

# **Kansas State Agricultural College.**

## **EXPERIMENT STATION.--Circular No. 10.**

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DIVISION OF FORESTRY.

CHAS. A. SCOTT, Forester in Charge.

### ***Provisions of the State Forest Law.***

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#### **THE NEW FORESTRY LAW.**

The recognized need of a vigorous forestry policy and an aggressive campaign for tree planting on every farm in Kansas prompted the legislature of 1909 to pass the following forestry bill, which was signed by Governor Stubbs on March 8 and became effective on March 15, 1909:

SENATE BILL No. 231.

AN ACT to establish at the Kansas State Agricultural College a division of forestry under the direction of the board of regents of that institution, and appropriating funds for the support of same, and repealing chapter 405 of the Session Laws of 1907.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

SECTION 1. For the promotion of forestry in Kansas there shall be established at the Kansas State Agricultural College, under the direction of the board of regents, a division of forestry. The board of regents of the Kansas State Agricultural College shall appoint a state forester who shall have general supervision of all experimental and demonstration work in forestry conducted by the Experiment Station. He shall promote practical forestry in every possible way, compile and disseminate information relative to forestry, and publish the results of such work through bulletins, press notices, and in such other ways as may be most practicable to reach the public, and by lecturing before farmers' institutes, associations and other organizations interested in forestry.

SEC. 2. The state forester shall employ, under the direction of the board of regents of the Kansas State Agricultural College, such assistants, who shall be practical foresters, laborers and clerks, and shall purchase necessary office furniture and equipment as may be needed to carry into effect the purposes of this act.

SEC. 3. The state forester shall, upon request, cooperate with towns,

counties, corporations and individuals in preparing planting plans and plans for the protection, management and replacement of trees, wood lots and timber tracts under an agreement that the persons obtaining such assistance shall pay the field expenses of such work.

SEC. 4. The board of regents of the State Agricultural College may also conduct on the Dodge City and Ogallah Stations other demonstrations and experiments of local interest, such as seed breeding and tillage experiments, whenever such demonstrations may not interfere with the work in forestry.

SEC. 5. For carrying the provisions of this act into effect there shall be appropriated from moneys in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909; two thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, and two thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911. All vouchers for salaries and other expenses shall be paid in the same manner as expenses of the Kansas State Agricultural College.

SEC. 6. The Forestry Stations at Ogallah and Dodge City shall remain the property of the state for the purpose of conducting experimental and demonstration work in forestry under the direction of the board of regents of the State Agricultural College, who shall have all power in relation thereto now exercised by the Executive Council. And for the purpose of maintaining said Stations and for the purchase of trees, plants, seeds and cuttings, and for the payment of other incidental expenses, there is hereby appropriated the following sum, or a much as may be necessary, to wit:

*For the Station at Ogallah*

For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1910, and June 30, 1911:

	1910	1911
Maintenance and repairs	\$500	\$500
For the purchase of trees, seeds and cuttings	300	300
For labor	1200	1,200
For postage, freight and incidentals	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
	\$2,200	\$2,200

*For the Station at Dodge City*

For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1909, and June 30, 1910, and June 30, 1911:

	1910	1911
Maintenance and repairs	\$500	\$500
For the purchase of trees, seeds and cuttings	300	300
For labor	1200	1,200
For postage, freight and incidentals	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
	\$2,200	\$2,200

For the Dodge City Station \$500, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the purchase of a team, said sum to be available at once.

SEC. 7. Chapter 405, Session Laws of 1907, and all acts and parts of acts conflicting with this are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official state paper.

I hereby certify that the above bill originated in the Senate, and passed that body Feb. 27, 1909.

W. J. FITZGERALD,  
President of the Senate.  
Z. E. WYANT,  
Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the House March 8, 1909.

J. N. DOLLEY,  
Speaker of the House.

C. H. BRILHART  
Asst. Chief Clerk of the House.

Approved March 12, 1909.—W. R. Stubbs, Governor.

STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, C. E. Denton, secretary of state of the state of Kansas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a correct copy of the original enrolled bill now on file in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, this 13th day of March, 1909.

[SEAL]

C. E. DENTON,  
Secretary of State.

In accordance with the foregoing provisions of the act of the state legislature, the state forester will gladly give all possible assistance to those desiring his services. We are especially anxious to get in touch with all who intend to plant shelter belts and groves of forest trees, and when warranted in doing so we will prepare planting plans for such work. Special attention is given to the preparation of planting plans for city and town parks, court house and school yard plantings. This work is in charge of an expert landscape gardener.

The only charge made for services from this office is the actual expense incurred by the work, such as car fare, board and lodgings, and incidental expenses.

Section 3 of the above act specifies that the person for whom such work is done must bear the expense. The amount of such expenses will depend entirely upon the distance the work is located from Manhattan or Hays, Kan. Whenever convenient two or more projects will be handled on one trip and the expenses prorated.

Applications for assistance should be made direct to the State Forester, Manhattan, Kan., and all applications should be made as early as possible, so that the plans can be prepared and returned in time to allow orders for planting stock to be made by January 1.

On account of the work at the Dodge City, Ogallah and

Hays Stations demanding our attention during the spring months, we cannot prepare planting plans during the months of April, May and June.

Approved:

ED. H. WEBSTER, *Director*.  
MANHATTAN, KAN., July 21, 1910.