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Bonds as authorized by the General Assembly. The Board approved the purchase of these bonds as an investment of State Retirement System funds.

Mr. James W. Webb, Director of the Division of Game of the Wildlife Resources Department, appeared before the Board requesting its approval of the expenditure of funds for several Wildlife projects. The proposed projects are to be financed out of approximately \$400,000.00 of Federal Funds available to the Department under the accelerated Public Works Program of the Federal Government. These funds are to be matched equally by State Funds now available within the Department in its Game and Wildlife Account. The largest proposed project is a lake in Hampton County, approximately 700 acres in size, estimated to cost \$300,000.00. Additional smaller projects are proposed in about 25 counties throughout the State. The Board gave its approval to the request.

Mr. Walter Brown advised the Board that the Division of Sinking Funds and Property now has a note in the amount of \$200,000.00 executed by the State Department of Corrections under Legislative authority, originally executed on the basis of payment over a two-year period. The first payment of \$100,000.00, plus interest, will be due within the next month. The department has requested that the note be revised so as to extend payments over a ten-year period. The department is having difficulty at the moment in meeting indebtedness incurred in establishing the Industries Division of the Penitentiary. The Board accordingly authorized Mr. Walter Brown to ask the General Assembly to pass the necessary Legislation authorizing an extension of this loan over a ten-year period.

Mr. Walter Brown advised the Board that he had an offer of \$8,000.00 for the property now owned by the State known as the Bettis Academy property, located on the Aiken-Edgefield County line. Upon his recommendation the Board agreed to accept this offer.

The Columbia-Lexington Airport Commission has made an offer of \$500.00 per acre for 50 acres of State property adjoining airport property in Lexington County, this property being needed by the Commission for an extension of airport

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Mr. Walter Brown recommended the Board's acceptance of this offer.

In discussing the offer it was noted that during recent years a part of this property has been used by the local Boy Scout organization and that they had expended approximately \$4,000.00 on improvements to the property. It was accordingly agreed that the Scout organization be reimbursed in this amount for these improvements upon sale of the property.

The Director of the Division of Sinking Funds and Property was authorized by the Board to enter into an oil lease agreement with Mr. Kenneth Nix, with the understanding that the terms of the lease to be approved by the State Geologist and the Attorney General. It was understood that Mr. Nix will deposit \$25,000.00 in escrow prior to the execution of the lease.

The Board granted a lease to Mr. Alex Sing on a portion of marshland in the area of Murrell's Inlet with the understanding that the Board can terminate the lease at any time upon 90 days notice in writing.

No further business was considered and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 A. M.

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