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and conditions thereof to be in conformity with said Act, and with other statutory enactments relating to leases of this kind; and inasmuch as I further find that this lease has been properly executed by you, as Superintendent of Public Works, for and in the name of the State of Ohio, and by C. H. Zeller, the lessee therein named, I am approving this lease, as evidenced by my approval endorsed thereon and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith returned.

Respectfully.

HERBERT S. DUFFY,

Attorney General.

3269.

APPROVAL—CANAL LAND LEASE, STATE OF OHIO, THROUGH DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO LESTER WERNERT, GROVEPORT, OHIO, TERM FIFTEEN YEARS, ANNUAL RENTAL, \$12.00, DESCRIBED PORTION ABANDONED CANAL PROPERTY, MADISON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, RIGHT TO OCCUPY AND USE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

Columbus, Ohio, November 16, 1938.

Hon. Carl G. Wahl, Director, Department of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my examination and approval a Canal Land Lease executed by you as Superintendent of Public Works, for and on behalf of the State of Ohio, to Lester Wernert of Groveport, Ohio (R. F. D. No. 1).

By this lease, which is one for a stated term of fifteen years, and which provides for an annual rental of \$12.00, there is leased and demised to the lessee above named the right to occupy and use for residential and agricultural purposes only, that portion of the abandoned canal property, located in Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, and more particularly described as follows:

"Beginning at the westerly line of a public highway commonly known as Rager Road, said westerly line crossing the transit line of W. J. Slavin's Survey of said canal property at or near Station 2006 plus 90, of said survey and running thence

westerly five hundred (500') feet, more or less, as measured along said transit line to station 2011+90, and containing one and two-tenths (1.2) acres, more or less."

This lease is one executed by you under the authority of House Bill 144, enacted by the 88th General Assembly under date of April 19, 1929, 113 O. L. 524, which Act authorizes the Superintendent of Public Works, the Governor and the Attorney General to sell or lease certain canal lands between the flume at Buckeye Lake in Fairfield County, Ohio, and Little Walnut Creek in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Assuming, as I do, that no application for the lease of the above described parcel of land was made by the owner of abutting property within the time specified in said Act, I find this lease and the terms and conditions thereof to be in conformity with said Act, and with other statutory enactments relating to leases of this kind; and inasmuch as I further find that this lease has been properly executed by you, as Superintendent of Public Works, for and in the name of the State of Ohio, and by Lester Wernert, the lessee therein named, I am approving this lease, as evidenced by my approval endorsed thereon and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith returned.

Respectfully,
HERBERT S. DUFFY,
Attorney General.

3270.

APPROVAL—BONDS, ATHENS RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO, \$13,000.00, DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1938.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 17, 1938.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio. Gentlemen:

RE: Bonds of Athens Rural School District, Athens County, Ohio, \$13,000.00 (Unlimited).

I have examined the transcript of proceedings relative to the above bonds purchased by you. These bonds comprise all of an issue of school