

December 8, 1932

Mr. Franklin J. W. Schmidt,
Wisconsin Conservation Commission,
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Frank:

I have been talking over the matter of your doing some prairie chicken work in Iowa, with Mr. Bode, who is Head of the Fish and Game Department, with Bill Scheunke and with one or two of the wardens.

In view of the fact that license revunes have not been what they were expected to be the Fish and Game Department is not in the most comfortable financial condition, and Bode felt that they could not spare any cash sum for your expenses, although he said that I might take the matter up with the Commission. I was so sure, however, that the Commission would veto this expenditure that I did not mention it to them, but have been devoting my attention to the possibility of cutting down your expenses to a minimum instead of hoping to get you ~~directly~~ ~~imbursement~~. *reimbursement directly*

Briefly, ²⁵ the result of my conference with Scheunke and with Mr. Bowers, who is the warden in the Howard County area, the best bet seems to be this: Mr. Bowers is quite certain that sportsmen and other conservationists are sufficiently interested in this work that they would be willing to furnish you free board, room, travel and to aid you in the preparation of your equipment, etc. There is at present a very good migrant chicken population and an unusually heavy population of residents in Howard County. So, I think that in this one locality at least, you will find considerable material for your banding studies. I am relatively certain also that in case such would be desired it would be possible to do some banding in the Palo Alto-Dickinson County area.

Does this tentative arrangement, as it now stands, look inviting to you? Considering the fact ^{that} no one has any money, and while it may not be the best thing, it appears at least workable.

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If you are willing to go ahead on this basis, I would suggest that you get in touch with Bill Scheunke, the Superintendent of the Wardens. I am going to be in the East during the last half of December and the first few days of January so I will be out of touch.

If you have any other suggestions to make, I would be glad to get them. If things as now planned do not suit you fully, very likely they may be modified to some extent. I personally consider this work of sufficient magnitude that I would be willing to do just about anything I could in order to make it go.

Sincerely yours,

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