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This lease is one executed by you under the authority of the Act of April 19, 1929, 113 O.L., 521, which authorizes the Superintendent of Public Works, as the Director thereof, to lease in conformity with the provisions of sections 13965, et seq., General Code, those portions of the abandoned Hocking Canal lands in Fairfield, Hocking and Athens Counties that are still owned by the state of Ohio, and that such leases may be for a term of not less than fifteen years nor more than twenty-five years and that the bed and banks of said abandoned canal property may be included in any lease of such canal lands.

Upon examination of this lease, I find that the same has been properly executed by you as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said department, acting for and in the name of the state of Ohio, and by L. R. Ruble, the lessee therein named. Inasmuch as I further find from an examination of this lease that the provisions of the lease and the conditions and restrictions therein contained are in conformity with said act and with other statutory provisions relating to canal land leases, I am approving this lease, as is evidenced by my approval noted on the lease instrument and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith returned to you.

Respectfully,

HERBERT S. DUFFY,

Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, LEASE OF CANAL LANDS IN SHELBY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 6, 1937.

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

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my examination and approval two canal land leases in triplicate executed by you as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said department to the respective lessees therein named, in and by which there are leased and demised to said lessees parcels of Miami and Erie Canal lands for residence and agricultural purposes.

These leases, designated with respect to the names of the lessees, the general location of the parcels of canal lands leased and the annual rentals to be paid therefor, are:

Name	Location	Rental
J. C. Neilan	Sidney Feeder, Shelby Co., O.	\$24.00
Jos. W. Messler, Jr.	Mad River Township,	
	Montgomery County, O.	\$ 6.00

These leases are each for a term of fifteen years and, presumably, are executed by you under the authority conferred upon you by the De-Armond Act, 114 O.L., 546, which has been carried into the General Code as sections 14178-27 to 14178-52, inclusive.

Assuming that these parcels of Miami and Erie Canal lands have not been designated for highway purposes by the Director of Highways under the authority conferred upon him by this act and that no application for the lease of these parcels or of either of them for park purposes has been made in the manner and within the time prescribed by section 13 of • said act (sec. 14178-39, G.C.) and by the Farnsworth Act, 114 O.L., 518, and assuming further as to the second lease above referred to that the parcel of Miami and Erie Canal land therein described does not constitute a part of that section of the Miami and Erie Canal sold by the state to the city of Dayton, Ohio, it appears that you are authorized to execute the leases here in question under the specific authority of section 19 of said act (sec. 14178-45, G.C.).

Inasmuch as an examination of these leases shows that they have each been properly executed by you as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said department, acting for and in the name of the state of Ohio, and by the respective lessees therein named, and the provisions of these leases and the conditions and restrictions therein contained are in conformity with said act and with other statutory provisions relating to leases of this kind, I am approving these leases as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon the lease instruments and the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Herbert S. Duffy,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF SOUTHEASTERN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO, \$115,000.00.

Columbus, Ohio, April 6, 1937.

The Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio. Gentlemen:

RE: Bonds of Southeastern Rural School Dist., Ross County, Ohio, \$115,000.00.