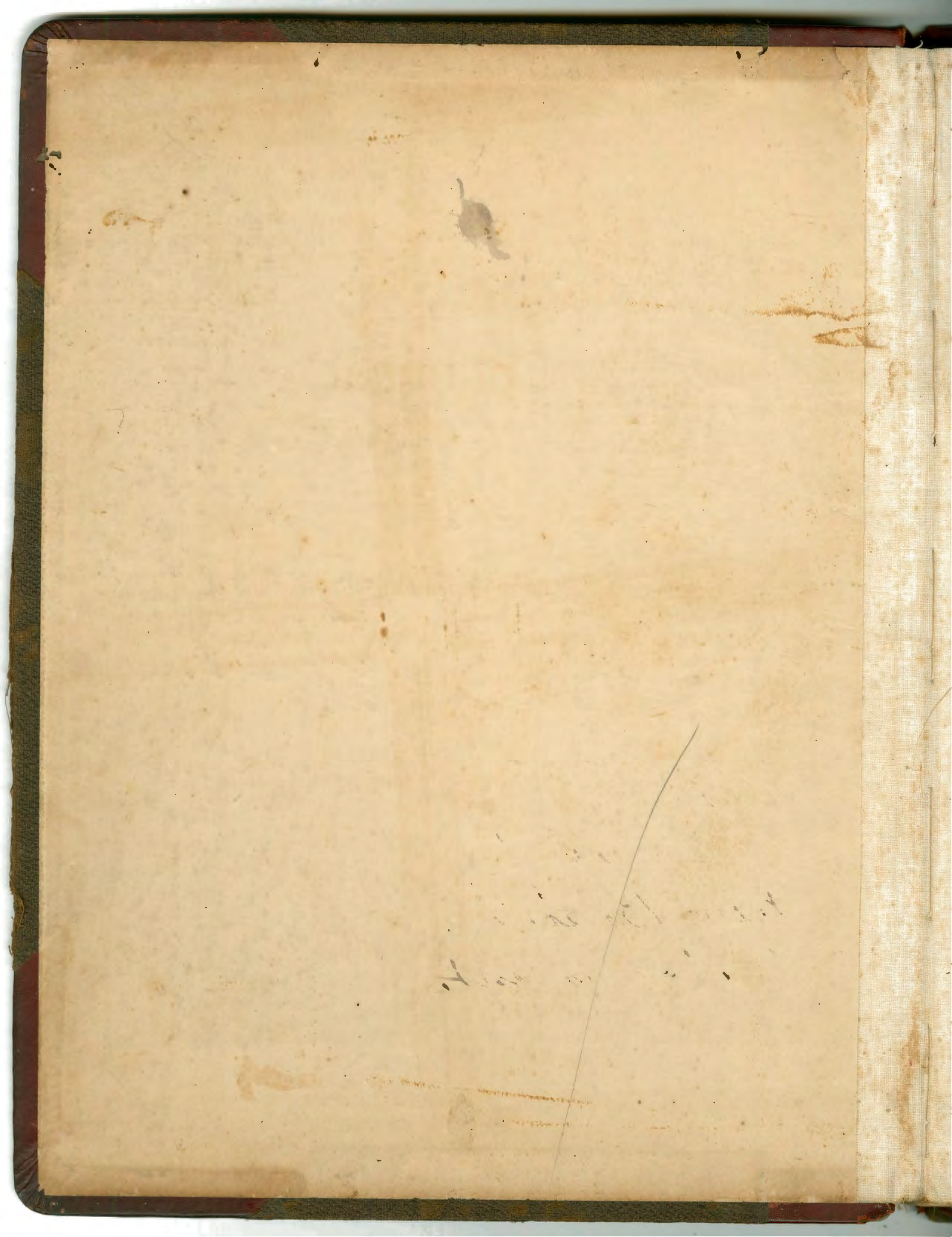


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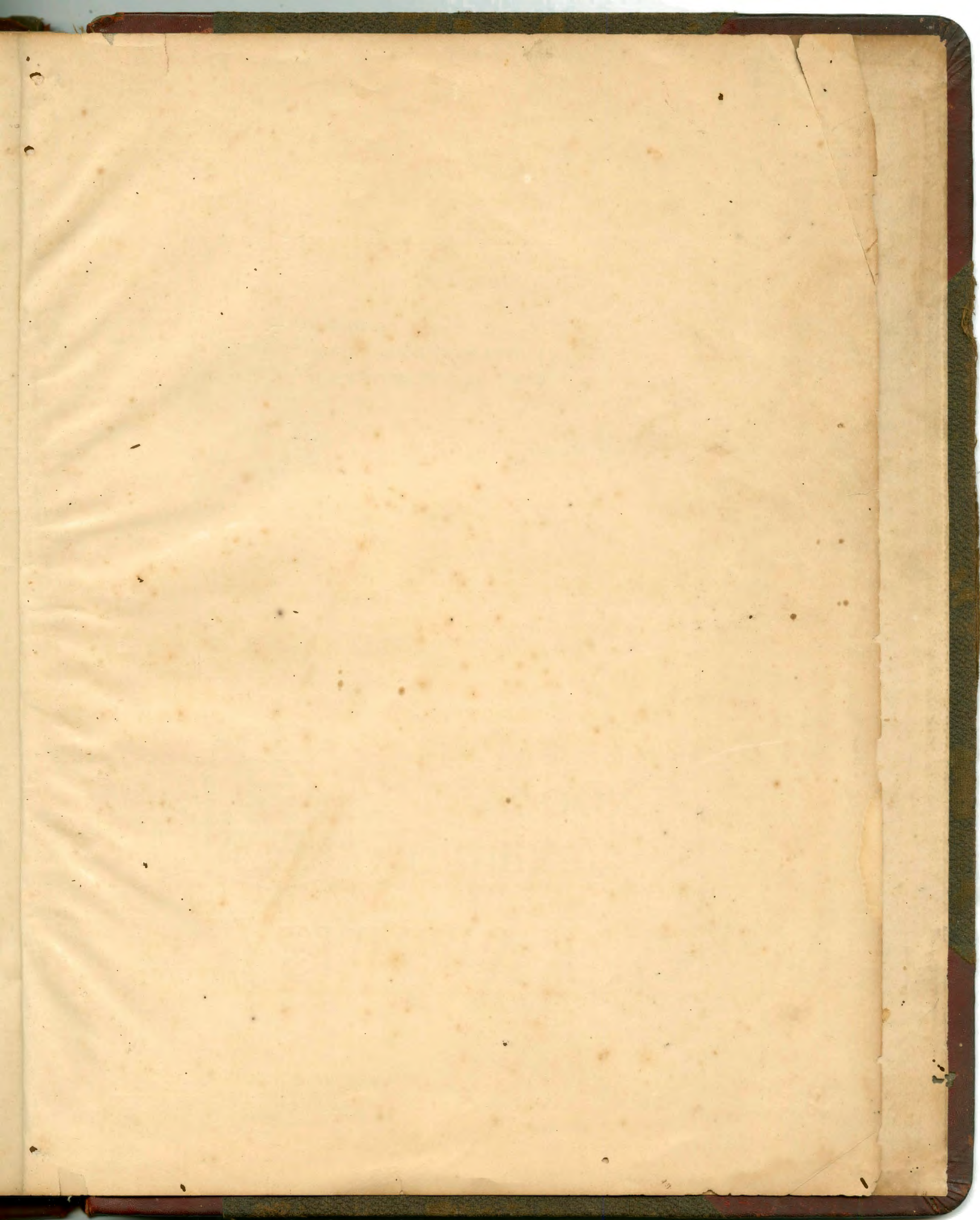
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Quaker, Fla., Dec. 3, 1910. 2.45. P. M.

Regular meeting called to order by Pres. J. C. Linder.
Song "America" sung by Society.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

Report of Executive Committee called for. —

Mr. J. O. Duckett, Chairman, responded, by first giving report of Treasurer, as Mr. A. C. Sill was unable to be present on account of illness.

Moved by A. D. Miller, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. — Seconded; Carried. — Report filed.

Mr. Duckett then proceeded to give a written report of the actions of the Executive Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Shanahan that report of Ex. Committee be adopted. — Sec.; Carried. — Rept filed.

Miss Orutt gave a written report of the Board of Trustees, which was, on motion, adopted.

A. P. Dickman, Chairman of Dredging Committee, had no report to make.

Mrs. L. L. Dickman, gave a written report of progress for the School House Committee.

Moved by Dr. Geo. M. A. Miller, that all reference to the building of a school house, which involves responsibility on the part of the Common good Society, be stricken from the minutes; on the ground that such matter is outside the province of the Society. — Seconded.

Moved by Mr. Hawk, that we refer the matter of the school house to a committee. — Motion lost.

Dr. Miller's motion was put to a vote and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Adaline J. Miller, that we take up a subscription from the members of the Society, to finish paying for the school house. — Seconded; Carried. A few minutes given to carry out plan.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. J. O. Duckett.

Resolved that we approve of the action of the Secretary and President of this Society in accepting clause five of the proposition of Burkin Home-makers to this Society covering lands in sections 5 and 6, which first four clauses of the proposition were approved by this Society at its regular meeting held June 4, 1910. - Sec.

Moved by Dr. C. S. Emery, That this matter be tabled, pending the action of the Society regarding the By Laws. - Sec. - Lost.

Mr. Duckett's resolution being put to a rising vote, was carried by 51 to 16.

Dr. Emery entered his protest against the action of the Society.

After some discussion, it was moved by Dr. Emery, that we adjourn. - Carried.

J. S. Jones, Sec.

Read and approved, Jan 7, 1911, J. S. Jones, Sec.

Continuation of Called Meeting

Jackson Fla., Nov. 24, 1910. 6.45 P.M.

Adjourned meeting called to order by Pres. J.C. Linder.

Violin solo - Mr Buckley.

Reports of Committee elected to consider amendments to By-Laws, called for.

Mr. & M. Miller, Chairman of this Committee, made a brief report of progress, and requested Mr Hawk, to read the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee, which he did.

Moved by Mr. Dunham and seconded by Miss Anna D. Pope, that the Committee be granted further time, but that we consider the report made, item by item. - Motion carried with but two dissenting votes.

Moved by H. H. Brophy, That section 4. be adopted as Committee recommended. - seconded.

Dr Miller moved an amendment to Mr Brophy's motion, that provided that the approval of this part of the report shall not be final, but shall be subject to a final vote on the report as a whole, either under one motion or resolution. - amendment carried.

On reaching section 5 of the By-Laws, A.D. Miller moved that we defer discussion on this section until the final report is made. - seconded

Moved by J. O. Dockett, That we stop all further discussions of this report until the Committee has completed its report. - seconded, and carried with but one dissenting vote.

J. O. Dockett tendered his resignation as one of the Committee elected to on this amendment of By-Laws, and nominated Mr J. L. Fitts as his successor on the Committee.

Moved by A.D. Miller, That Mr Dockett's resignation be accepted, and that the secretary be instructed to cast ballots for Mr. Fitts. Sec: Carried.

Mr Fitts was duly elected to take Mr Dockett's place on said Committee.

Moved by J. O. Dockett that we adjourn until next Saturday. Discussion; Motion withdrawn

Moved by A. B. Hawk That we do all voting by signed ballot. General discussion.

Moved by D. D. Estes That we adjourn to meet again next Saturday morning at 9.30 o'clock, in Assembly Hall. Sec. Carried.

J. C. Linder, Pres.
J. D. Jones, Sec.

Read and approved Dec. 3, 1910. J. D. Jones, Sec.

Continuation of Called Meeting

Dec. 3, 1910. - 10. - AM.

Meeting called to order, with J. C. Linder in the Chair

Violin solo. — Miss Marcia Lyman.

Minutes of previous sessions of "Called Meeting" held Nov. 16th in morning, afternoon and evening, and also of session held Nov. 28th in evening, read, and corrected as to report on College by Dr. Miller, Mr. Allen's Resolution, etc., and approved.

Moved by A. B. Hawk. That those affidavits read at last meeting be placed on file with Secretary, with such recognition on minutes as to note same. — Sec. Carried.

Above mentioned affidavits were to the effect that on Feb. 18, 1910, Wm. E. C. Kates signed certain By-Laws for the Commongood Society. First affidavit being signed by Harriet C. Drentt. Second affidavit only substantiated the first. — signed by Geo. W. Miller. Said affidavits duly filed.

Sec. 7	(+)	Objcted to.	
" 8		Not amended.	reported by Dr Emery, "stricken out"
" 9	(a)	objcted to	
" "	(b)	" "	
" 10	(a)	" "	
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Moved, That this special meeting be adjourned until after the close of the regular Commonwealth Meeting, which convened at 2,30 o'clock, this afternoon. - Sec. carried.

J.C. Linder, Pres.
 J.S. Jones, Sec.

Quinton, Fla., Dec. 3, 1910. - 4.00 P.M.

Called meeting reconvened, after adjournment of regular meeting, with Pres. J.C. Linder in the Chair.

The following Resolution was offered by Mr J.A. Fitts:
 Resolved: That when the Society shall have voted upon all the items of the Committee's report, opportunity shall be given to those dissenting from the decision of those voting in the majority to propose sections and clauses alternative to those to which they object; which clauses shall be submitted in parallel columns or otherwise, in connection with the clauses and sections adopted by the majority vote; and that when the referendum shall be made to the entire membership, opportunity shall be given to vote on each clause and section separately, provided that with such referendum, there may be arguments pro and con not to exceed 500 words on side, which shall be free from all personalities and references to local differences; provided further that if the minority refuses or neglects to submit clauses and sections

alternative to the clauses and sections to which they object the votes on the adoption of the Committee's Report as amended and as a whole, shall not be considered as passed, unless a majority of those who voted against the clauses and sections adopted by the majority vote, shall concur in such final vote. and in order that such concurrence of the majority of the minority may be determined, the names of those voting in the minority on the various clauses and sections as they may be adopted by the majority vote, shall be noted by the secretary. - seconded.

Moved by Dr. C. S. Emery. That resolution just read be laid on the table. seconded -
- Lost by 21 to 62.

Mr Fitts resolution was carried by a rising vote of 54 to 18. - W. H. Brophy and J. O. Duckett acted as tellers.

Moved by A. B. Hawk, seconded by L. L. Dickman. That the sections that have been objected to be read and objections stated, and that the Chairman or joint Committee on By Laws, answer such objections or call upon others to do so, and if the objectors be not satisfied, that such sections be passed to be debated on later. - sec.; carried.

Mrs S. M. Miller, Chairman of Joint Committee read section 3 of Amended By-Laws. - objections raised and answered.

Moved by Dr. Geo. McA. Miller. That we reconsider last motion made by A. B. Hawk. - seconded; carried.

Moved by Dr. Miller, as an amendment to Mr Hawkes motion, that these words: "That such section be passed to be debated on later," be stricken out, and that the words; "and that we proceed to debate and vote on such sections," be inserted, instead. - amendment carried.

Moved by Dr Miller. That we approve Committee's report as a whole. seconded.
Lost by 19 to 38.

Moved by J. O. Duckett, That we adjourn until 7 o'clock this evening. - Discussion
- motion withdrawn -

Moved by A B Hawk, That a volunteer Committee of as many as wish to be on it be appointed, to consider the objections made to the report of the Committee on amendment of By-Laws, to report at next session. - Lost.

On motion Society adjourned untill 7 o'clock, this evening.

J. C. Linder, Pres.
J. S. Jones, Sec.

Quincy, Fla., Dec. 3, 1910. 7:10 P.M.

Adjourned meeting called to order at 7:10 o'clock in the evening by the President, J. C. Linder.

Section 3, of the amended By-Laws taken up for discussion.

Moved by A P Dickman: That we reject section 3 of the amended By-Laws. Seconded, Carried.

Section 3 being one of the vital points contended for by the minority, after losing that they refused to debate the matter any further, and retired in a body from the meeting. Dr. C. S. Emery stating before leaving, that they would fight it out in the courts.

Moved by Dr. Miller: That we discontinue any further consideration of the amendment of the By-Laws of the Society, in view of the fact that the minority who had been opposing the present By-Laws, and with whom the majority have been endeavouring to find a basis of harmony in the amendment of the By-Laws, have withdrawn from the meeting, and that we pledge ourselves to stand by our present By-Laws untill there is more of a demand for their amendment legally expressed, and that proceed to consider and pass resolutions giving the findings of the Society concerning the affairs of the same, to date, and the sending out of full information to the non-resident members concerning

the proceedings of the Special Meeting, and the attempt to harmonize the opposing elements of the Society. seconded by J. O. Duckett; carried by a vote of 48 to 0.

Resolution offered by Mr. C. C. Allen, on the afternoon of the 26th of November, last, was now presented to the Society again by Mr. J. L. Fitts.

Moved by H. Buckley and seconded by Wm. Miller; That the resolution be adopted as it now stands.

Dr. Geo. McA. Miller requested that some changes be made in certain sections, which changes should be left to the Publication Committee, and that the final form of the resolutions to be filed with the Minutes should correspond to the form as modified for publication. Suggestions accepted by Mover and Seconder.

Motion, with suggestions, carried with but one dissenting vote. Mr. J. O. Webster voting against it.

Moved, by Mrs. S. M. Miller; That this Society secure a seal or stamp, and that all official documents sent out shall bear the official seal or stamp, and that any document without same shall be considered not legal. Seconded; carried.

Resolution offered by Mrs. S. M. Miller; - That the matter of the so-called referendum, be thoroughly investigated and the exact facts concerning it be given to the public in the Business Bulletin, which is to be brought out. Seconded; adopted.

Moved by Dr. Miller; That these matters regarding this Bulletin be left in the hands of the Executive Committee. They to secure such help as may be deemed necessary by them. Motion prevailed.

On motion, Society Adjourned.

J. S. Jones Sec.

Quentin, Fla., Jan. 7, 1911. 2.40 P.M.

Regular meeting called to order by the President,
J. C. Lipder.

Violin solo. — — — — — Mr. H. Buckley.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and
approved.

Violin solo — — — — — Mr. H. Buckley.

Minutes of Called Meetings laid over until
a called meeting.

Treasurer report called for. Mr. A. C. Sill
made a report for Dec. and Jan. up to date.

Moved by Mr Buckley: That Treasurer report
be adopted. Seconded: Carried. (Report filed.)

J. O. Duckett, Chairman of the Executive Com-
mittee, made a report from March³, 1910, to date.

On motion, ^{above} report was adopted.

Miss Harriett C. Orentt, Secretary of the Board
of Trustees made a report from March 1910 to Jan-
uary 1, 1911.

Moved by N. C. Dickman, that above report
be adopted. Seconded.

Dr. Miller offered an amendment to N. C. Dickman's
motion. That Secretary of the Board of Trustees report
be accepted, and the recommendations concurred in,
except as to Willow Hammock, as to which matter
a Committee of three be elected to investigate as to
the value of the muck in Willow Hammock for
fertilizing purposes, and report as to the same, to
the next meeting of the Society. With a view to
disposing of the muck as rapidly as there may
be a demand for it, at such price as may be
obtained, if such course appears to be practicable.

General discussion

Miss Orentt report adopted as moved and
amended.

Messrs A. C. Sill, Will Harrington, and H. Buckley

(a correction) were elected to investigate the muck proposition in Willow Hammock.

Miss Harriett
E. Orcutt, in
behalf of
all the old
officers,
thanked
the Society
for its
loyal sup-
port to all
its officers
during the
past ten
(10) months

Moved by W. B. Dunham; That all officers now holding office, except J. O. Duckett, who refuses to serve, and C. L. Cole, who has moved away, be renominated and elected to succeed themselves. Seconded. General discussion.

Mr. Dunham's motion carried.

Moved by W. B. Dunham; That M. G. Dickman be authorized to cast ballots for all the old officers.
— Seconded; Carried

M. G. Dickman declared the following common good officers to be elected:

J. C. Linder, President

Will Harrington, Vice President

J. S. Jones, Secretary

A. C. Sill, Treasurer

D. D. Estes, Road Supervisor

Board of Trustees:

Miss Harriett E. Orcutt. Also ^{on} Ex. Committee

Mrs. Belle Linder

Mrs. Edna A. Hazeltine

A. P. Dickman.

Philip A. Herman

The following gentlemen were nominated to fill the vacancies on the Board of Trustees, and Executive Committee:

William Miller, H. J. McKirdy, H. Buckley, and H. P. McRoberts.

Moved and seconded: That nominations close. Carried.

The Society proceeded to vote for the nominees by ballot, with the following result.

William Miller	49.
H. J. McKirdy	41.
H. Buckley	9
H. P. McRoberts	4.

William Miller and H. J. McKirdy were declared by the President to be elected as members of the Board of Trustees, and also on the Executive Committee.

Moved by Mrs. S. M. Miller; That the Society extend a vote of thanks to the old officers for their services during the past ten months. Seconded; Carried.

Mr. A. C. Hill read a proposition from the Raskin Colonization Co. to the Commonwealth Society in regard to. Slotting the residue of the original Raskin Colony Tract
General discussion.

Moved by Mr. Comlong; That the proposition made by the Colonization Co. to the Society be accepted. — Seconded; Carried without a dissenting vote.

D. D. Estes, Road Supervisor, made a verbal report of work done by him in his department, during the past month.

Moved by Dr. Miller; That we accept the oral report of the Road Supervisor. Seconded, and after some discussion, Carried.

Moved by A. D. Miller; That the Road Supervisor be authorized to open a path one rod wide from Fourth St., to the College Inlet on Gilman Ave., and to construct a bridge over College Inlet. C. S. to pay one half and College to pay one half. Seconded; Carried.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn; Carried.

Read and approved, Feb. 4, 1911)

J. Jones, Secy

Ruskin, Fla., Feb. 4, 1911. - 2.30 P.M.

Regular meeting called to order by the president, J. C. Lipder.

Song, "Old Folks at Home" by the Society

Minutes of last regular meeting read, corrected, and approved.

Violin solo --- Mr. H. Buckley.

Call of reports of officers and Committees:

H. J. McKirdy, Chairman of the Executive Committee, gave a written report of the financial condition of the Commongood Society. (Report filed)

On motion, report of Executive Committee was adopted. - (Report filed)

H. J. McKirdy made a report regarding the cutting of cypress post.

Moved by Dr. Geo. McA. Miller, That report of Committee on "cypress" be accepted as report of progress. - Seconded; Carried.

H. J. McKirdy also made a report regarding the Cemetery, and drew a diagram on the blackboard, showing plan decided upon by the Committee.

General discussion.

Moved by Mrs. Adaline D. Miller, That we accept plan, offered by Mr. McKirdy, for further consideration. - Seconded; Carried.

Moved by Mr. Will Harrington, That Executive Committee be authorized to confer with a surveyor, in regard to locating the corners of the Cemetery. - Seconded; Carried.

Miss Harriet C. Orent, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, made a report, and recommended that Ruskin News be gotten out in February, if possible.

Moved by Mrs. Shanahan, That report be accepted.

and recommendation concurred in. Sec.; Carried.

Road Supervisor, D. D. Estes, not being present, Dr. Geo. McA. Miller read report for him.

Moved and seconded, that Road Supervisor's report be accepted. Carried. (Report filed.)

Moved by A. D. Miller, that the Bushkin Development Co., be required to put a small gate or stile on North end of Fourth Street. - Sec.

General discussion.

Moved by J. O. Ducket, as a substitute motion for A. D. Miller, that this matter be left entirely in the hands of the Executive Committee. - Sec. & seconded; Carried.

Dredging Committee had no report to make.

A. C. Sill ~~that~~ reported that the Public school house had been about completed, and that a teacher had been secured, and that the school was progressing nicely.

Committee elected to consider the Willow Hammock proposition, had no report to make.

Dr. Geo. McA. Miller read a communication from D. D. Estes, as a member of the Tampa Road Committee, in regard to chartering the launch "Killcare" to take over all, or as many legal voters, as would go, over to Tampa on Tuesday February 7th inst., to go before the County Commissioners, in a body to try and induce them to go ahead with our road and bridges, right away.

Moved by Miss Harriett C. Ornto, that the boat be chartered to carry these voters over to Tampa, Tuesday. Seconded; Carried.

Dr. Miller read another proposition to the Society from D. D. Estes, as Manager of the Co-operative

store, requesting the Society to put up another building, 12 x 16, to be used as a warehouse to store feed & stuffs, guano or fertilizer, etc. He also stated that the store would furnish the roofing, nails, and etc, and wait awhile for the money, if the Commongood Society was not able to pay for it now. And that he also thought that the lumber could be bought on credit. And also stated further, that he would have the building put up and wait for pay for the labor.

Moved by Mr. Buckley, that store Managers' request be granted. Seconded; Carried.

Mr. H. Buckley offered the following resolution:

Resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that the Commongood Society, as a Society, has been basely misrepresented, and that its corresponding secretary, Miss Harriett C. Orent, as an individual, has been most shamefully libeled by the publication of a piece of printed matter called the "Co-operative Colonist, special Russian supplement," edited by A. B. Hawk and W. H. Brophy, and that Miss Orent should bring suit against the said parties, and others offending in like manner, if their attacks upon the Society and the interests of the Colony shall be continued; and we hereby assure her of the moral support of the Society; and we further express the sense of the Society to be that if the said attacks upon the Society and its officers, and upon the interests of the Colony be continued, those members of the Society who feel able to do so, should contribute to a fund for the prosecution of Criminal or Civil suits, or both, against all parties offending, as above set forth.

The above resolution was carried by a vote of thirty (30) outside the Miller - Dickson families, which were twelve (12), making a total of forty two (42) votes. who desired not to vote on the matter.

Moved by J. O. Duckett, that this above resolution and all other matters pertaining to the abuse contained in the Russian supplement of the Co-operative Colonist, be published in a supplement to the Russian News, to be sent to Colony members only - except by request. Seconded; Carried.

The Russian Telephone Association having made application to the Trustees of the Commongood Society

for a franchise right to install a local telephone system in the Colony, the Trustees were authorized to enter into a franchise contract, with said Association according to certain resolutions presented by them and filed with Secretary

Dr. Geo. McA. Miller stated that the Peninsula Telephone Co. had offered to run a long distance wire in here and connect with our local system, provided we put up the poles from their line in here.

As a long distance telephone would benefit the Colony, it was suggested that the Commonwealth Society have the poles put up.

Moved by J. O. Duckett; That we leave the ^{whole} matter of the ^{long distance} telephone, with the trustees, to consider.
— Seconded; carried.

On motion, Society adjourned.

J. S. Jones. Sec.

Read and approved, March 4, 1911.

J. S. Jones Sec.

Ruskin, Fla., March 4, 1911 - 2.50 P. M.

Meeting called to order by the President.
J. C. Linder.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

Song: "It's the way we have at Ruskin" - Society

Road Supervisor, D. D. Estes, made his report.

Moved by H. J. McKirdy, and seconded: That Road Supervisor's report be accepted, and recommendations, made as one of the Tampa Road Committee, concurred in. - - - General discussion, - carried.

Moved by Dr. Geo. McA. Miller: That D. D. Estes, be elected, as a committee, to present the bridge matter to the County Commissioners next Tuesday March 7th. - - - Seconded; Carried.

H. J. McKirdy, Chairman of Executive Committee, made a financial report of the condition of the Commongood Society.

On motion, report was accepted, + filed.

Miss Harriett E. Orcutt, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, gave a detailed report regarding the getting out of Ruskin News #4.

General discussion

Moved by Dr. Miller: That it be left with the discretion of Miss Orcutt as to how many copies of Ruskin News each member of the Commongood Society shall receive. - - - Seconded; Carried.

Treasurer, A. C. Sill, not being able to attend the meeting, the secretary read his report, which was, on motion, accepted and filed.

Mr. A. C. Sill's resignation as Commongood Treasurer, read by Dr. Miller.

Moved by Dr. Miller, that Mr. Sill's resignation be accepted, to take effect on

week after next regular Commongood meeting
 seconded; carried.

Minutes of Trustees meeting read by
 Wm. Miller

Moved by Dr. Geo. Mc A. Miller, that the
 report of Trustees be accepted, and recommendation
 concurred in. Seconded. — General discussion

Moved as an amendment to the above
 motion, that report be accepted, excepting
 to the matter of permission to conduct a
 lumber yard by Mr. H. J. McKirdy, until
 next regular meeting. Seconded; carried.

Report as amended, accepted.

Willow Hammock Committee could not
 make a full report.

Moved by L. L. Dickman, that the two
 ten acre tracts in which Willow Hammock is
 in, be divided into five acre tracts. The
 two West five acre tracts to be priced at \$200⁰⁰
 each, and the two East tracts at \$150⁰⁰ each.
 — seconded.

Moved by Dr. Miller, that this motion
 be laid on the table. Seconded; carried.

H. J. McKirdy reported progress of Cemetery
 Committee. Committee continued.

Dredging Committee had no report
 to make.

Announcements.

On motion Society adjourned.

J. C. Linder Pres.

J. S. Jones Secy.

Read and approved, April 1, 1911

Quiskin, Fla., April 1, 1911.

Regular meeting of the Commongood Society called to order, at 7.45 P.M., by Vice Pres. Mr. Will Harrington.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Duett - - - - Misses Aurora and Georgada Miller.

Reports of Committees called for:

Mr. H. J. McKirdy, Chairman of Executive Committee, gave a report of the financial condition of the Society.

Moved by J. O. Ducketts, and seconded, that report be accepted. - - Carried.

Mr. A. C. Sill, Treasurer, made his report.

Moved by H. J. McKirdy, that report of Treasurer be accepted. - Seconded; carried.

Miss Harriett E. Orento, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, made her report.

On motion report was accepted.

Dr. Miller read a resolution regarding a Railroad Proposition, after giving a somewhat extended, general explanation of matters leading up to it.

Moved by A. P. Dickman, that as long as it has not had proper consideration, that this proposition be referred to the Executive Committee, with power to act. - Motion lost.
(Executive Committee objected.)

Moved by A. S. Miller, that we adopt the resolution as read. Seconded.

General discussion.

Moved by A. D. Miller, that we resolve ourselves into a Committee of the Whole, to consider this matter of a Railroad Proposition
 — Seconded; Carried.

Minutes of "The Committee to Consider
 Railroad Proposition"

Moved by Dr. Miller that Mr. Harrington be elected Chairman of this Committee. — Carried.

Moved, and carried, that J. Spores be elected secretary of the Committee.

Moved that Dr. Miller again read the Resolution section by section. — Sec.; Carried.

1st Section read.

Moved by D. D. Coster, that this first section be adopted. — Sec.; Carried.

2nd Section read.

Moved, by J. Spores, that this section be adopted. — Sec.; Carried.

Moved by Dr. Miller that we rise and report to the Commongood Society.
 — Seconded; Carried.

Society Called to order.

Dr. Miller reread the resolution as adopted by the Committee.

all previous motions withdrawn, and, on motion, the Committee's report as a whole was adopted.

Dr. Miller also read another resolution regarding a "Tram-road" proposition. Said road to run from a mill to be built on "Big Cypress" to Home-makers salt mill on the river.

This resolution, was, on motion, adopted.
(Both the above resolutions filed)

D. D. Estes, Road Supervisor, made his report for March.

On motion report was accepted, and filed.

Moved by Mrs. Adaline D. Miller, that we paint the store house. - Sec.; carried.

Moved by Mr. J. A. Ducket, that we request Mr. Sill, to hold over, as Treasurer, for another month and week. Sec.; carried.

Mr. Sill consented to hold over.

Moved by A. C. Sill, that the motion made at our last regular meeting by L. L. Dickman, and laid on the table, be taken from the table for consideration. Motion lost.

(above motion was regarding Willow Hammock proposition)

Moved, and seconded, that the Executive Committee sub-divide and reprice those farm tracts in which Willow Hammock is located. - Carried.

On motion the old "Muck" Committee was discharged

Cemetery committee made report of progress.

Report accepted, and committee continued.

A C Hill, Chairman, of School-house committee made report.

Mr. D. B. Spencer entered a plea for a road out to his place in section five.

Moved by A. P. Dickman, that the Road Supervisor be instructed to work in conjunction with those people over in Sec. 5 and they know what they want.

On motion, Society adjourned.

J. B. Linder Pres.

J. J. Jones, - Secy.

Read and approved May 6, 1911.

Rustlin, Fla., May 6, 1911.

Regular meeting of the Commongood Society called to order by the president, J. C. Linder, at 8 o'clock, P.M.

Violin solo — — — — — Mr. Edwards

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

Song - Auld Lang Syne - - - Society.

Road Supervisor, made report for month of April.

General discussion.

Moved by Dr. Miller that Supervisors report be approved, and recommendations he made concurred in, and that he be instructed to advise the County Commissioner that the Co. Society is willing to accept the trust work instead of the fill, on the bridge across the inlet at 4th St., if he will do the work.

Moved by J. O. Duckett that this report be acted on section by section. Seconded; lost.

Dr. Miller then renewed his motion, as above stated, which was seconded, and carried.

Road Supervisors report filed.

Moved by L. L. Dickman that we accept Mr. Gore's proposition, regarding the grubbing of a portion of College Ave., as set forth in Mr. Gore's report. But that he commence work in center of the street, instead of on south side. — Seconded.

Moved by Admer D. Miller as a substitute to above motion, that we accept Mr. Gore's proposition, but that this will only come due in event that the Commongood fund ~~is used~~ ^{is used} ~~to enough~~ to clear all of College Avenue. Sec; carried

Corrected
June 3, 1911

H. J. McKirdy, Chairman of Executive Committee, made his monthly report of the financial condition

of the C. S. Society.

On motion by J. O. Duckett, and seconded, report of Mr. McKirdy, was accepted. Report filed.

A. C. Sill not being present, H. J. McKirdy, read his report of the treasury. This report was, on motion by Mr. McKirdy, and seconded, adopted.

Miss Harriet E. Orcutt, secretary to the Board of Trustees, made report, which was, on motion by H. J. McKirdy and seconded, adopted.

Miss Orcutt now read a proposition from Mr. Ray E. Edwards, and Hurst College in regard to purchasing 40 acres of land, more or less, including a part of tract known as the "West eighty"

Moved by Miss Orcutt that this proposition be considered now. Seconded; carried.

Moved by A. D. Miller that we consider this proposition item by item. — Seconded; carried.

Preamble, or memorandum, read, which was on motion by Capt. A. P. Dickman, accepted.

Paragraphs one and two read and passed over to be considered later.

Paragraph three read, and an explanation given by Dr. Miller.
— General discussion —

Moved by Capt. A. P. Dickman this matter be put in the hands of a committee to see what they can do in securing a dredge in harmony with this proposition, and report next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock to a special meeting of this Society. — Seconded; carried.

Moved by J. O. Duckett that the same committee that was appointed by the Trustees to consider this proposition, be selected. Sec.; carried.

This Committee was H. J. McKirdy, A. P. Dickman, Wm. Miller, Phillip Herman and Mr. Edwards.

Report of Tampa Road Committee called for.
Dr. Miller gave report. - Discussion. -

Moved by Wm. Miller that the report be accepted as report of progress, and the matter of more persistent work on the County Commissioners to get our road through, be left in the hands of the Committee. Seconded; Carried.

D.D. Cester, made report on Wimauma Road.
- Report was accepted as progress. -

Moved by Dr. Miller that the old Committee on Dredging be discharged, and a new one elected. Seconded; Carried.

Moved by Dr. Miller that Mr H. F. McKirdy, A. P. Dickman, and A. C. Sill be elected as a Dredging Committee to consider and report to this body on matters relating to the dredging not assigned to the special Committee previously elected on this matter.

- Discussion -

Dr. Miller withdrew the above motion and moved that the Executive Committee take charge of all dredging matters, except as the C. S. Society sees fit to take matters in its own hands. Seconded; Carried.

Nominations to fill the office of Treasurer, caused by the resignation of A. C. Sill, called for.

Mr E. C. Lyman, Herbert McKirdy, and J. O. Dockett were nominated.

Messrs Lyman and Dockett withdrew their names from the list, and, on motion, the secretary cast the ballot for Mr Herbert McKirdy to fill the unexpired of treasurer of the C. S. Society.

Wm. Miller tendered his resignation

as one of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, which was, on motion by L. L. Dickman accepted.

J. O. Ducketts nominated H. R. Monroe to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees, and Executive Committee, caused by the resignation of Wm. Miller. — Seconded.

On motion, nominations closed.

Moved that secretary cast ballots for H. R. Monroe for Trustee and Executive Committeeman — Seconded; Carried.

Mr McBride requested that the Co. Society open a road and ditch out to their place in Section 6. After some discussion the matter was referred to the Road Supervisor.

Moved by A. D. Miller that at all future meetings of Rustin Commongood Society, a quorum shall consist of twenty-five (25) resident members. — Seconded; Carried.

QUORUM

DISPOSITION OF FRANCHISE.

Moved by A. D. Miller that action on questions relating to the disposition of the real estate or franchise rights of the Commongood Society shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of all the resident members present, unless one month's notice of such proposed action shall have been given, in which case action may be taken by the concurrence of a majority of the resident members present. — Seconded, and after some discussion, carried.

On motion, society adjourned until next Saturday P.M. at 7 o'clock.

J. Jones, Secy.

Moved, That we deed 5 acres in the west forty of C. G.
land to Ruskin College, in consideration of the
College deeding 5 acres where the Public School now
stands to the School Trustees.

Resolved That we shall receive in the next forty of C. S.
land to build a college, in consideration of the
college building covers under the Public School now
stands to the School Trustees.

Ruskin, Fla., May 13, 1911.

Adjourned meeting called to order by the president, J. C. Linder, at 7:30 - P.M.

Part of minutes of last regular meeting read; that is, the first part of this session, stating for what the meeting was reconvened for.

Report of the Committee elected to consider the matter of securing a dredge, and investigate same, called for.

H. J. McKurdy, chairman of said Committee responded, by giving a verbal report, stating that they had been to ~~Anna~~ ^{Anna} ~~Manatee Bay~~ ^{Manatee Bay} to investigate a dredge down there and also had been to Tampa for the same purpose.

Capt. Dickman also made a report and gave some figures in regard to securing a new dredge.

General discussion.

Moved by Wm. Miller that we accept this proposition made to us by Ray S. Edwards and Ruskin College.

Motion seconded, and after some discussion, carried.

A. D. Miller nominated Capt. A. P. Dickman, A. C. Sill, and C. A. Doane, as a special committee on securing a dredge.

Moved by Wm. Miller that nominations be closed. seconded.

On recommendation, W. B. Dunham, was added to the Committee.

Moved by M. C. Dickman that secretary cast ballots for the above named parties. ^{seconded}

Mrs Miller renewed the subject of painting the store building.

Moved by Mrs Miller that our merchant buy the paint and have it put on, and pay for same out of the rent paid to the Commonwealth Society.

Amended, and accepted by the mover, that the "Mercantile Co." be requested to look into the matter of securing either the water color powdered paint or the "Government whitewash", with the tints or coloring. — Seconded; Carried.

On motion Society adjourned

J. L. Pomeroy, Secy

Ruskin Florida June 3. 1911

Regular meeting of Commongood Society called to order at 2:30 P.M. Pres. J. C. Linder in the chair. More than quorum present.

Admet D. Miller was duly elected Secretary pro tem in the absence of the regular Secretary.

Minutes of regular meeting of May 6th read, corrected and approved. Minutes of adjourned meeting held May 13th read, corrected and approved.

Report of H. J. McFirdy, Chairman of Ex. Com. presented. Moved that report be accepted and adopted. Seconded; Carried.

Treas. report received and read by Secretary. Moved by J. O. Duckett that it be accepted. Seconded; Carried.

Report of Secretary of Board of Trustees was read, and upon motion by Mr. McFirdy, duly seconded and carried, the report was adopted, with amendment as given below:

Dr. Miller made report of an interview which he had with the Alley Abstract Co. of Tampa in regard to abstracts, the substance of which was that they think they can furnish abstracts at \$3⁰⁰ if Commongood will assume the printing bill which would amount to about \$25⁰⁰.

Motion to approve Secy of Trustees report was amended by Mr. Lill, "to approve all of the report save that regarding the abstract business which matter should lay over for one month and let Trustees look into matter." Seconded; Carried.

There was a general discussion in regard to County bridge.

Moved that Dr. Miller and H. J. McFirdy be a committee of two to see the County Commissioners and get all they can get done on that bridge and trestle work. Seconded; Carried.

Moved that Mr. Soane be added to that Committee. Seconded; Carried.

Committees on Tampa & Oklawaha roads made no official reports but matters relating to these roads were discussed.

Dredging Committee made a report of progress which on motion duly carried was accepted.

Committee on Elkins Ditch made report moved by Mr Doane that report be accepted as one of progress. Seconded & Carried.

Moved by J. O. Duckett that we authorize the Executive Committee to take charge of the Elkins Ditch matter and do what they think best with authority to make contracts covering same. Seconded; Carried.

Moved that the Executive Committee be authorized to prepare and send out such a communication to allottees as they may think best in view of suggestions that have been made during the discussion we have just had. Seconded; Carried.

Adjournment was taken on motion duly recorded and Carried.

J. C. Linder - Pres.
Adner D. Miller Secy Pro Tem.

Ruskin, Pa., July 1, 1911.

Regular meeting of the Commonwealth Society,
called to order at 3 o'clock, with President J. C. ✓
Linder in the Chair

Song, - In the way we have at Ruskin - Song
minutes of last regular meeting, of
June 3rd, read and approved.

N. J. McKirdy, Chairman of Executive
Committee read, and, on motion by A. D. Miller,
accepted.

Treasurer's report made by N. J. McKirdy,
as the Treasurer was unable to be present
on account of illness.

Moved by W. B. Dunham that report be
accepted. Seconded; - Carried.

Miss ~~Harriet~~ C. Orcutt, secretary of the
Board of Trustees, made report.

Moved by Dr. Cushman that Miss
Orcutt's report be accepted. - Seconded.

Amended by A. D. Miller that we
approve all the report, except that portion
regarding abstracts. — General discussion
President ruled the amendment
out of order.

A. D. Miller appealed from the rul-
ing of the Chair.

After vote by acclamation, a ris-
ing vote called for. Result: 12 to 3.
in favor of sustaining the Chair

Miss Orcutt then made an oral,
or an informal report, regarding expenses
and etc.

Moved by Dr. Miller that we

receive the oral report of Miss Orcutt,
and concur in the recommendations therein.
- seconded; carried.

H. R. Monroe, assistant Road Super-
visor, made report.

Moved by Mr. Sheehan, that
we approve the report. seconded; carried.

Dr. Miller made report of Tampa
Road Committee

after a general discussion, it was
moved by J. P. Jones, that we approve
the report of the committee, and concur
in the recommendations made by them
- seconded; carried.

Moved by A. D. Miller that the
Executive Committee be authorized to make
contracts with the different boats to take as
many citizens as will go to Tampa on July 5th
to go before the County Commissioners in
behalf of the hard road through Ruskin.
seconded; carried.

Moved by A. D. Miller that we
discharge the old ~~Tampa~~ Road Committee,
and that the matter be placed in the
hands of the Executive Committee.
seconded; carried.

P. A. Herman's resignation, as one of
the Board of Trustees, was handed in through
the President.

Moved by H. B. Dunham that we ac-
cept this resignation. seconded; carried.

Dr. Miller nominated J. C. Elkins
to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

Moved by H. B. Dunham that nominations
be closed. seconded; carried.

On motion, secretary was instructed to cast ballots for Mr Elkins.

Moved by Miss Orentt that A.D. Miller be elected to act in conjunction with N.P. Monroe in staking out the Cemetery. He to receive pay for his services. Seconded; carried.

On motion, society adjourned.

J. Jones. Secy.

Rustlin, Fla., Aug. 5, 1911.

Rustlin Commongood Society called to order at 3 P. M. with vice President, Mr Will Harrington in the Chair.

Song, "America" - - - Society.

Minutes of last regular meeting read, corrected, and approved.

H. J. McKirdy, Chairman of Executive Committee, made his report.

On motion by Dr. Cushman, duly seconded, report of Executive Committee was accepted, and filed.

Treasurers report was read by H. J. McKirdy

Moved by Wm. Miller, that Treasurers report be adopted. Seconded; Carried. Report filed.

Minutes of Board of Trustees read by H. R. Mourse.

Moved by A. D. Miller, that we approve report of the Trustees, except as to ditch on Third Street, and that a Committee be elected, with power to act, on this matter. Seconded; Carried.

H. J. McKirdy nominated Capt Dickman, J. C. Calkins, and H. R. Mourse to act on this Committee.

Moved by A. D. Miller that Secretary cast ballot for these three parties. Seconded; Carried.

H. R. Mourse, Assistant Road Supervisor, made report.

On motion by H. J. McKirdy, report of Road Supt. was duly accepted, and filed.

Report of Tampa Road Committee, made by Dr. Miller.

Moved by J. C. Elkins that this report be accepted, as one of progress. Seconded, and after a general discussion, carried.

Report of Cemetery Committee made by H. R. Monroe.

Moved by Dr. Miller, that we accept the plan as presented by the committee, and that a survey be made accordingly. Seconded.

Amended by A. C. Sill, that County road be only fifteen feet, or less, so as to include the present graves, already there. Seconded, Carried.

An amendment to the motion as amended, made by Mrs. Adaline D. Miller, that all the stakes be of uniform height, and painted on top, so as to be easily found. Seconded; carried.

Above Motion, as amended, carried.

Moved by Dr. Miller, that none of those cemetery plots along the County road be sold, except those that are already sold. Seconded; carried.

Moved by H. J. McKirdy, that we fence the cemetery on three sides, with a 46 inch wire fence. Seconded; carried.

H. R. Monroe read a communication from Miss Harriet C. Orent, to the Society.

Moved by Mrs. Adaline D. Miller, that openings be made and culverts put in on those streets where the water stands. Seconded; carried.

A communication read by Dr.

Miller from a Railroad Co. requesting information of this place, in regard to establishing a line through this section.

Moved by N. J. McKirdy, that the Commongood Society give this Railroad Co. a right of way along its principles streets and highways, also a bonus of \$100 per acre on all Commongood holdings. And that we recommend our allottees to do the same; provided a proper bonus contract is made. Seconded; Carried.

Moved by A. C. Sill that a committee be appointed, with power to act, to look over the situation regarding the putting in of one or two ditches south of College Ave. Seconded; Carried.

A. C. Sill and Wm Miller, nominated and duly elected to act in conjunction with Road Supervisor, regarding the matter of ditching south of College Ave.

Moved by Capt. A. P. Dickman that a ditch be put in from College Ave., to Park Inlet. Seconded; Carried.

Moved by W. B. Dunham, that #6th St. be opened deeper from his place, to Inlet. Seconded; Carried.

No further business, on motion, society adjourned.

J. S. Jones, Secy.

Kustlin, Fla., Sept. 2, 1911. 3.00 P.M.

Commongood Society called to order, with Vice President Harrington in the Chair.

Long-Old Folks a Home - Society.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

Treasurer, Herbert McKirdy, made report for month of August. On motion by Dr. Miller, Treasurers report was accepted, and filed.

H. J. McKirdy, Chairman of Executive Committee, made report. - On motion, by Dr. Miller, duly seconded, report was accepted, and filed.

H. R. Monroe, acting Secretary of the Board of Trustees, made oral report.

Moved by Dr. Miller, that Trustees report be accepted but that it is the sense of the Society that the Trustees hold their regular monthly meetings, according to the Bylaws. - Seconded; carried.

Captain Dickman, and Mr. Monroe explained that it was impossible for the Trustees to meet on account of its being so near time for the Commongood meeting.

Assistant Road Supervisor, H. R. Monroe, made oral report of work done on roads and streets during the past month.

Question raised as to whether report should be in writing, or oral. - General discussion. - Finally decided in favor of written reports.

Moved, by Dr. Miller, that Road Supervisor's report be accepted, but that we express it as the sense of the Society, that reports of the Road Supervisor be made weekly to the Executive Committee.

in writing, and that report should show how much has been expended, and the locality in which the work has been done, and that a summary of the report be given to the Society by the Executive Committee, or Road Supervisor. Seconded; Carried.

Mr. Sill made oral report of Ditch Committee south of College Avenue, and reported that part of the ditch on 7th St., should be dug one foot deeper, but requested more time on the larger ditch.

On motion by H. J. McKirdy, report of Ditch Committee was accepted.

Capt. Dickman made report of Committee on ditch north of Islet, on 3rd St. — Moved and seconded, that report be accepted as progress. Carried.

Moved by Wm. Miller, that a ditch be put in on the extreme West end of College Ave., and down ~~to~~ St. to Markham St., to relieve Mr. Kihlberg's property from water. Seconded; Carried.

Tampa Road Committee's report made by Dr. Miller. — Moved by Wm. Miller, that this oral report be accepted as progress. Seconded; Carried.

Dr. Miller made report on Railroad proposition. Moved by Mr. Kihlberg that we accept Mr. Miller's report, and concur in his recommendation that each allottee who would pay his one dollar per acre, that they be extended one year's time in which to make their improvements on allotments; also that those who do not have Farm Tracts, pay one dollar per Town lot. Seconded; Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Miller that we have a Committee of three elected, to work up a uniform plan of setting out shade trees on streets. Seconded; Carried. Mrs. Miller, Mr. Buckley and Mr. Lester, nominated, and duly elected, on this Committee.

Moved by
A. P. Dickman
that the Road
Supervisor be
instructed to
have a ditch
opened up
on section
line between
sections 15 & 16,
draining pond
on corner of
section 10.

Moved, by Dr Miller, that the Executive Com-
mittee report at our next meeting, the amount due
from the Commongood, now, on the Farm Tracts, and
show much money is available for work on same.
Seconded; Carried.

Moved by Dr Miller, that the Society request
all reports of Committees, hereafter to be made in
accordance with the By-laws. Seconded; Carried.

Herbert McKirdy, Treasurer, tendered his
resignation.

Moved by Wm Miller, that we accept
Mr McKirdy's resignation, as Treasurer.

Mr. S. J. Brooks nominated to fill the un-
expired term of Mr. McKirdy, as Treasurer. Seconded.

Secretary authorized to cast ballots for Mr.
Brooks, who was duly declared elected, as Treasurer.

No further business, on motion, Society
adjourned.

J. S. Jones, Secy.

Rustkin, Fla., Oct. 7, 1911.

Rustkin Commongood Society met in Assembly Hall, at 2.40 P.M.

Meeting called to order by the President, J. C. Linder.

Violin solo — by Mr. Edwards.

Minutes of last regular meeting read, and on motion, approved.

H. R. Monroe made report for Executive Committee, H. J. McKirdy not being present.

Moved and seconded, that report be accepted. — Carried. Report filed.

Herbert McKirdy, Treasurer, made report, which was on motion by A. C. Sill, duly seconded, accepted, and filed.

H. R. Monroe, acting secretary to the Board of Trustees, made a report of the transaction of that Board.

Moved by Dr. Miller, that report be accepted. Seconded; Carried. Report filed.

Road Supervisor, D. D. Estee, made report of work done by him during month of September. Also recommending that something be done with North 4th St ditch, which is insufficient to carry off the water after during a heavy rain, and which causes this place to be flooded with water.

Moved by Dr. Miller, that Mr. Estee's report be accepted, and recommendation concurred in. Seconded; Carried.

A. C. Sill made report of Ditch Committee, South of College Ave.

Mrs Adalphe D Miller made report of Committee elected to formulate plans for a uniform method of setting out trees on the streets and roads. The Committee presented quite a list of various trees suitable for the purpose.

After a general discussion, Wm. Miller, moved that report be accepted, and recommended that Committee put the report in writing to be filed for reference, and that others be requested to add anything on this line to the list, that may be thought to be desirable. Seconded; Carried.

J. C. Chime made report for Committee on ditch North of Inlet.

Moved by Dr. Miller, that report be accepted as progress, and that Committee devise a feasible plan for turning the water North into the bay. - Seconded; Carried.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Miller made report on Railroad Proposition; reading a form of Contract, which he had prepared, to be entered into by the Trustees of the Commongood Society.

Moved, by Dr. Carter, that the form of contract, presented by Dr. Miller, for the providing a bonus for the A. O. and S. Railway Co., and the proposition and plan for securing bonus from the Resident and Non Resident allottees, be adopted, and that our Trustees and other officers whose duty it may be to carry out the plans for securing the bonus, be instructed to take immediate action for ~~the~~ executing the Contract, and making the plan for collecting bonus, effective. Seconded by Wm. Miller; - Carried unanimously.

Mrs Hazeltine tendered her resignation as one of the Trustees of the Commongood Society.

Moved, by J. O. Duckett, that Mrs. Hazeltine's resignation be accepted. Seconded; Carried.

Dr. Cushman was nominated by J. O. Duckett, to fill the unexpired term as Trustee, in Mrs Hazeltine's

Moved by Mr Lang, that nominations be closed.
Seconded; Carried.

On motion, Secretary was instructed to cast ballots for Dr Cushman, who declared her duly elected to fill the unexpired term, as member of the Board of Trustees of Russian Commongood Society, caused by the resignation of Mrs. Edna Hagelting.

Moved by A C Hill that the rent of the store building be credited on the account due the Store Company by the Commongood Society, until it can be paid off, consensually, otherwise
Seconded; Carried.

No further business, on motion Society adjourned.

J. L. Jones, Secy.

Ruskin, Fla., Nov. 4, 1911

Ruskin Commonw. Society met in Assembly Hall,
at 2.30, P.M.

Meeting called to order by President J. C. Linder.

Song, Its the Way We have at Ruskin - Society.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and,
on motion, approved.

H. I. McKirdy, Chairman Executive Committee
made report, which was on motion by Wm.
Miller, seconded by A. C. Sill, Carried, and report filed.

E. H. Brooks, Treasurer, made report, which
was on motion by A. C. Sill, duly seconded,
Carried, and filed.

H. R. Monroe, acting secretary to the
Board of Trustees, made report.

Moved, by Will Harrington, that report be
accepted. Seconded, and after a general dis-
cussion, Carried.

Road Supervisor's report read by Secretary
which was on motion accepted, and filed.

H. Buckley made report on Tree Com-
mittee. Stating that a number of sub-com-
mittees had be appointed in different parts
of town, and that a meeting of these com-
mittees was called for Wednesday at 7.30
P.M., Nov. 8th, when further plans would
be formulated.

The matter of clearing up some of the
streets and paths in the Cemetery, was brought
up by A. D. Miller, followed by a general
discussion.

Moved by Will Harrington, that we go out to the Cemetery on Thanksgiving Day, and have a picnic, and also do some clearing on the streets. Seconded; and after some discussion, Carried

The following parties was elected as a Committee on arrangements for the above named picnic.

Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. L. A. Dickman, Miss Aurora Miller, Mr. J. O. Duckett, Mrs. Sill, Mr. Am-
long, Mr. Sill, Mr. Brooks, Mr. A. D. Miller, and
Mr. N. C. Dickman.

Moved by Mrs. Sill, that for the reason that all the people of this Community, both Colon-
ist, and Settlers, are interested in the Cemetery, that
a general invitation be extended to all.
Seconded; Carried, and the matter left in the
hands of the Committee on Arrangements, to be
executed.

Dr. Miller, Chairman of Tampa Road Com-
mittee made a report of progress. And also
made a general report of progress on the
Railroad Proposition. Followed by a general
discussion on the matter of these two roads.

No further business, Society adjourned at 4. P.M.

J. S. Jones, Secy.

Ruckin, Fla., Dec. 2, 1911 - 2.45 P.M.

Ruckin Commongood Society met in Assembly Hall, and called to order by President J. C. Linder.

Solo _____ Mr. Suoy.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

H. J. McKirdy, Chairman of Executive Committee, made report, which was on motion by Mrs. Adaline D. Miller, duly seconded, accepted, and report filed.

L. W. Brooks, Treasurer, made his report, and on motion by Mrs. Miller, same was accepted, and filed.

Miss Harrett E. Orcutt, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, made her report. The Board recommended that in so much as the Commongood fund ^{is} not sufficient to carry on the work of ditching, etc., which is necessary, that they be authorized to contract with parties who might be willing to do said work, and receive in payment, Commongood land. This, of course, not including land which has already been sold, previous ^{to} this, as making payments on same.

On motion, duly seconded, report was accepted, and recommendation concurred in.

D. D. Estes, Road Supervisor, made report, which was on motion by A. C. Sill, accepted, and ordered filed.

L. W. Amborg, member of Tampa Road Committee, made verbal report of progress.

The report of the Ditch Committee, South of College Ave. was made by A. C. Sill, who stated that they had not done anything lately.

A. D. Miller, Chairman of Cemetery Committee, made report of progress.

He also reported, as a member of the Committee on arrangements for the Thanksgiving Picnic, to have been held at the cemetery, for the purpose of clearing some of the streets in the cemetery, that the picnic had been called off, on account of the inclement weather. And recommended that we have a "working bee" next Saturday afternoon. All men and boys who would, to meet at the College, at 12.30 P.M., and proceed from there to the cemetery, and work on the streets until a reasonably late hour, when they should return to the College, where the ladies would have a picnic supper prepared. And that all men and boys who did not work, at least half hour, should pay fifty cents for the privilege of partaking of the supper. Same to go to Cemetery fund.

Moved by Miss Aurora Miller, that this report be adopted, and recommendation concurred in. Seconded; Carried.

Moved by Miss Aurora Miller, that the Society continue the Cemetery Committee, Sec.; Carried.

Mrs Adaline D. Miller, Chairman of the Shade-tree Committee, made report. Followed by a general discussion.

Moved by J. Jones, that this report be accepted as progress, and that Committee be continued, with power to act. Seconded; Carried.

On motion, Society adjourned.

J. Jones, Secy.

Ruskin, Fla. Jan. 6, 1912. - 8 P. M.

Ruskin Commongood Society met in Assembly Hall, and called to order by Pres. J. O. Linder.

Song - America. - By the Society.

Minutes of last regular meeting read, corrected, and approved.

H. J. McKirdy, Chairman Executive Committee made report for month of December which was, on motion by A. C. Sill, received and filed.

Mr. McKirdy also ^{made} his annual report of Commongood Society's business done, during the year 1911. Followed by a general discussion.

Moved by Mr. McKirdy, that a Committee of three, be elected to audit the books of all officers of the C. G. Society. This Committee not to consist of any of the present officers. Seconded; Carried.

Moved by A. D. Miller, that the Annual report made by the Chairman of Executive Committee, be referred to the Auditing Committee.

G. H. Brooks, Treasurer, made his report for month of December.

Moved by A. C. Sill, that this report be accepted, and filed, and that the Treasurer, be requested to get out an annual report. Same to be audited by the Auditing Committee. Seconded; Carried.

Miss Harriett C. Orcutt, secretary to the Board of Trustees, made her monthly report from that Board, recommending that insurance on the Bldg. be renewed.

Moved by Mrs. Adaline D. Miller, that this report be accepted, and approved. Seconded; Carried. Recommendation concurred in.

Miss Orcutt then made an annual report, giving an itemized statement of the Common Good Society's holdings. Which, on a conservative estimate on price of lots & farm tracts, totaled, in round numbers, about \$20,000.

On motion by Dr Miller, this report was accepted, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Dr Miller, Chairman of Tampa Road Com. made a report of progress, which was, on motion, accepted.

A. D. Miller, Chairman of Cemetery Committee, made a report to the effect that the result of the "Working Bee" held sometime ago, at the Cemetery, was the clearing of all the streets and paths, on the entire East half of the five acre tract.

Moved by G. A. Doane, ^{that} this report be accepted, and Committee continued, which was after a general discussion, carried.

A. C. Sill made a report of progress, on the ditching south of College Cafe, same, was, on motion, accepted.

Mrs Adaline D Miller, Chairman of the Shade Tree Committee, made her report, stating that 114 trees had been set out, on the streets of the town.

Moved by A. D. Miller, that report be accepted, and Committee be discharged, seconded.

Amended, by Dr. Cushman, that the Committee be continued, and that they now turn their attention to the setting of shade trees on the Public School Grounds, seconded, Motion as amended, carried.

Dr Miller gave a talk on the subject of getting out the Russian News. Suggesting a plan by which the news could be got.

tin out regularly every month, with but little cost to the Comfrongood Society.

Moved by A. D. Miller that the Executive Committee investigate the matter of getting out the Ruskin News. Seconded; Carried.

Dr Miller also reported that he had had several talks with W. D. Davis, of Garden City, in regard to his going into partnership with us in buying a dredge, which is now at Tappan Springs, and which can be purchased for \$600.

After some discussion, it was moved by Dr Miller, that this matter be referred to the Dredging Committee, and that Mr. L. Wheeler be elected in Mr. W. B. Dunham's place on the Committee. That this Committee report to the Trustees in regard to the matter, and that they have power to act. Seconded; Carried.

The matter of the restrictions in the deeds to the land here, was brought up and caused a warm discussion on the matter by several of the members. Dr Miller stated that it was impossible to strike any of the restrictions out of the deeds without a unanimous vote of both the resident and nonresident members of the Society. Mr. C. A. Doane gave it as his opinion that the last restriction in the deeds was a cloud on the title, and believed that it could be eliminated from the deeds by a majority vote of the Ruskin allottees.

Mr. Whittaker, the Attorney for the C. K. Society, was cited, as giving it as his opinion, that "none of the restrictions in the deeds placed any cloud upon the title of the land."

New Business Called for.

Mrs. Blegg, Everett C. Lyman, and A. D. Miller, were nominated to serve as an Auditing Committee.

Moved by Dr Miller that nominations be closed, and that Secretary cast the Ballots for the three parties nominated. Seconded; Carried.

Mrs. Glegg, Everett C. Lyman and
A. D. Miller, deposed duly elected, to act
as an Auditing Committee, to audit the books
of all the officers of the 'Commongood Society.

D. D. Cote moved that we adjourn to
meet again next Saturday afternoon, Jan. 13th,
at 2.30 o'clock. Seconded; Carried.

J. S. Jones, Secy.

Adjourned meeting, Rustkin, Fla., Jan. 13, 1912.

Rustkin Commongood Society met in Assembly Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M. and called to order by the President J. C. Linder.

Song "Auld Lang Syne" by Society.

Report of Auditing Committee called for.

A. D. Miller, Chairman of that Committee, made a general report of the audit of the monthly reports of the officers, and their books. While the report showed some discrepancies, caused by wrong entries, still the books seemed to be in fairly good shape, and compared favorably with the Bank statement.

Moved by N. Buckley that we accept the report and concur in the recommendations, seconded; Carried. Report filed.

A. F. Dickman, Chairman of Dredging Committee, made report of progress, which was, on motion, accepted.

Moved by Capt Dickman, that the foot bridge across the Inlet at the store, be removed, and the boards put in other places where bridges are needed. Seconded.

Amended by Mr. Duckett, that the bridge at Mr. Hazetines place be put in first. Seconded; Carried. Motion as amended, carried.

L. S. Dickman, read a communication from the superintendent of agriculture, at Gainesville, Fla., stating that two lecturers from there would be with us on the 27th of this month to hold an agricultural Institute.

Moved by Dr. Miller, that the Executive Committee act in conjunction with Mr. L. S. Dickman in the way of advertising the meetings and that during the Institute one or more collections be taken to pay expenses of same, carried.

Election of Officers.

Miss Harriett C. Orcutt, Mrs Julia Doane, and Dr. Cushman were nominated, and elected as the three women to serve on the Board of Trustees.

Messrs Everett Lyman, Barrett, J. C. Elkins, H. Buckley, S. H. Brooks, A. P. Dickman, and M. Haglin were nominated to act as members of the Board of Trustees.

On vote by ballot, Everett Lyman, H. Buckley, Elkins, and A. P. Dickman, received a majority vote, and was declared duly elected, by the President.

Following were nominated, and elected, by ballot, as an Executive Committee,

Mr. Hubert Buckley, Chairman
Miss Harriett C. Orcutt, Secretary.
Mrs. Everett C. Lyman.

For Treasurer
S. H. Brooks - 8
W. H. Woodworth 12
E. A. Buckland 16

J. C. Linder, nominated and elected, President

No one receiving majority vote, on second ballot, following was result:-

Mr Will Harrington nominated and elected Vice President.

J. Jones, elected Secretary.

Mr. Buckland, elected Treasurer. +

E. A. Buckland 23
W. H. Woodworth 7

D. D. Estee nominated, and duly elected Road Supervisor, and official Locator.

No further business, on motion Society adjourned.

J. Jones, Secy.

Rustlin, Fla., Feb. 3, 1912.

Rustlin Commongood Society met in Assembly Hall, at 3 P.M. and called to order by President J. C. Linder.

Minutes of last regular meeting read, corrected, and approved.

Minutes of adjourned meeting of Jan. 13th. read, and on motion approved.

Everett C. Lyman made report for Chairman of Executive Committee, Mr Buckley being absent

Moved by Mrs Adaline D. Miller, that report be accepted. Seconded; Carried.

Mr. E. A. Buckland, Treasurer, requested until next meeting to make his report, as there was some things which he did not understand, therefore he did not have a report ready for this meeting.

Time was granted Mr Buckland, and he was instructed to make out his report, and turn it in to the Executive Committee.

Miss Harriett C. Orcutt, secretary to Board of Trustees, made report

Moved by A. D. Miller, that we accept the report of the Secretary, and concur in the recommendations of the Trustees; sec; Carried.

Mr J. D. Duckett's resignation, as Trustee of Record, was presented to the Society through the Trustees.

Moved by Dr. Miller, that Mr J. D. Duckett's resignation as Trustee of Record be accepted. Seconded; Carried.

D. D. Estes nominated Mr Everett C. Lyman as Trustee of Record, in Mr. Duckett's place.

Moved by Dr. Miller that nominations close.
Seconded: Carried.

On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot for Everett C. Lyman, declaring him elected as Trustee of Record.

Road Supervisor, Mr. Ester, made his report, and read the following proposition from L. W. Amlong:

Mr. Amlong proposes to dig a ditch along the South side of College Ave., commencing at the Southeast Corner of the Townsite, opposite Lot #619 and extend it West to 7th St and West to College Inlet.

A Culvert should be made for College Ave., 7th St. ditch.

The ditch is to be at least 18 inches deep and six feet wide.

The ditching will cost half cent per cubic foot. The ditch is to be completed to 7th St. from the East by the Rainy season, and to College Inlet, if possible.

Mr. Amlong will take his pay in hand and he will do the necessary clearing, according to arrangements between himself and the Road Supervisor on the same terms.

Mr. Ester also reported the following proposition from Mr. J. C. Linder:

Mr. Linder proposes to grub 5th St and ditch same from Lewis St. to Spillard Ave., for the use of said street for three years' time, or until street is needed to be opened. But not less than three years for his work, and if we need street before three years, we are to pay him for grubbing and ditching.

Mr. Ester then made the following proposition, himself:

"On 4th ~~Street~~ ditch from Inlet, running North to the pond in front of his house. He will open the ditch as deep and wide as necessary at half cent per cubic foot. Will take his pay in hand.

These propositions were followed by a general discussion.

X Moved by E. A. Doane that this entire matter be referred to the Executive and Street Committee, and that they have power to act. Seconded; carried.

Dr. Miller reported progress on Tampa Road, for Tampa Road Committee

Everett Lyman made a report on Cemetery - Followed by a general discussion.

Moved by Dr. Miller that further discussion and consideration of the Cemetery be postponed until next meeting. - Seconded; carried.

A. P. Dickman, Chairman of Dredging Committee, made report, by first giving a preliminary talk, relating to what they had done, and then presenting the following set of Resolutions:

Whereas - on September 7, 1910, a resolution was passed, relating to the sale of the south half of the West 80 acres of the Rustin town site for the purpose of providing for the dredging of Rustin Inlet, and

Whereas - it has been found impracticable to carry out said plan, and
Whereas - an opportunity is now offered for securing a dredge for the sum of \$6000.00 in equal partnership with W. D. Davis on six months.

Therefore be it resolved, that all former action in regard to providing means for dredging Rustin Inlet be and the same are hereby annulled, and that Everett Lyman, Trustee of Record for Rustin Common Good Society be and he is hereby authorized to sign a note jointly with W. D. Davis, for the sum of \$6000.00, pledging the property and income of the Common Good Society there by to said extent, but not incumbering said property and income as a matter of record

and resolved further that the dredge Com-

mittee of this Society last appointed and the Executive Committee acting in conjunction therewith be and they are hereby instructed to proceed forthwith to procure said dredge either with the cooperation of said W.D. Davis or, in case he is not ready to act, without his cooperation, our said Trustees becoming responsible on our behalf for the entire purchase price of said dredge, opportunity being extended to said W.D. Davis to secure a half interest in said dredge on the original terms within a time limited in the discretion of our dredge Committee.

And be it further resolved that the said dredge Committee act in conjunction with the Executive Committee be and they are hereby instructed to proceed with the dredging of Rustin Inlet as soon as possible after securing said dredge, in accordance with plans of operation heretofore approved in so far as they may be found practicable, provided that arrangements can be made for operating said dredge in exchange for land made by dredging by dredging, or other common good lands; for otherwise so as to avoid paying cash for said work, or incurring obligation to be paid otherwise than out of sales of common good lands, except for supplies and repairs.

And be it further resolved, that the present channel from the river to the store shall be dredged before any other work is done. Said channel to be of sufficient depth to allow boats drawing at least three feet of water to pass at any stage of tide. Said channel to be plainly staked and marked out.

These resolutions was followed by discussion of some length, by the members.

Moved by D.D. Coste that we adopt resolutions as they stand, and that Committee go ahead with the work. After some discussion, motion was carried without a dissenting vote.

Moved by J.C. Linder that any owner of Farm tract or Town lot may, clear and

ditch streets abutting his or her property under supervision of Road supervisor, at the regular price of such work, and the Road supervisor shall upon completion of the work, issue orders on the Commongood Treasurer for the amount of said work, to be paid out of the Commongood fund whenever such fund shall become available, and in case the town should become incorporated before all orders so issued are paid, such orders may be used to pay municipal taxes levied on lots abutting which the work was done.

After an extended discussion, on motion by Dr. Miller, Mr Linders motion was laid off the table.

Moved by Mrs Adaline J. Miller that a Committee of three be elected to investigate and look over the entire ground and study the natural drainage, and report to the Common good Society. This referring only to farm tracts. Seconded; Carried.

E. A. Doane, Hubert Buckley, and D. Lester were nominated to act on this Committee.

On motion by A. J. Miller, nominations closed, and secretary cast the ballots, declaring Messrs. E. A. Doane, H. Buckley, and D. Lester, elected to act as a Drainage Committee.

Moved by Dr. Miller that the secretary of the Executive Committee be allowed to fix her office hours. Seconded; Carried.

Moved by L. W. Amstrong that Miss Orcutt may fix her office hours from 9 to 11 o'clock A. M. and 6 to 7 o'clock P. M. Carried.

In discussing the matter of getting some paper to publish Rushin news in connection with their regular issue, it was moved by Dr. Miller that the Executive Committee be authorized to contribute the extent of paying the postage in sending out the paper to the allottees.

Seconded; Carried.

On motion, Society adjourned.

J. Jones, Secy.

Ruskin, Fla., Feb. 8, 1912

Special meeting of Commongood Society called to order in Assembly Hall, at 7.25 P.M. by President, J. O. Lindley.

Capt. A. P. Dickman, Chairman of the Dredging Committee was called upon for a report. He gave a partial report and then Mr. Buckley completed the report. Mr. Buckley stated that he had been to Tarpon Springs, with others, to investigate the dredge and later went back to consult with Mr. W. D. Davis, in regard to going in co-partnership with us in the purchase of the outfit, and finding Mr. Davis not inclined to act, at present, he proceeded to close a deal with the owner of the dredge, by paying twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, down, thereby securing an option on the dredge, for seven days. He then returned to Ruskin, and after making several efforts to secure the balance of the money, to complete the payment, with - he finally obtained a promise from Mrs. W. A. Doane, to loan the Commongood Society six hundred (\$600.00) dollars to buy the dredge with. Same to be secured by a mortgage on the land owned by the Commongood Society, and known as the "West Eighty" said loan to bear 10% interest.

Mr. Buckley stated that he had offered, as a free bonus, for the loan of the money, one of the Commongood Lots.

+ Moved by A. D. Miller, that we approve of the action of the Committee, and extend a vote of thanks for their service, at this time. + Seconded, Carried.

This vote of thanks was intended for Mr. Buckley personally.

Capt. Dickman read a recommendation from the Dredging Committee and then offered it as a motion. It was as follows:
The Commongood Society, in meeting assembled, this 8th day of February authorize herewith, the Trustees to sell or mortgage an amount of the tract of land known as the

West Eighty, sufficient to provide for the
 dredging of the Inlet. And any action heretofore taken
 by the Society conflicting with this Resolution is hereby ^{annulled} signed.

A. P. Dickman
 A. C. Sill,
 Leonard Wheeler
 E. A. Doane

This resolution was followed by
 a general discussion.

Moved by Mrs. Adaline D. Miller,
 that we amend this resolution by say-
 ing "sell" after having had a Committee
 to report and report this land in
 question. Seconded.

Mr Sill moved an amendment to
 the amendment, that this Committee be
 the Trustees; Seconded; Carried.

Resolution, as amended, carried, with
 but one dissenting vote.

As this meeting was called in
 accordance with a petition gotten
 out and signed by as many members
 as are required by the By-Laws, for the
 purpose of attending to the dredging mat-
 ter, and this matter now being com-
 pleted, on motion, Society adjourned.

J. S. Jones, Secy.

Justim, Fla., March 2, 1912. 2.50 P.M.

Regular meeting of Rustin Comprogood Society
Called to order in Assembly Hall, by President
J. C. Linder.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and
approved.

Minutes of Special meeting of Feb 8th read,
corrected, and approved.

Mr Buckley, Chairman of Executive Com-
mittee made an oral report, which was,
on motion by Dr Miller, approved.

Mr Buckland C. S. Treasurer, made
his reports for January and February, and
on motion by Dr. Cushman, both reports were
accepted.

Everett C. Lyman made a report of the
Cash Book, which was, on motion accepted.

Miss Harrett E. Orcutt, Secretary to the
Board of Trustees, made her report. She
first stated that the Executive Committee was
trying to abbreviate the reports of the dif-
ferent officers, by cutting out any unnecessary
repetitions, in these reports. She then
read her regular report, which, on motion
by E. A. Doane, accepted.

L. D. Estes, Road Supervisor, made a ver-
bal report, stating that he had done but very
little during the past month.
Moved by Mr Buckley that report be accepted,
seconded, Carried.

Report of Shell Road Committee made
by Dr Miller, supplemented by L. W. Amberg.
Report received as progress.

Cemetery Committee had no report to make.

Capt A. P. Dickman made a report of progress for the Dredging Committee.

Mr. W. A. Doane stated that the Natural Drainage Committee had no report to make.

Dr. Miller brought before the Society a proposition whereby the Publishing plant of the Florida Beacon Publishing Company might be brought, and established, at Ruskin. The condition being that the people of Ruskin Colony and its additions subscribe for one hundred twenty five shares of stock at ten dollars per share. And suggested that the Ruskin Commonwealth Society subscribe for twenty shares, some to be paid in land.

This proposition was followed by quite a lengthy discussion.

Moved by Mr Hubert Buckley that we authorize our Board of Trustees to subscribe for twenty shares of stock in the Beacon Publishing Company, at ten dollars per share, to be paid for in C. S. land. Seconded; and carried, with but two dissenting votes.

Dr. Miller stated that he had a letter from attorney Jackson asking for the deeds for ten acres of land here, as compensation for services legal services rendered the Society. But stated further that Mr Jackson had not proven himself capable of handling our problem, by failing to render a satisfactory opinion on the abstract matter.

As a compromise, it was moved by Dr. Miller, that we authorize the Executive Committee to offer Mr. Jackson one of our fifty dollar town lots, for his services as our attorney. Seconded; carried.

Moved by L. W. Amlong that we change Miss Orcutt's office hours from 9 to 11 A. M. to be 8 to 10 A. M. Seconded; carried.

The matter of the Washing Cooperative Mercantile Co. needing more room for their Canning factory was brought up, and on motion referred to the Executive Committee.

Moved by Mr. Wheeler that we authorize the Executive Committee locate the position of the telephone poles on the different streets, and alleys.
seconded:

Amended by Mr. Doane, that the Executive Committee establish the location of the poles, except as to Fourth Street, where they shall be put down the center of the street. seconded; Carried.

Motion as amended, carried.

After some further discussions, on motion, society adjourned.

J. H. Jones, Secy.

Ruston, Fla., April 6, 1912.

Regular meeting of Ruston Commongood Society, called to order by President J. C. Linder at 3.30 P. M.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

Mr. Hubert Buckley, Chairman of the Executive Committee, stated that he had no report to make, that was not covered by the reports of other officers, except that which would come up under the head of new business.

Mr. Buckland, Treasurer, made his regular monthly report, which was approved.

Miss Harriett C. Orcutt, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, made her report and on motion by C. A. Doan, same was accepted.

D. D. Estee, Road and Street Supervisor made his report, which was on motion by Wm. Miller accepted.

Dr. Miller reported that Atty. Jackson had agreed to recall his bill for legal services, and call it square with us.

Report was on motion by Mr. Sill, duly seconded, accepted, with thanks to Dr. Miller for his services in the matter.

The matter of "Our Checks", as suggested by Mr. Wheeler, and recommended by the Executive Committee, for favorable consideration, taken up and discussed at great length by the members.

Mr. Wheeler made a few remarks on

the matter, and then moved that the plan as outlined by the Executive Committee be adopted, and that we issue checks to the amount of one half the value of the Commongood property. Seconded, by Dr. Miller.

Amended by A. D. Miller, that the word "one half" be stricken out and the word "one third" be inserted, instead.

General Discussion

Moved by A. D. Miller that we refer this matter back to the Executive Committee to thrash out more thoroughly, with Mr. Wheeler, and report to the next Commongood meeting in a more definite form. - Seconded.

This was followed by another general discussion. On vote, motion was lost.

A. P. Dickman, moved an amendment that when any Commongood land is sold, two-thirds of the money received therefor shall be used to pay off these "time checks".

Moved by A. D. Miller that we refer this matter to a Committee of five, to report to a special meeting of the C. S. Socy, next Saturday afternoon. - Seconded; carried.

The following were elected on this Committee:
E. A. Doane
A. C. Sill
A. P. Dickman
L. Wheeler
A. D. Miller

Moved by A. D. Miller that when we adjourn, we shall do so to meet again next Saturday afternoon, at 3.30 o'clock. - Seconded; carried.

The following proposition was made by the Ruston Co-operative Mercantile Co.:
The Company offers the Commongood Society for lot No. 372, a receipt in full for the \$90.00 paying the store by the Commongood Society, and one paid up share of stock; and the Company agrees that if the lot shall cease to be used as a location for a Co-operative store in which all Colonists may acquire shares at par value, the title shall revert to the Society; provided

no competing store shall have been permitted or authorized by the Common good; and provided that this condition shall not be operative as against any mortgage that may be given on the lot to secure a loan for the purpose of erecting a store building thereon; and provided further that, a new building adequate for the demands of the Colony shall be constructed thereon within two years. — Seconded by Hubert Buckley

Moved by C A Doane that we accept the proposition made by the Store Co. Seconded; Carried.

The amt. to be paid to the Society for rent is sixty dollars.

Moved by Mr. Wheeler, that the money paid in by the Store Co. for rent shall be put in the Dredging fund, to be used to operate the dredge. Seconded; Carried.

Mr Buckley read a Railroad proposition to the Society: Road to run from Ruskin to Morris Park, and thence to Tampa, or which ever way best arrangements can be made to reach Tampa.

This proposition was discussed at some length, and an motion laid over until next Saturday.

S W Brooks asked for right to lay water mains across Fourth Street, in the Development Companies Tract, and through different sections of the tract.

Moved by L L Dickman that we allow Development Co. to lay water mains, but that they follow the alleys as far as possible, Seconded; Carried.

On motion, Society adjourned until 3:30 P.M., Saturday April 13th.

J. S. Jones, Secy.

Ruskin, Fla., April 13, 1912

Adjourned meeting of Ruskin Commongood Society called to order in Assembly Hall at 3:30 P.M. by Pres. J. C. Linder.

Minutes of last meeting read, corrected, and approved.

Mr. E. A. Doane, chairman of the Committee which was elected to consider the matter of "Hour Checks" or Ruskin Commongood Credit Checks, read the report of the Committee.

After considerable discussion, it was moved, by Dr. Miller, duly seconded, and carried, that we take up the report and consider it item by item.

Sec. 1. - read; moved by E. A. Doane, that the words "Hour Checks" be stricken out and the words "Ruskin Commongood Credit Checks" be used instead. Sec. Carried with but two dissenting votes.

Sec. 2. - moved by A. D. Miller, that this section be adopted. Seconded; carried.

Sec. 3. - On motion, adopted, after considerable discussion.

Sec. 4. - Discussed, amended, and adopted.

Sec. 5. - Read, and followed by quite a lengthy discussion. Amended, and adopted, as amended.

Sec. 6. - Adopted, after striking out the word Monday, and inserting the word Tuesday, instead.

Sec. 7. On motion adopted.

Sec. 8:- Adopted.

Sec. 9:- Adopted

Sec. 10 " "

Sec. 11 " "

The report of the Committee as amended, and adopted, is as follows:-

1. That Ruskin Commongood Society issue "Credit Checks" to be known as "Ruskin Commongood Credit Checks" not to exceed the amount of \$2000⁰⁰.

2. That these checks be issued in denominations of 15¢, 20¢, 25¢ and \$1⁰⁰ + \$5.00. Each denomination to be numbered consecutively, signed by the Secretary of the Executive Committee, and countersigned by the President of the Society.

3. That these checks be issued in payment, if necessary, of labor and services in clearing streets and roadways, ditching, dredging, clerical work + etc. and for materials and supplies.

4. That these checks be made transferrable, payment of said checks to be made within three years from date of issue, in land only, at prevailing market price.

5. That as a basis for the issuing of these Credit Checks, all the land now owned by the Commongood Society, and uncontracted for, shall be scheduled, and from the proceeds of the sale of all land so scheduled, 25% of the net selling price shall go into a "Credit Check Redemption Fund" for the redemption of Credit Checks which may be in circulation.

Should sales of said land be made for Credit Checks, such checks shall be credited to the said ~~Redemption~~ Fund, and cash to balance an amount equal to 25% of the net selling price. Should sales be made entirely for cash, 25% of net selling price shall go to said "Redemption Fund."

6. That on the first Tuesday after the first

Saturday in each month, persons holding Credit Checks to the amount of \$5.00 and over may list such Credit Checks with the Secretary of the Executive Committee, so that in the event of there being any cash set aside for the redemption of Credit Checks they may be paid pro rata, in some manner according to the listing.

7. That once every three months the Executive Committee shall make a report to the Commongood Society at the regular meeting, of the amount of Credit Checks outstanding, the amount of checks listed in the office of the Executive Committee for redemptions when funds are available, the amount of checks cancelled, and the cash balance, if any, in the "Credit Check Redemption Fund." If it appears to the Commongood Society that there is cash in the Redemption Fund, which may be used to redeem Credit Checks, the Commongood Society, if it so decides, and only upon decision by the Society at a regular meeting, may instruct the Executive Committee to redeem pro rata, all or part of the Credit Checks listed, as above set forth.

8. That all Credit Checks when redeemed, shall be cancelled, and withdrawn from circulation.

9. That these credit checks be printed on paper of different colors in order to keep each denomination distinct. That a numbering machine be purchased for the numbering of these checks.

10. That the Executive Committee report to the Society when the issue of \$2,000.00 of Credit Checks is exhausted, and await further instructions in the matter.

11. That Credit Checks be issued each day by the Executive Committee, each Tuesday for the bills of the previous week.

The report was signed by four of the Committee: E. A. Doane, Admer D. Miller, A. C. Hill and Leonard Wheeler.

Report filed.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Wheeler:

It is hereby resolved, that no Common good land shall be sold without a down payment of either cash or ^{credit} checks. And the Executive Committee is hereby to notify all who are holding land without a down payment, that said payment must be made within fifteen days, or lot cannot be held for them.

Seconded by E. A. Doane; Carried.

Moved and seconded, that we adjourn. — Lost.

Moved that the Common good Society accept its share of the responsibility of building inter-urban electric road between Rushin and Morris Park as set forth in the prospectus of the proposed road.

Seconded; Carried.

Twenty six members being present when vote was taken.

Upon motion Society adjourned at 6:30 P. M.

J. S. Jones, Secy.

Rurkin Fla. May. 4 - 1912.

Rurkin Common good Society met on the above date, and as neither President or Vice President was present, on motion by Dr. Miller, Mr. A. C. Dill was elected Chairman pro. term.

The Secretary also being absent Mrs. Julia Doane was elected Secretary pro. term.

It was decided to postpone the reading of the minutes of the April meeting until the next regular meeting.

Mr. Hubert Buckley Chairman of the Executive Committee, being absent Mr. Lyman was called upon to read the report, which was to be upon the subject of Sanitation. Mr. Lyman read an article in connection with the report, which was followed by discussion.

on Houseflies

Mr. Buckland Treasurer made his report which was approved.

Miss Harriet C. Orcutt, Secretary of the Board of Trustees read her report, which was accepted with the word "late" stricken out.

Dr. Miller moved that the Executive Committee prepare a mimeograph letter to be sent to all allottees who have not responded to the A. C. & G. Rail Road Pledge, requesting them to do so at once. Seconded and carried.

Dr. Miller, Chairman Shell Road Com- mittee gave his report. He said the road grading was progressing favorably, but shelling being done very slowly, as much of the grading as possible would be done before rains season. He also said the Commissioner seemed disposed to give us fair treatment. Work on ferry progressing and almost completed. Upon motion his report was accepted as progress.

Report of Dredging Committee given by Mr. Wheeler.

Dredging progressing in a satisfactory manner

He thought the sand being removed by the dredge was salable. After some discussion Committee was instructed to save marketable sand and make it available for building purposes.

Upon motion his report was accepted.

xx Mr. Wheeler read the following report on the Inter-Urban Rail Road:

Whereas ~~whereas~~ advised that it has become necessary to make a change in the conditions of subscriptions to the stock of the proposed Ruskin, Morris Park and Tampa

Inter-Urban Railway Co. to the effect that the Ruskin Colony Extension Co., will subscribe for stock in said Company to the extent of the aggregate value of half the five acre farm tract and half the ten acre farm tract, adjoining the proposed line from its entrance into the Morris Park tract as now placed on the

market, said ^{tracts} taken alternately and exchanged for stock, being appraised at the price at which adjoining tracts sell, and also to the extent of \$10 for each town lot in Morris Park to be likewise paid in town lots at the current price; and;

whereas such change will probably enable the Railway Co. to realize cash faster than it would by allowing 10 per cent of the gross sum to be received from sale of land in said tract;

Resolved, that Ruskin, Commongood Society hereby consents to such change and agrees that the same shall not effect the action of the Society heretofore taken regarding its subscription for stock in said Railway Co.

After a good deal of discussion the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

xx Ditching South of College Ave. Mr. Dill reported that ~~little~~ work had been done. Mr. Lyman reported that Mr. Saffold had done some ditching

Upon motion his report was accepted, as progress.

Moved that the Society request the Board of Health to appoint Mr. ~~Stet~~ Sanitary officer in the Colony with instructions to enforce

their regulations.

Motion carried.

Upon motion Society adjourned.

Julia S. Doane.

Secretary Pro. tem.

These minutes read and approved. July-6-17.

Ruckin Fla. June 1- 1912.

The President being absent, Dr. Miller was elected Chairman, and the Sec. also being absent Mrs. Julia Doane was elected Sec. On account of the inclement weather there was not a quorum present, so it was thought best to adjourn. After some discussion as to the time of the next meeting, Mr. Doane moved that we adjourn until Saturday - June 8 - 2:30 P. M. Motion carried.

Julia S. Doane.
Secretary, Pro-Tem.

Ruckin Fla. June 8 - 1912.

On account of a very severe storm there was no meeting held on the above date. Most of the members were engaged in rescuing the Storage house at the River Dock.

These minutes read and approved. July 4 - 12

Ruskin ,Fla. July 6, 1912.

The regular meeting of the Ruskin Commongood Society was called to order by the President, J. C. Linder.

Upon motion by Mr. Hubert Buckley Mrs. Julia Doane was elected Secretary pro. tem.

As it was decided at the May meeting to postpone the reading of the minutes for April until the next regular meeting, the minutes for April and May were read and approved ,and the Secretary was instructed to make a note of the absence of the June meeting ,the cause of the same being a severe storm.

Report of Chairman of the Executive Committee was called for . Mr. Buckley said that his report was included in the report of the Secretary of the Trustees.

Mr. Buckland being absent Mr. Everett Lyman read the Treasurer's report, which was upon motion accepted.

May report of Secretary of Trustees read and accepted.

June report of Secretary of Trustees read, this included the semi-annual financial report, after some discussion Mr. Estes moved that report be accepted, seconded and carried.

Report of Road Supervisor- Mr. Estes gave a concise account of work being done and upon motion his report was accepted.

Mrs. Adeline Miller chairman of the Shade Tree Committee gave a verbal report which was accepted as a report of progress.

Capt. Dickman Chairman of the Dredging Committee stated that he had no report to make but Mr. Davis of St. Petersburg who has charge of the dredge was requested by Mr. Buckley to give a talk on dredging matters. He gave a very interesting talk and brought out

some important items in connection with the dredging. Many questions were asked him by the members of the Society. Mr. Davis was of the opinion that Mr. Young a Real Estate Dealer of Tampa could be induced to make some trade with Ruskin in regard to using his large dredge here. After some discussion it was decided that Mr. Davis and Capt. Dickman should interview Mr. Young on Monday, in regard to the matter. It seemed to be the opinion that the dredging was progressing in a satisfactory manner.

It was announced by the President that under the head of New Business was the election of Officers to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Mr. Sill, Vice-President, the absence of Mr. Jones and Mr. Buckland, Secretary and Treasurer.

The following were nominated for the Office of Vice-President. Mrs. Sill. Mr. Wheeler, Mr. A. D. Miller, Mr. Duckett. ³ The gentlemen withdrew in favor of Mrs. Sill and upon motion the Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for Mrs. Sill.

Mrs. Julia Doane was nominated Secretary, upon motion nominations were closed and President instructed to cast ballot for Mrs. Julia Doane for Secretary, Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Everett C. Lyman nominated for Treasurer, upon motion nominations were closed and Secretary was instructed to cast ballot for Mr. Lyman as Treasurer, Motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Mr. Estes that some one be placed on the South of Colledge Ave. Ditching Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Sill, Chairman of that committee. Mr. Everett Lyman and Mr. Olson were nominated, Mr. Olson withdrew in favor of Mr. Lyman and moved that nominations be closed and ballot cast for Mr. Lyman and ^{and} 2nd. and carried.

Mr. Wheeler gave a talk in regard to incorporating Ruskin.

After some discussion Mr. L.L. Dickman moved that a committee of three be elected to look into the matter along the lines suggested by Mr. Mr. Wheeler. 2nd. and carried.

Mr. A. D. Miller *Mr. A. P. Dickman*

The following were nominated Miss. Orcutt, Mr. J. C. Duckett, Mr. Wheeler, Mrs. Adeline Miller, Mr. Geo. Brooks, Dr. Geo. McA. Miller, Mr. Duckett withdrew in favor of Mr. Wheeler and Miss. Orcutt withdrew in favor of Mrs. Miller, Votes were as follows— Mr. Wheeler 22 Mr. A. D. Miller 19, Mr. A. P. Dickman 21, Mr. Brooks 13, Mrs. A. Miller 9, Dr. Miller 16, There was a misunderstanding as to who was meant by Mrs. A. Miller, Mr. Duckett moved that the two men having the highest no. of votes be declared elected and a ballot be cast for the third member who should be a lady, motion amended by Mr. L. L. Dickman that the three men having the highest no. of votes be declared elected and two ladies be elected making a committee of five. Motion carried. Nominations as follows: of ballot, Mrs. Adeline Miller was nominated but withdrew in favor of Mrs. Sill. Mrs. Emma Sill 18, Mrs. L. L. Dickman, Mrs. Belle Linder, Mrs. Rose Dickman, Mrs. Lyman, Mrs. Julia Doane, Mrs. Sill and Mrs. Lyman having the highest no. of votes were declared elected and the Committee reads: Mr. Wheeler, Mr. A. P. Dickman, Mr. A. D. Miller, Mrs. Emma Sill, Mrs. Lyman.

Upon motion Society adjourned.

Julia S. Doane.
Sec. Pro Tem.

These minutes read and approved. Aug - 3 - 18.

Ruskin, Fla. Aug. 3, 1912.

Regular meeting of Ruskin Commongood Society called to order at 2:00P.M
President J. C. Linder in the chair.

Minutes of meeting of July 6 read and approved.

Report of Everett C. Lyman Treasurer read. Moved by Mr. Wheeler
that it be accepted, seconded and carried.

Report of Secretary of Board of Trustees was read and upon motion
duly seconded and carried report was accepted.

Road Supervisor's Report called for, Mr. Estes had expected to
be present but was prevented by sickness. Mr. Lyman stated that two
important pieces of work were progressing in a satisfactory manner that
is the ditching in the Elkins neighborhood and grading Fourth St.

Dr. Miller Chairman of Shell Road Com. stated that he had no
report to make but would ask Mr. Amlong to report on the South End
of the road. General discussion on the subject of Roads followed this
report. Moved by Mr. Wheeler that the regular Road Committee be in-
structed by the Society to attend the Commissioner's meeting at Tampa
on the following Tuesday, to see if the shelling could not be done
from this end of the road, taking the shell from the ferry and making
less expense to the County. Motion amended, that two of the committee
attend the meeting, motion carried. There being two vacancies on
the regular com. Dr. Miller nominated Mr. Amlong and Mr. Wheeler to
fill the vacancies, upon motion seconded and carried Secretary was
instructed to cast ballot for Mr. Amlong and Mr. Wheeler. Incon-
nection with the road business Mrs. Adeline Miller suggested that
bermuda grass roads be tried in Ruskin.

Committee on re-plating the West 80- Mr. Everett Lyman read the
report, and placed a plat on the blackboard and general discussion
followed. Moved by Mr. L. L. Dickman that report be adopted and
Committee instructed to take up the matter with Mr. Sparkman, see that

no mistakes are made in replating and modify the report to meet legal requirements. Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Wheeler Chairman of Incorporating Committee stated that a meeting of the committee had been held and Mrs. Sill Sec. of the meeting would read the report. Report read, map of Ruskin was placed on the board and incorporation outlined and discussed at length. Motion by Mr. L. L. Dickman : That it is the sense of this meeting that the town of Ruskin be incorporated in accordance with the suggestions of the committee, that we advise that steps be taken at once leading to such incorporation and that the committee be continued to promote the same.

Upon motion Society adjourned,

Julia S. Doane.

Secretary.

*These minutes were read and approved.
Sept 7-1912.*

Ruskin, Fla. Sept. ,7,1912.

The regular meeting of the Ruskin Commongood Society met and was called to order by the President J. C. Linder.

Before proceeding to business the President announced that Mr. Buckley would read an article on Incorporation. After the reading of the article the Society proceeded to business.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report of Chairman of the Executive Committee given , this report included some interesting statements in regard to the guava industry. Report was accepted with enthusiasm.

Report of Everett C. Lyman Treasurer read and upon motion by Mr Estes this report was accepted.

Report of Secretary of Board of Trustees was read and accepted. This report included the reading of a letter received from the War Department in regard to the Dredging of the Mouth of the Little Manatee River. General discussion of the letter followed.

Report of Road Supervisor read. Mr. Estes stated that in a letter received from the County Commissioner in regard to repairing the Wymauma Road the Com. said the road work would be done as soon as possible and that he expected to have the Road worked by convict labor this winter.

Upon motion report was accepted.

A verbal report of the Dredging Committee was given by Capt. Dickman Chairman. Capt. Dickman recommended that the Society discharge the Dredging Committee leaving the matter of Dredging in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Moved by Mr. Estes that Capt. Dickman, being the person most familiar with the channel of the Inlet and River be made a Committee of One to assist the Executive Committee in matters pertaining to Dredging . Motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Miller that a voluntary force be secured to cut posts of sufficient length and stake the channel of the Inlet, and that these posts be painted white. Motion carried.

Capt. Dickman gave the report of the Incorporating Com. After some discussion of the matter of Incorporation the report was accepted.

There being no further business to come before the Society motion to adjourn was made and carried.

Julia S. Doane.
Secretary.

Minutes approved Oct 5, 1912

Ruskin, Fla. Sept. 18, 1912.

A call meeting of the Ruskin Commongood Society met at Assembly Hall and was called to order at 1 o'clock by the President J. C. Linder, Julia S. Doane Secretary.

The President stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of investigating the Railroad Propositions.

Mr. Fout then moved that a committee of two be appointed by the chair to go to Tampa for the purpose of investigating the contract between the Ruskin Commongood Society and the A. O. & G. Railroad, to see if they are living up to their contract and if possible to do so, go and look over the work on said road to see if the work is actually in progress according to their contract. *CR.*

Motion seconded by Mr. Geiger.

Some discussion as to the committee being appointed by the chair.

Mr. Fout agreed, with the consent of his second to substitute "committee be elected by ballot." Motion opened for discussion.

Dr. Miller offered a substitute to the entire motion as follows:

That the investigation of the contract entered into between the Ruskin Commongood Society and the A. O. & G. Railroad Co. be left in the hands of the Executive Committee and that they be instructed to make a complete report at the next regular meeting of the Society. Motion seconded by Mr. Elkins.

General discussion followed.

Suggested by Mr. A. D. Miller that contract be read. Miss Croutt, Sec. of the Executive Com. then read the contract which was thoroughly discussed. Miss Croutt said that she had made two visits to the office of the A. O. & G. Railroad for information.

Dr. Miller stated that in a recent interview with the Chief Engineer of the Road he assured him that they were living up to their contract that they were ready to put on a force on this side

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That a committee be appointed to go to Tampa see the original contract between the A. O. & G. R.R. and Ruskin C. & G. S. and if possible see the work done and report on same

of the Alafia River , a force of 18 men was now at work , that they had already cut 300 ties and distributed them along the right of way , that they expect as soon as the rainy season is over , to put on a force of 3,000 men.

Mr. Fout then expressed his willingness to withdraw his motion if Dr. Miller was willing to withdraw his substitute motion, provided that he was allowed the privilege of making another motion. Dr. Miller refused to withdraw unless Mr. Fout was willing to state the motion he intended to make. After some discussion Mr. Fout declined to state his intended motion.

A vote on the substitute motion was then taken by ayes and noes and decided in favor of the ayes a division of the house was called for and Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Everett Lyman were appointed by the chair to act as tellers , the vote was as follows :

44 in the affirmative and 25 in the negative , and the substitute motion prevailed.

General discussion on various matters followed . A statement was made that Ruskin was ruled by a ring similar to that of Pittsburg.

Dr. Miller moved that Mr. Fout be required to furnish proof at the next regular meeting of the Commongood Society, of his statement , that the affairs of Ruskin are run by a ring as bad as any political ring in any of our cities and as bad as that of Pittsburg which is the worst , or suffer a penalty to be subscribed by the Society. Motion seconded by Mr. Hedges, and carried.

Miss Aurora Miller then moved that as there seemed no other business to come before the Society that we adjourn. Motion carried

Before the members dispersed arrangements were made for the voluntary force that had been called for at the last meeting to meet on ~~Tuesday~~ and stake out the Channel of the Inlet. With a supper to follow.

Julia S. Doane, Secretary.

Minutes approved Oct. 5. 1912.

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REGULAR MEETING—OCTOBER 5, 1912.

The Society was called to order by Pres. J. C. Linder, at 2:30 P.M.

Minutes of last Regular Meeting read and approved.

Minutes of Called Meeting Sept. 18 read, and ~~accepted~~ accepted as corrected.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Buckley, stated that he had no report to make.

Report of Treasurer, Mr. Everett Lyman, read and accepted.

The complete report of the Contract between the Ruskin Commongood Society and the A. O. G. Railroad Co. that the Executive Committee was instructed to make, at the Called Meeting of Sept. 18, was read by Mr. Lyman and laid on the table for discussion under the head of Unfinished Business.

Report of Miss Orcutt, Secretary Board of Trustees, read and upon motion by Mr. Admer Miller it was accepted and approved.

Miss Orcutt then read a Special Report, in defense of the Executive Committee; stating her belief that the Ruskin Commongood Society should be like a big family council without party or faction, where the people met to talk over their plans for the good of Ruskin, and everybody should vote for the best plan suggested. Miss Orcutt also stated that as long as she remained in the Executive Office she would endeavor to give every Ruskin Allottee a square deal wherever he lived. At the close of her report she offered the following resolution, requesting that it be passed upon as a vote of confidence in the Executive Committee:

" I move that the following statement be passed as a resolution and that the names of those voting for, those voting against and those Allottees present and not voting be recorded in the minutes of the Society:

We the undersigned Ruskin Allottees and resident voters in the Commongood Society believe that the Executive Committee have conducted the affairs of the Commongood Society honestly and fairly." Motion seconded by Mr. Fout and carried by a vote of 35 to 0. 11 votes of those present and not voting .

For-----

Mr. McBride	Mr. Brooks	Miss. Georgadda Miller
Mr. Fout	Mrs. Brooks	Mrs. Sill.
Mr. Lang	Mr. L.L. Dickman	Mr. Douglas Moore
Mr. Rushton	Mrs. L.L. Dickman	Mr. Admer Miller
Mr. Austin	Mr. D.D. Estes	Miss Aurora Miller
Mr. Hockett	Mrs. D.D. Estes	Mr. Willard Miller.
Mr. Glegg	Mr. N.E. Dickman	
Mr. Amlong	Mrs. N.E. Dickman	
Mr. S.S. Moore	Mr. Boyce	
Mr. Linder	Mrs. Glegg	
Mrs. Linder	Mrs. Rose Dickman	
Mr. Mannering	Dr. Miller	
Mrs. Mannering	Mrs. Adeline Miller	

no votes against.

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Present and not voting:----- Mr. Edwards.
Mr. W.W. Miller.
Mr. Woodworth.
Mr. McDaniels
Mr B. McKirdy.
Mr. Geiger
Mrs. Geiger.
Mr. Hazeltine
Mrs. Hazeltine.
Mr. Hagen
Mr. Bleumenau.

(a) The Members of the Board of Trustees as interested parties did not vote.
Road Supervisor, Mr. Estes, stated that he had no report to make, but by request he gave a verbal report of work being done by the County, on the Ruskin Wimauma Road. Report accepted.
Report of Shell Road Committee, ~~Dr. Miller~~ Chairman, given and accepted.

Report of Dredging Committee, Mr. Buckley Chairman, read the proposition from Mr. Benefield, in regard to dredging a Channel from the Store to Boiler Point, in exchange for the Dredge.
Proposition re-read and thoroughly discussed. Moved by Mr. A. D. Miller that we accept Mr. Bennefield's proposition and place the matter in the hands of the Executive Committee for their attention, limiting the expense of repairs to \$150, and leaving to their discretion the taking of security for performance of contract.
Motion seconded and carried.

The Railroad Report was then taken up and after a thorough discussion of the matter, the following motion was offered: *by Mrs. Addine Miller.*
That the Executive Committee be instructed to rectify as far as possible all mistakes that may have been made in listing the lots and tracts in the bonus contract and if possible an agreement in writing be obtained from the Railroad Company, that any and all lands be released on payment of pro-rata share of the bonus. Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Estes made a motion to adjourn, motion lost.

Mr. Buckley Chairman of the Executive Committee then asked Mr. Fout if by seconding Miss Orcutt's motion - asking for a vote of confidence in the Executive Committee - and by his stand during the meeting, he meant to retract his statements he had made at the last meeting. Mr. Fout answered emphatically "No." Rose to his feet faced the assembly and said "Ruskin is run by a ring and," pointing his finger at Mr. Miller, "You are the ring". A heated discussion began. Mr. Fout asserted that Miss Orcutt's report justified his statement. Dr. Miller then asked Miss Orcutt if her report meant that Ruskin was run by a ring. Miss Orcutt refused to answer any questions, stating that her report had been read was on file and in the hands of the Society, and could be read again if necessary. The report was all t

(a) Moved by Mr. Fout that all papers pertaining to the Special Report be placed on file.
Motion seconded.

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that she had to say.

Mr. Fout then read the paper he had written in defense of his statements made at the last meeting.

Dr. Miller addressed the chair, obtained the floor and said, he was sorry that Miss Orcutt did not see fit to answer any questions. Miss Orcutt replied - "Dr. Miller shall I speak now?" He yielded the floor to Miss Orcutt and she then read the paper that she had placed on the table at the beginning of her Special Report, which was her resignation as Trustee and Corresponding Secretary of the Commongood Society. She then left the room. *Miss Orcutt's resignation was to take effect at this meeting.*

The floor was taken by many people at the time and much confusion ensued, after a long discussion the following motion was offered: *by Dr. Miller.*

That L. E. Fout be required to retract his statements that the Commongood Society is run by a ring as bad as Pittsburg or worse or that he be suspended from the privilege of participating in the deliberations of the Society for the term of one year or until such time as he may make retraction, it being the sense of this meeting that having been given the privilege of proving such statements made at the last Commongood Meeting he failed to furnish the evidence.

Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Fout requested permission of the Chair to speak and obtained the floor. Some members objected and an appeal from the decision of the Chair was taken.

The Vote stood 19 to 19 and was lost as the Chair could not vote for ~~it~~ against his own decision.

~~When motion~~ the Society then adjourned.

Julia D. Doane

Secretary.
 These minutes were read and approved.

Nov. 2 - 1912.

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REGULAR MEETING ----- NOVEMBER 2, 1912.

The Society was called to order by the President J. C. Linder, at
2:30 P.M.

Minutes of last Regular Meeting read. Moved by Mr. Hedges that that part of the minutes relating to the suspension of Mr. Fout be disapproved. Motion seconded by Mr. Geiger. Motion ruled out of order by the Chair. Moved by Dr. Miller that the Minutes be approved as read. Motion seconded by Mr. Elkins, and carried.

Report of Treasurer, Mr. Everett Lyman read, and upon motion report was accepted.

Railroad report read by Mr. Lyman. After some discussion report was accepted.

Report of Secretary of Trustees called for, Miss Orcutt being absent Mr. Lyman read the Report. Moved by Mr. Austin that report be accepted as read, motion seconded by Mr. Amlong.

Mr. Webster offered an amendment to the motion as follows: That, that part of the report relating to the Farmers Union Building be disapproved. Amendment seconded by Mr. Butterfield.

Dr. Miller talked to the motion as amended. Mr. Buckley, Chairman of the Executive Committee stated that it was his opinion that the Trustees, had they been consulted would have given permission to the Union to erect the Store house, but as they had not been consulted they were obliged to take the action recorded in their report.

Mr. Geiger, Mr. Hedges and Mr. Brooks talked to the motion. Mr. Brooks stated that they had not consulted the Trustees as they were sure of a refusal and so had gone to the County Commissioners about the matter, and the Commissioners would not since then ordered its removal if Dr. Miller had not falsified in his report to them as to the exact location of the building, he had been told by Mr. Moody that Dr. Miller had reported it as being exactly in the center of the street and interfering with traffic. That he and everybody who had seen the building, knew that according to its exact location both statements were untrue.

Dr. Miller then rose to a question of privilege, stating that Mr. Moody was mistaken as to what he had reported to the Commissioners about the location of the building. He then stated exactly what he had reported and proved to Mr. Brooks that he was wrong in making the statement as he had, whereupon Mr. Brooks acknowledged that he was.

The question was called for and a rising vote taken, the vote stood 35 against the amendment and 28 in favor. Amendment lost. The tellers were Mr. Everett Lyman and Mr. Don Dickman.

Motion was called for voted upon and carried.

Report of Road Supervisor was called for. No report was given as Mr. Estes had been obliged to leave the meeting on account of sickness.

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Report of Shell Road Committee, Dr. Miller Chairman. Report given and accepted as report of progress, and committee continued.

Report of Mr. Buckley, chairman of the Dredging Committee, given and accepted as report of progress and committee continued.

Miss Orcutt's resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees and Corresponding Secretary of the Commongood Society, which she tendered at the last meeting was read by the Chair.

Moved by Mr. Glegg that Miss Orcutt's resignation be accepted. Motion seconded by Mr. Elkins. *motion carried -*

Nominations were then in order for the Vacancy on the Board of Trustees. The Chair read a communication from Miss Orcutt giving the Society her opinion as to who would fill the vacancies well and efficiently recommending the election of Mrs. Edna Hazeltine as Trustee and member of the Executive Committee and Mr. Everett Lyman as Corresponding Secretary.

Nominations were as follows: Mrs. Glegg, Mrs. Hazeltine upon motion nominations closed.

Vote was by ballot and was as follows: Mrs. Glegg 35, Mrs. Hazeltine 31. Mrs. Glegg was declared elected Trustee.

Moved by Mr. A. D. Miller that the communication from Miss Orcutt be placed on file. Motion carried.

Nominations for member of the Executive Committee were next in order. It was stated that the Society did not elect the Corresponding Secretary, that being the privilege of the Executive.

Mr. A. P. Dickman was nominated and there being no further nominations upon motion nominations were declared closed and Secretary instructed to cast the Ballot for Mr. Dickman as member of the Executive.

Miss Aurora Miller acting as spokesman for Mr. Tom Williams requested the permission of the Society for Mr. Fout to speak in order that he might make public the apology he had offered Mr. Williams by letter for a statement he had made at a former meeting regarding Tom and Mittie Williams. The Society granted Mr. Fout permission and he offered said apology.

Mr. Hedges then asked that the ruling of the Chair be given in regard to Mr. Fout's suspension by the Society at the last regular meeting.

The Chair ruled that the actoin was illegal. After some discussion as the Chair being in order, the Chair recalled its ruling.

Mr. Butterfield began a speech, Mr. A. D. Miller declared him out of order and made a motion to adjourn, some began a discussion of the motion but when the Chair was reminded that the motion was not debatable it was put to the house and declared lost, by the Chair.

A division of the house was called for but could not be obtained as account of disorder.

The Chair then declared the meeting adjourned.

Julia D. Doane, Secretary

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Ruskin Commongood Society holds
8-10 acre tracts at \$30 per acre, \$ 2,400
7-10 acre tracts at \$15 per acre, 1,050

We allow a commission of \$5 per acre to anyone through whose help we make a sale of this land.

Also the Commongood Society has
56 town lots, 90x135 ft. at \$50 to \$100 per lot, according to location 4,200
84 lots in the west end of town, 54x135 ft. at \$50 to \$75 each 5,040

A commission of 5 per cent is allowed to anyone through whom we make a lot sale.

Ruskin Homemakers also have 1,200 acres of land in the First, second, and Third Additions listed for sale in this office at from \$30 to \$65 per acre, on which they will give a commission of \$5 per acre 6,000

The Commongood Society also receives 10 per cent of the purchase price of this 12,000 acres to be used for public improve-

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6,000

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Ruskin, Fla., Dec. 7th. 1912.

Ruskin Commongood Society met and was called to order by the President J. C. Linder.

Minutes of last regular meeting read, corrected and approved, as corrected.

Report of Mr. Buckley chairman of Executive Committee-- Mr. Buckley stated that his report was included in that of the Secretary of Trustees.

Report of Mr. Everett Lyman, Treasurer given. Moved by Mr. E. A. Doane that report be accepted. as read. Motion carried.

Report of Secretary of Trustees, Mrs Everett Lyman, given. Moved by Dr. Cushman that report be accepted. Motion carried.

Report of Road Supervisor, Mr. Estes gave a verbal report, it was suggested that, that part of the report relating to the Ditch near Mr. Saffolds place be submitted in writing at the next meeting.

Report of Shell Road Committee given and accepted as report of progress and Committee continued.

Under the head of New Business Mr. Brooks moved that no one under the age of 18 be permitted to vote in the Commongood Society. Motion seconded by Mr. Mannering. After some discussion the motion was laid on the table.

There being no further business Society adjourned.

Julia D. Doane Sec.

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Special Meeting of the Ruskin Commongood Society
 Friday, Dec. 27th. 1912.

Meeting called to order by the President, J.C.Linder at 1:45 P.M.

The Secretary, Mrs. Julia Doane being absent, the Pres. called for nominations for Secretary pro-tem. No nominations were made, so the President suggested that Everett C. Lyman act as Secretary. The suggestion was accepted by acclamation.

The Chair stated the purpose of the meeting and the Notice which was posted, Dec. 23rd. was as follows:

" A Special Meeting of Ruskin Commongood Society is called to meet at The Development Co Hall at 1:30 P.M. on Friday, Dec. 27th. 1912. ,to consider and take action on the Age Limit of the Voters, To grant business privileges to Allottees, and to appoint a Health Officer for Ruskin.Colony.

(Signed) J.C. Linder, Pres.

The Chairman stated that the age limit of Voters would be considered. Mr. Thatcher moved that no Allottee under the age of Sixteen years be allowed to vote in the Commongood Society. Motion seconded.

Hubert Buckley read the Section of the Commongood By-laws relating to membership, and Dr. Miller read clauses from the Colony Trust Deed, which gave all Allottees rights as members of the Commongood Society regardless of age.

Dr. Miller offered a substitute motion : That all Members of the Commongood Society under the age of Sixteen(16) years be represented by their natural guardian, or appointed guardian, who shall have a vote for himself or herself and the wards under their charge.

The Substitute motion was ruled out of order by the Chair. A vote was called for on the decision of the Chair. Thirty(30) votes were cast to uphold the decision of the Chair. and sixty-two(62) votes were east against the decision of the Chair. The Substitute Motion prevailed.

Mr. Boyce moved that each Speaker during the Meeting be limited to ten minutes time and two speeches on each question. Seconded and carried.

The trade restrictions in the Colony Deeds were then considered by the house.

Mr. Brooks presented the following motion: That permission be and is hereby granted to any Ruskin Allottee to engage in any legitimate business, except the dealing in intoxicating liquors and cigarettes, for the term of ninety-nine (99) years . Motion seconded .

A.P. Dickman spoke against the motion and Admer D. Miller asked for a ruling of the Chair as to whether the motion was in order. The Chair ruled that the motion was in order.

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Dr. Miller explained the authority of the Trade restrictions in the Deeds .

Then Mrs. J. C. Linder, J. E. Elkins, E.A. Buckland and Admer D. Miller made speeches concerning the general sentiment of the Colonists concerning the restrictions.

A vote was called for concerning the decision of the Chair and the Vote by acclamation was against the decision of the Chair, that Mr. Brooks motion was ~~out~~ of order.

The matter of appointing a Health Officer was next brought before the house. It was explained that D.D. Estes had already been elected to be a Health Officer for Ruskin and since his term ends at the next Commongood Meeting the next election should settle the matter.

Dr. Miller moved that the Society adjourn . Motion seconded and carried.

Everett C. Lyman.

Secretary pro-tem.

Minutes of a meeting of Ruskin Commongood Society held

Assembly Hall, February 1st 1913

Meeting called to order by Pres. Laing at 2 P. M.

Mr. J. S. Jones not being present with the minutes of the previous meeting, moved by L. W. Amlong that the reading of the minutes of last meeting be postponed until they arrive; seconded and carried.

The report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee was read and it was moved by L. W. Amlong and seconded that the report be accepted and filed: carried.

The report of the Secretary of the Trustees was read and it was moved by Mrs Adeline Miller and seconded that this report be accepted and filed: carried.

Discussion then followed on the matter of the Commongood Society donating lots to anyone who would erect an adequate hotel.

Mr. Jones having arrived with the minutes of the January 4th meeting, the secretary read the same.

Mr. Lang objected to the use of the word "selected" instead of designated, as he used in his application for situation for boat-ways etc. Dr. Miller inquired if Mr. Estes desired to hold the office of health Officer. Mr. Estes did not desire it, and Mr. Miller moved that the minutes be amended to read, Mr. Hubert Buckley was elected to that office since he is competent and active in that capacity. seconded by L.W. Amlong and carried.

Minutes accepted and approved as corrected.

Report of Tampa Shell Road Committee called for, and Dr. Miller reported progress, and prospect good for building of Bay Shore Road. Report accepted, as a report of progress.

Report of Supt. of roads called for, and Mr. Estes stated, that he had none to make: but gave status of south ditch, being dug by Messers Barrat and Enquist. Discussion followed as to whether a bridge was needed where the Willow Road crossed the ditch. Report accepted as report of progress.

Report of dredging Committee asked for, and Capt. Dickman gave the present state of the dredge.

Application was made thro Mr. Linder and explained by him, for opening and operating a lumber yard, livery, feed and sales stable. Dr. Miller moved, that we encourage establishment of a livery stable in Ruskin but that consideration of the matter of selling feed and building stuff be postponed until other matter bearing upon those subjects, be presented and taken up. Seconded by Mr. Amlong and carried.

Moved by E.A. Doane- seconded by D.D. Estes, that the C.G. offer as a bonus sufficient land to any one who will put up an hotel, the plans and specifications of which are acceptable to the Society. Carried.

Dr. Miller presented to the Society, a proposition for the building of a R.R. from the Sea Board AirLine, thro the Ruskin Colony Extension tract, and into Ruskin. Moved by Admer D. Miller- seconded by J.E. Elkins that the matter be referred to the Trustees of the C.G. and Executive Committee, the Society thereby expressing its co-operation in the matter. carried.

Moved and seconded to adjourn at 4:40 P.M.

Approved *Emma M. Lile*
Res. Sec.

RUSKIN COLONY TRACT CO

REGULAR MEETING OF RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY

held March 1st, 1913.

Meeting was called to order at 2:10 P.M. A quorum being present. President Chas. Laing in the chair.

The minutes of the meeting of Feb'y 1st were read and approved.

The Secretary and Treasurer not having arrived, the Road Supervisor asked to give his report, which was as follows:

\$35.99 had been spent on 4th St. and the south ditch was completed as far as it had been laid out. He recommended the extending of said ditch for 3/4 or one mile farther east and that the part already dug be made deeper. It was moved by Adner D. Miller and seconded that the Road Supervisor be instructed to get best possible contract for ditch to be extended one mile east and to deepen the present ditch from one foot at the east end to 18 inches at the outlet, provided the contractor would take land or commongood checks in payment. Carried.

The Dredging Com. reported that the repairs to the dredge were in progress and the report was accepted as a report of progress.

The Sec'y read a communication from H. J. Mc.Kirdy making an offer of \$4.00 per M.ft. for cypress timber on Wolfe Branch.

Moved by Adner D. Miller and seconded by Wm. Miller that the matter be first referred to the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees to be reported back to the Commongood Society at next meeting. Carried.

The report of Secretary and Treasurer was now read, as Mrs. Julia Daone had arrived.

There was a discussion of the offer of Chas. F. Burroughs to use the muck from the bottom of the Inlet for the manufacture of fertilizer. The report was accepted.

Capt. Dicknan asked for opinion and instructions as to selling muck and the establishment of a fertilizer factory. Would the Sec. be willing to sell it and at what price. Moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Everett Lyman that the matter be left with the trustees to make the best possible deal and report to the next meeting of the Sec. Carried after discussion.

Information given by Capt. Dicknan in regard to electric road and electric plant.

Adjournment at 3:20 P. M.

Emma M. Sill,
Recording Secretary.

REGULAR MEETING RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY, HELD

April Sixth, 1913.

Meeting was called to order at 2:10 P. M. by President Chas. Lang. A quorum of the members being present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of the Commongood Treasurer was received and upon motion duly made and seconded was approved.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees read her report. As there were no objections to the same the report was approved as read.

Executive Committee reported in regard to the offer made by H. J. McKirdy for the Commongood cypress timber. Mr. McKirdy had made application also for the cypress in section 22. It was reported that machinery was under way to handle the cutting of this cypress and it was expected that within a month at the latest mill would be ready for operation. As Mr. McKirdy wished to have the cypress on Section 22 included in the contract the following motion was made:

Moved by L. L. Dickman that we refer the matter of the cypress on Section 22 to the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee with the suggestion that if it will not take too long to cut the same it be included in the contract to be made. Seconded and carried.

As Mr. J. E. Elkins had moved with his family to Arkansas it became necessary to elect a trustee in his place. Mr. Simeon Barrett was nominated and nominations closed. The Secretary, upon motion duly carried, was instructed to cast the ballot of the Society for Simeon Barrett as Trustee.

It was reported that the deed to all the Commongood property had been made by Albert P. Dickman, Trustee, to Everett C. Lyman, as Trustee of record for the Commongood Society.

Considerable discussion was had on the subject of the ditching necessary along the Section line between Sections 15 and 16, running South from the Northwest corner of Section 15. It was moved by L. L. Dickman that the Executive Committee in conjunction with Mr. Geo. Brooks, take up the matter of this ditch with a view to having it put in as soon as possible. Seconded and carried.

Suggestions were made as to the possibility of opening up the upper part of Ruskin Inlet. The clearing away of much of the small undergrowth in that part of the Inlet would be of great assistance in affording freer drainage along that water course.

The question of abstracts for Ruskin property was discussed and as the matter is not yet in proper form Dr. Cushman moved that the matter of abstracts for Ruskin lands be left in the hands of the Executive Committee and that Admer D. Miller work in conjunction with them on the same, a report to be made as soon as possible. Seconded and carried.

Adjournment at 3 P. M.

Admer D. Miller,
Sec'y Pro. Tem.

REGULAR MEETING RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY,

held May Third, 1913.

There not being a quorum present, on motion of Dr. Cushman, the meeting was called to order and Mr. J. L. Fitts was elected to act as chairman, at 2 P. M.

The minutes of the meeting of April 6th were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and on motion was approved.

The report of the board of trustees was also read and approved.

The report of the road supervisor was read and accepted.

The chairman of the dredging committee reported that nothing more had been done but explained the condition of the dredge.

The mesdames Billings, Linder and Wallace asked for a franchise to open a bakery and lunch room. It was moved by Mr. E. A. Doane and duly seconded that the franchise be granted them for Five years and after some discussion the motion was carried.

Moved by Mr. Estes that the matter ~~for~~ of leasing land for the bakery be left to the trustees of the Commongood Society. This was seconded and carried.

Mr. Billings reported that he had been working on the place for the bridge on Gilman Ave and was now ready for the lumber.

It was moved by Mrs. Miller and seconded that the health officer have charge of the matter of destroying the black and yellow grasshoppers which seemed to threaten vegetation here and after discussion was carried.

Dr. Cushman asked as to the arrangements for the completing of the clearing of Fourth Street.

A quorum now being present at 2:30 the minutes of the meeting were asked for and after reading of the same by the secretary and upon motion duly seconded the proceedings were approved.

ADJOURNED.

Emma M. Ford

Secretary.



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Ruskin, Florida, 191

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We would like very much to supply you, and are perfectly willing for you to try our goods before paying for them. Our factory (which is acknowledged to be the cleanest cigar factory ever inspected) is located in Tampa, Florida, which is the largest cigar center in the world, being the only place in the United States suitable to manufacture the fragrant Havana leaf into cigars without losing any of the aroma, and keeping the cigars always in a palatable and fresh condition.

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We are contented with a very small profit to merit your good will and continued patronage.

We have taken the liberty of sending you (per mail) a box of twenty-five cigars, for which herewith enclose invoice; also have booked you for twenty-five per month. Should you wish more per month, kindly inform us. If the cigars do not suit you after trying as many as you wish, kindly return them to us, charges collect.

You will notice we use no band around our cigars, which allows us more to put into the quality.

For the value we are giving you, and which we shall always uphold, we kindly ask you in return to favor us with three names and addresses of your relatives or friends who smoke and whom you think would appreciate a fifteen-cent cigar for seven cents, so we may have them try our cigar. THIS IS OUR STYLE OF ADVERTISING. WHAT ADVERTISING WOULD COST US WE ADD TO THE QUALITY OF OUR CIGARS.

Hoping our cigar pleases you, and thanking you in advance for your patronage and for your names and addresses, we remain

Yours very truly,

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REGULAR MEETING OF RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY' HELL

June 7th' 1913.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Laing at 2:15, tho there was not a quorum present.

The minutes of the previous meeting of May 3, having been accepted at the close of that meeting a reading of them was not called for.

The resignation of Mrs. Julia S. Ioane as Treasurer and Trustee of the Commongood Society was read and a quorum now being present, it was accepted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive meeting were read by Mrs. Lillian Laing and it was moved by L. W. Amlong & seconded to accept the minutes. Carried.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Laing and accepted.

The report of the Road Supervisor gave the condition of the north ditch as nearing completion and work progressing on the south ditch. Moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted.

The Dredging Committee had no report to give.

Dr. Miller gave some account of the work on the Tampa shell road and it was moved by Admer D. Miller, duly seconded, that the Commongood Society approve the issue of \$1,000,000 of bonds for vitelified brick roads in Hillsborough County under proper restrictions, Carried. Dr. Miller's report was duly accepted.

It was moved by L. L. Dickman, duly sec., that the matter of Abstracts to Ruskin lands be taken up by the Exec. Com., so that the exact cost may be understood and the report be published in the Beacon. Carried.

The following resolution was read by L. W. Amlong:

Whereas there seems to be an organized effort among the enemies of Ruskin Colony for interfering with the advertising of our Colony and for discrediting our lands and otherwise discouraging prospective colonists from buying and allottees from improving their allotments, therefor;

Resolved that the trustees of the society be instructed to take whatever steps they may deem necessary to procure evidence against any disloyal members of the Commongood Society who may be having any part in such effort to injure the Colony, in order that the society may administer such discipline as such disloyal members may deserve; and also to take such legal measures, either independently or in conjunction with other interests similarly affected, as may be necessary to protect the Society against such offenders, whether they may be members of the Society or others.

Its adoption was moved by L. W. Amlong, sec. by Admer D. Miller and carried.

It was moved by L. L. Dickman that the offer of the Bakery Co. be accepted, to grub the whole of the Commongood lot on corner of Lewis Ave. and Fourth St. as rent for a 5 year lease of a lot 20ft. by 60 ft. on said corner on which they would erect a building for use as a bakery and lunch room and for no other purpose. Carried.

Moved by L. L. Dickman, duly sec. that the Exec. Com. request Mr. Amlong to desist from grubbing where he is now at work on College Ave. and to begin digging the ditch; and if Exec. Com. was not completed the ditch to the school house, Mr. Amlong be instructed to finish that when he was completed the one he is at work on. Carried.

Moved by Admer D. Miller and duly sec. that the Commongood Society do not recognize any liabilities for new ditches except as they are authorized to be dug by the Commongood Society and Exec. Com. Carried.

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Resignation

May 23-13.

To Ruskin Commongood Society:
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my resignation as Treasurer, and Trustee of
Ruskin Commongood Society.

Julia S. Doane.

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Executive Committee
Robert Smith
Harriet E. Russell
David C. Smith
Other Trustees
A. M. Dickson
Misses B. Chapman, Julia Brown

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Emma Pitt, Vice-President
Julia Thorne, Secretary
Frances C. Latham, Treasurer
G. D. East, Post Secretary

Respectfully

May 23-13

To Ruskin Commonwealth Society;
I hereby offer
my resignation as Treasurer and Trustee of
Ruskin Commonwealth Society.
Julia D. Brown

Moved by Mr. Amlong and duly seconded that Mrs. Lillian Laing be elected as trustee of Commongood Society in room of Mrs. Julia Ioane, resigned. Moved and seconded that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Society for Mrs. Laing. Carried and Mrs. Laing elected.

Moved by Mr. Amlong and duly seconded that A. P. Dickman act as Treasurer of Commongood Society in room of Mrs Julia S. Doane, resigned. Moved and seconded that the Sec'y cast the ballot for Capt. Dickman. Carried and A. P. Dockman was elected as Treasurer.

Moved by Dr. Miller and duly seconded, that since our Vice-President, Mr. Ormsby, had moved from Ruskin, the office be declared vacant. Carried. Moved by Dr. Miller and seconded that the Sec'y cast the ballot of the society for Mr. J. L. Fitts as Vice-President. Carried. Mr. Fitts was elected to the office of Vice-President.

Moved by Dr. Miller that since June 12th was the fourth anniversary of the first general allotment of Ruskin lands, that we hold a picnic to celebrate and commemorate the establishment of Ruskin Colony and that such celebration be annually observed on that date. Seconded and carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee of seven be elected to arrange for such picnic and entertainment this year. Carried.

The following names were nominated and the Sec'y instructed to cast the ballot of the society for the same.
Mrs. Adeline D. Miller, Mrs. Linder, Mrs. Billings, Admer D. Miller, Mr. Mc.Donald, Mr. Laing and Mr. Mc.Bargue.

ADJOURNED.

*Emma Sill Ford,
Secretary.*

REGULAR MEETING OF RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY

HELD AT ASSEMBLY HALL, JULY 5th, 1913.

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 by Pres. Laing.

The minutes of the Meeting of June 7th were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved on motion of Adner D. Miller, duly seconded.

The report of Corresponding Sec'y was read and on motion of Wm. Mill Miller, duly seconded was approved.

The report of the Road Supervisor was read and on motion of Adner D. Miller, duly seconded, was approved. The report stated that the North ditch was finished and the South ditch was progressing.

Moved by L. L. Dickman and sec. by Adner D. Miller, that the Exec. Co Committee co-operate with the Supervisor as he requested. Carried.

Dr. Miller inquired as to the condition of the dredge and was assured that it was adequately cared for and safely drawn out of the water.

Adner D. Miller reported for committee on celebration of Ruskin day, that no expense had been incurred and that a good time was enjoyed. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The report of the committee on Abstracts found that where the same chain of titles applied to different lots, one abstract could cover them in the same person's name and the price would be \$10.00 per abstract, otherwise it would be ~~separate~~ \$10.00 for each lot or farm tract.

Moved by L. L. Dickman, sec. Wm. Miller, that Mr. Laing be authorized to widen the ditch on Fourth St. from College Ave. to the first bridge to be 5 ft. wide and 18 in. deep to be paid in Commongood checks to apply on the land he is under contract to buy.

ADJOURNMENT.

Emma Nell Ford,
Secretary.

REGULAR MEETING OF RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY

HELD AUGUST 2nd., 1913.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Laing at 2:30 P.M.

The report of the Treas., A. P. Dickman, was read and upon motion of Admer D. Miller, duly seconded, was approved.

Moved by L. L. Dickman that the Exec. Com. look into the books and if need be engage an accountant to audit the same, to find the error of \$28.00 deficit which was reported. Seconded and carried.

The report of the sec'y of trustees was ^{read} and upon motion, duly seconded, was accepted.

A communication from J. H. Boice, J. H. Linder and Geo. Rushton, as a committee asking that the right be granted the Farmer's Mercantile Company to do a general mercantile business on Hawk lot #85 or any other designated place ^{was read}.

Moved by Dr. Miller, sec. by Wm. Miller that the request should be put in to the Exec. Com. and after consideration by them be referred to the September meeting of the Commongood Society. Carried after discussion.

Capt. Dickman asked for the Exec. Com. that the Farmer's Mercantile Co. inform them as to the proposed plan for carrying on business.

L. L. Dickman reported that Capt. Lovelace of the Favorite Steamship Line had been in town looking after a landing for the Favorite Line ~~Steamers~~ Steamers or a bulkhead at the mouth of the river. Said bulkhead should be 50 ft. X 75ft. with piling at three corners sufficient to hold their steamers. The Commongood Soc. to build the bulkhead but the S. S. line to allow dockage.

Moved by Capt. Dickman and Sec. By Mr. Edwards that L. L. Dickman write Capt. Lovelace inquiring what would be the best rates the Favorite Line would give us and run in here.

Moved by Dr. Miller, sec. by Mr. McHargue that it was the sense of this society that we give favorable consideration to the plan; and instruct the Exec. Com. and Trustees to communicate with Capt. Lovelace as to rates; and investigate cost of bulkhead and report at the next meeting. Carried.

Capt. Dickman reported that he had talked with a representative of the A. O. & G. R. R. and was told they had sent an emissary to England to try to secure funds.

The Road Supervisor's report was read and reported the South ditch completed and on motion of Wm. Miller, duly seconded, was accepted.

ALJOURNED.

Emma Sill Ford,
Secretary.

ON SEPTEMBER 6th, ~~1913~~, owing to the inclemency of the weather no quorum was present and on motion of Admer D. Miller, sec. by A. P. Dickman the regular meeting of the COMMONGOOD SOCIETY was ALJOURNED to meet SEPTEMBER 13th, . CARRIED.

Emma Sill Ford,

Secretary

Accepted Sept. 13th

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY
held SEPT. 13th, 1913.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Laing at 2:30 P. M.

On account of the absence of the Recording Sec'y the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of Aug. 2nd was deferred and reports called for.

The report of the Treas. of trustees showed \$171.80 paid out and a shortage in accounts of \$31.20. The report was accepted.

The report of the Cor. Sec'y was read and accepted with the exception of that part referring to the Farmer's Mer. Co. and Mr. Haughey's bill for services which were considered later.

The Road Supervisor's report was read and accepted. The reference therein to Mr. Gore's request for ditch and the condition of the bank of the Inlet at the store were reserved for later action.

A report of the Tampa Road Com. was given by Dr. Miller. Mr. Moody had said that as soon as the rainy season was over work was to begin on the Tampa road from Garden City coming toward Ruskin and there was favorable talk of the Bay Shore road to Braidentown and an unanimous agreement of the County Commissioners to connect through Ruskin with the Manatee road.

Capt. Lickman added that he had been told on good authority that we are to have a mile of shell road this winter. Accepted as a report of progress.

Dr. Miller requested that if any one in Ruskin had or knew of deposits of clay that they would report the same.

The Dredging Com. had no report to make.

In accordance with his instructions from the Ruskin Co-Op. Mer. Co. Dr. Miller made the statement, that in the event of the Commongood Soc. granting a permit to the Farmer's Mer. Co. as per their request, the directors of the Ruskin Co. Mer. Co. would consider themselves released from the condition of their permit requiring a building to be erected within two years of its date.

Moved by Mr. Buckley, and duly sec. that permission be granted the Farmer's Mer. Co. to do business as per recommendation of the trustees, but on condition that they accept and act upon the same within three months. Carried.

Mrs. Laing reported in regard to \$31.20 deficit, that she had worked upon the books for six hours and had only found an error of \$4.00 and that it would probably cost more than the amount of the deficit to have the books audited.. Mr. Adner D. Miller suggested that the error should not be wiped out..

Dr. Miller moved and L.L. Dickman sec. that further auditing be deferred until the regular auditing at the end of the year. Carried.

Dr. Miller moved and L.L. Dickman seconded that Mr Haughey's bill for surveying services of \$35.00 be ordered paid as it was within the limits of regular charges. Discussion

Since there was much adverse opinion in regard to the amount of this bill, Adner Miller stated that if the bill could be settled at once, Mr. Haughey would accept \$25.00 as full settlement. The motion was so changed and carried.

In regard to building the bulkhead at the mouth of the river, the Corresponding Sec'y reported having written Capt. Lovelace and his reply was, that as soon as he could give definite data he would answer. Capt. Dickman offered to withdraw the Killcare in favor of better service..

Dr. Miller stated as later information that Capt Lovelace had said he expected to put on a line of boats between Tampa and Pine Ridge.

Treasurers Report

Rushkin Ironmongery Society

For August 1914

Aug 1. st. Bal. on hand 8.99

Aug 18. Hubert Buckley, for paying
Williams salvage on bridge 6.00

.. 18 L S Denison, legal service, in
connection with bridge 1.00

.. 18 Postage, for secretary 1.00 = 7.00

Sept. 1st - Bal on hand - \$ 1.99

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Jones, Treas.

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Dr. Miller stated as later information, that Capt. Lovelace had said he expected to put on a line of boats between Tampa and Piney Point, but owing to there being some court decision necessary in regard to terminal at Piney Point it could not be done this year, but that connection can be had now with A. C. L. .

Moved by Dr. Miller and Sec. that committee be discharged and matter be held in abeyance. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Buckley and sec. by Capt. Dickman, that Mr. Gore be invited to appear in person and present request for alley past Mr. Ross' place near Admer Miller's to be put in at Commongood expense. Carried.

Moved by L. L. Dickman, sec. by Mr. Buckley that the Road Supervisor and Exec. Com/ of Commongood and store act together to take measures to protect the bank of the inlet at the store from washing away. Carried.

Capt. Dickman stated that Mr. Bettie of Tampa wanted to institute a proposition to drain some 15,000 acres of land in this section and he moved that a committee of three from the Commongood Society be elected to act with a committee of two from among the old settlers to see what should be done. Dr. Miller gave a digest of the law in the matter which allowed the County Committee, on a petition of a majority of the landholders in a community, to issue bonds and the tax payers may have as long as thirty years to pay bonds by taxation. The motion was carried and D. D. Estes, J. L. Fitts, and Mr. ~~MacDonald~~ MacDonald were elected a committee of three from the Commongood Society.

It was moved and seconded that as soon as this com. was ready to report, they should call a mass meeting. Carried.

ADJOURNED.

Emma Sill Ford.
Secretary.

REGULAR MEETING OF RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY, HELD

OCTOBER 4th, 1913.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Laing at 1:55P. M.

The Sec'y read the minutes of the adjourned meeting of Sept. 13th; wh
which were duly approved.

The report of the Treas. of the Board of Trustees was read and on
motion of Dr. Miller, duly sec., was accepted and ordered filed.

The report of the Sec'y of the Board of Trustees was read, and among
other items showed that \$934. 75 of credit checks had been issued. Move
by Mr. MacDonald and Seconded that the report be accepted after an error
in addition of figures was corrected. Carried.

The Road Supervisor being absent, no report.

Dr. Miller made report of Tampa hard road. The "Killcare" had been
chartered to go to Tampa on Oct. 7th. in order that a committee of Ruski
citizens might go up to join with representatives from Manatee Co., the
Automobile Assoc. and others in presenting the advantages of the Bay Sho
Shore route for hard surfacing between Tampa and Manatee ~~Co.~~ river secti
section, to the County Commissioners of Hillsboro Co., to be in session
on that day. The report was received as a report of progress.

The Drainage Comm. reported that they had not succeeded in getting
any citizens outside of Ruskin to join as yet: but they had called two
mass metings and the proposition was being discussed and considered.
The report was received as a report of progress.

On motion of Dr. Miller, duly sec. it was voted to notify all absent
allottees of the drainage proposition by publishing the same in the next
issue of the Beacon; a form of petition to be printed therewith and the
Commongood Soc. to buy enough copies to send to all allottees. Carried.

Resolutions of condolence were drawn up expressing our sympathy with
the friends and our own sorrow in the loss of Mr. E. A. Loane and Mr.
Rudolph Mildy, lately removed by death.
These were duly carried and copies to be sent to the bereaved friends an
and noted upon the minutes.

Adjourned at 2:15 P. M.

Emma Lee Ford,
Secretary

REGULAR MEETING OF RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY, HELD

NOVEMBER 1st, 1913

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P. M. by Pres Laing.
The minutes of the previous meeting of Oct. 4th were read and approved.

The report of Sec'y of trustees was read and on motion of Dr. Miller duly seconded, was accepted with the exception of that part referring to Mr. Brookes.

The Road Supervisor was absent.

The Tampa hard road com. reported that work was progressing and road opened to Riverview and that the Pres. of Tampa Board of Trade, Mr. Jackson, advised that the people along the proposed route improve the road as much as possible so as to divert the travel in this direction. The Governor having designated Nov. 21st. as Good Roads' Day in this state and proposed that the Road Supervisor act with the Exec. Com. to observe the same.

Approved as a report of progress.

Dr. Miller moved and Mrs. Miller seconded that the recommendation to expell Mr. Brookes for one year from the Commongood Soc. should not be acted upon until Mr. Brookes had an opportunity to appear before the trustees and show he should not be suspended and that he be asked to appear before them before the next meeting of the Commongood Soc..

Adjour ed.

Emma Sill Ford,
Secretary

December 6th., 1913.

The regular meeting was called to order by Pres. Laing at 2 P. M. but a quorum not being present, on motion of Mr. Buckley, duly seconded, a adjourment was taken until the next regular meeting of Jan'y 3rd, 1914

Emma Sill Ford,
Secretary

-REGULAR MEETING OF RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY, held

JANUARY 3rd, 1914.

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 by Pres. Laing.

Minutes of the Nov. 18th and Dec. 5th meetings were read and on motion of Dr. Cushman, duly seconded, were approved.

The report of the Treas. for the month of December was read and he stated there had been nothing to report for September, October and November, as nothing had been received or paid out.

The balance of the shortage, \$27.10 was referred to and on motion of J. S. Jones, duly sec. report was accepted.

Report of Sec'y of Trustees was given for November and on motion of Dr. Cushman, duly sec. was accepted.

The report of the Sec'y of Trustees for December was read and duly accepted..

The Road Supervisor's report gave a review of the ditches ordered and ~~there~~ work done on them. It was voted to accept it when it could be written out.

The Tampa Shell Road Com. reported by Dr. Miller, that ~~the~~ County Co. Commissioners Hackney thought it might be possible to get to work soon. The road was finished from Tampa to the Alafia river and he would advise that a portion of the money from the county bonds be appropriated to hard surfacing the Bay Shore road. The money to be returned later out of the taxes to the brick roads. Accepted as a report of progress.

The resignation of Mrs. Lillian Laing, as trustee of the Soc. was accepted on motion of Dr. Cushman, duly seconded.

Mr. Buckley asked what the Society desired to do in the case of Mr. Brookes, who refused to appear on the request of the Exec. Com.. Mr. Jones asked for explanation of the charge which was given. Dr. Cushman moved and Mr. Buckley seconded, that Mr. Brookes be suspended from the privileges of the Commongood Soc for one year. Dr. Miller said that he had heard that Mr. Brookes had reported that the dredge had been turned over to Mr. Benefield to satisfy ~~Miller~~ private debts. Mr. Brookes stated that he did not approve of much that had been done by the Commongood Soc., but that he had not attacked the private characters of the Millers or Dickmans. He considered the money spent for the dredge had been wasted. But since he had not voted in the Commongood Soc for the past year, suspension would be no punishment. He denied having expressed the opinion that the dredge was traded for Mr. Miller and Dickman debts.

Dr. Miller made a motion seconded by Miss Georganna Miller that: Inasmuch as there was no evidence that Mr. Brookes had made attacks on the Colony and in view of the fact that the trustees had not had an opportunity to investigate, we defer action and that action on motion be before the Soc. be postponed until such time as the Society see fit to take it up again. Carried by a unanimous vote.

It was moved by Admer D. Miller, that since Commongood funds depended upon the sale of lands and since there were now no funds, we meet in regular meetings only every three months, namely: the first Saturday in January, April, July, October and that we initiate a referendum to amend the By-Laws to that effect. Seconded after discussion was withdrawn.

Moved by Mrs. Ford and seconded that we go back to the old time of meeting, namely, 2:30 P. M., on the first Saturday of every month, but if a quorum was not present within 15 minutes no meeting be held. Carried.

The Society now proceeded to the election of officers. Chas E. Laing and J. L. Fitts were nominated for Pres and Mr. Fitts was elected by a vote of 23.

Mr. Laing was nominated for Vice Pres. It was voted that the nominations close and that the Sec'y cast the ballot of the Soc. for Mr. Laing for Vice Pres.

Mrs. Ford was nominated for Recording Sec'y. It was voted that nominations close and that President cast the ballot of the Society for Mrs. Ford.

The election of Trustee was deferred until after the election of the Trustees.

L. D. Estes was nominated for Road Supervisor and it was voted that nominations close and that the Sec'y cast the ballot for Mr. Estes for Road Supervisor.

The following names were nominated for Trustees from whom seven were to be elected: C. Beems, Mrs. Glegg, Mr. Buckley, L. L. Dickman, G. R. MacDonald, Dr. Cushman, O. P. Brown, Mrs. Ford, E. P. Batchelder, Lester Mc.Hargue, S. Barratt, Mr. Spencer, Mrs. Ross Miller. Moved seconded and carried that nominations close.

Moved seconded and carried that we vote by number instead of name.

After a vote by ballot had been duly taken the Pres declared the following elected as Trustees for the coming year: Messrs. Beems, Buckley, L. L. Dickman, Brown, and Mesdames Glegg, Cushman, Ford.

From these seven there was a ballot taken for three to act as an Executive Committee and the ballot resulted in the following being elected: L. L. Dickman, O. P. Brown and Mrs. Ford.

An Auditing Committee was elected composed of Admer D. Miller, J. S. Jones and Lester Mc.Hargue.

Dr. Miller moved that Trustees and Exec. Com. make an annual report and inventory to the Auditing Committee. Seconded and carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the President be authorized to sign the Drainage Petition for the Commongood Society.

L. L. Dickman moved That the Exec. Com. be authorized to put upon the market all the saleable lands of the Commongood Society, offering a commission of \$5.00 per acre to the person through whom the buyer was brought to purchase; and that in the case of other lands listed for sale in the Commongood office a commission of \$10.00 per acre be charged of which $\frac{1}{2}$ goes to the Commongood Soc. and $\frac{1}{2}$ to the person through whom the sale is made. That we request that each allottee use his best effort to carry out this proposition. Seconded and carried.

ADJOURNED.

Emma Lill Ford,
Secretary

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REGULAR MEETING OF RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY/ held

FEBRUARY 7th, 1914.

The meeting was called to order with Pres. Fitts in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting of Jan'y 3rd were read and approved.

Since the newly elected Treas. had not yet qualified and the old Treas. had turned over the books to the Trustees there was no Treas. report prepared and the Sec'y explained. The report was made that Miss Orcutt's account against the Soc. for \$10.62 had been settled.

The report of the Sec'y of the Trustees was made in which the recommendation was made, that since so much difficulty had been experienced in getting ditching done at past prices, the Commongood Soc. authorize the payment of $3/4$ ¢ per cub. ft. for ditching through palmetto land and $1/2$ ¢ thro the plain sand, where payment is made in Commongood checks; but where payment is demanded in money, the price remain $1/2$ ¢ per cub. ft. as heretofore..

The circular letter was read which was being sent out to all absent allottees in regard to selling land on commission. On motion, duly seconded the report was accepted.

The Road Supervisor was not present.

There was no report from the Tampa Shell Road Com.

The Drainage Com. reported by L. L. Dickman that there had not been a sufficient acreage signed up as yet to complete the petition and that the petition would have to be sent to the non-residents and he asked if the Soc. would bear the expense of sending it, stating that the expense for printing letter, form of petition and proxy with the postage would be \$10 or \$12. Mrs. Miller moved, Dr. Cushman sec/, that the report be received as a report of progress, carried.

The Auditing Committee was not present.

Mr. Buckley was nominated for Health Officer and it was duly moved and seconded that the nominations close and that the Sec'y cast the ball ballot of the Soc. for Mr. Buckley.

A discussion followed in regard to this election being confirmed by the State and Pres. Fitts was duly elected a committee to correspond with the proper state authorities to secure the official appointment of Mr. Buckley.

Dr. Miller asked how many artesian wells in this vicinity were running uncapped and was informed there were 3, namely, Mr. Monroe's, Mrs. Bramlett's and Mrs. Dillons. It was then duly moved, seconded and carried that the Exec. Com. be instructed to communicate with these persons and try and get these wells capped in the interest of the community. In the event they cannot afford the expense, the Exec. Com. was empowered to do it for them at the expense of the Commongood Soc.

In regard to change in price for ditching: Dr. Miller moved, Mr. Buckley Sec. that the proposed change be put into effect and date back to commencement of contracts now pending and which were made in anticipation of the adoption of this recommendation. Carried.

ADJOURNED.

Emma Sill Ford,
Secretary

REGULAR MEETING OF ROSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY/ held

MARCH 7th, 1914.

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 by Pres. Fitts.

The minutes of the meeting of Feb'y 7th were read and after some discussion, on motion, duly seconded, were adopted as read.

Report of Sec'y of trustees was read and on motion of Dr. Cushman, duly seconded was accepted.

Road Supervisor's report was read and on motion of Mrs Adeline Miller, duly seconded was accepted.

The Tampa Shell Road Com. had nothing new to report but made the statement that the County Com. was letting contracts in various parts of the County and Dr. Miller proposed that we see if we can have a share of the old shell being removed to pave roads.

Mr. Estes reported that convicts were working between here and Garderville. Also, that it was desired that the road be straightened near the Bay to save the County about 1 mile of work. Dr. Miller was of the opinion that the road should not be changed but be made to accomodate as many settlers as possible. Accepted as a report of progress.

Dredging Committee not present.

The Drainage Com. reported nothing doing for lack of funds and on motion of Dr. Cushman, duly seconded, was received as a report of progress.

In regard to capping of wells, Mrs Pearl Dickman reported Mr. Monroe's capped. Letters had been sent to Mr. Manering and Mrs. Dillon but no reply received.

It was reported in regard to the seeping of wells that Mr. Brown had said that driving the casing farther down would remedy the trouble. After discussion, it was duly moved sec. and carried that the whole be received as a report of progress.

L. L. Dickman reported that Mr. Thompson had made an offer to the Commongood Society for all their cypress over 9 in. in diameter.

Dr. Miller moved that the Society approve the sale at the price named and that the Exec. Com. be instructed to make a contract for 1 year settlement to be made monthly, and Mr. Thompson be required to cut in regular bodies, clearing up a whole ten acres wherever he may begin. Carried.

Mr. O. P. Brown gave an address on needed public improvements and very strongly emphasized the need for good roads in every community. The address was very well received and favorably commented upon.

On motion of Mrs Miller and duly seconded and carried a committee, consisting of Mr. Brown, Mr. Estes and Mr. Beems were elected to see ~~the~~ about getting needed improvements to our roads.

Mr. Brown moved, dr. Cushman sec? a proposition to change the width of roads around each forty acres from 40 ft. to 60 ft., except on section lines, they to remain 60 ft. A discussion followed.

Dr. Miller moved that since the action of the Commongood Soc. in making width of roads could not be ascertained at once, the motion be laid on the table. Carried.

Mr. Long moved in regard to request of Mr. Hess for pay for work done by his man on ditch and which was not completed, that 20% be deducted for his having left the job and added to the amount paid the man who may finish the job.

Dr. Miller moved that the matter be referred to the Exec. Com. Seconded and carried.

Emma Hill Ford, Secretary

REGULAR MEETING OF RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY

held April 4th, 1914.

The meeting was called to order by President Fitts at 2:45 P.M.

The minutes of the meeting of March 7 were read and on motion of Mr. Laing, duly seconded, were approved.

The report of Trustees was read and duly approved.

The Tampa Shell Road Committee reported that a rumor was current to the effect that the County Commissioner had let the contract for the hard surfacing of two miles of road from the river at the ferry to College Ave. thence to Fourth St. and along it across the Inlet bridge. There was some discussion as to whether the telephone poles on Fourth St. would have to be moved &c. The work of grading the road had already begun between Ruskin and Gardenville. Received as a report of progress.

The Road Supervisor reported the work done on the ditches and that the lumber was on hand for the repair of bridges. On motion of Mr. Long, duly seconded, the report was accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read showing the amounts paid out and balance in the bank and was duly accepted.

The committee on Health Officer reported no answer to his correspondence. Dr. Miller suggested that he write to the Governor. Admer Miller moved that the report be accepted and the suggestion be acted upon. Seconded and carried.

O. P. Brown as a Committee on Good Roads, reported that he had written the proper department in regard to work on roads in this state and received the reply that no appropriation would be made. On motion of Mrs. Miller, duly seconded, received as a report of progress.

Mr. Estes was to see Mr. Moody in the matter of a bridge across the Inlet at the still.

Under unfinished business, the secretary reported on the width of the roads, giving extracts from the minutes of the old Florida Club and of the third meeting of the Commongood Society. The last named provided that The roads on the section lines be 60 feet wide and all others 40 feet wide.

Mr. Estes moved that the widths of the roads be left as the minutes determined, Seconded and carried.

Mr. Brown objected.

Dr. Miller moved to take Mr. Brown's motion from the table. seconded and carried.

Admer D. Miller made a motion to postpone Mr. Brown's motion until the matter of a drainage system be determined. seconded and carried.

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The contract which the Society authorized the Executive to make with Mr. Thompson in regard to sale of cypress was reported to have fallen through.

A report was made in regard to a petition being circulated for hardsurfacing road from river towards Tampa and since the exact request of the petition could not be given, it was moved by Dr. Miller that Mr. Estes be appointed to circulate a petition setting forth the route of hard surface road through the colony and requesting that the present plan of Fourth St. should not be changed and Mr. Estes take the petition before the County Commissioners at their next Meeting the following Tuesday. Seconded and carried.

It was moved and seconded that the new circular letter being sent out by the Executive Committee and which showed the available assets of the Commongood Society be read by the Secretary. The letter was read and members were urged to take copies for sending away.

ADJOURNED.

Emma Sill Ford, Recording Sec'y.

There not being a quorum present at the regular time for meeting on May 2nd, June 6th., and July 11th, when a special meeting was called since the regular meeting time fell on a legal holiday, July 4th, and after waiting in accordance with motion passed at regular meeting of Jan'y 3rd., for 15 minutes, the President declared no meeting for want of a quorum.

Emma Sill Ford, Recording Sec'y.

Proceeds to be used for Public Improvements

TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF BOND ISSUED AND PAID IN ADVANCE FOR STATE

Dr. H. Miller, Sec'y
C. H. Miller, Treas.
Emma Sill Ford, Recording Sec'y
Chas. E. Lane, Vice-President
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RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY
REGULAR MEETING OF RUSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY

held AUGUST 1st, 1914.

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 P.M. by L. L. Dickman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, since we had no President or Vice-President.

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 4th were read and duly approved. For lack of a quorum the regular meetings were not held on May 2nd or June 11th. July 4th being a legal holiday there was no meeting held on that date and notices were posted for a meeting for July 11th but there was no quorum present and some question was raised as to whether a meeting would be legal.

The Treasurer's report was read by J. S. Jones and on motion of Dr. Miller duly seconded by A. P. Dickman was approved.

Report given by Secretary was also approved.

Road Supervisor's report made out for the month of April was read and approved and a verbal report given covering the work to date which were approved.

Minutes of the Executive meeting of June 19th were read reporting to society demands made by C. E. Hedges and J. R. Walker, representing a committee from some citizens. Moved by Adner D. Miller, seconded by A. P. Dickman, that the report be accepted and filed.

Moved by R. G. Edwards, seconded by Ross J. Miller that the action of the Executive in refusing request be approved and that the Executive be empowered to use their discretion in the matter of engaging a legal representative in case a suit should be brought against the society as threatened.

Mrs. Adeline Miller moved and was duly seconded that August 12th be set aside for volunteer work on Ruskin Boulevard from the store to the Parlett place. After some discussion of the work needed and particularly as to means of getting the necessary lumber for a wagon bridge over College Inlet it was agreed that if arrangements for the lumber could be made and the lumber hauled the Secretary was to post notices at the store and Post Office making known that the work would proceed for that day.

Resignations of the following officers of the society were read: J. L. Fitts as President, Chas. E. Lang as Vice-President, and C. Beems as Treasurer and Trustee. Upon motion duly seconded each was accepted.

Adner D. Miller moved that since Dr. Cushman and Mr. Buckley were to be absent indefinitely their places as Trustees be declared ~~vacant~~ vacant, seconded by O. P. Brown and carried.

Upon motion of Mr. Edwards seconded by O. P. Brown the position of Health Officer was also declared vacant.

The society now proceeded to elect new incumbents to the above office.

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offices.

Mrs. Chandler being the only nominee for President for President,
The Secretary was ordered to cast the ballot of the house for her.

J. S. Billings being the only nominee for the office of Vice-Pres
the Sec'y was ordered to cast the ballot of the house for him.

J. S. Jones being the only nominee for the office of Treasurer
the Sec'y was ordered to cast the ballot of the house for him.

Nominations for trustees were made and were voted for by ballot.

The following were the nominees:	22
Mrs. Rachel Billings	22 votes
Mrs. Ross Miller	14 "
J. S. Jones	20 "
S. Barratt	13 "
Rob't Walker	10 "

Mrs. Billings, J. S. Jones and Mr. S. Barratt were declared elected.

Dr. Ford being the only nominee for Health Officer the sec'y was
ordered to cast the ballot of the house for him.

A. P. Dickman made a request of the Commongood Society for permis-
sion to build a boat on the boulevard in the front of his house.
On motion of Mr. Barratt, seconded by Ross J. Miller he was granted
permission to use the boulevard provided he left a drive of 20 ft.
wide clear next to his fence.

It was moved and seconded that the Health Officer be instructed
to call the attention of the residents to unsightly and unsanitary
spots about their dwellings. Carried.

On motion of Adner D. Miller seconded by O. P. Brown a resolution
was carried expressing the sympathy of the Society for Mrs. T.A. Price
and family in their recent bereavement caused by the death of their
husband and father.

Adjournment.

Emma Sill Ford,
Rec. Sec'y.

REGULAR MEETING OF RUBKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY

held September 5th, 1914.

The meeting was called to order by the President Mrs. A. S. Chandler at 2:45 P. M.

The minutes of the meeting of August 1st were read and approved.

No Treasurer's report was given as there had been no financial business done since the last report had been given.

The Secretary reported the doings of the Trustees and their recommendations to try and sell some of the Commongood land at a slight reduction so as to clear up Commongood obligations. On motion the report was accepted and approved.

The Road Supervisor was not present.

L. L. Dickman reported on the work done on the Boulevard as authorized by the meeting of August 1st. and stated that he had arranged for lumber for the bridges and would see that the same was delivered during the month. The report was accepted.

Mr. Billings read a petition asking the County Commissioners to open a road on the section line so that the part of the Willow Road as at present used where it crossed his farm tract might be closed. It was moved by Mrs. Adeline Miller and seconded by L. L. Dickman that we support the petition. Carried.

President Chandler read a clipping in regard to Public Schools giving particular attention in their work to the special industry of the community. It was moved by Mrs. Edwards and duly seconded that we recommend the Supervisors of Ruskin School to take action for the opening up of agricultural possibilities for the children as it seemed advisable. Carried.

A. P. Dickman presented the need of some organized effort for caring for strangers coming in. It was moved by Mrs. Adeline Miller and seconded by Mrs. Sweetland that a standing committee be elected to whom strangers might be directed for assistance and information and that they canvas the town for list of those who could take boarders and how many. Carried. Nominations were made and a vote by ballot resulted in the election of Mrs. Sweetland, Mrs. Linder, L. L. Dickman, ~~Ross J. Miller~~ and O. P. Brown. *Mr. Billings,*

ADJOURNMENT.

EMMA SILL FORD, Recording Secretary.

EMMA SILL FORD Recording Secretary.

October - KASKIA MORRIS

November - SOCIETY COMMONGOOD

December - No Quorum

October 3rd, 1914

No Quorum

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November 7th, 1914

No Quorum

December 5th, 1914

No Quorum

At the Regular meeting of the COMMONGOOD SOCIETY on January 5th, 1915 there was not a quorum present. Those present came to order at 2:45 at the call of the President Mrs. Chandler and it was moved by L. L. Dickman and seconded by Adner D. Miller that the Society adjourn to meet at 2:30 P. M. Saturday, Jan'y 9th. Carried.

~~SECONDED AND~~

ADJOURNED?

Emma Hill Ford,
Secretary

REGULAR MEETING OF ROSKIN COMMONGOOD SOCIETY, held

JANUARY 9TH, 1915.

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 P. M. by President Mha. Chandler.

The minutes of the last meeting held Sept. 5th, 1914, were read and duly approved.

The report of the Trustees was given by Mrs. Ford and after one item had been corrected by Capt. Dickman, was accepted by motion.

The Treasurer's report was given by J. S. Jones and accepted on motion, duly seconded.

The report of the Road Supervisor was given for the year, giving the extent of the work done on roads and ditches and on motion, duly seconded was accepted.

The Society now proceeded to elect new officers? Mr. Shrigley was nominated for President. A motion that the nominations close was carried and the Sec'y was instructed to cast the ballot of the society for Mr. Shrigley as President.

Mrs. Billings was nominated for Vice President and motions duly seconded, were carried that the nominations close and the sec'y cast the ballot for Mrs. Billings as Vice President.

The following nominations were made for Trustees: Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Billings, Mrs. Linder, J. S. Jones, R. A. Walker, L. L. Dickman, D? D. Estes, S. Barratt,

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the vote be made by numbers instead of names.

The result of the balloting showed those elected as trustees to be: Mrs. Chandler, Mrs? Billings and Mrs. Ford with Messrs Jones, L. L. Lickman, Estes, Barratt.

A ballot was now taken to elect three from the Board of Trustees to act as an Executive Committee and the result of the ballot elected Mrs. Chandler, L. L. Dickman and J. S. Jones as the Exec. Com.

Mrs. Chandler was nominated for Recording Sec'y and motions were made, seconded and carried that nominations close and the Sec'y cast the ballot of the Society for Mrs. Chandler for Recording Secretary.

Mr. J. S. Jones was nominated for Treasurer and motions were made, seconded and carried that the nominations close and that the Sec'y cast the ballot for Mr. Jones for Treas.

D. D. Estes was nominated for Road Supervisor and motions made, seconded and carried that the nominations close and the Sec'y cast the ballot for Mr. Estes for Road Supervisor.

N. E. Dickman and Dr. C. L. Ford were nominated for the office of Health Officer and after a ballot was taken the result showed that Dr. Ford was elected.

It was moved by Dr. Miller and seconded by A. P. Dickman, That since it had so often during the past year been found impossible to hold any Commongood meetings for want of a quorum, we make 15 the necessary number for a quorum instead of 25 as heretofore. Carried.

*Quorum
Changed
to 15*

A. P. Dickman introduced the matter of spring crops and the need of fertilizer and told of the quantity of muck available in the Inlet. Mr. Estes gave an interesting account of the use he had made of the muck. Dr. Miller told of results of its use that had come under his observation. Mrs Adeline Miller offered to give formula for making complete fertilizer with muck as a basis. Dr. Miller moved and Mr. Shrigley seconded that the residents adopt the suggestion of Mr. Dickman and the Exec. Com. and Trustees of the Commongood be instructed to pay in land for work in getting out the muck. Those willing to get it out for themselves could for this year have it free of charge. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Commongood officers elected for 1915.

- President Mr. Shrigley
- Vice Pres. Mrs. Billings
- Rec. Sec'y Mrs. Chandler
- Treas. J. S. Jones
- Trustees {
 - L. L. Dickman, Chairman
 - Mrs. Chandler, Corresponding Sec'y
 - J. S. Jones
 - D. D. Estes
 - S. Barratt
 - Mrs. Billings
 - Mrs. Ford
- Road Super. D. D. Estes
- Health Officer Dr. Ford

EXEC. COM.

*Emma Lee Ford
Secretary*

Regular Meeting Ruskin Common Good Society.
held at Assembly Hall Feb. 6, 1915.

Meeting called to order by President A. W. Shrigley.
Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
Minutes of two Executive meetings and trustee meeting
read and corrected. Then approved.
Supervisor Estes reported on ditch work. Accepted.

L. L. Dickman When anyone is willing to take a
piece of land and pay in work, he be allowed to do so.
Dr. Miller Moved the Executive committee accept all
propositions for work to pay for land; and take the
initiative and seek such labor. Motion seconded
and carried.

Report on County Road. There is a movement on
the part of the Manatee Commissioners to get the
Bay Road thro to close up the gap in the hard sur-
faced, graded to north line of Colony land. Con-
tracts are let for the bridges and culverts. Mr. Estes
reported the work of grading and hard surfacing
would be done when it is dry enough.

The reason for urging the work ahead is if the road
is hard surfaced it will be better than an electric
line from Tampa to Bradenton because of the craze
for auto trucks. We should be wide awake to push
the matter as hard as we can.

A letter written by H. H. Brower was read by L. L.
Dickman regarding the prospect of the Atlantic
Coast line railroad.

L. L. Dickman suggested that every body be a com-
mittee to urge land and ditch work.

Dr. Miller proposed notice in the Triangle, think-
ing many might like to come and work for land;
but did not advise the coming unless there was cash
enough to keep the pot boiling meanwhile. Would not
advise otherwise.

Mr. Haughey asked price of land in West 80. Land
not for sale.

Mr. Brooks reported the cutting of a road at the east
end of town to the Bay Shore Road by residents in the
vicinity of J. F. Jones.

Meeting adjourned on motion.

Araline S. Chandler,
Secretary.

March 6, 1915.

\$3.70

There was no quorum, so no business was transacted. Some matters of general interest were discussed. Mr. Spossebacher paid in \$3.70 for posts etc. he had purchased from the C. G. The amount turned over to treasurer.

A. S. Chandler
Rec. Sec.

Ruskin Common Good Society met in Assembly Hall on Apr. 3, President Sprigley in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Treasurer reported \$2.00 paid to George Rushton on Mr. Daniel order and \$5.00 for revenue stamps. Report accepted.

D. D. Estes report as Road Supervisor read and accepted and placed on file.

\$3.70

Secretary reported \$3.70 received from J. L. Grossenbacher for posts.

Mr. Estes reported the Silet bridge was in bad shape and must be repaired or be closed. This is a matter to be taken to the county commissioners.

Suggested that a committee be appointed to look into the matter.

Dr. Miller moved the chairman of the Executive should look the bridge over and interview the county commissioners in regard to it; and that Mr. Estes be made alternate carried.

Mr. Barrett asked for information regarding the cutting of cypress, stating that Mr. Barnes had cut 4000 ft claiming to have done so by L. L. Dickman's authority for the use of Capt. Dickman in building his boat. L. L. Dickman said he had given no such authority and Capt. Dickman said he had the written authority of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Miller read extract from Tampa Times in regard to the Tampa, Atlantic and Gulf R. R., they compare directors having recently elected officers.

Dr. Miller spoke of suit recently instituted against the S. S. & others, reading that part of the statement setting forth the cause of action, explaining fully.

Mrs. Sweetland reported she had found some one who would put in the five bridges need on Ruskin Boulevard for \$30, taking land for pay, if the material would be furnished. Referred to Ex. Com.

A communication from Maria J. and E. A. Ducklany was read, asking, as they had come into possession of lots 83 and 84 that they might have the use of the adjoining part of Baylye Boulevard until such time as it was needed for traffic. Granted on condition that if any one should need any part of the Boul. for drawing out truck he should have it.

Mr. Grossenbacher's proposition to pay \$300 for part of west 80 not platted and lying to the east of his property was brought up.

L. L. Dickman and J. S. Jones spoke against the proposition unless nothing else could be done to raise the money now needed.

Mr. Barrett told of the financial condition of the society.

and the need to raise sufficient-money to pay the taxes
and Mrs. Dray's interest-
Mr. Jones stated that the said property had never been placed
on the market and never advertised.

Dr. Miller moved that the land be now placed on the market
and an effort be made to sell at the best price possible. Sec.
Amended by L. S. Dickman that price should now be
fixed. Dr. Miller incorporated the amendment and moved
the land be put on the market at \$50 per acre, if the inter-
est can be raised. Carried.

Moved to Adjourn. Carried.

Avaline S. Chandler.
Rec. Sec.

\$50 per acre.

Regular meeting of the Ruskin Common Good Society was held at Assembly Hall May 1, 1915.

Called to order at 2:45 by Pres. A. W. Shrigley.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Minutes of Executive Meeting read and approved.

Minutes of Trustees meeting read and corrected.

Moved by Mr. Estes that we approve of report of trustees except the part referring to the fees of the attorney and reference to R. H. M. being cause of suit; and the part stand, that the fees be made as reasonable as possible. Carried.

Report of treasurer accepted.

Road superintendent reported interview with the County Commissioner which resulted in the bridge over the inlet near the station being repaired. Moved report be accepted as report of progress. Carried.

Mr. Barratt from committee of investigation that Mr. Buckland would have a gate where by any one could get to the inlet for the purpose of getting muck. Request granted.

Dr. Miller reported the progress made in suit brought against the Common Good Society, reading a demurrer of thirty points, prepared to present to court.

Mrs. Ross Miller requested permission to erect a bath house at some suitable point near the inlet.

Mrs. A. D. Miller moved a new committee on bath houses be appointed; that the committee be Mr. Ross Miller, Mrs. Estep and Mrs. Sweetland, and that they have power to act. Carried.

A motion to adjourn was carried.

Araline S. Chandler
Secretary.

June 3, 1915

There being no quorum there was no meeting held

July 3, 1915

The day being celebrated as the Fourth of July no common board meeting was held.

Ruskin, Aug. 7, 1913.

Common Good meeting held at Assembly Hall. Called to order at 2:30 by President A. W. Strigley. Minutes of last Common Good meeting read and approved. Executive minutes recited.

Trustees' minutes read and corrected. Motion to accept trustees' minutes except - motion to investigate. Carried to reservations in deeds.

Report of Officers.

Secretary's report read and approved. Accepted Road supervisor's report. One day work bounty bon. Reported College avenue bridge replaced etc replaced since storm. Also the inlet bridge was on its way back to its location. Report approved.

Treasurer's report accepted.

Committees. Bath house committee reported. A. P. Dickman would allow house for boys near the bridge & for the girls on the other side.

Communications were read and ordered placed on file. Bills & Accounts. Mr. Estes presented a bill for 5-78 commission on \$325 - paid by Mr. Dodd. Moved bill be allowed. Carried.

L. S. Dickman spoke of mistake in survey of plat purchased by Mr. Dodd, and moved Mr. Jones be authorized to correct plat and get new deed. Carried.

Mr. Jones reported regarding money received from Mr. Dodd disbursed as follows:

May 6th paid Flora B. Doane \$250. \$75 in interest on note, \$75 on principal. May 12, Taxes \$5.75

Redemption \$7.11, making a total of \$322.86. Admer D. Miller for telephone called attention to the fact that although franchise was granted, no contract was made with Common Good. The supposed contract was for five years, three of which have passed. So he moved a contract be drawn by Common Good Society with the telephone company for another five years in addition to the unexpired two years. Seconded & carried.

Mrs. J. R. Walker called attention to the need of better ditching near her place.

New Business. - Mr. Estes moved trustees investigate as requested in petition and obtain legal advice regarding the ~~same~~ removal of restrictions from deeds. Sec. by N. E. Dickman. Carried.

Discussion.

By D. D. Estes, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Jones, Mr. R. A. Walker et al. Moved by Admer Miller moved the question be postponed indefinitely. Lost.

Moved by Mrs. Ford that we adjourn to Monday at 2:30 p.m. Seconded & lost.

Moved a vote by ballot be taken, but so many left the room the motion was not put.

Admrs Miller asked whether it was better desirable that the audit be made from where trouble with accounts was found, or only last year's account, or from beginning?

Moved the auditing committee be instructed to audit from beginning of society. Carried.

Moved we adjourn to Monday at 2:30 p.m. carried.

Avaline S. Chandler,
Secretary.

Ruskin, Aug. 9, 1915-

Adjourned meeting of Common Good Society called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Pres. A. W. Shrygh. Discussion opened by Admrs Miller, who showed that the proper way to settle in regard to the reservations ~~is~~ ^{is} the debts should stand or not, was to bring a ~~bona-fide~~ ^{bona-fide} suit against some transgressor of those reservations, choosing 3 from each party to decide upon council, to be decided by an umpire in case of disagreement; allowing the violation etc. would obviate the necessity of calling witnesses, would be at the minimum cost and get a court decision.

Discussed by Mr. Estes, A. D. Miller, J. R. Walker, R. A. Walker, Mr. McKirley, Mr. McHague, Mrs. Miller, and others.

Mrs. Edwards presented the following resolution:
Moved the trustees be authorized to obtain legal advice, other than local as to the validity of the reservations. Secured. Lost by a rising vote 19 to 26.

Moved by Admrs Miller, secured by A. S. Chandler that action on the petition be laid on the table until September meeting. Lost by rising vote 19 to 28.

It was then moved that a vote be taken on Mr. Estes' original motion * as on page 124.

Motion carried by a rising vote 26 to 17.

Meeting adjourned.

Avaline S. Chandler,
Secretary.

Ruskin Sept. 4, 1915-

Common Good held its regular meeting at Assembly Hall, called to order at 2:30 by President A. W. Shroyley. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Minutes of Executive meeting read and approved. Trustees minute read and approved.

Question in regard to Mr. McHargue paying \$1.00 for franchise. Moved the \$1.00 be returned to Mr. McHargue. Carried.

Secretary's report approved.

Treasurer's report approved.

Mr. Estes reported in regard to Bay Shore road. Mr. Moody would pay \$40 per acre for grubbing. Would send grading engineer to do grading when clearing was done but possibly not before Christmas.

G. M. A. Miller would some plan be devised to make up any deficit in pay for work done on road. Adm'r Miller suggested G. S. chks be marked "special" so they could be taken up first when there was any money in the treasury. Motion carried.

Communications from the various lawyers to who the secretary had written were read.

A. P. Dickman moved that a committee of one be elected to act with the trustees to see about getting the restrict wms removed. Seconded.

G. M. Miller explained the matter for the benefit of A. P. Dickman, who was not present at last meeting.

Much discussion.

The chair appointed R. A. Walker and Mr. Brooks to act as tellers.

A. P. Dickman was elected to act as committee of one.

Those voting against were George M. A. Miller, Adm'r D. Miller, Georgadda Miller, Hester McHargue, Adaline D. Miller, Mrs. Ford, Willard Miller.

Mr. Estes having resigned as Road Supervisor, it became necessary to elect a Road Supervisor.

A. E. Dickman and Mr. McKinley were nominated. Nominations closed.

Election resulted in a tie, 16 to 16, when the President not having voted, cast the decisive vote for Mr. Dickman.

D. D. Estes moved Mr. Dickman be locator and Mr. McKinley Surveyor. But it was suggested the matter may be reconsidered at next meeting so no action was taken.

Moved to adjourn. Carried.

Adaline S. Chandler, Sec.

Ruskin, Oct 2, 1915.

Common Good meeting convened at Assembly Hall and was called to order at 2:30 by President A. W. Shrigley.

Minutes of last meeting read, corrected and approved.
Minutes of Trustees' Meeting read and approved.

Mr. Estes reported that the clearing on the Bay Shore Road, amounting to $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres at the contract price of \$40 per acre, amounted to there were 146 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs. of team work by H. E. Dickman's Lister Mc Harque's and Harry Spence's teams. The balance due is to be paid by L. S. There were 3 days more work to be done on road.

A. P. Dickman moved the proper officials be ~~ordered~~ ^{authorized} to issue checks for balance due. Carried.

A. P. Dickman reported looking up Crystal Springs relative to their effort to have restrictions removed from deeds. The matter must go to referendum.

Mr. McKinley moved the report be accepted. Carried.

Communication regarding the co-operative sale of timber for ties, wood, etc read by Dr. Miller. Remarks by Dr. Miller explaining the matter.

A. P. Dickman moved L. S. land be put under contract for sale of timber. Seconded and carried, 22 to 4.

Price of ties was said to be 6 to 8 cts. Some acres would cut 100 ties, some more, some less. Could not tell in regard to cord wood, but usual price was 25¢ stumpage.

The party desiring the contract was all right and dependable. 18000 acres joining in on the north owned by Mrs. Potter Palmer was to be cut over.

Mr. Brooks offered the following resolution: I move that the L. S. Society ask for an injunction to prevent D. D. Estes from running a carrying business on his place. Seconded and carried by 21 against 1 for.

Moved by A. P. Dickman: I move that the Ruskin Common Good Society grants permission to all present and future owners of Ruskin property to conduct mercantile, manufacturing or banking businesses on their property for a period of ninety-nine years from date.

Advised D. Miller objected on the ground that permission could not be general but must be specific. This was contrary to the purpose of the Society.

Chair ruled the motion out of order. Mr. McKinley appealed from decision of chair. Appeal sustained.

Mrs. Ford moved motion be tabled for a month. Seconded and lost.

A. P. Dickman's motion was then carried by 33 to 6.

Mr. Jones then called up matter of official locator and Road Supervisor, and said Mr. Dickman authorized him to present his resignation as supervisor.

Moved by A. P. Dickman that H. E. Dickman's resignation be accepted. Carried.

Mr. McKinley was then elected as Road Supervisor.

Dr. Miller explained
the matter
the ground that
the society should
before going
could also
will be before
me that Mr.
Estes was violating
restrictions.
Miller Miller
made same
objections.

Moved to adjourn. Carried

The following named persons wish to go on record as voting against A.P. Dickman's motion:

Mrs. Ford, Adaline D. Miller, Geo. M. A. Miller, Adner D. Miller
 Clara Miller, Georgadda Miller.

Adaline S. Chandler, Sec.

Ruskin, Nov. 6, 1915.

Common Good Meeting opened at 2:45 pm. by President Shrigley. Minutes of last meeting read, corrected and approved. Minutes of Executive Meeting read and approved.

No trustees' minutes as there was not a quorum.

Dr. Miller from Bay Shore Road Committee read a letter from John W. Jackson of Palmetto relative to the crossing at south end of ferry. We are interested in keeping these landings in good condition to prevent diversion of travel from this road. Considerable discussion as to road and desirability of retaining what we have gained in the Bay Shore Road. Mr. Jackson was coming to see about bonding this district to hard surface the road.

L. M. Miller moved Road Sup. be instructed to provide ways and means to repair approaches to ferry. Carried.

Proposition from Turpentine Company to take a buying lease on Couryon Good tracts. Will pay $\frac{1}{3}$ down and balance Feb. 15; when buying was done. The sties and wood can be sold after this lease probably to better advantage.

L. M. Miller moved trustees be authorized to join in turpentine lease and send recommend to absent allottees. Release may be obtained by refunding pro rata. Carried.

Request from Lester McHargue for permission for operation of grist-mill on his property. Mr. McHargue stated his reasons. Moved by Adner Miller request be granted. Motion lost, vote of 14 for and 19 against.

Adner D. Miller resigned as auditor. Resignation accepted.

Lester McHargue resigned as auditor. Resignation accepted.

Resignation of J. S. Jones as treasurer, trustee and executive read and resignation accepted.

Society now proceeded to nominate for Treasurer.

O. S. Billings was nominated for treasurer. Moved nominations close. Secretary instructed to cast ballot of the Society for O. S. Billings as Treasurer. Ballot so cast.

O. S. Billings was nominated as Trustee. Nominations closed. Secretary instructed to cast ballot of the Society for

O. S. Billings as Trustee. Ballot so cast.

O. S. Billings was nominated as member of the executive committee. Nominations closed. Secretary instructed to cast the ballot of the society for O. S. Billings as member of the executive. Ballot so cast.

It was decided, as the year was so nearly done, to let the matter of electing auditors go over until regular election clearing of college Avenue spoken of.

Moved by Dr. Miller that L. L. Dickman and the Road Sup. solicit help to clear college Avenue. Carried.

Moved G. S. Society be instructed to co-operate in advertising campaign, and pay pro rata when funds came in. Sec.

Discussion of advertising schemes.

Moved to adjourn. Lost.

Moved as amendment the secretary's suggestion for advertising be adopted.

Moved Florida advertising campaign first.

Moved by Adner Miller that the vote on Mr. McHargue's request be reconsidered. The chair thought it could not be rescinded at this meeting. Chair not sustained.

Discussion. Motion put and lost 12 to 14.

Mrs. Adaline Miller suggested putting a bulletin board at City Dock at Tampa showing schedule of Ruskin boats. Moved Mrs. Buckland be made a committee to see this was done. Carried.

The State Fair is to be holden at Tampa Feb. 4-12. The following persons were elected a committee to see to Ruskin Exhibits: Mrs. Hesselstine, A. P. Dickman and Mr. Estes.

Moved to adjourn. Carried.

Adaline S. Chandler, Sec.

Ruskin, Dec. 4, 1915.

Common Good Society called to order at 2:45 p.m. Pres. Shrigley in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Advertising with the South Florida Chamber of Commerce was found to be out of our reach as \$200 was the minimum amount that would be received for advertising. Sec. called attention to the fact that the communication from the Board of Trade be laid on the table until the next legal meeting. Carried.

Moved we adjourn. Carried.

Adaline S. Chandler, Sec.

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the following... was reported.

Adner Miller... reported... Board Trade

Ruskin January 1, 1916.
Common Good Meeting adjourned for one week, to Jan. 8.

Ruskin, January 8, 1916.
Common Good meeting called to order at 2:30 by Vice-president, Mrs. Billings.
Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Minutes of Trustee Meeting read & corrected. Related (Nov. 9) Executive meeting minutes read.
Secretary's report read and accepted.
Treasurer's report not ready.
Road supervisor's report not ready.
Communication from Hilleborough Board of Trade read.
Moved by chairman of Executive Board attend and as many others as care, carried.
A. P. Dickman made report from meeting of Board of Trade he had attended. When they have decided on a line of work, they want the whole county to work along the same lines.
Report of A. P. Dickman concerning certain matters of present dissatisfaction. Judge's opinion better get together.
Mrs. Ford read a permit from Board of Trustees, granted Jan. 1, 1910, for 99 years, issued to G. M. A. Miller, granting the college right to operate manufacturing, mercantile and business.
G. M. Miller endorsed A. P. Dickman's statement, and made a long statement regarding legal matters.
Remarks by Mr. Brooks. Question by Mr. Duckett as to who pays legal charges.
G. M. Miller offered to buy the interest of the Common Good Society in section 9, for \$1500, payable in two years in work in that section.
Moved by A. P. Dickman the matter be put in the hands of the Executive Committee. Seconded. After some discussion the following resolution was offered by Mr. Brooks:
Moved that this society accept Mr. Miller's offer in behalf of the college of \$40.00 (forty dollars) per acre for its share of the 400 acres of the undivided land in section 9, to be paid for as follows: \$20.00 per acre to be worked out within two years on the roads under direction of the society, and 20.00 per acre in improvements on the land purchased within four years. Seconded. Carried.
Moved a sign be provided for the turn of the Bay Shore Road directing to Ruskin by the same person who had signs prepared for Ruskin boat schedule in Tampa. Carried.

Meeting now opened under head of New Business and proceeded with election of officers.

Mr. Estes and Mr. Brooks were made tellers.

Nominations for President - were Mr. Binder and Mr. Shrigley. Nominations closed. Ballot taken, which resulted in a tie of 16 to 16. Mrs. Billings voted off the tie in favor of Mr. Binder.

Moved Mr. Shrigley be made Vice-president. The secretary was instructed to call the vote of the society for Mr. Shrigley as vice president, vote so cast.

Moved election of Secretary and Treasurer be left until the board of trustees was elected, carried.

Moved recording and corresponding secretary be the same person, carried.

Nominations for trustees resulted as follows.

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| 1. Mr. Estes | Moved the vote be by number, each |
| 2. Mrs. Ford | ballot giving seven numbers. Carried. |
| 3. Mrs. Billings | The ballot resulted in the |
| 4. Mr. Ross Miller | election of the following as trustees: |
| 5. Mrs. Ward | Mr. Estes |
| 6. Mrs. Edwards | Mrs. Billings |
| 7. Mrs. Beece | Mrs. Ward |
| 8. Mrs. Buckland | Mrs. Beece |
| 9. Mr. L. L. Dickman | Mrs. Buckland |
| 10. Mr. O. S. Billings | L. L. Dickman |
| 11. Mrs. Chandler | Mrs. Chandler |
| 12. Mr. Darnell | |

The following were elected as executive board: Mr. Estes, L. L. Dickman, Mrs. Billings. Mrs. Billings was then elected as secretary.

Mr. O. S. Billings was nominated as treasurer. Nominations closed. Secretary instructed to cast the ballot of the society for Mr. Billings as treasurer. Ballot so cast.

Mr. McKinley was nominated as road supervisor. Nominations closed. Secretary instructed to cast the ballot of the society for Mr. McKinley. Ballot so cast. Moved we adjourn, carried.

Avaline S. Chandler,
Secretary.

Ruskia, Feb. 5, 1916.

In the absence of the Pres. J. C. Linder, the meeting was called to order by L. L. Dickman, chairman of the Executive Com. ^{Mr. McKinley was chosen pres. pro tem.}

The minutes of the last Common Good meeting, Executive meeting and Trustee meeting were read and approved.

Sum was the amount expended under supervision of Mr. McKinley.

The report of Road Supervisor, Mr. McKinley, was read. The report showed a total expended on ditches and bridges during 1915 of \$283.57. Besides some work having been donated. Report accepted.

Captain Dickman, chairman of the Fair Com. reported that the fair exhibits were in place, but needed proper arranging. On account of Mrs. Hagelstein's illness she was not able to assist.

Questioned in regard to College Ave. Mr. McKinley stated that certain work was needed in the way of culverts, bridge and grubbing, and that some parties had promised to donate work. Mr. Brooks spoke of the immediate need of the ditch in front of Mr. Russell's place, and urged that the C. G. should fulfill its obligation by having this work done. Mr. Dickman pointed out that the expenditure for work in Sec. 5 & 6 already amounted to more than the income from those sections.

A communication was read from the Hillsboro Board of Trade conveying an invitation to the C. G. to send delegates to the meeting of the Board of Trade to be held in Tampa on the 8th inst. A similar invitation was read from the Tampa Chamber of Commerce for the 9th.

Dr. Miller moved that it is the sense of the C. G. that as many as possible, attending the Fair on those dates, consider themselves delegates to these meetings.

The bills of Lee and Buckland for painting sign board \$2.00 and for notary service \$50 ¹⁰⁰ be allowed.

The bill of H. P. Bailey for services in case of Dr. Miller against Lester McHargue was rejected by vote of 15 to 5.

Dr. Miller moved that the C. G. endorse the Hillsboro Board of Trade resolution on Bond issue for County road work and on the no fence law.

The motion was then divided, Dr. Miller moving the endorsement of the Bond issue for connecting up with the hard surfaced roads of other counties. The motion was carried unanimously.

L. L. Dickman then moved the endorsement by the C. G. of the no fence law. Motion carried.

Mrs. Chandler offered her resignation as member of the Board of Trustees. Resignation accepted. Moved and carried that the society proceed to the election of her successor. Mr. Dartnall, Mr. Billings and Mr. Brown were nominated.

On motion the nominations closed. Mr. Brown was elected.

Moved by Mr. Edwards that the Ex. Com. prepare a statement of just what the Society would be willing to turn over to the corporation, in case Ruskin becomes incorporated; this statement to be presented at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn carried.

Rachel W. Bellings, Sec.

Feb 4, 1916.

Regular meeting of the Ruskin C. G. was called to order by the Pres. at 8:50 P.M. As the Sec. was not present the reading of the minutes was omitted.

Reports of committees was called for.

Dr. Miller, chairman of the Com that visited the Tampa Board of Trade on Feb. 9. gave his report.

Moved by Dr. Miller that this body favor the passing of a free text book law, and report its action to the Board of Trade. The motion was carried unanimously.

Minutes of the last C. G. meeting were read and correction made in regard to expenditure on road work.

Minutes of the trustee meeting were read and it was moved and carried that the recommendations of the trustee be taken up in order.

L. L. Dickman reported that Mr. Dell would do the street clearing and ditching asked for by Mr. Russell and Mr. Warren, if a C. G. lot could be found which he would be willing to take in payment.

Dr. Miller stated that he had not personally promised a ditch to Mr. Russell, and explained further that in regard to provisions for ditches and clearing.

Moved by A. D. Miller that the action of the trustee in regard to roads and ditches be approved. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the action of the recommendation of the trustee in regard to reimbursement in the suit brought against them by Geo. McA. Miller. An amendment was offered by Adner Miller that the expenses of Lester McHargue be included. The amendment was lost by a vote of 25 to 5. The original motion carried by vote of 26 to 4.

Moved and seconded that the recommendation of the trustee in regard to D. D. Ester application for business permit be accepted. Motion discussed.

Moved by Mr. Thorndale, seconded and carried that the motion be laid on the table.

Moved and carried that the recommendation in regard to the dredge be approved and referred to the road supervisor.

Moved and carried that the matter of the

interest due Mrs. Doane be referred to the Ex. Com.
 Moved and carried that the report of the
 Fair Com. be accepted and the Com. discharged.

Moved and seconded that the Treas. of the C. G.
 be instructed to collect fees for memberships in the
 Co. Board of Trade from all members wishing to join
 and not already paying dues in the local Board of
 Trade. Amended to strike out the last clause and
 carried as amended.

Moved and carried that all members of the
 C. G. who can do so, attend the meeting of the Co.
 Board of Trade at Plant City, on March 17.
 Adjourned Rachel W. Billings. Sec.

Ruskin, Fla. March 31, 1916.

Special meeting called in response to petition
 signed by 23 members and reading as follows:

"We the undersigned members of Ruskin
 Common Good Society respectfully request that
 the regular April meeting be deferred and put
 over to April 8."

In the absence of the Pres. L. L. Dickman
 was chosen chairman pro. tem. It was moved
 and carried that the regular Common Good
 meeting be postponed to April 6th, as the 8th
 was the date set for the meeting of the
 Merchants Co. Time 2:30 P.M. Motion
 to adjourn was carried.

L. L. Dickman Ch. pro. tem.
 Rachel W. Billings. Sec.

Regular Meeting of the Common Good
 Society. Apr. 6, 1916.

The meeting was called to order by the
 president, J. C. Binder.

Minutes of the preceding meetings were
 read and approved.

The Executive Com. reported that the
 \$40.00 interest due Mrs. Doane had been raised
 and paid. It also reported that the Ex. Com.
 recommends that in case of incorporation, the
 Common Good Society, the governing power and
 all property that can be legally turned over to the
 city, be given into the hands of the corporation;
 but that no franchise be granted and no expen-
 diture of \$1,000 or over be made without the con-
 sent by vote of the C. G. Society or property owners. This

recommendation of the Ex. Com. was laid on the table for one month.

The report as a whole was approved.

Mr. McKinley reported work done on the Willow road, and stated that the Real Estate Com. of the Board of Trade had had a talk with Mr. Moody in regard to our roads.

Mr. McKinley also reported on the dredge, stating that the engine was in fairly good condition, and could be put in repair at a probable cost of \$800. That the boat was in bad condition, good lumber in the scow. He recommended that the dredge be moved up to the store and cared for. Report and recommendations accepted, and moved and carried that the men who worked on the Willow Road should be credited with Common Good checks from the Common Good Society, and the Ruskin Home Makers, as each should the Home Makers should bear half the expense on the road across their lands.

The Trustees report was read and it was moved and carried that the applications for business permits be taken up in their order.

Lester McHarguir application for permit to run a grist mill was read and on motion granted.

Mr. Ester application was read and discussed. Mr. Brown moved and it was seconded that the application be granted. The application was modified to meet objections and the motion was carried unanimously.

Moved by L. L. Dickman and seconded that Dr. Miller as trustee of the college be asked to revise the college permit, making it more explicit and naming the articles they wished to manufacture. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Treasurers report was read and accepted.

Dr. Miller as delegate to the Co. Board of Trade, held meeting in Plant City, reported that the No Fence Law had been considered and endorsed unanimously by the delegates present. That the Free Text Book Law had been referred back to the societies that had not yet voted on it. He reported also that the Co. Board of Trade had accepted our invitation to meet in Ruskin on April 18. Report accepted.

Mrs. Buckland moved that a Com. of three be appointed to assist the Co. Board of Trade Com. in entertaining the Co. Board of Trade.

Com. Mr. Billings.

Brown.

Capt. Dickman.

Moved by Dr. Miller that it is the sense of this Society that all members of the Common Good

Carried to read that the dredge be brought up to the store and the lumber in the scow pay for same

Society, and of the Board of Trade attended the meeting and wear their badges. (entertainment)

Moved and carried that the Com. be instructed to make special announcement that early comers will be entertained to dinner, that autos will take visitors about town and that lunch will be served to all after the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn carried.

Rachel W. Billings, Sec.

May 6, 1916.

Owing to the destruction by fire of the regular place of meeting, and during the time when the meeting should have been held, the regular meeting of the Common Good Society was postponed to the 12th of the month.

May 12, 1916.

The meeting was called to order by the Pres. J. C. Kinder. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved after slight correction. Minutes of Executive and Trustee meetings were read and accepted. Reports called for. Road Supervisor, Mr. McKinley reported as follows: Order drawn in favor of E. A. Buckland for 14 hours work on the Willow road. Noan Cornu for \$4.60 for 23 hours work on Willow road and Central ave. To E. A. Buckland for \$12.00 for 742 cu ft. ditch on 4th St. and 26 rods grubbing on Willard Ave. Bu on Apr. 27 cleared Central Ave. from Inlet N. to pond, ditching now being done on same. Work being done on College Ave. from school house west. Repairs to bridges on Ruskin Boulevard were reported made and estimates given of the lumber that would be required to build the needed bridges wagon bridges on the boulevard in order to give access by team to Horis dock. B. St. is being cleared of palmettos, and a street is to be cleared if possible from Ruskin boulevard to College Ave. A be was asked for to clear street or road running N + S from College Ave. to the Willow road. The bridges on College Ave. in front of where college stood were reported in dangerous condition. As this is County road Mr. Moody had been written to in regard to these bridges, also the long bridge across the Inlet.

Dr. Miller in discussing the report reminded the Society that workers in these bees would be given credit in shape of C. G. Checks for all work done.

Mrs. Buckland brought to the attention of the Society the need of clearing for fire protection that portions of 7th street and the adjacent vacant lots between Gillman

and Emerson Avenue. Mrs. Chandler called attention to the similar clearing needed for the protection of Dr. Thatcher's place.

Moved and carried that the report of the Road Supervisor be accepted, the suggestions adopted, and the raising of the necessary funds be referred to the Ex Com.

Moved and carried that the be asked for by Mr. McKinley be held on the 18th, and as many as possible were asked to report for work on that day.

Moved and carried that the Road Supervisor be given authority to burn and otherwise clear out streets and vacant lots which were now a nuisance on account of ~~dangerous~~ employing needed help at the expense of the C. G.

Volunteer helpers were called for to assist Mr. McKinley in burning out the brush on 7th, between Gillman & Emerson.

Moved and carried that Mrs. Busby ~~reported~~ ^{Dr. Miller} reported as delegate to the S. Fla. Chamber of Commerce, that the proposed Compulsory Education Law and the Free Text-Book Law, in both of which Ruskin people are especially interested, were heartily endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Miller also spoke of his intended absence from this place and urged that both the C. G. and the Board of Trade should be represented at all the meetings of the Chamber of Commerce and Hillsborough Co. Board of Trade, and ^{should ask for} help to secure some of the things we need.

The motion in regard to concessions to the corporation in case Ruskin becomes incorporated, tabled at the last meeting, was taken from the table and its adoption moved. Dr. Miller pointed out its weakness and offered the following substitute motion:

"I move as a substitute for the recommendation made by the Board of Trustees, that in case Ruskin shall be incorporated as a municipality it shall be the policy of the Common Good not to interfere with the municipality in the making of public improvements, and shall make such improvements, if at all, only with the concurrence of such municipality. And it shall also be the policy of the Society either to turn over such money as it might otherwise spend for such improvements to such municipality on condition of such members of the Society be exempted from taxation for such improvements to the extent of such funds as may thus be turned over; or to exempt members of the Society who may be in good standing by reason of having complied with their obligation to make improvements as provided by the By Laws and the purchase contracts signed by all others who purchased by contract, from assessments made for improvements so far as the Society may make such provision."

L. L. Dickman explained that the original motion had been made simply to bring the matter before the Society, for thought and discussion. The substitute motion was seconded & carried.

Dr Miller moved that the Secretary of the Society be instructed to notify all members of the Society who are delinquent in the matter of making improvements on their town lots and farm tracts as provided in their contracts of purchase and in the By-Laws of the Society, that unless they shall make the improvements that's required within one year from June 1, 1916, their interest in the Common Good fund shall be declared forfeited; and that the letter of notification shall make a statement of the estimated value of such interest. Motion carried.

Mr. Edwards presented the matter of the new school house, explaining the plan and the possibility of exchanging C. S. land to the college for the Stacks, and other land for lumber.

Mr. Edwards then made the following motion: "Moved that we deed 5 acres of C. S. land in the west 40 to Ruskin College in consideration of the college deeding the 5 acres where the school house now stands to the school trustees. Motion carried.

Mr. Edwards then made the following motion: "Moved that we deed 10 acres of C. S. land in the west 40 to the school trustees to be known as 'school lands' to be used in exchange for lumber, material or cash for a new two story school building with hall on the second floor open to all meetings of a public character either free or at a nominal rental according to plans presented at the mass meeting April 26th, by the school trustees. Motion carried.

Adjourned.
Rachel V. Billings, Sec.

Common Good Meeting, June 3, 1916.

Meeting called to order by L. L. Dickman, who was made chairman pro tem.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Minutes of the Trustee meeting were read and approved. Motion made to consider the matters recommended and submitted by that body item by item.

The following application recommended by the Board of trustees was granted unanimously.

"Be it understood hereby make application to the Common Good Society of Ruskin, for a permit to construct and operate an artificial-ice plant on lots no. 180, 181 or 260 Wilcox Ave, Ruskin Fla. to manufacture artificial ice, to sell, vend, barter or exchange said product in and throughout all Ruskin territory. Also to operate a cold storage plant in conjunction.

with ice plant. This permit to be granted to a company to be known as the Ruskin Ice Co. composed of E. E. Robinson, John L. Evans Jr., and Chas. Dell for a period of 99 years from the date said permit is granted.

The following motion was submitted without recommendation: that "Any person, agent or representative of any person owning land in and about Ruskin Fla. which in anywise being of and under the jurisdiction and direction of the so-called Ruskin Common Good Society, desiring to engage in and conduct thereon any business whatsoever in the nature of banking, manufacturing and merchantile excepting as otherwise mentioned, shall make written application to the secretary of said society, who thereupon shall issue the following permit and none other: ^{name of applicant} having duly applied for permission to conduct and carry on business as noted in reservations of land deeds on ~~land~~ is hereby granted the privilege for the term of 99 years from date, and its is optional with said ^{name of applicant} as to time of beginning and ending of activity, and kind and line in any banking, manufacturing and merchantile business occupation; excepting ^{name exceptions}. And this permit remains and goes with the land in case of change of ownership." Motion to lay on the table was carried.

The bill of the Road Supervisor amounting to \$43.87 was read and allowed. The Supervisor also made his monthly report which was accepted. The report called for a bee on June 8 to clean up about the canning factory for the picnic on July 4th. Further work needed - Central Ave. bridge across the Inlet and other bridges on Central Ave and 3d St. Motion was made and carried to put the matter of bridges into the hands of the Executive Com. to see if they can secure lumber for same.

Moved and carried that the road running south from the College be named South St.

Report of Treasurer showed cash paid out \$1.25 balance in treasury \$53. paid out in C. G. Chks \$193.

Notice was read of the meeting of the Hillsborough Co. Board of Trade at Lake Magdalen on June 9. and as many as could were asked to attend.

The petition for bonding the Dist. for school building, and the needs of the Dist were discussed at length and the matter was left in the hands of the building Com.

It was moved that any person grubbing ditching and doing any other work in and about Ruskin and accepting Common Good Checks in payment therefor and purchasing land of said Common Good

therewith, shall be allowed 50% discount from the listed price of said land. Also ladies furnishing food for working bees in and about Ruskin be allowed 25-cts per head on same basis, they to arrange the matter of division. Motion lost.
 Adjournd. Rachel W. Billings Sec.

Common Good Meeting

July 1, 1916

In the absence of the Pres., L. L. Dickman called the meeting to order and was made the chairman pro tem.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the Trustee meeting were read and on motion made and carried the recommendations were taken up item by item.

A motion was made and carried unanimously by that the application, ^{of Ben Dill} for permit to build and operate a fish, oyster, clam and meat market on his lot No. 11 be granted.

Moved and carried that N. E. Dickman be made sexton of the cemetery with instructions to stake off the lots, keep records of and care for same.

It was brought to the notice of the C. G. that on account of so many of the stake corner stakes having been burned by the frequent fires a resurvey would be necessary in order to locate corners. Moved and carried that the Ex. Com. be authorized to have resurveyed and staked off the lots from Billamy Ave. to the Inlet and from Mrs. Eby's place to D. St.

The Road Supervisor reported an order drawn ^{June 1} to E. A. Buckland for \$15.75 for 63 rods of grubbing on B. St. and Ruskin Boulevard. An ^{June 24} order to Noah Cornu for \$3.80 for 14 hrs. work on picnic grounds on 4th St. and 5 hrs work on South St. On July 26, order to A. D. Russell for ~~24 hrs~~ \$4.80 for 24 hrs. work on Willow road, So. St. and Central Ave. Work then in progress on the following streets:

- Ditching on the west side of 8th St.
- " " " " " 3d. "
- " " " " " Central Ave.
- Grubbing and clearing A. St.
- " " " " Markham Ave.
- " " " " Emerson "
- " " " " Lewis St.
- " " " " Philcox Ave.

The Road Supervisor also made the following recommendation: "It is suggested and strongly

Supervisor also reported having inspected the dredge and found engine dismantled, stripped completely of brass, carburetor and most of batteries gone. Recommended that the dredge be disposed of as soon as possible.

L. L. Dickman stated that Mr. Hoteller wanted to trade for the dredge, offering an engine in exchange. Moved and carried that Supervisor's report be accepted.

L. L. Dickman reported that while the reservoir had not yet been made, most of the pipe needed for corner stakes had been found.

Report of the Com. on the store building was called for. In the absence of the chairman R. A. Walker, Ross Miller made partial report.

Mr. A. P. Dickman requested the Sec. to read newspaper item on the Tammam Trail showing that only the portion thru S. Hillsborough Co. and N. Manatee Co. was unprovided for.

Moved by A. P. Dickman that the C. G. appoint or elect a Com. to draw up a petition to the Co. Commissioners to provide ways and means of moving the shell on to the Bay Shore road.

Motion seconded and carried.

Nominer Capt. Dickman, Mr. Estes, Mr. Billings Moved and carried that the Sec. cast the ballot for this Com. Ballot so cast.

Moved and carried that the same Com. be appointed to see about securing the trolley line.

L. L. Dickman moved that the same Com. be instructed to get petition to the Co. Commissioners to have the Shell City road, So. of Sec. 32 abandoned and the road be made to follow Bellamy Ave.

Motion carried.

Mr. Swine's request for permit to build and operate planing mill on lot 30, granted.

Moved and carried that the C. G. take immediate steps to secure the 5 acres on which the school house stands, as Mrs. Greenwalk will put down well as soon as title is secured.

Moved that the Ex. Com. get busy and see as soon as possible what it can do.

Moved and carried that the R. Supervisor and Chairman of the Ex. Com. see Mr. Hoteller, and get the best possible trade for the dredge.

Mr. Walker having come in was asked for report on his com. Reported that he had done nothing.

Moved and carried that the report be accepted and the Com. discharged.

Moved by Admes Miller and seconded that the C. G. use the present store building as

a temporary civic center. Motion carried.
 Mr. Miller moved a substitute motion that the store building be torn down, the shorter boards being used for building a tool house and the longer and better boards being donated to the school toward the new school house. Motion lost.

Moved and carried that the store building be moved across the street, and as fast as possible permanent repairs be made.

Road Supervisor presented his bill of \$22.25 for work done during the past month. Bill allowed.
 Rachel W. Billings Sec.

Common Good Meeting

Sept. 2, 1916.

In the absence of the pres. the meeting was called to order by L. L. Dickman who was elected chairman pro tem.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Sec. reported that neither executive or trustees meeting had been held during the past month. ~~Minutes~~ Officers reports ^{called for} the Road Supervisor reported as follows:

Order drawn to F. Mully for \$128. for 57.300 cu ft. Ditch on road running N. + S. west of his place.

Order to F. Mully for \$86.67 for 31 stumps, 116 rds. levelling + 230 rds. grubbing.

Order to Mr. Ward for \$2.00 for work done on the different roads.

Report on dredge to the effect that the Com. had seen Mr. Hotiller and after some talk the dredge had been exchanged for 2 cows and a tub horse power engine. Mr. L. L. Dickman reported that he had charge of one cow which would be sold to the highest bidder at the close of the C. G. meeting.

As chairman of Com. on roads, A. P. Dickman reported that both the petition on the road to be vacated and the one to be had safeguards had been allowed. In regard to the electric trolley line, the promoters made the following propositions:

(Offer 1) Give a bonus of \$1,000 payable \$200 down the first day of September, and equal payments as needed till the work.

(Offer 2) Take \$5,000 of stock payable \$200 down the first day of September, and the balance when the road is in operation, with representation on the Board of Directors.

made Co.
road

(Offer 3.) A one-eighth interest in all the profits to be made from promotion and building of road for \$750, with representation on the Board of Directors. Can have secretaryship or possibly a Presidency.

The promoters wanted bonus of \$1000 whether the road put through or not.

The road would be guaranteed if any one of these conditions was accepted.

Moved and carried that the propositions be laid on the table for one month.

Notices of the joint meeting of the Hillsboro Co Board of Trade and the S. F. Chamber of Commerce were read especially in the interest of better freight rates for Florida, were read.

Moved and carried to elect delegates to this meeting. Mr. Adner Miller was nominated.

As there were no other nominees the Secy was instructed to cast the ballot for Mr. Miller.

It was then suggested that if any one else found he could go, the matter was open.

The following application was read: "To the C. S. Society:— I hereby apply for the right to erect and operate a mechanical shop and garage ^{for 99 years} on any land I may hereafter purchase in Ruston", signed E. J. Smith.

Motion was made and seconded that the permit be granted.

A substitute motion to defer action was lost.

An amendment made and seconded that when Mr. Smith secures a location, the permit is granted if the C. S. approves the location. Amendment lost.

Motion to lay on the table was also lost. The original motion to grant the permit carried.

The following application for permit was read:

"I hereby make application for permission to engage in merchantile business, banking or manufacturing on lots 584 & 585 situated on 4th St and Markham Ave. for myself, heirs or assigns, for a period of 99 years", signed Simon Barratt.

Motion was made and carried that a permit be granted after the form of that granted Mr. Ester.

Mr. Edwards brought up the matter of notifying property owners that they must make improvements, or forfeit share in C. S. property.

Chairman explained that the Ex had not yet been able to finance the work.

Mr. Edwards then offered to pay for a notice to be published in three issues of the Triangle.

Mr. Duckett moved that the C. S. accept Mr. Edwards' offer. Motion seconded.

Mrs. Ford offered a substitute motion that

the C. G. Society publish such notice in the next 3 issues of the Triangle. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ross Miller called attention to the park and to the desirability of getting busy with the improvements. Mr. McKinley explained that as such work was usually done by her, on account of rains and heat, he had thought it best to postpone work on the park, until after the rainy season.

Adjourned

Rachel W. Bellings.

Common Good Meeting.

Oct. 7, 1916

Meeting called to order by the Pres.

Minutes read and corrected

Mr. Adner Miller wanted the Common Good to amend the permit granted to Mr. Smith, thus making correction in the minutes, the permit as it stands he claimed to be illegal. The discussion that followed brought out the fact that other permits had been granted in which no location was designated, and that those permits had not been objected to on account of not stating a definite location. After discussion, Adner Miller moved and it was recorded that Mr. Smith's application for permit, and all reference to proceedings in regard to it, be stricken from the minutes until such time as Mr. Smith designates the location. After further discussion the vote was taken by division, resulting in 6 votes in favor of the motion and 12 against.

At the close of the meeting Dr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Adner Miller and Mrs. Rose Miller asked to be put on record as favoring the motion.

A motion to approve the minutes as read resulted in 10 votes for and 8 against the motion.

The Trustees reported no quorum.

The Road Supervisor reported as follows:

Sept. 11.	Order drawn to S. Barratt for 25 rds grubbing, and taking out 5 stumps on Markham Ave.	\$11.25
" "	To S. Barratt for 4330 cu. ft. ditch and 34½ rods of leveling on South St.	35.92
" "	To Noah Cornu for 1590 cu. ft. ditch and taking out 28 trees on Markham Ave.	30.59
" 26.	To A. W. Shrigley for 1272 cu. ft. ditch and 98½ rds. grubbing on 3d St.	37.35

The report closed with the suggestion that as the rainy season is now over, a bee is in order for clearing up and improving the park.

Mr. L. L. Dickman reporting in regard to the surveying on the N. side, stated that he had found it impossible to secure the needed pipe for stakes.

and carried

Moved that Mr. Dickman's report be accepted as showing progress, and it was suggested that lighter wood stakes be used to finish the work.

Moved that the Com. be instructed to go ahead with the surveying using the lighter-wood stakes. Motion carried.

The matter of the proposition made by the Electric Trolley Co. and laid on the table at the last meeting, was taken up. After some discussion, it was again laid on the table awaiting further information.

Moved that the park be deferred until the school house is out of the way.

Moved as substitute that the park be put off indefinitely. Motion carried.

L. L. Dickman reported on the dredge trade that he had the other corv and would sell her at the close of the meeting to the highest bidder. That Mr. Hoteller had not yet brought up the engine, and that he had learned of a palmetto plow for which he might trade the engine. By vote the matter was left in the hands of the Com.

The bill of the Beacon Pub. Co. for adv. in one issue of the Triangle 75¢ was presented and accepted.

Dr. Miller submitted the new form of permit for the College enterprises as required by vote taken at a previous meeting. On motion it was approved.

Moved and carried that we begin now to make preparations for our exhibit at the S. Florida fair, and the Com. to have the matter in charge be elected.

Moved that the actual time taken by the Com. in this work be paid for in C. S. Chks at the rate of 20¢ an hour, also all travelling expenses.

Motion carried.
Nominations for Com. Mrs. Chandler, Capt. Dickman, Mrs. Ross Miller, Mr. Eater, Mr. Smith.

Moved and carried that nominations close.

Moved and carried that the Sec. cast the ballot for the Committee.

Meeting adjourned

Rachel W. Billings, Sec.

Nov. 4, 1916

The meeting of the Common Good society was called to order by the Pres.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

We regular meeting of Trustees or Executive since the last meeting, but L. L. reported an informal Executive agreement over to the phone to rent the old store building to the Holy Rollers for meetings and

Ben racks for drying nets

to allow ~~the~~ Dell to set nets in the Inlet at night, as there was no objection by residents in the vicinity. Accepted.

L. L. Dickman reported on the engine that Mr. Hotter had been up, and could trade the engine for a palmetto plow but the owner of the plow wished to use it a little longer before letting it go. This had been agreed to, but

Bill was presented from the "Triangle" for .75 for advertising and was accepted.

Moved that the C. C. give to the Triangle a list of property owners to whom marked copies of the Triangle containing the adv. should be sent. Motion carried.

Mr. McLain asked to have the ditch on 4th St. deepened and widened, the pond drained and street filled in front of his house. Moved and carried that the matter be placed in the hands of the Ex. Com. to do what they can.

Moved that the matter of eradicating the sand spurs be placed in the hands of the Ex. Com. Moved an amendment that it be the sense of the C. C. that residents be urged to keep the sand-spurs off their property and adjoining streets. Motion carried as amended.

Com. on Fair was asked for report. Nothing done as yet by the Com., but members of the com. reported having spoken to different parties in regard to preparing exhibits.

Mr. Ross Miller wished to present the matter of the further addition to the school house and the finishing up of what is already begun. Moved that the C. C. adjourn in order to allow the matter to be presented and discussed. Motion carried.

Rachel H. Bitlinge, Sec.

Dec. 2, 1916.

No quorum present as so many of the members were working on the school-house, so no meeting was held.

Annual Meeting Jan. 6, 1917

Meeting was called to order by the Pres. J. C. Linder. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved after slight correction.

The road supervisor reported grubbing and ditching as follows for the months of Oct, Nov. & Dec. 1916.

Oct. 7	Order drawn for J. O. Duckett, road work	\$3.80
" 14	" " " H. A. McLain, 90 1/2 rd. grub. College Ave.	30.22
" 27	" " " E. A. Buckland 40 " " Lewis St.	12.00
" "	" " " " " " 43 1/2 " " Carlisle Ave.	28.88
Nov. 22	" " " H. J. Newman 102 3/4 " " Emerson "	24.60
Dec. 12	" " " Ben Dell 258 1/2 " " Wilcox "	76.00

Dec. 23. Order drawn H. J. Newman 98 rods grub
 1480 cu. ft. ditch
 3 trus, Emerson Ave. \$38.81
 Total \$196.35

The road supervisor also made his annual report showing clearing and ditching during the past year at a total cost of \$1142.03

Both reports were accepted. Also the road supervisors bill for his own work of measuring and inspecting work, bridge repairing, etc. \$10.55

Treasurer reported cash received	57.33	
" " paid out	57.30	.03
C. G. Chik received	\$551.25	
" " "	525.55	\$25.70

Report accepted

The secretary reported having drawn orders to amt. 501.20
 Paid in Homemakers settlement 703.65
 546 fund 113.55
 \$1318.40

Also bills for salaries, Sec 26.87
 " " " " Chairman Exp. 18.15
 Treas. 9.00

Omitted from report

Total 1372.42

Of this sum 649.13 was for Common good lots, paid by road work and received through Ruskin H. M. settlement.

Homemakers settlement, Jan. 1, 1917. \$1154.26
 Amount due from Homemakers 1417.94
 " recd. " " " 257.68
 Total surplus recd

Common Good Check acct. Jan. 1916

Outstanding	\$225.40
Reissued	182.20
Issued	337.79
Total	745.39
Redeemed	144.00
	601.39

Sec. reports accepted.

L. L. Dickman reported on engine that the man who was to have traded palmetto plow for engine had sold his land and plow with it. So engine would be brought back. Report accepted.

Mrs. Chandler reported for Com in fair that the men of the Com. had agreed to take care of the garden farm and poultry exhibits. Had learned that bottles for commercial exhibits could be had at from \$25.00 - \$75.00

Com. desired, if C. G. thought best to hold fair, and institute in school house on day before opening of fair in Tampa, in order to gather and show exhibits. Moved and carried that such fair be held.

The Common Good then proceeded to the election of officers
 Nominees for Pres. E. J. Smith 38
 Mr. Shrigley 22
 Vote resulted in election of Mr. Smith.

Nominees for V. Pres. Mr. Shrigley 32
 Mr. Buckland 27
 Mr. Shrigley was elected.

Mr. McKipley was nominated for Road Supervisor and
 by vote the Sec. was instructed to cast the electing ballot.

Nominees for Treasurer Robert A. Walker 33
 C. S. Billings 23
 Mr. Walker elected.

Nominees for trustees L. L. Dickman 54
 Mrs. E. A. Buckland 45
 " C. S. Billings 45
 Robert A. Walker 35
 H. J. Manning 38
 " Ruth Miller 37
 Mr. Hard 31
 J. S. McCain 27
 Char. Dell 27
 Mrs. Ford 27
 Mrs. Hazeltine 30

Trustees elected were L. L. Dickman, Robt. A. Walker, H. J. Manning, Mr. Hard, Mrs. E. A. Buckland, Rachel H. Billings, Mrs. Ruth Miller.

Vote on trustees for Ex Com. resulted in the election of L. L. Dickman, Robt. Walker, Mrs. Billings. By vote the Pres. was instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. Billings as Sec. Moved and carried that Mrs. N. E. Dickman hold over as locator.

E. J. Smith called attention to the condition of a part of the Willow Road, where a bog was causing trouble for teamsters. Dr. Miller moved that the Ex. Com. make arrangements that would obviate the difficulty, or put up signs indicating the dangerous condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckland asked and received permission to use that portion of Rustin Boulevard between their lots 365 & 366 and the curb until such time as actually needed for streetway, in consideration of such use they agreeing to clear such land of the palmettos.

Rachel H. Billings Sec.

Feb. 3, 1917.

Common Good Meeting, 14 Members present.

Meeting called to order by the President
E. T. Smith.Minutes of the previous meeting were read
and approved.Minutes of the Trustee meeting read and
accepted, with the exception of its recommendation
which would be considered separately.

The Road Supervisor made the following report:

Jan. 13. Order No 48 Mr. H. J. Korman, 862 ft. ditch, 53 rds
grubbing, 17 1/2 rds leveling, 7 trees on 4. St. \$28.41Jan. 18. Order No 49 Mr. J. E. Ormsby on acct. 30 hrs. work
cleaning out north line ditch \$4.50Jan. 18. Order No 1. ~~new~~ book 2. to Mr. J. E. Ormsby. on acct.
1085 cu. ft. ditch on N. & W. side of his farm tract \$8.11

Report accepted.

Moved by Mr. McKinley that the C. G. go on
record as naming the 3d. Thursday of each month
as Road Day - for work on public streets & roads.

Motion carried.

Moved and carried that the C. G. elect
five ladies to arrange for serving lunch to the
workers on Road Day. and that the com. be
paid in C. G. checks.Treasurer's bill for 1916 of \$9.00 was presented
and allowed.Matter of fair exhibit was brought up, and
while it was the general opinion that some one
should be there each day to look after the exhibits
it was agreed to leave the matter in hands of Com.Mr. Ross Miller presented the matter of the C. G.
contributing to the fee of the Civic Center facility.L. L. Dickman moved that the C. G. pay .25
per month collection to be taken at the next meeting.
Seconded and carried.L. L. Dickman brought up the matter of the
taxes and Mrs. Doan's interest now almost due.Dr. Miller moved that an effort be made to
raise money by selling a lot or farm tract at auction
at the next meeting, the Ex. Com. to take charge of
matter and do best they can. Motion carried.The application of Mr. Woodworth for permit to
operate a knitting factory in Ruskir was brought up.Moved by Dr. Miller that the permit be granted
provided that the location and personnel of the
of the firm be made definite before the Trustees
issue the permit. Motion carried.The following Com on Road Day lunches was
nominated: Mrs. Buckland, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Manning,
Mrs. Ross Miller, Mrs. Billings, Mrs. Hazeltine, Mrs. Ross
Dickman. Moved & carried that Sec. cast ballot for nominees

Attention was called to the danger from fire to the Boyce place and others on account of surrounding growths.
 L. L. Dickman moved that the Sec. be instructed to write to non-residents of this condition and ask them to pay for clearing and burning around their premises. Motion carried.
 adjourned. Rachel W. Billings Sec.

Common Good Meeting, 13th month. Apr. 7, 1917.
 Meeting called to order by the Pres. E. J. Smith.
 Minutes of the Feb. meeting were read.
 Com. on Fair reported through Mrs. Chandler that the taking of the exhibits to Tampa and entering same at the Fair. She also reported the bringing back of the exhibits with 14 ribbons, 4 first, 4 worthy mention 4 second prize.
 Moved and carried that the report be accepted and the Com. discharged.
 Moved and seconded that the motion adopted at the previous meeting in regard to granting permit to Mr. Woodworth to start a knitting factory be reconsidered. Motion carried.
 Mr. Ward moved that the motion be amended by striking out the clause "provided that the location and personnel of the firm be ^{first} staided", be stricken out. Motion carried.
 The motion was then adopted as amended.
 The matter of Mrs. Doan's interest was then discussed.
 Moved and carried that it be referred back to the Ex. Com.
 Moved and carried that the matter of the deed to lot which Mrs. Chandler has contracted for and on which she wishes to apply her salary as C. G. Sec. be referred to the Ex. Com. and that a special meeting be called for this purpose.
 Moved and carried that the Com. to look after the store building be instructed to charge rent to parties wishing to use it, in order to raise money for needed repairs.
 Moved and carried that the ^{C. G. Society} meeting adjourn to meet one week from today at 2:30
 Rachel W. Billings Sec.

Apr. 14, 1917
10 present

Adjourned Common Good Meeting.

Minutes of Feb. meeting were read and approved.
April minutes were by motion adopted as read.

Minutes of Trustee and Executive meetings were read and Mr. Dickman further reported showing land to prospective buyer. As the land shown is unplatted and as there has been talk of using it as a park, it was thought best to bring it before the C. G. before selling.

Moved and carried that the Ex. be empowered to make a deal on this if possible.

The Road Supervisor had no report for the past month except of the work done by the bee on South St. He also reminded of the bee to be held on the 19th. inst.

Notice of the meeting of the Hillsboro Co. Board of Trade was read, and it was voted that any one in Tampa on the 16th. inst. be authorized to represent the C. G. Society at the Co. Board of Trade meeting.

Mrs. Chandler brought up the matter of the deed to the lot on which she wishes to turn in as final payment the C. G. chks received by her for her services as Secretary. Her statement was followed by discussion and explanations.

Moved and carried that the C. G. pursue regular business.

Mr. Ester brought up the matter of the back taxes on the land bought by him from the C. G. and pointed out that his land had been bought by the state and unless redeemed might at any time be sold.

Captain Dickman moved that the Ex. Com be empowered to receive bids on any lot that any person might want, the same to be sold at auction at the next meeting, the sealed bid to be the lowest to be considered. Carried.

Moved and carried that Mrs. Chandler be paid first from any money received.

Collection for janitor fees amounted to \$2 cts.

Adjourned.

May 6, 1917, 10 present

Meeting called to order by the Pres. Minutes of the adjourned meeting were read.
Dr. Miller asked in regard to the land shown by L. L. Dickman.

Moved that the recommendation in regard to Mrs. Davis's offer be accepted. Carried.

The Road Supervisor read the following report:
Order drawn Jan 13. favor H. Newman
on acct 862 cu ft. ditch, 5-3 rds, grubbing \$28.49
17 1/2 rds. leveling, taking out 7 trees in S. St.
Jan 18. order drawn favor J. E. Ormsby, acct.
30 hrs. work, clearing out N. line ditch 4.50

Apr. 9, Jan. 18, Order drawn favor of J. E. Ormsby
acct 1085 cu. ft. on road around his farm tract, \$ 8.11
Apr. 9, Order drawn favor of Noah Cornu acct.
5700 cu. ft. ditch on South St. & 17 hrs. road work. \$ 142.45
May. 5th, Order drawn favor Mr. E. J. Scmitt
acct. 31 hrs, be work & 8 hrs, on an & mule team
work at present being done on Markham & Emerson Av. \$ 10.20

Report accepted,

Moved that the C. G. act upon the suggestion of
Mr. Walker that the Ex. Com. find out the amt of the
back taxes. Carried,

Moved that the bid of Mr. Ester be rejected and
he be asked to make a cash bid which will be received
and acted upon in accordance with the motion passed
at the last meeting.

Mrs. Chandler's bill of \$10.65 for expenses to the
Tampa Fair was presented. Moved and carried that
the bill be referred to the Ex. Com. to be settled according
to the records.

Mr. McKinley's bill of \$10.12 was accepted
and ordered paid.

Moved and carried that the surrender of
garage and machine shop permit held by Okerton
and Willard Miller be accepted.

Moved by Dr. Miller that the Sec. be instructed to
write our members of Congress, urging them to
support a bill fixing the maximum and minimum
prices of all food stuffs. Motion carried

Adjournment,

June 2, 1917 No quorum,
The C. G. adjourned to meet at the call
of the President.

Certificate of Redemption

A copy of Page #150 plus, of Minutes Book#3. (Except SEC,V, Letter(e)).

Passed 2/26/1910. MINUTES BOOK#1. PAGE 42-3.
By-Laws of the Ruskin Commongood Society
of Ruskin, Florida

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