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LEASES — RESEVOIR LANDS, STATE TO SAM GRINER AND LLOYD AND GLADYS PATTON, DESIGNATED PORTIONS LAKE ST. MARYS OR GRAND LAKE, AUGLAIZE COUNTY.

Columbus, Ohio, March 2, 1939.

HON. D. G. WATERS, Conservation Commissioner, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my examination and approval two reservoir land leases executed by the State of Ohio, through you as Conservation Commissioner to Sam Griner and Lloyd and Gladys Patton, by which there were leased and demised to the lessees therein named parcels of reservoir lands owned by the State at Lake St. Mary's or Grand Lake, Ohio.

The lease executed to Sam Griner is for permission to occupy and use for commercial docklanding, bait, tackle and soft drink stand purposes only, that portion of the State Reservoir property at Lake St. Marys or Grand Lake that is described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of the concrete breakwater at Gordon Park Channel and running thence northerly along the easterly line of the breakwater produced northerly, a distance of one hundred (100) feet; to an iron pin; thence easterly at right angles to the above described line, 50 feet, more or less, to the westerly water line of the said Gordon Park Channel; thence southwesterly along said water line, 115 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning and being in and a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5, Town 6 South, Range 4 East, St. Marys Township, Auglaize County, Ohio, with an annual rental of \$50.00.

The lease executed to Lloyd and Gladys Patton is for permission to use for cottage site and private docklanding purposes only, that portion of the outer slope of the easterly embankment of Lake St. Marys or Grand Lake that is included in the south-half of embankment lot No.19, numbering south from the southerly line of the right of way of the Lake Erie and Western Railroad, as shown by H. E. Whitlock's plat of embankment lots on the east bank of Lake St. Marys or Grand Lake, and being a part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Town 6 South, Range 4

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East, Auglaize County, Ohio; excepting therefrom a driveway twenty-five (25) feet wide off the easterly side of said embankment lot which is to be kept open and free from obstruction for public use; annual rental of \$18.00.

Upon examination of the leases hereinabove referred to, both of which are for a stated term of fifteen (15) years, I find that both of the same have been properly executed by you as Conservation Commissioner and by the lessees therein named.

I further find, upon examination of the provisions of these leases and of the conditions and restriction therein contained, that the same are in conformity with Section 471, General Code, under the authority of which these leases are executed, and with other statutory enactments relating to leases of this kind.

I am accordingly approving these leases, as to leagality and form, as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon the leases and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith inclosed.

Respectfully,

THOMAS J. HERBERT,

Attorney General.