. Valz, Attorney for Islands Incorporated, requesting that \$26,344.00 representing purchase of land in Dade County, Entry No. 17,440, be applied on purchase of land lying in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Entry No. 17,773, on which \$11,790.00 had been paid.

The Trustees ordered that the matter be held over for further information.

P. O. Schoelles & Company made application to purchase Gap Island in Apalachicola Bay near Sound of St. George's Island, offering \$600.00 for the Island.

The Trustees directed Mr. Richardson, Land Agent, to make an investigation and report his findings, at which time action will be taken. The Land Department was directed to so advise Schoelles Company.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented application of Daniels & Boggs to purchase Lot 2, Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 27 East, Duval County, for their client Tony Uieras, which was referred to him for report as to value of the land. Mr. Richardson reported that the land was worth \$25.00 an acre. The Trustees agreed to sell the land at such price, the purchaser to assume responsibility of removing squatters, and the Land Department was directed to advise Daniels & Boggs of this action.

Mr. Richardson advised the Trustees that H. J. Chapman of West Palm Beach had requested that a

survey be made of the meander line of Pelican Lake in Township 42 South, Range 37 East.

The Trustees declined to have the survey made at this time.

Mr. T. W. Conley, Jr., of Okeechobee, appeared before the Trustees in behalf of purchasers of land in Okeechobee County and requested the Trustees to make some adjustment on these purchases.

The Trustees agreed to have the Land Agent investigate the land and report the fair valuation at this time, whereupon the purchasers would be allowed to re-deed a portion of the original acreage and buy it back at a price in conformity with values at this time. Mr. Conley was advised of this action of the Trustees.

Mr. L. L. Stuckey of Pahokee requested the Trustees to refund him the amount of \$2,000.00, which represented clearing land leased from the Trustees the early part of this year.

The Trustees advised Mr. Stuckey that they had acted on this matter some time ago, agreeing to allow him a credit of \$2,000.00 on his next lease, and that they stood ready to live up to this agreement at any time, but they could not issue check as no money had been received by the Trustees; also that if the land leased was too wet to farm, they would be glad to lease him other available land and credit the lease with \$2,000.00.

Mr. L. L. Stuckey of Pahokee made application to purchase land in Pelican Lake section and agreed to bid not less than \$50.00 per acre on date of sale.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale at competitive bids, with the minimum price \$50.00 per acre; the purchaser to pay for survey being made and plan of reclamation to be approved by the Chief Drainage Engineer.

Mr. J. R. Poland of Pahokee appeared before the Trustees relative to right-of-way of Florida East Coast Railway on land which he had applied to purchase and made deposit prior to application of the Railway Company in Section 8, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, and which the Trustees had agreed to sell him pending survey.

The Trustees advised Mr. Poland that they would have the Attorney take the matter up with the Florida East Coast Company with a view to securing quit-claim deed to this right-of-way and notify him the result.

Mr. J. R. Poland made application to purchase certain submerged land near his upland and agreed to bid \$50.00 an acre.

The Trustees advised Mr. Poland as this was submerged land in front of other upland owners, they would not feel justified in selling to him. Whereupon Mr. Poland agreed to secure statement from adjacent land owners to the effect that there would be no objection to this land being sold to Mr. Poland. The Trustees agreed to re-consider the matter upon receipt of such information.

Mr. Vernon Price Williams of Box 246, Miami, Florida, made application to purchase the oil and mineral rights on land in Lake Okeechobee, exclusive of lake front owners equity.

The Trustees advised Mr. Williams that they would take the matter under consideration as it would be necessary to ascertain if they had authority to make such sale.

Mr. Vernon Price Williams of Miami, requested the Trustees to notify him if Preston and Peters failed to carry out their agreement for oil lease in the Everglades, as he desired to be heard before any further action was taken. The request was granted.

Messrs. Tabor and Murphy of Bradenton, representing Mr. J. L. Kilgore, appeared before the Trustees pursuant to notice that a hearing would be had on the sale of land in Manatee County to Mr. Kilgore in July 1925, to which objections had been filed and Court proceedings instituted.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, the Trustees agreed to allow Mr. Kilgore to re-deed all of said property conveyed, free of all encumbrances, except Taxes: Whereupon the Trustees would refund the amounts received as payments and interest on the land, but would not reimburse Mr. Kilgore for surveying expenses, attorney fees and interest from date of sale to this date, as the above offer to re-deed the property had been tendered Mr. Kilgore in June 1926, but was rejected.

This being satisfactory to Messrs. Tabor and Murphy, the Trustees requested that Abstract be furnished Counsel for checking.

Mr. E. P. Green, an Attorney of Bradenton, also appeared before the Trustees pursuant to information that a hearing would be had on the sale of land in Manatee County to J. L. Kilgore. Mr. Green stated that the sale to Mr. Kilgore created a cloud on the title of their land, and in view of the fact that the land in question was being re-deeded to the Trustees, asked that approximately six (6) acres be deeded to them, which would clear their title of the existing cloud.

The Trustees agreed to sell Mr. Green the required Six acres in front of his property at a price of \$50.00 thus clearing his title of any cloud which might have been brought about through the sale of the land to Mr. Kilgore.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To services during October 1928	\$ 6.78
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla., To services during October 1928	12.45

Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To service Phone 585—November 1928.....	4.25
Homestead Enterprise, Homestead, Fla. Subscription to Paper—July 1925 to Nov. 1928	7.00
Daisy Jinright, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer—15 days.....	30.00
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	\$ 60.48

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 27, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Minutes of previous meeting, November 13th, were ordered approved.

The Trustees having advertised for sale on November 20th, upon application of Mr. A. O. Henderson of Miami Beach, Florida, 14.68 acres of land in Section 26, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, which sale was postponed till November 27th, bids were called for. The highest bid received was that of A. O. Henderson at \$100.00 per acre, which bid was accepted and deed ordered issued.

The Secretary presented letter from G. W. Bingham, relative oil lease. Mr. Bingham's letter requested that oil lease be made to Mr. J. B. Dill, Mr. Dill to pay cash sufficient to cover taxes, including the 1928 taxes, amounting to \$1,712.84, and taxes annually thereafter. Also, it was requested that time be extended from 6 months to 1 year for commencement of drilling, all as set forth in lease form attached to letter. The Secretary was directed to advise Mr. Bingham that lease was accepted and would be forwarded to him for his signature upon payment of taxes by him, the lease to be returned to the Trustees for execution.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. M. C. McIntosh, Attorney for the Trustees, relative verbal oil and gas lease desired by Vernon Price-Williams. Mr. McIntosh's letter stated that purchase of land was desired outright, and not a lease; that the law provided for lease only and not sale. Mr. Amos stated that the Trustees were not interested in the sale outright, to which the Trustees agreed. It was the decision of the Trustees that should there be any oil found, $\frac{1}{8}$ should be preserved for the State.

The Secretary was directed to advise Mr. Price-Williams that the Trustees would execute deed in usual form covering $\frac{7}{8}$, Trustees receiving royalty of $\frac{1}{8}$, Mr. Price-Williams to pay taxes upon the lands, or the equivalent of taxes.

An inquiry from Mr. Goodno was presented in reference to islands and submerged flats at the mouth of Caloosahatchee River in Lee County. Mr. Amos had previously investigated the inquiry and stated that Mr. Goodno would pay \$7,100.00 for the islands. He suggested that the offer be accepted and that Mr. Goodno be allowed the privilege of dredging the channel in order to provide sufficient depth of water for a harbor for boats. All papers in the matter were turned over to Mr. Amos, and he was instructed to make final

settlement and arrangements with Mr. Goodno, which arrangements would be satisfactory to the Trustees.

Letter to Governor Martin from R. G. Johnson relative Sharper Burgess, negro, was presented, in which request was made for refund of money account of land rented from Trustees. The Trustees directed that other lands be substituted in lieu of those rented by Burgess and found to be too low for cultivation. The matter was referred to A. R. Richardson for attention.

A letter from Attorney for Florida Gravel Company was presented relative permit to mine sand and gravel in certain parts of Apalachicola and Chattahoochee Rivers. At the suggestion of the Governor, the matter was deferred for future consideration.

Mr. T. W. Conley, Jr., of Okeechobee, Florida, appeared before the Trustees relative adjustment of lands purchased from Trustees. At a former meeting, Mr. Richardson had been directed to report or recommend to the Trustees some basis of adjustment on these lands, which have been purchased and partially paid for. Mr. Elliot read Mr. Richardson's recommendations, Mr. Richardson being out of town. The Governor suggested that the matter be held up pending a further report from Mr. Richardson. Mr. Conley was requested to leave checks of his clients with the Trustees, in case upon final consideration of the subject. Mr. Conley's offer was accepted.

The Land Department presented the request of Mr. A. B. Edwards of Sarasota for adjustment on lands purchased by him from the Trustees. Proposal was

made to the Trustees that Mr. Edwards pay up all interest and taxes to date, that land to the value of amount paid on land be released by the Trustees and that Trustees extend mortgage on balance for 5 years, interest payable annually. Governor Martin proposed that the Trustees accept this offer, to which the Trustees unanimously agreed.

Bill from Ferol Dunn was presented covering testimony transmitted to Richard P. Robbins, involving title to certain state lands. Bill was ordered paid. Mr. McIntosh, Attorney for Trustees, stated that a letter had been received from Commissioner at Washington asking that the case be re-opened.

A letter from Mr. Oral Van Horne was presented in reference to land purchased by him from the Trustees in May 1922. It appears from the records that Mr. Van Horne had made first payment on this land, but was in arrears on all subsequent deferred payments. Attorney for the Trustees was instructed to take the matter up with Mr. Van Horne, and also with Mr. J. M. Griffin as holder of a second mortgage, and try to work out some satisfactory arrangement.

A letter from Mr. W. B. Harvard was presented stating that he desired to deed the entire property purchased by him back to the State, the State to refund to him one-half the money paid by him. The Trustees declined to make refund, but agreed to release to him an amount of land represented by his payments at the purchase price. Mr. Bayless was instructed to take up the matter with him.

A letter was presented from Mr. S. Fahs Smith of York, Pa., relative monies owed by him to the Trustees

in the amount of \$3,265.50 with interest from December 21, 1926. Mr. Smith offers to pay the entire amount if a 10% discount is allowed him by the Trustees. It was the decision of the Trustees that the offer be accepted, and Mr. Bayless was instructed to so advise Mr. Smith.

A letter from Mr. St. Elmo W. Acosta, Commissioner of Parks, Jacksonville, was presented declining to pay \$100.00 per acre on behalf of the City of Jacksonville for islands near the city. He requested that the islands be given to the City of Jacksonville for public purposes. The Governor moved that the letter be filed and that Mr. Acosta be advised that the Trustees had no legal authority to donate lands: that their lands were held for the school children of Florida. Mr. Bayless was instructed to write Mr. Acosta and so advise him.

Letter from L. E. Brown, colored, to the Governor was read, asking for extension of time on payments of lands purchased by him from the Trustees. By reason of certain extenuating circumstances, the Governor recommended an extension of one year on all payments, which was agreed to by the Board, and Mr. Bayless was instructed to so advise the applicant.

Telegrams from Mr. F. L. Williamson were presented. The Secretary advised that Mr. Williamson had been informed by him that there would be no meeting of the Trustees on the 20th, but that he might meet with the Board on the 27th. Mr. Williamson replied that it would be impossible for his associates to appear on the 27th, but they would request appointment at a later date.

Matter of payment of Drainage Taxes were taken up as assessed against lands of the Trustees. As time was short, it was suggested that the matter go over

until the next day, when they would meet and discuss that matter.

Mr. R. G. Holgate appeared before the Trustees relative land purchased by him from Trustees, said land being along the edge of the Bay in Dade County. Mr. Holgate stated that their plans had been to develop the upland into farms and fill in the low land for residential purposes. He had paid $\frac{1}{4}$ down and wished to make some arrangements with the Trustees for settlement. The Trustees stated that they would allow him to deed back to them $\frac{3}{4}$ of the acreage and release the mortgage, he to pay taxes and interest to date. It was suggested that Mr. Holgate and his associates prepare a proposal to be submitted to the Trustees relative settlement, to which Mr. Holgate agreed.

Mr. J. S. White from West Palm Beach appeared before the Trustees on behalf of his clients, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Bell. He stated that Mr. Dahlberg was taking over two-thirds interest in their holdings and would pay the interest accrued, together with taxes. An extension of three years on payment of balance due was requested. Mr. Amos moved that an extension of 1, 2 and 3 years from date, (November 27, 1928) be granted upon payment of all accrued interest and taxes, to which the Board agreed, interest and taxes in future to be promptly paid at due dates.

Dr. Schwartz and Mr. R. G. Johnson of Pahokee appeared before the Trustees in regard to purchase of lands in Pelican Bay bottom. They stated that they are owners of adjacent uplands. Mr. Stuckey at a previous meeting of the Trustees had requested that a part of this land be advertised for sale and the Trustees consented to advertise upon guarantee of payment of \$50.00 per acre. Lands had not yet been advertised by reason of the failure of Mr. Stuckey to submit guar-

antee. The Board requested Dr. Schwartz and Mr. Johnson to take up the matter with the Trustees Attorney with a view toward a further report at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Fred M. Valz of Jacksonville appeared before the Trustees relative payment on submerged lands purchased by him in Lake Worth. He requested that the Trustees permit him to trade in Lot 6 between Townships 53 and 54 South, Range 40 East, purchased from them, as a credit on the submerged land, all taxes and interest to be paid to date and current and future taxes to be promptly paid when due, to which the Trustees agreed. The balance not covered by the above credit was to have the time extended for 1, 2 and 3 years.

Mr. D. C. Gillette of Tampa appeared before the Trustees in reference to lease of mineral sands and option for prospecting same. He stated that there were two sections he wished options on, one on the Indian River, the other on the west coast near Pensacola. He proposed to pay 10 cents per ton for sands mined and desired an option for one year for determining whether or not there was sufficient material to justify a commercial operation. If sufficient material was developed by such prospecting, he then would desire a lease covering a term of years to be agreed upon at an agreed rate. The Trustees declined to consider the Indian River location, but requested that Mr. Gillette submit to them his proposition covering the west coast location.

Mr. S. W. Bollinger of Pahokee, Florida, appeared before the Trustees in reference to purchase of approximately 80 acres of lake bottom land adjacent to his holdings at Bacom Point. He offered \$50.00 per acre for the land, which offer was accepted by the Trustees. The Trustees agreed to make the survey of the lands desired to be purchased on the Lake Okeechobee side of his holdings.

Mr. Peters and Judge Brown of Miami appeared before the Trustees in reference to extension of time for payment of taxes in the matter of Preston oil lease on lands west of Miami, in which they were interested parties. It had been agreed that the above parties would pay the taxes on these lands by November 30th, 1928, as preliminary consideration for option. After discussion of the subject the Trustees declined to grant the extension of time for payment of taxes.

Mr. Charles W. Bell of Tallahassee appeared before the Trustees relative lands purchased by him from Ritta Farms Company, which lands had been purchased by Ritta Farms Company from the Trustees. Mr. Bell stated that he had paid directly to the Trustees a part of the purchase price account of his purchase from Ritta Farms Company, and to Ritta Farms Company a part. He wished to re deed to the Trustees the land purchased, and receive from the Trustees deed to land in an amount sufficient to cover the moneys paid in to the Trustees, at purchase price to Ritta Farms Company. The matter was referred to Attorney for Trustees for investigation and report upon the status of the three interested parties and as to the nature of such adjustment as the Trustees might have authority to make. Mr. Bell was advised that all taxes and interest to date must be paid before any adjustment could be arrived at.

Mr. F. F. Pulver of St. Petersburg appeared on behalf of Mr. Richard B. Simpson and Seminole Improvement Company. These parties had purchased from the Trustees certain lands, the Seminole Improvement Company paying $\frac{1}{4}$ at time of purchase and Mr. Simpson $\frac{1}{2}$ of his purchase price. The Trustees were requested to accept \$1,500 as payment in full for all outstanding indebtedness as to principal on the combined purchases. The Trustees declined to accept this offer, but advised Mr. Pulver that they would accept \$2,500. Mr. Pulver stated he would submit the offer to his clients.

Mr. W. C. Lockey appeared before the Trustees on behalf of his client, Mr. C. S. Russ, who has a turpentine-timber lease from the Trustees in Bay County, Florida. He stated that there was a note in the amount of \$2,750.00 due the State on January 1st, 1929, and asked for a six months' extension on same. Trustees agreed to this, provided Mr. Russ would pay interest to date and interest on deferred amount until paid.

The Governor presented the matter of re-employing R. W. Ervin. After a discussion of the matter the Trustees decided to employ Mr. Ervin as General Utility man in the Tax Department, employment to begin December 1st, at his former salary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

F. C. Elliott, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary for November 1928	\$ 225.00
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Counsel—November 1928	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Land Agent—November 1928	333.34
Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Land Clerk—November 1928	233.34
A. C. Bridges, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Accountant—November 1928	80.00
Jentye Dedge, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Assistant Secretary—November 1928	75.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Clerk in Tax Department—November 1928	50.00
Hattie Bell, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Stenographer—November 1928	41.67
Robert Wynn, Tallahassee, Fla. To salary as Janitor—November 1928	40.00
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	\$1,307.51

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, November 28, 1928.

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met at adjourned meeting from yesterday in the office of the Governor.

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

The subject of Everglades Drainage District taxes upon lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, deferred from the meeting of yesterday, was brought up for consideration.

The Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary presented a financial statement of the Trustees. Among other things, the statement showed that 1928 Everglades Drainage District taxes are now due and payable upon lands of the Trustees in the approximate amount of \$247,000.00. The Trustees had on hand as of October 31st, \$482,429.39. The Trustees ordered that Everglades Drainage District taxes be paid by November 30th in order that they may receive a reduction of 2% upon such amount, as authorized by law.

WHEREUPON the following taxes were ordered paid in the several counties under a preliminary statement of tax estimates; any differences in final amount, and amount for which payment is made, to be adjusted at a later date:

- W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. To account of Lillie M. Smith, Tax Collector, Broward County, in payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes, 1928, on lands of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund Acreage and
 1 Mill tax \$ 76,013.63
 Less 2% discount 1,520.27
 \$ 74,493.36
- W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee Fla. To account of Bob Simpson, Tax Collector, Dade County, in payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes, 1928, on lands in Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, To Acreage and I Mill Tax \$ 36,277.81
 Less 2% discount 725.56
 \$ 35,552.25
- W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. To account J. P. Moore, Tax Collector, Glades County, in payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes, 1928, on lands of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, Acreage and 1 Mill tax \$ 3,433.21
 Less 2% discount 68.66
 \$ 3,364.55
- W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. To account of W. P. Andrews, Tax Collector, Hendry County, in payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes, 1928, on lands of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, Acreage and I Mill tax \$ 12,153.78
 Less 2% discount 243.07
 \$ 11,910.71

W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. To account of R. H. Alderman, Tax Collector, Okeechobee County, in payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes, 1928, on lands of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, Acreage and 1 Mill tax.....	\$ 2,846.55	
Less 2% discount.....	56.93	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,789.62
W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. To account of Roy A. O'Bannon, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, in payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes, 1928, on lands of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, Acreage and 1 Mill tax.....	\$122,600.03	
Less 2% discount.....	2,452.00	
	<hr/>	\$120,148.03
W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. To account Frank M. Tyler, Tax Collector, Saint Lucie County, in payment of Everglades Drainage taxes, 1928, on lands of Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, Acreage and 1 Mill tax.....	\$ 67.30	
Less 2% discount.....	1.34	
	<hr/>	\$ 65.96
TOTAL.....		<hr/> <hr/> \$248,324.48

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:
F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 4, 1928.

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

Present:

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

Minutes of the Trustees of November 27th and 28th, ordered approved.

Webb & Yates of Gulfport, Florida, made application to purchase submerged land in front of upland property of clients, as follows, offering \$100.00 per acre for the land:

On behalf of James G. and Harriet H. Wilson—.34 acres in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County;
 On behalf of Alva C. Roebuck—.50 acres in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County; and
 On behalf of George H. Massey—1.12 acres in Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.

The Trustees agreed to sell the land as above, subject to advertisement for objections, and ordered the land advertised as soon as description can be prepared.

The Secretary presented letter and telegram from Mr. Thos. J. Peters, enclosing note for \$31,000.00 and requesting that Trustees accept this note in lieu of

payment on Oil and Gas Lease, made to A. C. Preston, August 1, 1928 and payment due not later than November 30, 1928.

The Trustees declined to accept the note and directed the Secretary to so advise Mr. Peters, returning his note.

The Attorney General moved that the Trustees advertise that the acreage covered by the proposed Peters Agreement will be leased for oil purposes on January 15, 1929; Terms to be not less than the amount of taxes on the land. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted. WHEREUPON, the following advertisement was placed in the Miami Herald, Fort Lauderdale News and Tampa Times:

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PETROLEUM LEASE

At 10 o'clock A. M. on January 15, 1929, at the Capitol, in Tallahassee, Florida, the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund will open bids for and entertain objections to the leasing of petroleum and petroleum products rights upon the below described lands, or any part thereof. The lease to be substantially upon terms not less than the amount of taxes upon the lands so leased, payable annually, including those for 1928, together with reservation of One-eighth royalty, on condition that work of drilling shall begin within six months from date of lease and proceed thereafter. The Trustees reserve the right to reject or accept any bid or bids:

DESCRIPTION

In Township 49 South, Range 35 East;
Sections 25 to 36, inclusive;

In the following Townships and Ranges:
50 South, 35 East; 51 South, 35 East; 56

South, 35 East; 51 South, 36 East; 52 South, 36 East; 53 South, 36 East; 55 South, 36 East; 56 South, 36 East; All Except Sections 16;

In Township 50 South, Range 36 East: Sections 4 to 9; 17 to 21; 28 to 33 inclusive;

In Township 52 South, Range 35 East: Sections 1 to 15, inclusive; Sections 17, 18; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 20; and Sections 21, 22, 23 and 25;

In Township 54 South, Range 35 East: Sections 1 to 15 inclusive; 17, 20; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of 21, 22, 23; N $\frac{1}{2}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 24; All 25 to 29, and 32 to 36, inclusive.

In Township 55 South, Range 35 East: The East Five Miles, Except Section 16;

In Township 54 South, Range 36 East: Sections 1 to 15, inclusive; 17, 18, 22; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 23; All 25 to 36, inclusive;

Containing in the aggregate an estimated area of 266,700 acres, more or less, in the Counties of Dade and Broward.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Judge John L. Doggett of Jacksonville and Mr. Jules M. Burguières of West Palm Beach, representing Southern Sugar Company, requested the Trustees to take final action on application of Southern Sugar Company to exchange certain lands with Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

The Governor advised Messrs. Doggett and Burguières that the Trustees did not feel justified in making the exchange acre for acre, but would make the exchange on a valuation basis in conformity with the ad valorem valuation placed on lands in the District by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drain-

age District in 1927. Judge Doggett asked for sufficient time to take the matter up with Mr. Dahlberg, President of the Company, which request was granted.

Subsequent to the above action, the Trustees, by wire submitted amended proposition to Judge Doggett for consideration by Southern Sugar Company, to-wit: That the Trustees exchange East half of Section 7, and all Section 19, in Township 42 South, Range 38 East, containing 960 acres, for the following lands of Southern Sugar Company: All of Section 3 North of Hillsborough Canal in Township 44 South, Range 37 East, and all Section 15, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, containing 1103.48 acres.

Land advertised to be sold on this date, upon application of Mr. George Earl Hoffman of Pensacola, for his client, was brought up and upon request of Mr. Hoffman, and on account of objections filed by Mr. Jerry J. Sullivan of Pensacola, the sale was continued till December 18, 1929.

Mr. Vernon Price Williams of Miami was present and requested to be advised as to disposition of proposed Oil Lease between the Trustees and A. C. Preston which lease expired November 30th, and asked that he be allowed to make the Trustees an offer for the Lease.

Mr. Williams was advised that the Trustees had already taken action on this lease and that the same would be advertised for objections and proposals on January 15, 1929.

Mrs. A. B. Ashley having made application September 18, 1928, to purchase submerged land in front of her upland property, the matter was referred to Mr. Richardson, Land Agent. Upon receipt of his report on this date, the Trustees agreed to sell the land to Mrs. Ashley at a price of \$100.00 per acre, subject to advertisement for objections. (Mr. Casey Thigpen represented Mrs. Ashley).

The Land Department presented letter from Mr. Thos. H. Horobin, requesting to be advised if a quorum of the Trustees would be present on the 11th or 18th instant. The Trustees directed Mr. Bayless to advise Mr. Horobin that a quorum would be present on the 11th of December and he could appear before them on that date.

Letter of November 30th from Mr. E. H. Goodno was presented, having reference to an agreement between Mr. Goodno and the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund for the purchase of certain submerged land in Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10 of Township 46 South, Range 23 East. It appears that Mr. Goodno deposited with the Trustees \$7,160.75 pending decision of the Trustees as to price upon the land desired to be purchased.

The said land having been properly advertised the Trustees, after discussion of the matter, agreed to deed to Mr. Goodno certain lands as indicated on Map, accompany his application to purchase, as Tract 1, containing 286.43 acres, which are the bottom or submerged lands lying adjacent to the upland owned by Mr. Goodno. The Land Department was directed to draw deed in accordance therewith and forward to Mr. Goodno.

On January 27, 1926, in Entry No. 17520, Mr. John M. Boring of Fort Myers, Florida, agreed to purchase 197.54 acres of land in Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, at a price of \$205.00 per acre, or a total of \$40,495.70, paying cash the amount of \$10,123.94. On May 14, 1927, Mr. Boring re-conveyed to the Trustees Three-Fourths of the land and contained in said Entry, or 148.15 acres.

Mr. Boring appeared before the Trustees on this date and requested a reduction in the price of \$205.00 per acre for the 148.15 acres re-conveyed to the State, stating that it will be necessary for him to purchase this land to carry out his development plan.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees sell the land above at a price of \$1.00 per acre. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary presented letter from the Department of the Interior, relative to cancellation of contract with Mr. John M. Sutton, containing the information that on and after January 8, 1929, the Department would not recognize Mr. Sutton as the representative of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

The Trustees ordered the letter filed.

The Secretary presented application of Florida East Coast Railway for an extension of five years in completing railway line along Miami Canal through Everglades Drainage District, as set forth by correspondence and memorandum submitted by said Company.

After discussion it was agreed to extend the time for three years, and to grant certain other requests, under conditions similar to those set forth in previous agreement.

The Secretary presented application of Seaboard-All-Florida Railroad Company for a five-year extension for completing lines along certain canals in Everglades Drainage District, as set forth by correspondence and memorandum submitted by the Company.

The Trustees agreed to an extension of three years and directed the Secretary to so advise Seaboard All-Florida Railroad Company.

The Secretary presented telegram from Mr. T. W. Conley, Jr., relative to adjustment on lands of his clients in Okeechobee County. The Trustees deferred final action on this matter, pending report from the Land Agent, and directed the Secretary to so advise Mr. Conley.

The Trustees directed Mr. Elgin Bayless of the Land Department to go to West Palm Beach to be present as a witness in land hearings in that section; which hearings were postponed from September.

Bills of the Board of Fire Control, amounting to \$3,285.52 were passed for payment by the Trustees and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for warrants to issue upon the Fire Tax Fund.

Upon application of P. F. Fusselman of 614 First National Bank Building, St. Petersburg, Florida, for his client James T. McLean, the following submerged land was ordered advertised in the Clearwater Sun-Herald:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 4, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, January 15th, 1929, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Beginning at a point 3643.77 feet South of and 226 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, which point is the Southwest corner of Lot 3, of Torres Subdivision of Lot 5 of Government Lot 1 of Section 33, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, as shown in Deed Book "Q" Records of Hillsborough County, Florida;

Thence South 558.46 feet;

Thence East 390.00 feet;

Thence North 558.46 feet;
 Thence West 390.00 feet; to the point of
 beginning.

Being the submerged lands adjacent to Lots
 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the above described Torres
 Subdivision.

Containing 5 acres, more or less. Lying
 and being in Section 33, Township 31 South,
 Range 16 East, Pinellas County, State of
 Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement
 Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
 Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
 Secretary.

Upon application of Gardiner & Brass, Daytona
 Beach, Florida, for their client, Effie B. Wilder, the
 following described submerged land was ordered ad-
 vertised in the DeLand Daily News:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 4, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal
 Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a
 meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, January 15th,
 1929, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the follow-
 ing described land in VOLUSIA County, Florida:

Beginning at a point in the West shore line
 of the Halifax River where the same is or

would be intersected by the South line of Wisconsin Avenue in the Town of Holly Hill, Volusia County, Florida, extended Easterly, and for purposes of tying in said point with reference to a section corner, said point is described as follows:

Said point is distant 814 feet in an Easterly direction from the center line of Daytona Avenue in said Town, and in a line with the South boundary line of said Wisconsin Avenue extended Easterly;

Thence from which point in the center line of Daytona Avenue, and along the center line thereof in a Northerly direction 5845.2 feet to the center line of Washington Avenue in said Town, of Section 42, Township 14;

Thence in a Westerly direction along the center line of Washington Avenue 9312.7 feet to the West line of Section 37, Township 15, South of Range 32;

Thence in a course North $25^{\circ} 0'$ along the West line of Section 37 in said Township of South Range, a distance of 797 feet;

Thence due West a distance of 4847.7 feet to the Southeast corner of Section 32, Township 14 South, Range 32;

Thence from said point of beginning in the West shore line of the Halifax River and in a line with the South line of said Wisconsin Avenue extended Easterly and at right angles to the Channel of said Halifax River, a distance of 310 feet, said point being distant 370 feet from the East boundary line of the Dixie Highway as now laid out and established;

Thence Northerly and parallel with the East boundary line of said Dixie Highway, and distant therefrom at all points 370 feet, a distance of 1210 feet to a point therein between and at right angles with the Channel of said Halifax River;

Thence Southerly along the Westerly shore line, or original meander line of said Halifax River to the place or point of beginning.

Said property is also described as follows:
Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Briggs and Robinson Grant, the same being Section 38, Township 15, South of Range 33 East;

Thence running in a course South 65° West along the North boundary line of said Section 38, which is also the South boundary line of Section 37, a distance of 1846 feet to a point, said point being the center line of Daytona Avenue;

Thence running in a course North $24^{\circ} 37'$ West a distance of 1933 feet;

Thence running in a course North $65^{\circ} 23'$ East, a distance of 814 feet to a point, said point being in the West shore line, or original meander line, of the Halifax River, which last named point is the point of beginning of the property hereinafter described;

Thence from said point of beginning and running on the same course, to-wit:

North $65^{\circ} 23'$ East, a distance of 310 feet;

Thence running on a course North $24^{\circ} 37'$ West, a distance of 1210 feet;

Thence running on a course South $65^{\circ} 23'$ West, a distance of 370 feet, to a point in the West Shore line, or original meander line of the Halifax River:

Thence running Southerly along the West shore line or original meander line of the Halifax River to the place or point of beginning.

Containing 8.3 acres, more or less.

Lying and being in Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, State of Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Southern Telephone & Construction Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To Exchange service		
December 1928	\$4.25	
To Toll service November 1928	1.30	
		\$ 5.55
Ferol Dunn, West Palm Beach, Fla. To stenographic service, State of Florida v. United States of America		109.00
M. C. McIntosh, Tallahassee, Fla. To expense account as to itemized statement		18.90
A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, Fla. To expense account Oct. 31 to Nov. 29, 1928		230.28
J. L. Kilgore, Bradenton, Fla. Refund on sale of land account error in advertisement		5,889.78
W. V. Knott, St. Treasurer, Tallahassee, Fla. To account Newhall Drainage District in payment of Newhall Drainage District taxes on lands of Trustees Internal Improvement for the		
Year 1925	\$395.26	
Year 1926	423.85	
Year 1927	425.89	
		1,245.00

This amount, with check for \$1,952.45, dated Oct. 10, 1928, drawn in favor of Internal Improvement Fund and deposited to the credit of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, has been placed to the credit of Newhall Drainage District Notes No. A and B.

\$7,498.51

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 11, 1928.

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

Present:

Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Fred H. Davis, Attorney General.

Minutes of the Trustees of December 4th, 1928, were presented and ordered approved.

The matter of exchange of land with Southern Sugar Company was again brought up, and Judge John L. Doggett of Jacksonville, representing said Company, advised that they desired to accept original proposition of the Trustees as set out in Minutes of December 4th, to-wit: "That the lands be exchanged on a valuation basis, in conformity with the Ad Valorem value placed on lands in the District by the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District in 1927," instead of the amended proposal submitted by wire.

Mr. Knott moved that the action of the Trustees of December 4th, which Judge Doggett accepted for Southern Sugar Company, be confirmed and the exchange of lands be made on a valuation basis as above. Seconded by Mr. Davis, and upon vote adopted.

Judge John L. Doggett, representing Southern Sugar Company, made a bid of \$27.00 per acre for land in

Pelican Lake, and asked that the Trustees advertise the land.

The Chairman advised Judge Doggett that a bid of \$50.00 per acre had been received for this land and the advertisement was being held up pending description from the bidder and deposit to cover cost of advertising and survey.

It was ordered that two weeks be allowed this bidder, within which to make the required deposit. Judge Doggett to be advised of decision.

Judge John L. Doggett made application to the Trustees for a partial release of certain lands covered by mortgages of purchases from the State, over which the Florida East Coast Railway and Atlantic Coast Line Railroad desire a Right-of-Way, upon payment of the proportionate part of mortgage covering land desired for right-of-way.

The Trustees advised Judge Doggett that the Railroad Companies had made a similar request some weeks ago which the Trustees agreed to grant, and they were willing to confirm that action at this time.

Mr. T. W. Conley, Jr., of Okeechobee, desired to be advised if the Trustees would take action on his application for adjustment of prices on lands sold clients of his in Okeechobee County, stating that the plan outlined in report of Mr. Richardson, Field Agent, was satisfactory to his clients.

Mr. Conley was advised that the matter would be taken up for final action on the 18th of December, at which time Mr. Richardson would be present, allowing his clients thirty days to close transactions.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin of Miami, requested the Trustees to accept deed to the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, covered by Entry No.....,

on which he had paid \$8,000.00 and accept this amount as final payment on his Entry No. 17,275 and assign mortgage to him, or party to be named.

Mr. Amos moved that the Trustees accept deed to the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, together with tax lien outstanding against the land, applying the amount paid—\$8,000.00, as final payment on Entry No. 17,275 and make assignment of mortgage to William Walker Conant without recourse. Seconded by Mr. Davis and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Thos. H. Horobin also requested the Trustees to allow him to re-deed three-fourths of land purchased from the Trustees in another transaction, a portion of which he sold to other parties, and on which he will have to foreclose mortgage.

The Trustees advised Mr. Horobin that upon foreclosure of mortgages outstanding against the property and a reconveyance of three-fourths of the acreage, free of all liens and encumbrances, they would sell him the re-conveyed three-fourths at a price of \$2,000.00. Accepted by Mr. Horobin.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Trustees the matter of delinquent drainage tax certificates struck off to the State in the sum of \$546,304.45; also that the Drainage Board was indebted to the Trustees in the sum of approximately \$277,000.00.

It was ordered that the Trustees take up one-half of the Everglades Drainage Tax Certificates bid in in their name for delinquent taxes under the 1927 levy and requested the Drainage Board to pay \$200,000.00 of their indebtedness, whereupon the Trustees would draw a new note renewing the balance due by the Drainage Board.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

The News Journal, Pensacola, Fla. To advertising Land Sale Escambia County	\$ 12.76
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To telegraph service November 1928	1.70

T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Fla. To supplies furnished November 1928	1.85
Postal-Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla. To telegraph service November 1928	1.52
Frank A. Bryan, C. C. C., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. To recording deeds Berryhill to Trustees....	3.10
E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C., Miami, Fla. To recording Deed H. Bluestien to Trustees	1.35
The News Publishing Co., DeLand, Fla. Advertising Land Sale Volusia County.....	16.50
Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla. Advertising Land Sale Pinellas County.....	15.75
	<u>54.53</u>
	\$ 54.53

Financial Statement for the month of November was presented and ordered placed of record.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 1928

Balance in Fund November 1, 1928	\$482,429.39	
From Land sales Under Ch. 9131, Acts 1923 and Ch. 10024, Acts of 1925	34,969.53	
From Land Sales (\$922.00) less 25% to State School Fund (\$230.50)	691.50	
	<u>\$518,090.42</u>	
Less Disbursements.....	249,992.47	
Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1928		\$268,097.95

RECAPITULATION

Cash and Cash Items.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance in Banks.....	267,097.95	
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		\$268,097.95

BALANCES IN BANKS DECEMBER 1, 1928

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$ 3,037.41
Barnett National Ban, Jacksonville, Fla.	56,977.11
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	41,304.28
American National Bank, Pensacola, Fla.	24,113.25
First National Bank, Miami Fla.	42,009.23
Capital City, Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	36,192.72
The Exchange Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	26,836.39
Lewis State Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	36,627.56
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	\$267,097.95

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1928	Check No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Nov. 14,	7567	Western Union Tel. Co. \$	6.77
	7568	Postal Tel.-Cable Co.	12.45
	7569	Sou. Tel. & Constr. Co.	4.25
	7570	Homestead Enterprise	7.00
	7571	Daisy Jinright	30.00
30,	7572	C. B. Gwynn	300.00
	7573	F. C. Elliot	225.00
	7574	M. C. McIntosh	229.16
	7575	A. R. Richardson	333.34
	7576	Elgin Bayless	233.34
	7577	A. C. Bridges	80.00
	7578	Jentye Dedge	75.00
	7579	Edwin Barnes, Jr.	50.00
	7580	Hattie Bell	41.67
	7581	Robert Wynn	40.00
	7582	W. V. Knott for Lillie M. Smith, Taxes	74,493.36

7583	Cancelled	
7584	W. V. Knott, for W. P. Andrews, T. C., Taxes on Trustee lands	11,910.71
7585	W. V. Knott, for J. P. Moore, T. C., Taxes on Trustee lands	3,364.55
7586	W. V. Knott, for Bob Simpson, T. C., Taxes on Trustee lands	35,552.25
7587	W. V. Knott, for R. H. Alderman, T. C., Taxes on Trustees lands	2,789.62
7588	W. V. Knott, for F. M. Tyler, T. C., Taxes on Trustee lands	65.96
7589	W. V. Knott, for R. A. O'Bannon, T. C., Taxes on Trustee lands	120,148.03
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		\$249,992.47

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

ERNEST AMOS,
Comptroller-Acting Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 18, 1928.

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

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Minutes of the Trustees of December 11th, 1928, presented and approved.

The Land Department brought to the attention of the Trustees the matter of purchase by Mr. Fred M. Valz of 128 acres, embracing all land in Section 19, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, South and East of Pelican River in Palm Beach County, at \$150.00 per acre, to which property deed has never been issued, pending survey. The survey having been completed and Mr. C. B. Gwynn having assumed the equity of Mr. Valz, made application to the Trustees to reduce the price of this land.

Mr. Amos moved that the land be sold to Mr. Gwynn at a price of \$100.00 per acre on condition that he pay all taxes against the land since date of original sale. Seconded and upon vote adopted.

The Commissioner of Agriculture was instructed to issue deed to Mr. Gwynn.

An offer of \$50.00 for Lot 4, Section 32, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County—16½ acres, was made by Bussey, Mann & Barton for Client Murok Development Company.

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

The Land Department was directed to advise Bussey, Mann & Barton of the action of the Trustees.

The Trustees on November 28, 1928, agreed to allow Mr. W. B. Harvard of Sarasota to re-deed three-fourths of the land sold to him and cancel the mortgage and notes against the property, provided he would pay the taxes and furnish abstract of title. The Land Department presented letter from Mr. Harvard stating that he is not in position to pay the taxes and if the Trustees will not allow him to re-deed one-fourth and they assume taxes, he will be compelled to re-deed the entire acreage.

The Land Department was directed to take the matter up further with Mr. Harvard and advise him that the Trustees cannot agree to his proposition and also urge that he take care of the taxes.

The application of Mr. T. W. Conley, Jr., of Okeechobee, for adjustment in prices on lands purchased by his clients, was brought up for final action.

The Trustees directed the Land Department to advise Mr. Conley that they would make settlement with his clients on the basis as recommended by the Land Agent in his report.

Mr. W. T. Wallis, Jr., made an offer of \$100.00 per acre for approximately 20 acres of land in Section 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, outside the meander line of Pelican Lake.

The Trustees accepted the offer of Mr. Wallis and the Land Department was directed to issue deed.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, presented application of Mr. Thomas H. Horobin for a permit to pump sand for fill purposes from submerged lands adjacent to his holdings on Biscayne Point, offering 1c per cubic yard for the material.

The Trustees ordered the Lease executed at the above price, with the provision that the sand be pumped at a depth of not less than six feet.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, recommended that a notice be placed in Newspapers in the Lake Okeechobee section, warning trespassers on State Lands. The Trustees ordered that a Warning Notice be placed in the Everglades News and Glades County Democrat, giving all persons notice not to trespass on State Lands without written permit from the Trustees.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, requested the Trustees to purchase a Kodak for taking pictures to be used as evidence in Swamp Land contest cases. It was

ordered that the Land Agent be instructed to purchase a Kodak for the above mentioned purpose.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. L. J. Griffin, Director of Finance for the City of Miami, relative to assessment of drainage and fire taxes on Municipal Golf Course at Hialeah, property of the City of Miami, and protesting the payment of the taxes.

After discussion the Trustees took the position that these lands should take the same course as State owned lands and that no action be taken in the matter.

Mr. Marvin C. McIntosh, Counsel for the Trustees, brought up the matter of the case of Hill vs. Carley, involving land sold to Bellair Estates, Inc., by the Trustees and on which they hold mortgage, and presented letter from Mr. Gus Wilder, Attorney for Mr. Hill, asking that the Trustees waive summons and not contest the suit, thereby letting the land go through foreclosure proceedings.

The Trustees ordered that the Counsel use his own judgment in the disposition of this matter.

Mr. Marvin C. McIntosh, Counsel, was also instructed to take whatever action he deemed best in Ejectment suits coming up for hearings on January 8th, 1929.

Hearing of objections on the sale of land in Escambia County, deferred from December 4th, was had.

Mr. John B. Jones, City Attorney of Pensacola, Florida, presented written objections of said City to the sale of this property, described as "A piece or parcel of land in Pensacola, Florida, bounded on the South by North line of East Wright Street from the waters

of Bayou Texar on the East, containing 1½ acres and known as the Kersey Block," on the grounds that the Trustees had no authority to make sale, title not being vested in the State; that being within the limits of the City of Pensacola, and by virtue of Chapter 8537, Laws of 1921, the property belonged to the City of Pensacola; that the sale by the Trustees would cast a cloud on the title, would impair public rights of people of the City and adjacent land owners and would retard and interfere with the construction of Bayou Boulevard.

After due consideration the Trustees ordered the land withdrawn for sale.

Capt. J. Stuart Lewis, representing the City of Jacksonville, and the Counties of Jefferson and Leon, requested payment of the amounts listed in the Minutes of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund under date of May 5, 1916, under the provision of Chapter 6972 Acts of 1915 and Chapter 3474, Acts of 1883:

City of Jacksonville	\$ 2,197.80
Jefferson County	721.14
Leon County	10,193.94

together with interest to date.

The Trustees directed that the matter be referred to the Counsel of the Trustees for investigation, and notify Capt. Lewis to confer with Mr. McIntosh.

Sheriff O. E. Hobbs of Panama City, Florida, made application for timber rights in Section 8, Township 2 North, Range 13 West—swamp and overflowed land between Bear and Cedar Creeks in Bay County.

The Trustees agreed to lease the timber rights to Sheriff Hobbs at a price of \$600.00.

The Secretary reported to the Trustees that there was a balance of \$1,113.85 due Palm Beach County for

taxes on land owned by the State in that County, and advised that if payment was made immediately the 2% discount would be allowed.

It was ordered that these taxes be paid.

Mr. A. M. Everett of Chipley made application to purchase land in Sections 4 and 10, Township 1 North, Range 13 West and Section 34, Township 4 North, Range 14 West, Washington County.

The Trustees ordered the matter held over for investigation by the Land Agent.

Mr. John B. L'Engle of Jacksonville, having made application to purchase land in Volusia County for his client, Mrs. Grace C. Thurman, the Trustees ordered the following advertisement placed in the DeLand Daily News:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 18, 1928.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, January 29th, 1929, at Tallahassee, to consider the sale of the following described land in Volusia County, Florida:

Beginning from the N. E. corner of the Briggs and Robinson Grant, same being Section 38, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, and running South 65° West along the North boundary of Section 38, which is also the South boundary of Section 37, a distance of 1,846 feet to the center line of Daytona Avenue from which point on a North $24^{\circ} 37'$ West course, a distance of 1,089 feet;

Thence in a North $65^{\circ} 23'$ East direction a distance of 736 feet to the West shore line of

the Halifax River, which is also a point on the original meander line to the point of beginning.

Thence continuing on the same course a distance of 366 feet from which point on a North 24° 37' West course a distance of 244 feet, from which point in a South 65° 23' West direction a distance of 220 feet to the West shore line of the Halifax River;

Thence along the West shore line of the said River, which is also the original meander line, in a Southerly direction to the point of beginning.

Containing 1.68 acres, more or less. Lying and being in Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, State of Florida.

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

By order of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor.

ATTEST:
F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Vera Johnson, Orlando, Fla. Stenographic work in re: State of Fla. vs. Michael M. Smith	\$ 2.50
Margaret Henderson, Dade City, Fla. Stenographic work in re: State of Fla. vs. John Gippson Brown	6.25
Lucy C. Marchant, West Palm Beach, Fla. Stenographic service in cases of State of Fla. v. John B. Straughan	\$ 5.00
State of Fla. vs. Edward H. Vines	10.00
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Archie J. Burnside, C. C. C., Dade City, Fla. Hearing in State vs. John Gippson Brown	5.00
N. S. Wainright, C. C. C., Moore Haven, Fla. To certified copies of orders in case of Newhall Drainage District vs. Busch, et al.	3.00
Robert H. Roesch, C. C. C., Bradenton, Fla. Recording two Deeds to Trustees from J. L. Kilgore	2.60
K. B. O'Quinn, C. C. C., Clearwater, Fla. Re- cording Deed from Pulver Island Devel- oping Co. to Trustees I. I. Fund	1.75
Roy A. O'Bannon, T. C., West Palm Beach, Fla. To payment balance of taxes in Palm Beach County	1,480.38
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	\$1,516.48

This being the last regular meeting of the Trustees prior to January 1929, the office payroll of the Trustees was approved and checks ordered issued December 31, 1928, as follows:

F. C. Elliot, Chief Drainage Engineer and Secretary	\$ 225.00
M. C. McIntosh, Counsel	229.16
A. R. Richardson, Land Agent, Sal.	\$333.34
Expense Account December	252.20
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	585.54
Egin Bayless, Land Clerk, Salary	\$233.34
Expense account Land Hearing	64.64
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	297.98
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	80.00
Jentye Dedge, Assistant Secretary	75.00
Edwin Barnes, Jr., Clerk Tax Dept.	50.00
Hattie Bell, Stenographer	41.67
R. W. Ervin, General Utility Man	233.34
C. B. Gwynn, Land Clerk	300.00
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	\$2,117.69

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 19, 1928.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office at the Capitol, to dispose of unfinished matter from yesterday's meeting.

Present:

John W. Martin, Governor.
Ernest Amos, Comptroller.
W. V. Knott, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Robert G. Holgate of Miami, requested that the Trustees make adjustment on land purchased by him, on which he had paid one-fourth cash and given notes, secured by mortgage on the land, for the remainder. It was shown that in the case of Entry No. 17330, representing 1119.90 acres, deed had been issued by the Trustees in favor of Mr. Holgate and that upon delivery of said deed an Injunction was served upon the said Mr. Holgate by Pierce & Sutton, restraining him from recording deed to the property described in said deed. That for the above reason the transfer of the land described therein was ineffectual, and Mr. Holgate requested the Trustees to cancel said deed and release him from his obligation thereunder, which the Trustees agreed to do.

In connection with the proposed sale of this property, it appears that \$6,999.37 was paid into the School Fund, representing the one-fourth required by law. Since no transfer of ownership was consummated, there was declared to be no sale and the Trustees directed that the amount of \$6,999.37, deposited with the School Fund on account of the above, be accounted for

by deducting such amount from future payments to said School Fund, until complete adjustment has been made.

In reference to Entry No. 17386 in the amount of 624.11 acres, and Entry No. 17385—350.09 acres, at the original purchase price of \$325.00 per acre, on which one-fourth deposit had been made, it was desired to deed Mr. Holgate one-fourth of the land bought and paid for at the above purchase price; that Mr. Holgate was to re-deed to the Trustees the remaining three-fourths under each Entry, whereupon the Trustees would deed to Mr. Holgate and to persons to be named by him, three-fourths of the land represented by each of the above entries at a cash price of \$10.00 per acre. All taxes to be paid by Mr. Holgate.

That upon Entry No. 17780, representing 295.38 acres, sold at original purchase price of \$100.00 per acre, on which one-fourth has been paid, which lands are bottoms in front of the two Entries above described, and were purchased by the said Mr. Holgate for the protection of his other holdings, the Trustees desire to convey to Mr. Holgate the said 295.38 acres at \$25.00 per acre for which cash had been received.

To the above Mr. Holgate agreed.

The Trustees unanimously adopted the foregoing as their action in the premises.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

R. G. Holgate, Miami, Fla. Refund account reconveyance of land in Entry No. 17,330, less amounts to be paid on Entry Nos. 17959, 17960, and 17961—	
\$7,307.50	\$ 20,690.00
Internal Improvement Fund, Tallahassee, Fla. To amount of deductions on Entries 17959, 17960, 17961	7,307.50
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	\$27,997.50

Mr. Richardson, Land Agent reported that the Commissioner of Agriculture had been advised under date of December 17, 1928, by the General Land Office in

the case of State of Florida vs. John Gippson Brown, that the Swamp Land Claim No. 021630 entered by the State of Florida, had been rejected and that 15 days' Notice would be allowed within which to file Motion for new hearing. The Trustees, upon discussion of the matter, authorized that Motion be filed for new hearing on the above land.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida, December 31, 1928.

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

Present:

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

Under date of February 24th, 1926, Mr. W. V. Knott purchased from the Trustees—Entry No. 17558, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ —10 acres, and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 1—3.05 acres, in Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, at a price of \$160.00 per acre, or a total of \$2,088.00. Mr. Knott requests the Trustees to allow him to re-deed the 3.05 acres, which is across the canal from the 10 acre tract, and credit his purchase with 3.05 acres on a basis of \$160.00 per acre.

It was ordered that Mr. Knott's request be granted and the Land Department was directed to make the proper credit on his Entry.

Mr. Marvin C. McIntosh, Counsel, presented matter of purchase by Mr. Orel Van Horne of 39.24 acres of land in Section 9, Township 44 South, Range 36 East—Deed No. 17066, on which he paid \$1,101.25 leaving a balance of \$3,303.75 due; that on November 30, 1928 he wrote Mr. Van Horne at Southbay, Florida, with reference to further payments on his three notes, covering land purchased, but had received no reply to same. Mr. McIntosh also stated that Mr. J. M. Griffin of Quincy, Florida, who holds second mortgage in the approximate amount of \$2,600.00 advised that he was unable to secure any settlement from Mr. Van Horne and in order to protect himself would have to foreclose his mortgage. Also that Mr. Griffin made an offer of \$1500.00 cash for mortgage and notes held by the Trustees, he to foreclose both mortgages and pay all taxes due on the land. General Davis moved that the mortgage be offered to Mr. Griffin for \$2,000.00. Seconded and adopted.

Mr. Griffin was advised of the action of the Trustees and agreed to pay the \$200.00 for the mortgage, provided the Trustees foreclose, pay all taxes and deliver the land to him free of all encumbrances. After due consideration the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Trustees Internal Improvement Fund has equitable title to the property above described and holds against the said property a certain mortgage executed by Mr. Orel Van Horne to the Trustees on May 26, 1922 in the sum of \$3,303.75, which it would be necessary for the Trustees to foreclose in order to re-establish title to the land; and

WHEREAS, Said foreclosure would probably involve an expenditure of at least \$500.00 for redemption of taxes and cost of foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, Equitable title now held by the Trustees is not worth in excess of \$1,500.00; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trustees accept the offer of Mr. Griffin of \$1,500.00 cash with the provision

that he pay all taxes due on the land and the cost of foreclosure proceedings. The State to execute quitclaim deed to Mr. Griffin and assignment of mortgage with notes attached.

Mr. McIntosh reported that he was in receipt of check for \$275.00 from Union Indemnity Company, in full settlement of the account with Conway Lake Sand Company on Sand Lease from the Trustees, and requested that a release be executed by the Governor and lease cancelled as of December 31, 1928. It was ordered that check of \$275.00 be accepted in full settlement of the account with Conway Lake Sand Company, release executed and sand lease cancelled as of December 31, 1928.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh, presented a further proposition from Mr. Gus Wilder, relative to foreclosure mortgage of the Trustees on lands sold Bellair Estates, Inc., for a fee of \$50.00 and 10% net, on condition that his client be allowed to purchase the land adjoining his property at the original purchase price.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted, Mr. Wilder's proposition was declined and Counsel for Trustees directed to institute foreclosure proceedings on behalf of the Trustees, unless Mr. Wilder's client will agree to buy the 38.13 acres involved at the price of \$100.00 per acre.

Mr. M. C. McIntosh presented matter of Ejectment Suits pending in Palm Beach County, to be set for hearing January 8, 1929.

It was ordered that Mr. McIntosh advise Counsel for defendants that upon judgment for recovery of the land, the Trustees would waive damages and costs and also allow defendants to gather crops.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.