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Bowling Green, Ohio
January 3, 1942

The Board of Trustees of the Bowling Green State University met at 2:30
P. M. on the above date. The members present were Mr. E. E. Coriell, President; Dr.
H. J. Johnston, Secretary; Minor Kershner, Treasurer; and J. J. Urschel. Mr. Dudley White
was unavoidably absent. President Prout was also in attendance.

The minutes of the meeting held on December 9, 1941 were read and
approved.

The President presented to the Board the possibility of securing from the
Emergency Board at Columbus a state appropriation for the purchase of land adjacent to
and north of the east section of our campus for the purposes of an air field.

He reported that the city authorities were interested to the extent that they
would be willing to give us a 99 year lease on a tract of land directly west of the Sterling
farm amounting in area to approximately 40 acres. This with the 80 acres in the Sterling
farm would give us an area on which satisfactory runways could be established for air plane
training and service. It would be the wish of the city authorities, of course, that the
field when completed be made available for casual air plane service. The President asked
for authority to present this request to the Emergency Board on January 5th.

Moved by Urschel that the President be authorized to confer with the
Emergency Board and request a fund sufficient to purchase the Sterling property. Dr.
Johnston seconded the motion. Voting yes: Coriell, Johnston, Kershner, Urschel. Motion
carried.

Moved by Kershner and seconded by Urschel that payments into sinking funds
for retirement and debt service shall be made on Residences III and IV at the rate of
$210 monthly for ten months a year, to start with date of issuance and to be paid from
construction account until buildings are occupied. Voting yes: Coriell, Johnston,
Kershner, Urschel. Motion carried.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

Attest:

President

Secretary

Bowling Green, Ohio
January 7, 1942

The Board of Trustees of the Bowling Green State University met at 5:00 P. M.
in Kohl Hall for a dinner meeting on the above date. The members present were Mr. E. E.
Coriell, President; Dr. H. J. Johnston, Secretary; Minor Kershner, Treasurer; and J. J.
Urschel. Mr. Dudley White was unavoidably absent. President Prout was also in attendance.

The minutes of the meeting held on January 3, 1942 were read and approved.

The President reported to the Board that pursuant to instructions of last
Saturday he presented to the Governor and the Emergency Board at Columbus the desirability
of an emergency grant of funds sufficient to buy the Sterling property for an airport.
He further reported that at noon of this day the Secretary of the Board, Mr. Defenbacher,
had called him by telephone and advised him that the Emergency Board had approved the
request and the State would purchase the land referred to. Mr. Kershner moved that steps
be taken immediately to secure possession of this land. Dr. Johnston seconded the motion.
Voting yes: Coriell, Johnston, Kershner, Urschel. Motion carried.

It was agreed to by the Board that Dr. Johnston should accompany the Mayor
of the City and the President this coming Saturday morning to confer with Mr. Sterling
relative to the purchase of this property. It was the opinion of the Board that the
maximum price which they should pay Mr. Sterling should be $200 per acre. If land cannot
be purchased from Mr. Sterling at this figure, condemnation proceedings would have to be
started to secure possession of the land. In the discussion it was pointed out that this
property was formerly owned by the grand parents of Governor Bricker's wife. President
Coriell asked Dr. Johnston to take the chair, following which he moved that in view of
the connection of Mrs. Bricker to this particular piece of land this Board name the new
flying field Bricker Field. Mr. Urschel seconded the motion. Voting yes: Coriell,
Johnston, Kershner, Urschel. Motion carried.

Mr. Urschel moved that the President be authorized immediately to contact
the Federal Officials at Washington relative to assistance in the preparation and construc-
tion of the field, -- if necessary visit Washington for the purpose of personal contact
with said officials. Dr. Johnston seconded the motion. Voting yes: Coriell, Johnston,
Kershner, Urschel. Motion carried.