

Your support and assistance will be appreciated by the folks that call Schuyler, Nebraska their place to do business and call home.

Sincerely,

RUSSELL D. SALAK, *Mayor.*

VILLAGE OF MULLEN,
Mullen, Nebr., January 26, 1968.

U.S. CONGRESS,
Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

HONORABLE MEMBERS: The purpose of this letter is to express our opinion in favor of the Bill S. 1401. We believe that the channelling of some of the Mineral Rights revenue into an Outdoor Recreation Fund will help continue the very worth-while program initiated three years ago as the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The Village of Mullen is just now completing a much-needed swimming pool and park; made possible through the matching Federal and State funds under the Land and Water Conservation Program. We have had no swimming pool and only an inadequate park, so we do greatly appreciate Federal assistance in this development. This is, like much of the Great Plains Region, a thinly populated area. Due to this lack of population, we are unable to finance some of those facilities which we feel are sorely needed for the beautification of the area and for outdoor recreation.

Although our immediate needs have now been filled, we are sure that there are still many communities, such as ours, which could benefit greatly through this program. There are many places of scenic beauty throughout the State of Nebraska where parks might be installed, which are yet undeveloped. We are sure that this applies to many other States as well. We are proud of the progress that has been made and enthused by the prospects of future developments.

The State of Nebraska, in granting the 25% matching fund to the Political Sub-divisions, has cooperated 100% with the Federal Program. We are assured that our State will continue to extend its full support.

For these reasons we urge the passage of S. 1401 and the continuance of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.

Respectfully yours,

J. D. CARLSON,
Chairman of the Board.

VILLAGE OF PAXTON,
Paxton, Nebr., January 25, 1968.

Re Bills in the Senate S. 1401 and S. 8578.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: In reference to the funds we received to help build the swimming pool in Paxton, which were acquired through the State of Nebraska, Game and Forestration Department, we feel that our community has been benefited by these funds. We believe that due to lack of recreation facilities many of our people had to drive some distance on crowded Highway 30 for entertainment.

We feel that the handling of these funds at the state level instead of the federal level is more satisfactory due to the fact that they understand problems in local areas much better.

On this project we received 25% assistance from the State Game and Forestration Department and hope this assistance can be continued in the future so that other communities like us can receive this help in improving their recreation facilities and their communities.

Sincerely,

ROBERT J. DICKENSON, Sr., *Mayor.*