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APPROVAL—LEASE TO M & E CANAL LANDS AT ST. MARYS, AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO—EDA PAUCK, ST. MARYS, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 2, 1936.

HON. CARL G. WAHL, Director, Department of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my examination and approval a lease executed by you as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of this Department, acting on behalf of the state of Ohio, to Eda Pauck, of St. Marys, Ohio. This lease is one for a stated term of fifteen years and by its provisions there are leased and demised to the lessee above named certain parcels of abandoned Miami and Erie Canal lands in Lot 1, Block 38, of east St. Marys, Auglaize County, Ohio, as described in said lease, which land is to be used by said lessee for business building purposes.

The parcels of land covered by this lease are a part of Miami and Erie Canal lands abandoned for canal purposes by an act of the 89th General Assembly, enacted in 1931, 114 O. L., 546. This act, read in connection with Section 464, General Code, authorizes you as Superintendent of Public Works to execute this lease which I find to be in conformity with the provisions of said act and with other related statutory provisions.

The lease provides for the payment of an annual rental of \$48.00, which is six percent of the appraised value of the property covered by the lease and which is in conformity with this and other laws relating to the execution of canal land leases.

The lease has been properly executed by you as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of this Department, acting for and on behalf of the state of Ohio, and by Eda Pauck, the lessee named in said lease.

I am accordingly approving the lease, as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon the lease and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,

Attorney General.