

STATE BOARD OF CONSERVATION

According to announcement in the July ANNALS, we herewith set out in abstract the proceedings of the Board of Conservation, after the meeting of July 28, 1918. The minutes of that meeting and all prior thereto occur in the Report of Conservation, 1919, pp. 11-28.

AUGUST 30, 1919¹

Communications.—Secretary of Executive Council advised the Board that ten cents per mile per member for necessary automobile passage would be allowed.

Resolutions.—Account of expense incurred to be entered in a book by the secretary so that the Board may know instantly at all times all details of said accounts. Expenditures to be within the clear purview of prior minutes of meetings certified to each member by the secretary. Expenditures evidenced by statements and audited by the Board to be certified by the secretary to the Executive Council for payment.

Regular Meetings.—Until further arrangement the Board to meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, at the office of the secretary.

Consideration of Areas.—One or more members to make preliminary inspection and report essentials at next meeting of Board, which as a whole shall then visit the area, enter into written agreement if approved, subject to approval of Executive Council, inspections to be grouped for minimum of expense and time.

Review of Business as to Each Area.—Oakland Mills—progress reported; Fairfield Chautauqua Grounds—secretary to arrange meeting at Fairfield to consider this and Big Cedar Bluffs in same county; near Keokuk and Murray's Landing—secretary to inquire for details; in Louisa County—report by Pammel and Harlan on visit to Toolsboro, Odessa Lake, Myerholts Lake and mouth of Iowa River, showing same to be replete with points of interest to history, science and recreation; Farmington and Keosauqua—secretary to secure final descriptive data, maps, etc., and certify approval of Board to Executive Council; Donahue Park and Amana—deferred for the present; Morehead Caves—approved for all essentials, referred to Kelso for negotiation; Catfish Creek, Tete de Morts, Durango Road and Swiss Hollow—referred to Kelso; Wildcat Den—sixty acres tendered to state cost free upon state acquiring certain additional lands—proposition approved and referred to Kelso and Harlan for completion; Cedar Heights and Island above Cedar Falls—secretary to write interested parties; Waverly Park, Bixby's Park, Iowa Falls, Steamboat Rock, Waterville, Nashua, Meader Woods, Decorah, Cedar Valley, Rochester and Gray's Ford—referred to Pammel; Little Wall Lake, Twin Sisters' Lake, Cornelia Lake and Clear Lake—referred to Pammel and Albert; Yellow River, Arlington, Monticello, Palisades, Madison County, Hepburn Park, Oakland—referred to Harlan; Eveland Park, Des Moines Bluffs, Monkey Mountain, Eddyville, Garrison Rock, Wapello's Grave, Agency, Old Farlow Road, Russell Lakes, Forks of the Coon, Carlisle, Indianola,

¹For brevity this record will omit roll calls and other repeated language except where the same is an important part of the business.

Ford, Buckingham Lake and Backbone Park—deferred to September 5; Red Rock—referred to Kelso, Ford and Harlan; Big Boulder, Mitchell County—referred to Ford.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1919

Resolutions.—Resolutions were adopted covering the following matters:

That Kelso be an audit committee to whom accounts of the Board shall be sent for inspection and approval before secretary certifies to Executive Council.

Oakland Chautauqua Grounds proffered by their owners, cost free, and having been inspected and approved by the chairman, Mr. Ford is directed to inspect and finally negotiate for the same and such additional grounds as may seem expedient.

Board concurs with request of Executive Council to participate in planning and conducting dedicatory functions; of creating a system of co-ordinating the two bodies; of forming joint authority for fixing amounts to be paid for lands, and forms committees for carrying out these provisions.

Chairman authorized to join Fish and Game Warden as a committee to locate areas on each of the lakes named and report to the full Board. Secretary is directed to do likewise, with respect to the Ledges, Twin Lakes, Storm Lake, Peterson Park, Gitche Manitou, Ocheyedon Mound and Stone Park.

The Board understands it supercedes Fish and Game Department in carrying out lake improvements, but as no report or sufficient information has been furnished the Board on which to base its study, opinion or judgment, it asks the secretary to formally request of the Executive Council a statement of the legal and pecuniary status of this Board with respect to such lake improvements under Section 2, Chapter 236, Acts of Thirty-seventh General Assembly and amendments thereto, and of the policies, contracts, purposes and projects of the Fish and Game Department and Executive Council with which this Board should be concerned.

All lake areas referred to committee composed of the chairman and State Fish and Game Warden; matters relating to dams, water levels, riparian rights, dredging, reclamation or other matters involving authority of Executive Council, Fish and Game Department, Board of Conservation, counties, municipalities or drainage districts to be assembled by the secretary of the Board so that an itinerary of any or all concerned to all the places may be arranged, hearings held and conclusions reached in the month of October.

Consideration of Areas.—Oakville, Myerholtz and Odessa Lakes and Toolsboro Mounds visited by Ford and Kelso—action deferred; Farmington and Keosauqua—certified for acquisition; reports by members of investigation on Greene, Nashua, Rochester, Tama, Red Rock, Davis City, Chariton, The Ledges, Twin Lakes, Tuttle Lake, Iowa Lake, Little Wall Lake, Pilot Knob, Woodman's Hollow, Boneyard Hollow, Wildcat Cave, Storm Lake, Peterson Park, West Okoboji, Gitche Manitou, Ocheyedon Mound, Horseshoe Bend, Wall Lake and Stone Park.

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