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APPROVAL, TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SALE OF ABANDONED OHIO CANAL LAND IN MADISON TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY—ORRIS C. McCLELLAND.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 27, 1929.

HON. RICHARD T. WISDA, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge your recent communication, submitting for my examination and approval a transcript in duplicate of the findings of fact and other records of proceedings of your office relating to the proposed sale to one Orris C. McClelland, of Newark, Ohio, of a certain parcel of abandoned Ohio canal lands in Madison Township, Licking County, Ohio, being that portion of the abandoned Ohio canal property, including the full width of the bed and embankments thereof, located in Madison Township, Licking County, Ohio, and described as follows:

“Beginning at a line drawn at right angles to the transit line of the Bruce Doughton’s survey of said canal property through Station 203-47 and running thence westerly with the northerly and southerly line of said canal property, 805 feet, more or less, as measured along said transit line to the center of the public highway crossing said canal property, and known as the (Stadden Road) and containing 1 8/10 acres, more or less; and subject to the rights of the public to maintain the said Stadden Road, as now located, over and across said canal property.

For a more definite description of the above described property, reference is hereby made to Plat No. 127, Bruce Doughton’s survey of said canal property; said plat being on file at the office of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.”

An examination of the transcript of your findings and proceedings with respect to the sale of the above described parcel of land shows that aside from the erroneous reference to Section 14203-22, General Code, instead of to Section 14203-14, General Code, as the source of the special authority for the sale of this property, said findings and proceedings are in compliance with the statutory provisions authorizing and providing for the sale of such land, subject to the correction to be made as above noted.

The statutory provisions relating to the sale of abandoned Ohio canal lands at private sale require such sale to be approved by the Governor and the Attorney General. In the present instance, the purchase price of the property to be sold to said Orris C. McClelland is the sum of \$360.00. No facts are presented relating to the appraisement of this property or to other matters touching this proposed sale which suggest any reason why this sale should not be approved by me. My approval of the sale is accordingly hereby given, as is evidenced by my approval of the resolution providing for the sale of this property found in said transcript.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,

Attorney General.