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FORT HAYS  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGE

C. E. RARICK, Ed. D.  
ACTING PRESIDENT

HAYS, KANSAS

Nov. 23, 1934

To Dr. C. E. Rarick, Chairman, and  
Members of State Park Board

Re.--Report on Park Development

Gentlemen:

Find herein a report on work completed, work to be done and recommendations for future development.

Sept. 20 to Nov. 20, 1934

- I Have kept fences, ovens, benches, shelter houses and other facilities in good repair.  
Have cut, piled and burned brush and weeds on both sides of creek from dairy barn to park proper.  
Have cleaned park grounds, and raked up leaves and litter several times.  
Have cleaned out ovens and trash receptacles several time.  
Have had fuel cut for public use in ovens on several occasions.  
Have pruned trees and cut out dead branches.  
Have inspected park and facilities frequently.

The above has cost in labor approximately \$150.00

- II Work to be done this fall and estimated labor cost @ 30¢ per hr.
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|---|-----------------|
| Rake up and burn leaves and trash                           | \$25.00         |
| Cut brush and weeds in area south west of bridge on highway | 25.00           |
| Inspect and cut out dead or useless trees. Prune others     | 20.00           |
| Repair ovens which have been damaged                        | 10.00           |
| Keep fuel on hand for ovens (per month)                     | 10.00           |
| Keep ovens and trash receptacles clean (per month)          | 10.00           |
| Maintenance of other facilities                             | 50.00           |
| Keep roads in good repair (City may do this work)           |                 |
| Estimated Cost  | <u>\$150.00</u> |

- III Recommendations for spring.
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| Replant trees and shrubs which died as a result of summer drought. | \$75.00 |
| Landscape some of the more conspicuous sections                    | 50.00   |
| Fix up tennis courts and open to public                            | 25.00   |
| Clean creek banks and other portions of park of weeds and brush.   | 50.00   |
| Keep up general maintenance.                                       |         |

Above estimates for labor alone with exception of plants and trees which could be secured from Experiment Station in exchange for labor. Nets for tennis courts included @ \$10.00

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IV Recommendations for future development.

Install irrigation system	\$2000.00
Sow grass in some sections	150.00
Lay out and paint flower beds	100.00
Construct lily pool and fountain	400.00
Construct rock garden	200.00
Construct bath house and arrange for public swimming	250.00
Install additional amusement facilities for children	100.00
Provide for maintenance (per year)	1800.00
Total estimates	<u>\$5000.00</u>

These figures and recommendations do not include projects to be undertaken at Custers' Island.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lloyd Cunningham

October 11, 1934

Mr. D. A. N. Chase,  
Budget Director,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Chase:

The enclosed report is made in behalf of the Board of Managers of the Kansas Frontier Historical Park at Hays. This is made as a request for an appropriation of \$4,000.00 each year for the biennium of 1935-1937. The minutes of this Board of Managers makes the request for this amount, and as a representative of this Board I am conveying this information to you.

The details are estimates which I have made as to the probable use of the appropriation.

Possibly I should explain to you the Kansas Frontier Historical Park is a tract of about 147 acres, located along Big Creek, and was granted to the state by the Federal Government at the time of the abandonment of old Fort Hays some thirty years ago. The legislature of 1931 formally established the Park, provided a Board of Managers.

During the year of 1933-1934 a Conservation Camp was located in the park, beautifying it, and making a real park here. The Federal Government has spent about \$138,000.00 in the park, and the Board of Managers now feel the state should make provision for its upkeep in order that the Federal investment may be conserved.

I trust you will be willing to approve the estimates we have made.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Board of Managers.

KANSAS FRONTIER HISTORICAL PARK BOARD OF MANAGERS

request an appropriation from the Legislature of 1935 for upkeep and maintenance of the park of \$4,000.00 each year, or \$8,000.00 for the biennium, this money to be used in approximately the following manner:

Park superintendent salary, @ \$60.00 per month 12 months in the year, with house rent in addition, house already provided on park property.	\$ 720.00
Patrol, \$40.00 per month, 12 months	480.00
Three laborers, three months during the year, \$50.00 per month, each, total	450.00
Twelve students during nine months at \$15.00 per month, total	1620.00
For teams, hauling trucking	300.00
For materials, lumber, paint, plantings, etc	430.00
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	\$4000.00