

CHAPTER CXCVII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LOWERING OF THE WATERS OF WASHINGTON LAKE, IN SIBLEY COUNTY, THREE FEET BELOW LOW WATER MARK.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. The people of Washington Lake and Green Isle townships in Sibley county, are hereby authorized to lower the waters of Washington Lake in said county, to a point three feet below low water mark, and for that purpose to dig a ditch sufficiently deep and wide for that purpose, commencing at the centre of northeast quarter of section fifteen (15), town one hundred and fourteen (114), range twenty-six (26), and running thence through the northeast quarter of section (15), southeast quarter of section ten (10), northwest quarter of section eleven (11), southeast quarter of section two (2), northeast quarter of section two (2), northwest quarter of section one (1), and ending at a point sixty-four rods east of the northwest corner of section number one (1), town one hundred and fourteen (114), range twenty-six (26); *Provided*, That the waters of said Washington Lake shall not be lowered below low water mark, until consent in writing is obtained from the owners of all of the lands adjoining such lake.

SEC. 2. That all damages that may be claimed by reason of digging the ditch authorized in section one, shall be settled as damages are settled in laying out township roads.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 28th, 1876.

CHAPTER CXCVIII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF McLEOD TO FURNISH SEED WHEAT TO THE SETTLERS OF THAT COUNTY, WHERE CROPS WERE DESTROYED BY GRASSHOPPERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR SECURITY AND PAYMENT OF THE SAME.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. The board of commissioners of the county of McLeod is authorized to furnish seed wheat at the expense of the county for the

crop of the present year, and loan the same to those settlers of that county where crops were destroyed by grasshoppers during the year 1875. The quantity of seed wheat furnished to any one settler or family shall not exceed a quantity of wheat sufficient to seed fifty acres of land. The appropriation made by the board of commissioners, under this act, shall be made only from the surplus funds of the county revenue, and not to exceed in the aggregate the amount of such surplus funds which may be on hand at the time of making such appropriation.

SEC. 2. Before furnishing any seed wheat under this act to any person, the board of commissioners shall require the person to whom the same is to be furnished to enter into a contract with the said board of commissioners, whereby the parties so receiving such loan shall give to the said board of commissioners a lien on the crop to be grown from the wheat so loaned to the amount of the value of such seed wheat furnished, and further authorize the said board of commissioners to receive and take possession of a sufficient quantity of wheat, the crop raised from the seed so furnished, to re-imburse the county for the loan together with the expense of marketing the same at the time of threshing the crop, or at any time thereafter as the said board of commissioners may direct. The said board are authorized to receive any other security for the repayment of the loan which shall be approved by the board.

SEC. 3. All disbursements made under this act shall be by orders drawn on the treasurer of McLeod county, and all repayments shall be made payable into the treasury of said county, either by the persons receiving such loans or from the proceeds of wheat received in payment, or as security for repayment.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 27, 1876.

CHAPTER CXCIX.

AN ACT TO LEGALIZE THE ACTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAPIDAN, IN THE COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH, STATE OF MINNESOTA, IN OFFERING A BOUNTY FOR CATCHING GRASSHOPPERS, AND ALL ACTS DONE BY SAID BOARD RELATING THERETO.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 2. That the actions of the town board of supervisors of the town of Rapidan, in the county of Blue Earth, in offering a bounty for catching grasshoppers, and in issuing bonds to obtain funds to pay said bounties, and the special town meeting held by the legal voters of