

CHAPTER 246.

AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN CITIZENS OF PAYNESVILLE, STEARNS COUNTY, TO DRAIN CERTAIN LAKES IN STEARNS AND POPE COUNTIES, FOR MILLING PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. That M. Beckley, J. Forry and J. Phipps, residents of Paynesville, in Stearns county, are hereby permitted and authorized to erect a sluice-way four (4) feet wide, and deep enough to lower Lake George two (2) feet, which lake is situated in sections twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25) and thirty-six (36), town one hundred and twenty-four (124), range thirty-four (34). The proposed sluice-way to be at the south-east point of said lake, and from said sluice a ditch to be dug four (4) feet wide and two (2) feet deep; said ditch to follow the natural drain of the land from said sluice, in a [south and] south-westerly direction until it connects with the north branch of Crow River.

SEC. 2. That the above-named persons are hereby authorized to erect a sluice-way four (4) feet wide and one (1) foot deep to be put into the natural outlet of Skunk Lake, situated in the town of Crow Lake, in the county of Stearns, on sections sixteen (16), seventeen (17), twenty (20) and twenty-one (21), town one hundred and twenty-three (123), range thirty-five (35). The outlet to be dug four (4) feet wide, and two (2) feet deep from said lake to the north branch of Crow River, if necessary to draw the lake two (2) feet.

SEC. 3. That the above-named persons are authorized to erect a sluice-way four (4) feet wide and two (2) feet deep, in the natural outlet of Lake Lincoln, in the town of Grove Lake, county of Pope, situated on sections fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16) twenty-one (21) and twenty-two (22), town one hundred and twenty-five (125), range thirty-six (36). The natural outlet to be dug and cleaned out four (4) feet wide, and deep enough to draw said lake two (2) feet from said sluice to Grove Lake.

Provided, that before draining said lakes, the consent in writing of all the persons owning lands upon the shores thereof shall be procured, and recorded in the office of register of deeds in the proper county.

Provided, further, that all damages occasioned by digging the different ditches, if any, shall be appraised and paid, as provided by chapter thirty-one (31) of General Statutes of Minnesota.

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

Approved February 23, 1877.