Public moneys must, because of their trust nature, be carefully expended and it has long been a responsibility of official boards to see to it that such money shall be spent only for public purposes.

To allow payment of dinner and lodging expenses from district funds where such expenses are the result of entertaining visiting officials and private organizations is to open the door to a practice for which there is no legal sanction. It is perfectly obvious that there is no authority for paying from public funds of the district the traveling expenses of persons other than employes of the district.

It is therefore my judgment that payments by The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District for expenses incurred in entertaining public officials and private organizations on general inspection trips made over the district can not properly be taken from public funds of the district.

Respectfully,

HERBERT S. DUFFY,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL—CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT, ARTICLES, THE FARMERS UNION MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 10, 1938.

Hon. William J. Kennedy, Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: I have examined the certificate of amendment to the articles of The Farmers Union Mutual Casualty Company which you have submitted for my approval.

Finding the same not to be inconsistent with the Constitution or laws of Ohio or the Constitution or laws of the United States, I have endorsed my approval thereon, and return the same herewith to you.

Respectfully,

HERBERT S. DUFFY,
Attorney General.