**OPINIONS** 

2857.

## APPROVAL, EIGHT LEASES TO STATE LANDS AT BUCKEYE LAKE, LAKEVIEW, SIDNEY FEEDER AND M. & E. CANAL NEAR FRANK-LIN, OHIO.

## COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 10, 1922.

Valuation

Department of Highway and Public Works, Division of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

GENTLEMEN :--- I have your letter of February 7, 1922, in which you enclose the following leases, in triplicate, for my approval:

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To The Vulcanite Roofing Co., Franklin, Ohio, part of M. & E.		
Canal in and near Franklin, Ohio, for water storage pur-		
poses	\$5,833	331⁄3
Harry D. Freeman, 8 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, tract at		
Buckeye Lake for boat house and dock landing purposes.	3,333	331⁄3
Thos. Oyer, 797 Bellows Ave., Columbus, Ohio, cottage site		
and landing, Buckeye Lake	200	00
Henry M. Toland, Lakeview, Ohio, cottage site and boat		
landing, Lakeview	1,566	66 <b>%</b>
Louise M. Kinnear, 2519 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio, cot-		
tage site and landing, Buckeye Lake	200	00
Frank L. White, Millersport, Ohio, cottage site and landing,		
Buckeye Lake	400	00
D. Oldham, Sidney, Ohio, portion of Sidney feeder for gen-		
eral business purposes	600	00
E. W. Shoemaker, 1731 Summit St., Columbus, Ohio, cottage		
site and landing, Buckeye Lake	200	00

I have carefully examined said leases, find them correct in form and legal, and am therefore returning the same with my approval endorsed thereon.

> Respectfully, John G. Price, Attorney-General.

2858.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT OF STATE OF OHIO WITH H. A. McDONALD OF NORWALK, OHIO, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GUARD RAIL ALONG WEST BANK OF LAKE ST. MARYS, MERCER COUNTY, OHIO, AT A COST OF \$4,041.24.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 10, 1922.

## Department of Highways and Public Works, Division of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

GENTLEMEN:-The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 1, 1922, with which you transmitted for my examination a proposed contract, in triplicate form, with H. A. McDonald of Norwalk, Ohio, covering construction of a guard rail along the west bank of Lake St. Marys, Mercer County, Ohio.

Papers submitted with the contract in question include the following:

- (1) Proof of publication in the Evening Ledger, St. Marys, Ohio, and in the Daily Standard, Celina, Ohio, showing insertion in those newspapers for four consecutive weeks beginning with December 9, 1921, of notice of the receipt of bids on January 10, 1922.
- (2) Detailed plans, instructions to bidders and specifications.
- (3) Bond furnished by the contractor in the sum of \$4,041.24 with New Amsterdam Casualty Company as surety, to which bond I find attached the certificate of Hon. B. W. Gearheart, Superintendent of Insurance of Ohio, showing that said Casualty company is authorized to transact business in this state; and a power of attorney showing that M. E. Laird, who executed the bond on behalf of the Casualty Company, is authorized to do so.
- (4) Certificate of the Director of Finance showing the sum of \$4,975.06 to be available for the carrying out of the contract.
- (5) Certificate of the Industrial Commission of Ohio showing that the contractor has complied with the provisions of the workmen's compensation law.
- (6) List of bids for the work, of which there were fifteen in number.

I note that the estimated cost of the work was \$4,885.60 and that award has been made to the lowest bidder, H. A. McDonald, at his bid of \$4,041.24.

I note from the endorsements on the papers bound with the contract that Director Herrick has given approval to the form of notice to contractors and to the plans, specifications and method of publication of notice; and I also find on inquiry at the office of the Auditor of State that plans, specifications, estimates, form of proposal and bond, etc., were deposited in that office.

I note that the contract has been signed under date January 16, 1922, on behalf of the state by Director Herrick, and has also been executed by the contractor.

Finding as I do that the proceedings of your department as to the contract in question have been in conformity to law, I am giving my approval to the contract and bond, and am returning the contract herewith, together with the accompanying papers above mentioned.

Respectfully, JOHN G. PRICE, Attorney-General.