

Governor Walter A. Huxman, correspondence files, box 3

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July 14, 1937

Messrs. Louis and Max Levand
The Wichita Beacon
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Louis:

I have your wire and pursuant thereto have made an investigation and find that Santa Fe Lake is owned entirely by the Santa Fe Railway Company. This information has been obtained directly from the railway company and the state has no jurisdiction over this lake. This being so, it is impossible for me to order the State Forestry, Fish and Game Commission to make an investigation of this tragedy. I, however, agree with your telegram that it is something which should challenge our attention so that we see that this tragedy cannot occur upon a state owned lake.

I am herewith enclosing a letter which I am writing to the Vice Chairman of the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission, and which is for release for Wednesday afternoon papers.

I thank you for calling this to my attention and if for any reason the information I have as to the ownership of this lake is not correct, I will be glad to hear from you further because I agree we should make it impossible for these tragedies to occur and there should be no excuse for a repetition of such a tragedy.

Sincerely yours

Walter A. Huxman
Governor

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July 14, 1937

Louis and Max Levand
The Wichita Beacon
Wichita, Kansas

Your suggestion well taken. Writing you today.

Walter A. Huxman
Governor

Charge to: Governor's Office.

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1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeat-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars, nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.
2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
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NL	NIGHT LETTER
NM	NIGHT MESSAGE
LC	DEFERRED CABLE
NLT	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
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STATE HOUSE TOPEKA KANS=

COUNTY OFFICIALS REFUSE TO FIX RESPONSIBILITY FOR DROWNING OF FIVE YOUTHS IN SANTA FE LAKE.

MOTHER AND TWELVE CHILDREN PERMITTED TO ENTER TWO BOATS, ONE LEAKING, EIGHT OTHERS NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH. UNDER PRESENT LAX RULES AND LACK OF REGULATION TRAGEDY CAN BE REPEATED. TEN CHILDREN COULD ASK FOR ONE BOAT AND LOSE THEIR LIVES IN LAKE. STATE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION HAS JURISDICTION OVER THIS STATE OWNED LAKE. URGE IMPERATIVE NECESSITY OF CANCELLING BOATING PERMIT AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION TO MAKE COMPLETE INVESTIGATION AND FIX RESPONSIBILITY.

STRICT REGULATIONS NEEDED TO PREVENT POSSIBLY WORSE TRAGEDY IN NEAR FUTURE. A REPLY BY WIRE WILL BE APPRECIATED

=LOUIS AND MAX LEVAND THE WICHITA BEACON . . .

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
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July 23, 1937

Mrs. Hester Gillet
Peabody, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Gillet:

I have your letter of July 21 regarding the deplorable accident at Santa Fe Lake recently. I wish to assure you of my sincere sympathy in the death of your nephew. I am fully alert to the need for more strict supervision of state lakes and some time ago brought this matter to the attention of the Vice Chairman of the Forestry, Fish & Game Commission with instructions to take every possible step to prevent a repetition of such a tragedy.

Rules and regulations governing state lakes designed to eliminate the hazards are being formulated and will be placed in effect at an early date. You may rest assured that I shall leave nothing undone in my effort to guard the safety of those using these lakes.

I wish you would extend to those bereaved my heartfelt condolences.

Sincerely yours

Walter A. Huxman
Governor

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Fish & Game Comm.
Have taken steps ~~to~~

Peabody, Kans.
July 21st '37

Dear Mr. Huxman I just
a few lines in regard
to the drowning of those
five youths of our State.
One of these boys was
my nephew and the
others were very dear friends
of mine.

Are you going to do any
thing about this, I think
it is a disgrace to our
State to allow any thing
to run like that was.

They rented those boats
to those people and it
was bad enough to let

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them load the boats the
way they did, but the one
boat leaked and sank
when the boys went down,
and then never had a
guard, or a motor row
boat there. those youths
could of all been saved
if they had. said they
took the motor row boat
away because it scared
the game and fish.
just like that was more
important than the deer
skins we lost. I tell you
its terrible. It was a
terrible blow to Marion
County. just think of that
one woman losing all
three of her boys, she
just lives two miles

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from me. I tell you
Mr Huxman its terrible
some thing ought to be
done about it abonce
I surely hope and Pray
that God will give
you the couraged to
prevent any more such
terrible tragedys to
happen as this. it has
nearly drove me insane
I tell you, and just
think of the dear Mothers
and Fathers. "God help
them," in their time
of Sorrow.
This letter may not
impress you any but

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if you were here and
seen and felt things
like I have since it
happened it surely would

Yours Sincerely
Mrs Hester (Clark) Killet

R.R. Peabody
Kansas

Please, Please, do some
thing about this Mr
Huxman.

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FORESTRY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

L. C. WEBB
STATE FISH AND GAME WARDEN
SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION
PRATT, KANSAS

July 23, 1937

Mr. Leslie E. Wallace
Secretary to the Governor
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Wallace:

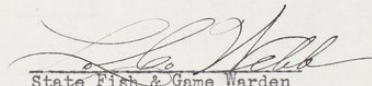
I am pleased to advise that I have written Mr. F. D. Munsell of Shields, Kansas relative to his efforts in behalf of the project of lake building on the Smoky Hill River.

I am, of course, very sorry that I cannot give any encouragement to anyone in the matter of lake construction in the state of Kansas at this time.

We need more lakes in our state but in justice to our sportsmen who pay the bills and who have borne the burden up to this time, I feel that more of their money must be spent in propagating and protecting our game and fish and less of it for lake construction.

With kind regards, I am

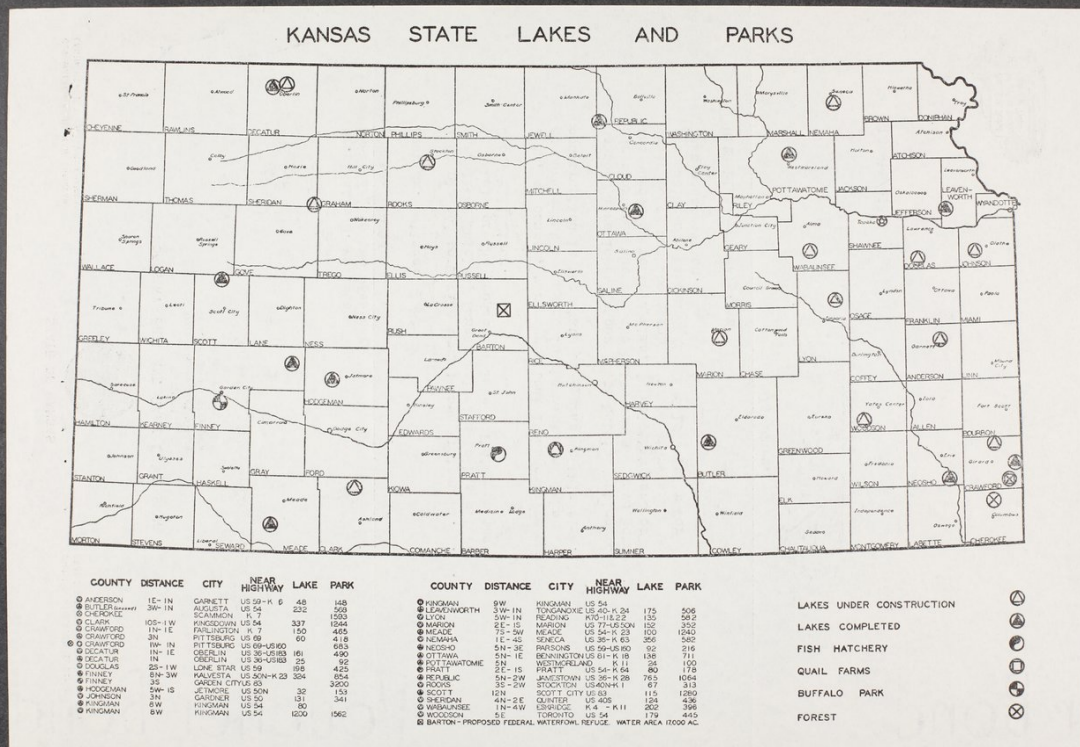
Very truly yours,


State Fish & Game Warden
c.l.d.

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July 20, 1937

Mr. L. C. Webb
Chairman
Forestry, Fish & Game Comm.
Pratt, Kansas

Dear Mr. Webb:

I am enclosing a letter from Mr.
F. D. Munsell of Shields, Kansas, which I
will appreciate if you will answer direct.

Sincerely yours

Leslie E. Wallace
Secretary to the Governor

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Encl.

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July 29, 1937

Mr. John Reed
Managing Editor
The Wichita Eagle
Wichita, Kansas

My dear John:

I have your welcome letter of July 27 and note what you say. I agree with you that the Santa Fe lake situation should be thoroughly investigated. I am not fully conversant with conditions and have asked that a full and complete report be made, and I intend to see that if the state continues to supervise that lake necessary steps be taken to make that supervision effective.

This report has not yet been made to me and I am waiting to receive it. I agree with you as to the caretaker and have suggested the advisability of a change. I think when a caretaker tells people that a boat has only a five-person capacity he should not only do that but he should see that not more than five people get into the boat. I understand, of course, that after these six people got into the boat they rode around a bend and took in the seventh. The caretaker, of course, could not be blamed for that.

I hope that we can get this situation cleared up to the satisfaction of everyone and if it isn't I want you to know that I will be pleased to hear from you further.

With continued kind regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Walter A. Huxman
Governor

WAH:RS

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The Wichita Eagle

Morning, Evening and Sunday

WICHITA, KANSAS

July 27, 1937

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Honorable Walter A. Huxman
Governor of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Governor:

I feel it my duty as a friend of the administration to write you briefly about the situation at Santa Fe lake. As you know, six persons have drowned there this year. There has been an investigation by a committee, which committee has reported certain things that should be done. Later the head of the Fish and Game department made a report in which he freed those in charge of any blame for the last tragedy.

Naturally we have dug into the matter pretty thoroughly here and I want to say too that in my opinion the folks who are in charge over there, meaning the caretaker and his son-in-law, are not capable of handling the job. I understand they were appointed by Republicans and are still Republicans.

You may be fully conversant with conditions there but all the recommendations of this committee should be carried out and a capable man put in charge. This will avoid any blame being attached to the administration in the future. Of course you and I know that it is not under your control directly but I am fearful that the blame will attach to the administration regardless of that fact.

Please accept this letter as a friendly gesture made in an effort to avoid any further complaints, and what is more important, further loss of life.

I understand that you have received or will receive an invitation to speak at the Old Settlers Reunion at Mulvane the last Thursday in August. This is my old home town and I heard down there yesterday that you were the unanimous choice of the committee. It is considered quite an honor to be asked to speak at this meeting as the association covers the four big counties of this part of the state. Personally I hope you see your way clear to accept the invitation.

With kindest personal regards, I am

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John Reed/s

Yours truly,

John Reed

Managing Editor

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File

His Excellency
Governor Walter A. Huxman
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Huxman:

I am pleased to give you information concerning some of the actions on the part of the outgoing chief clerk, Mr. Dave Leahy which are somewhat disturbing to say the least.

While I was in Topeka the early part of this week, Mr. Leahy took it upon himself to burn large quantities of accumulated papers which were here in the office when I left. Included in papers which he destroyed were all cancelled checks and apparently the records of deposits in the People's State Bank where revolving funds have been kept for a number of years. This was done without authority and after Mr. Leahy's term of office had expired.

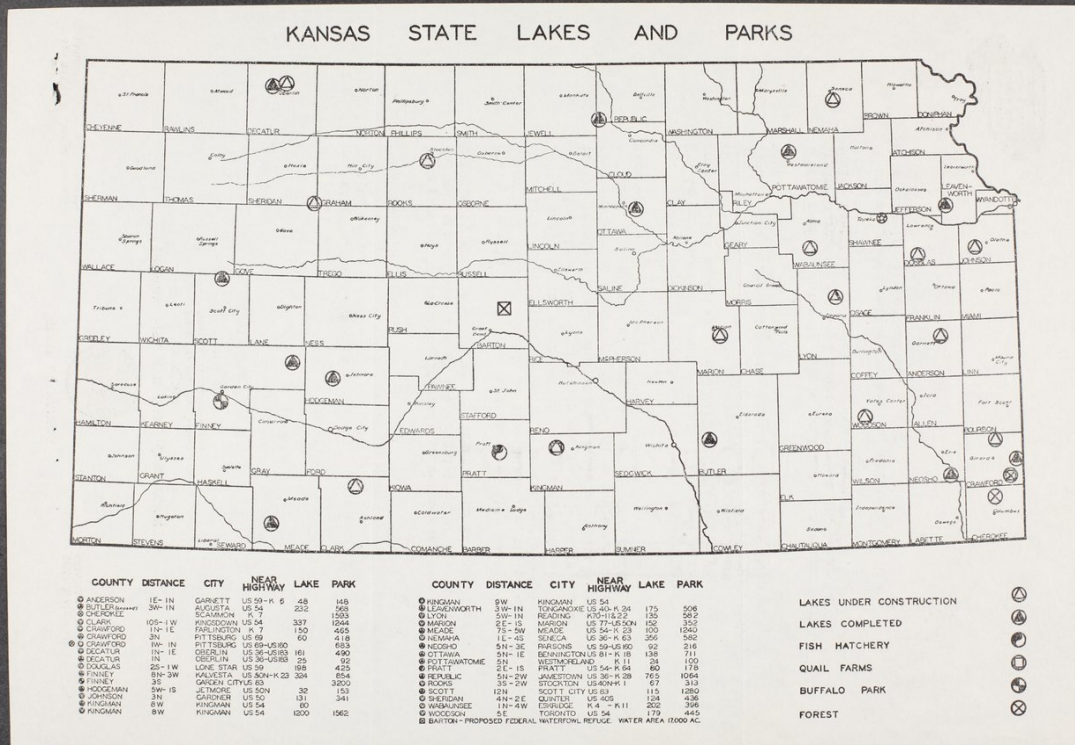
You may be interested further in knowing something of Mr. Leahy's personal conduct while I was away which was more or less embarrassing and offensive to the employees of the office. He seemed to be in a very bad humor, cursing indiscriminately in a loud voice around the office, kicking the doors and making himself offensive in many ways.

I have managed so far to keep a cool head under some very trying circumstances. I understand that Mr. Leahy is coming back here tomorrow, Saturday, September 4.

He has assumed a rather threatening attitude and has made himself very offensive.



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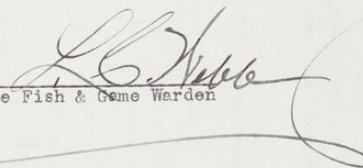
I gave him fifteen days longer then the expiration of the term of his service which I originally set at August 15 because of his claim that he could not possibly get his records in the condition that he wanted them before that time. His principle excuse for staying was that he might close up all accounts with the different counties in a satisfactory way.

I find that during the entire month he closed the accounts of fifty counties leaving us 55 counties to be taken care of.

He has been quite a disturber in the organization almost for the entire month and especially so during the last week or ten days. It seems that he went away on Tuesday afternoon of this week leaving everybody in a bad frame of mind after having caused all the disturbance possible.

I think I shall be able to handle the situation in a way that will be satisfactory to you but recognizing you as Chairman of this committee and as the highest official of the state, and as my superior officer I have felt that it was necessary to give you this confidential information.

Very truly yours,

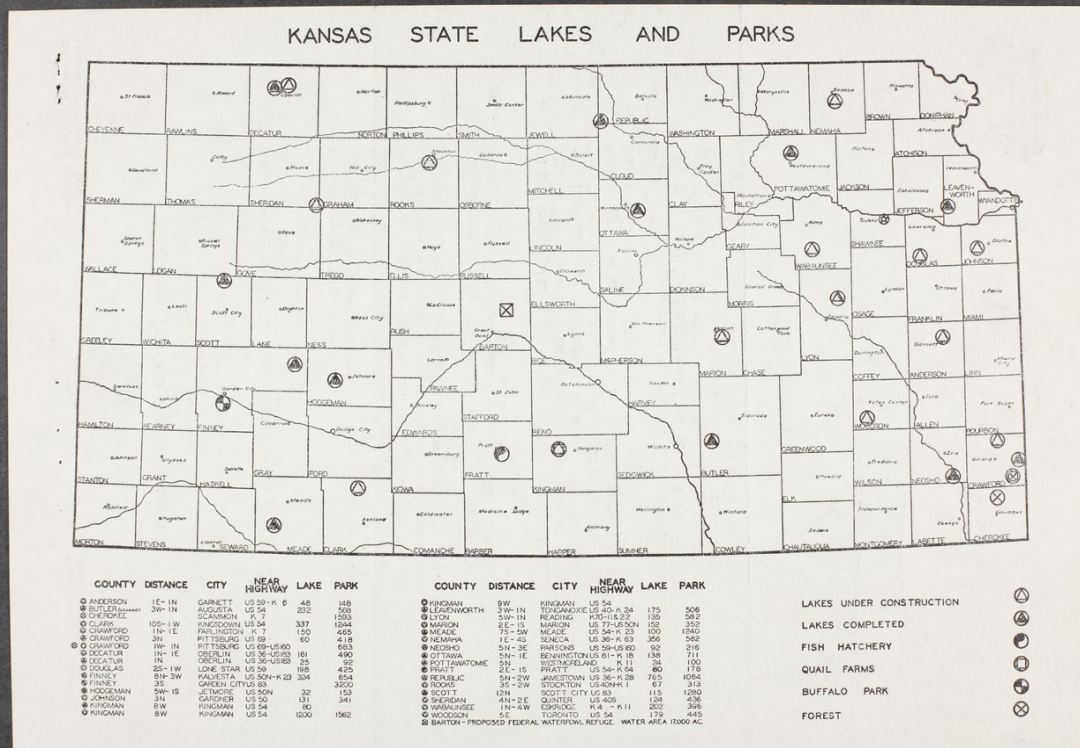

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Dear Governor Huxman:

Under date of September 20 you wrote Mr. Lakin Meade,
Vice Chairman of the Forestry, Fish and Game Commission,
and at the same time sent a copy of your letter to this
office.

I am pleased to submit you the enclosed information.
These figures are taken from the records left in this
office at the end of the fiscal year as of June 30, 1937.

It is my purpose, and steps have been taken, to reduce
many of these items materially for the fiscal year
ending June 30, 1938. If there is any further informa-
tion that I can give you, I shall be glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

L. C. Webb

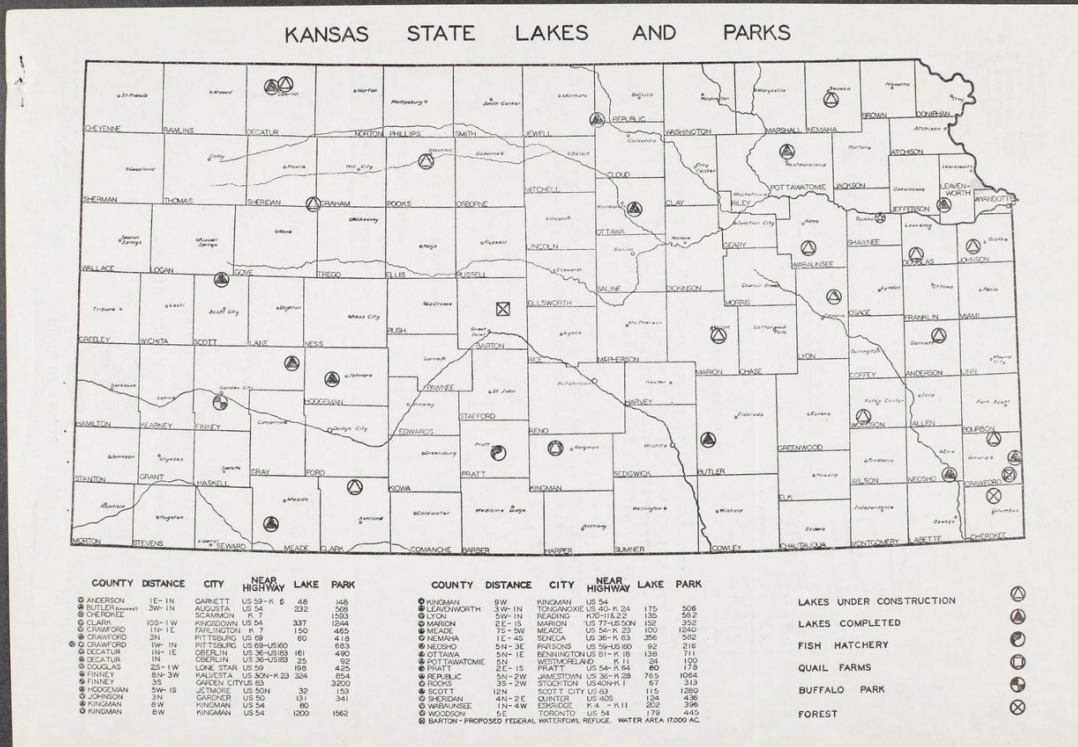
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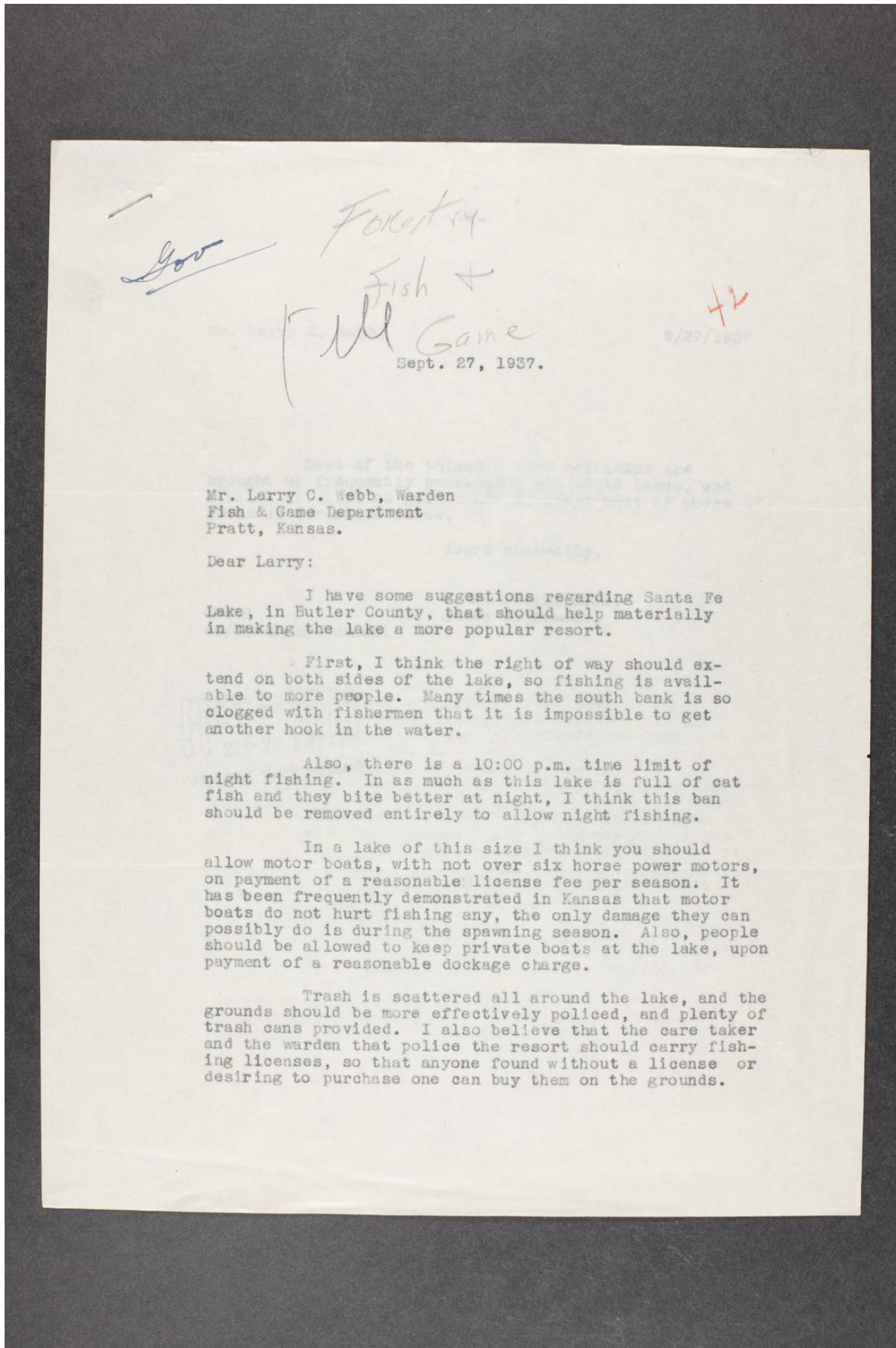
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	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Warden-Salary	3,193.55	3,275.00	81.45
Warden-Expense	1,962.40	2,198.84	236.44
Chief Deputy-Salary	1,935.00	1,980.00	45.00
Chief Deputy-Expense	701.97	929.97	228.00
Stenographers Salaries	1,505.00	1,965.52	460.52
Subscriptions and Dues	21.00	127.40	106.40
Office Expense	181.58	882.90	701.32
Premium on Surety Bonds	72.00	276.89	204.89
Telephone & Telegraph	806.52	1,235.53	429.01
Postage	1,080.78	1,106.00	25.22
Building Material & Repairs	815.83	1,705.70	889.87
Hardware & Equipment	71.77	486.32	414.55
Feed for Animals	528.90	836.82	307.92
Feed and Seed	233.23	359.70	126.47
Freight & Express	1,092.39	1,419.50	327.11
License Tags	none	130.38	130.38
Attorney Fees	none	211.60	211.60
Motion Pictures	none	451.13	451.13
New Equipment	248.01	924.17	676.16
Miscellaneous	405.63	602.23	196.60
Game Purchased	none	510.22	510.22
Printing	331.53	6,234.48	5,902.95
Game Law books bought in 1936--paid for in 1937--office printing bought for more than a years supply.) (3,023.31 Fish &			
Fuel & Ice	621.96	1,295.02	674.06
			(499.68-1936 bills paid in 1937)
Electric Current	324.62	912.68	588.06
			(286.08-1936 bills paid in 1937)
Gas & Oil	3,205.07	4,738.00	1,532.93
Wardens Expense	17,843.94	22,386.01	4,543.07
			<u>20,001.33</u> Increase over 1936

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Mr. Larry C. Webb,

9/27/1937

Most of the things I have mentioned are brought up frequently concerning all state lakes, and I think it would be good sense to adopt most of those ideas at our state lakes.

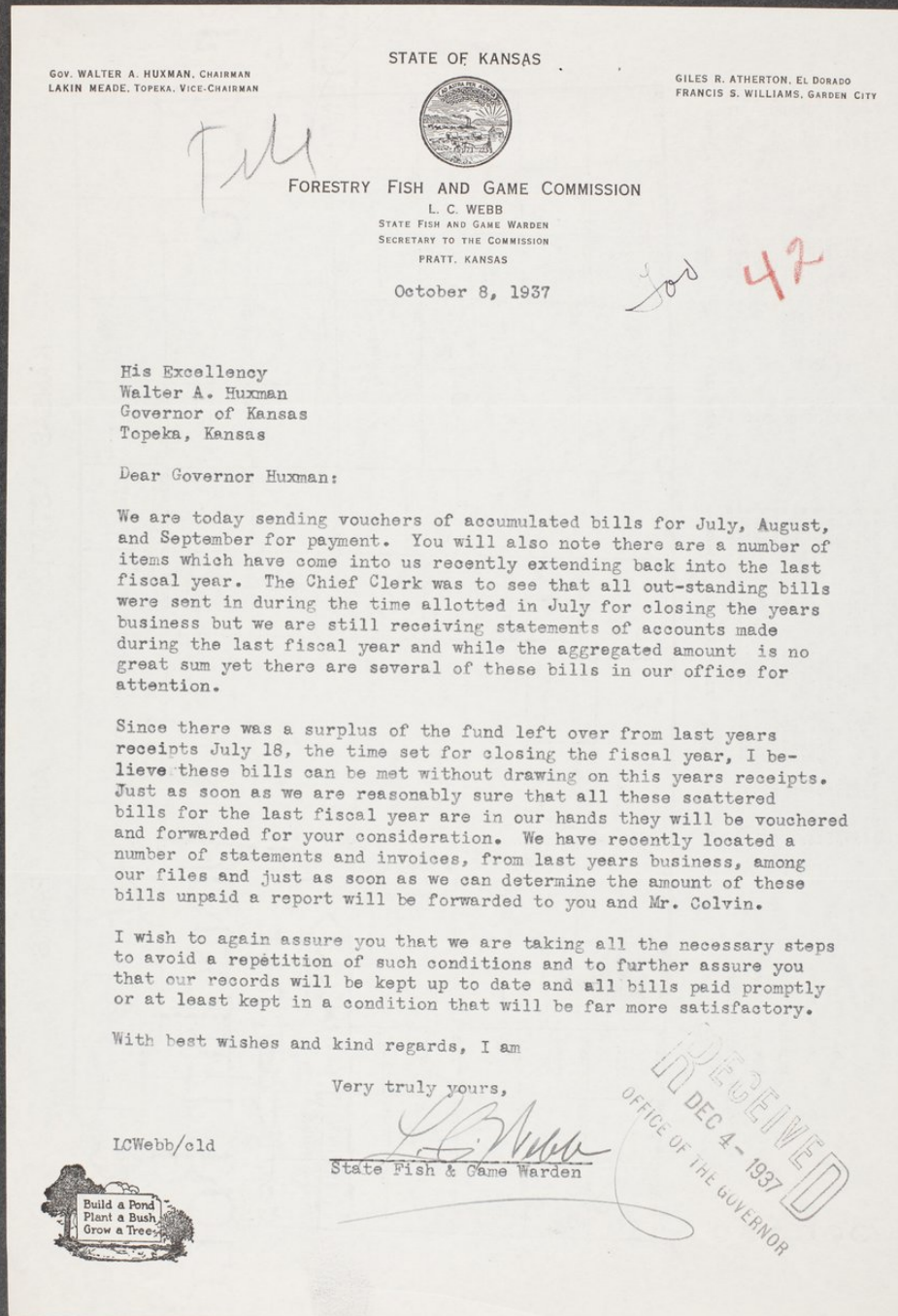
Yours sincerely,

C. M. Fitzwilliam,
State Chairman.

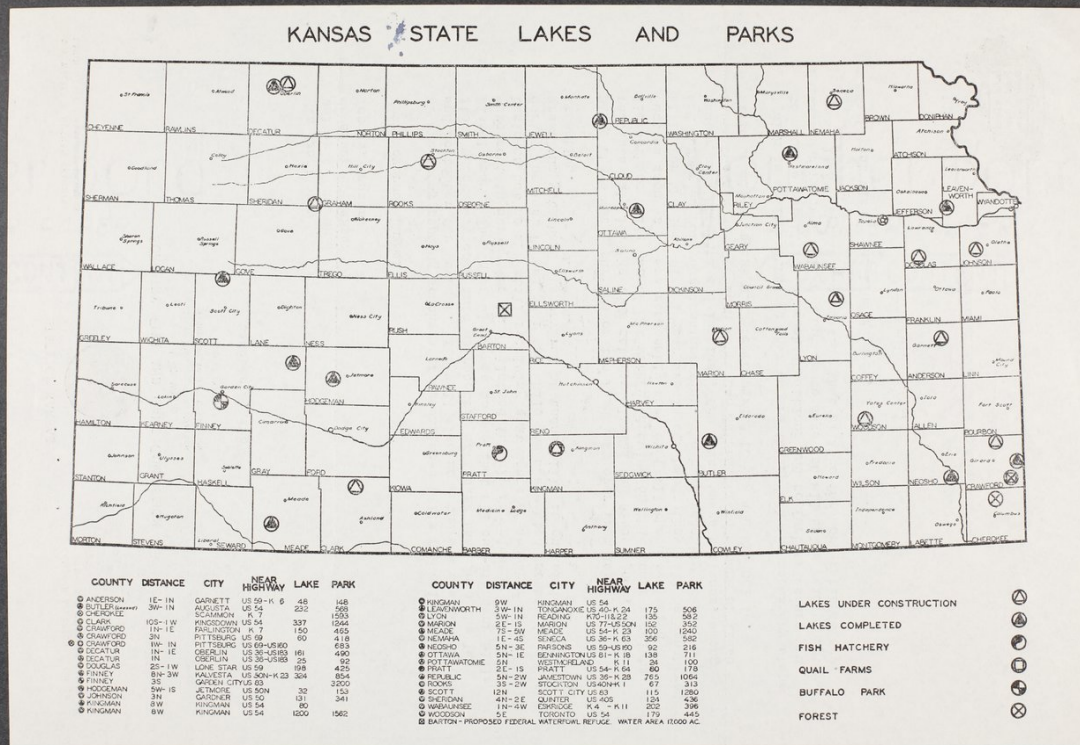
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October 16, 1937

Mr. Frank Dunkley, Secretary
Chamber of Commerce
Dodge City, Kansas

My dear Mr. Dunkley:

I have your letter of October 15, signed by yourself and Mr. Cave, your President, and am addressing my answer to you inasmuch as I presume you are in active charge of this organization.

I note what you say regarding the Clark County Lake project, and wish to state that I fully agree with you. I am quite sure you will find the Fish and Game Commission and myself in hearty sympathy and accord in the completion of this project if it can be done. I know at the last meeting of the Board, this matter was discussed, and it was agreed that before any other lake projects should be undertaken, that this lake project should be considered.

You of course realize that what we can do as regards this project or any other project, is limited to the amount of available funds, but I can assure you that I am entirely sympathetic with this project, and hope you will find the Commission co-operative.

I trust that you will call this letter to the attention of Mr. Cave. I am not sure as to his correct address, or I would mail him a copy of the letter.

Sincerely yours

Walter A. Huxman
Governor

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKS -
Bluff Creek Dam.

Hon. Walter A. Huxman
Governor of the State of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Governor:

In the interests of Dodge City and all communities of southwest Kansas, I am taking this opportunity of expressing to you the desires of all persons in the western end of the state to impress upon the necessity of completing the Bluff Creek, Clark County lake.

As you probably know, more than a half million dollars have been spent so far in the development and the building of the Bluff Creek Dam; and apparently if this project is abandoned, the entire amount will be wasted.

This is the only major water conservation project in western Kansas and a project in which all residents of western Kansas are vitally interested. The completion of this project means much to all residents in this end of the state and I cannot impress too firmly upon the interests of the people out our way.. The completion of the project will require approximately thirty thousand dollars. The people out here feel that it is a shame to even consider the abandonment of the Bluff Creek project especially at a time when we are sorely in need of water conservation projects and especially this one which is so nearly completed.

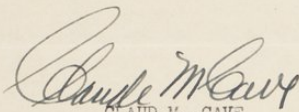
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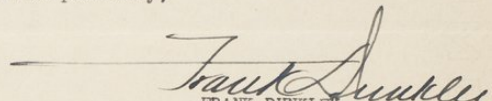
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I can assure you that Dodge City and all communities in western Kansas will appreciate more than I am able to tell you by letter any assistance which you may be able to render to this most worthy cause.

Most Respectfully,


CLAUDE M. CAVE
President


FRANK DUNKLEY
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