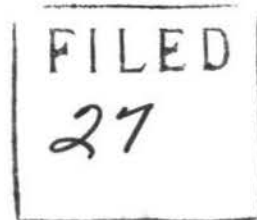


March 19, 1974

OPINION LETTER NO. 27
Answer by letter-Koppe

Honorable Christopher S. Bond
Governor of Missouri
Executive Office
State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101



Dear Governor Bond:

This is in answer to your opinion request concerning the responsibilities of the Commissioner of Administration in relation to the Missouri State Park Board. Your specific inquiry asked whether the State Park Board has the power and authority to obtain architectural documents, let contracts for repair, rehabilitation or new construction of facilities, supervise construction, and perform inspection and maintenance of facilities without the approval of the Commissioner of Administration.

We refer your attention to Opinion No. 25 rendered March 7, 1974 (copy enclosed), which held that the Conservation Commission was not empowered or authorized to let contracts for repair, rehabilitation or new construction of facilities without the approval of the Commissioner of Administration, but that it need not secure formal approval of the Commissioner of Administration before obtaining architectural documents, supervising construction and performing inspection and maintenance, provided that its procedures in carrying out such activities conformed to the reasonable procedures outlined by the Commissioner pursuant to his authority under Section 8.320, RSMo 1969.

We have specifically examined Section 253.040, RSMo 1969, which relates to the power and duties of the Missouri State Park

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Board and can find nothing therein or in any other statutory provisions or Missouri constitutional provisions that would cause us to reach a different conclusion with respect to the Park Board.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosure: Op. No. 25
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