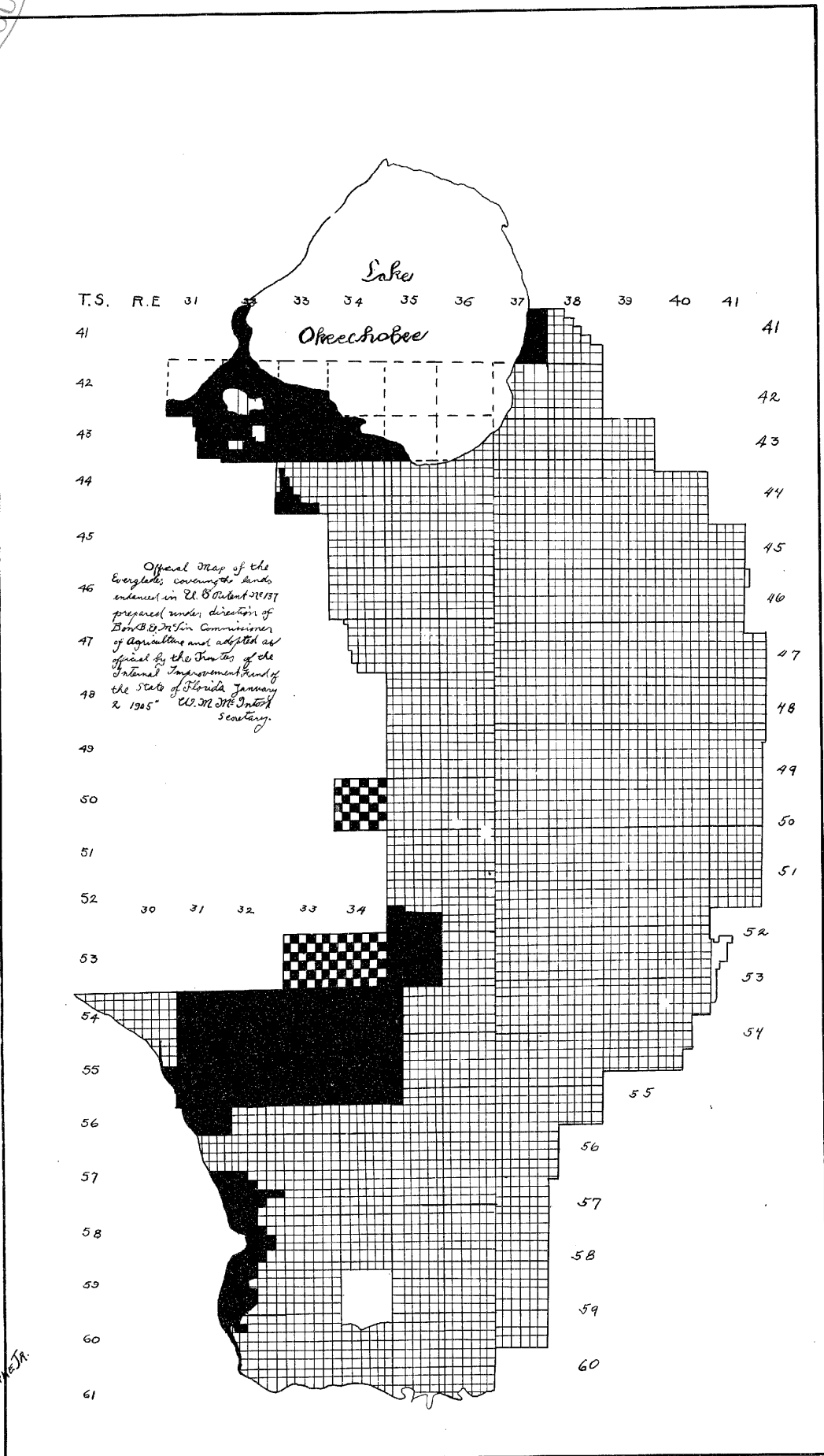
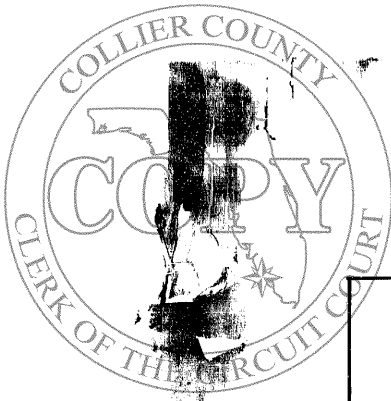




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Tallahassee, Fla., January 2, 1905.
The Trustees met in the Executive Office.
Present:
W. S. Jennings, Governor, A. C. Groom, Comptroller, W. H. Ellis, Attorney General, B. E. Melin, Commissioner of Agriculture.
Governor Jennings presented the following letter, together with a map of the Everglades:
"Tallahassee, Fla., January 2, 1905.
Hon. W. S. Jennings,
Chairman Trustees Internal Improvement Fund,
Tallahassee, Fla.

Sir: In compliance with your request, I here hand you a map which has been prepared in the Land Office, showing the area of the Everglade Patent, known as No. 137.
We have extended the lines by rule from the surveyed lines on the East and the West side of the Everglades, which is as near a location of the sections, Townships and Ranges as we can furnish without an actual survey of the same. I trust the same will be satisfactory.
Yours very truly,
B. E. Melin,
Commissioner of Agriculture."

After consideration, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved: That the letter of Hon. B. E. Melin, Commissioner of Agriculture, be spread on the minutes of the Trustees, and that the map of the Everglades, as prepared under his direction be and the same is hereby adopted as the official map of the Everglades land, embracing the lands in U. S. Patent No. 137, containing 2,562,280 acres, and that said map be identified by the Secretary endorsing thereon the following words and figures, viz:
"Official map of the Everglades, covering the lands embraced in U. S. Patent No. 137, prepared under direction of Hon. B. E. Melin, Commissioner of Agriculture, and adopted as official by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, January 2nd, 1905."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the map be entered on record on a separate page of the minute book of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and that a copy of said map, duly certified as aforesaid, be filed in the office of Hon. B. E. Melin, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court
Lee County, Florida, on this 5th day of December A.D.
1911 and recorded on December 7th, A.D. 1911, in Book
3 of Plats, on page 14.

W. M. Hendry,
Clerk of Circuit Court.
By E. E. Watson, D.C.

STATE OF FLORIDA }
COLLIER COUNTY }

I hereby certify that this is a true
and correct transcript of the record
as same appears in Plat Book 3 page 14
of the public records of Lee County, Florida.

This September 7th, 1923.

W. M. Hendry
Clerk Circuit Court
Collier County, Florida.

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