

- (1) To request the State Controlling Board to allocate from G-2 Buildings, House Bill No. 665, the sum of \$35,000 for the construction and equipment of an Electrostatic Generator Station;
- (2) when and if priorities are secured from the Federal Government for this project, to present the plans and specifications, etc. to the State Director of Public Works for his approval, and if approved by him to advertise for bids in accordance with law;
- (3) to request the State Controlling Board, in accordance with Section 7 of House Bill No. 665, to authorize the Trustees to advertise for bids by one publication only.

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President Bevis now stated that for the past two years the Ohio State University has been training young men for civilian pilots, under a contract with the Federal Government. 340 students have taken this course, and 60 students are now enrolled. The ground work instruction has been given on the University campus and the flying instruction at the Columbus Airport.

The President advised further that the Columbus Airport has now been taken over by the United States Navy, and the University has been advised that after the present class has been trained, no more training can be given at the Airport. This last class will complete its work June 15th. There are no other airports in the vicinity of Columbus which are available for this work, and because of the importance of aviation today and its even greater importance after the war, the University cannot afford to lose the position it now occupies in the training of pilots and aeronautical engineers.

Because of the necessity for immediate action, the President stated that he had requested those interested in aeronautical engineering to make a study of the surrounding territory to see whether it might be possible to find an area suitable for an Airport. Such a tract was found approximately seven miles north of the University, and upon his instructions, options have been taken from the property owners. The present options cover approximately 345 acres of land.

The cost of this Airport is estimated as follows:

345 acres of land.....	\$63,825
Shop and Hangars.....	18,000
Grading and Runways.....	15,500
Line Fencing.....	2,000
Miscellaneous Items.....	675

Total Estimate.....\$100,000

Upon motion of Colonel Dargusch, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, the Board by unanimous vote approved the above actions of the President, and the Secretary was directed to respectfully request the State Controlling Board to transfer or make available from the appropriation for G-2 Buildings, House Bill No. 665, \$100,000 for this purpose.

The Board directed further that, if and when said authorization is granted by the State Controlling Board, the Secretary shall complete the purchase of all lands covered by options for this Airport.

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The President called the attention of the Board to its action taken on January 12, 1942, whereby preliminary drawings and esti-