

CHAPTER 217.

[H. F. No. 1238.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF BELLE PRAIRIE, MORRISON COUNTY, TO ISSUE BONDS IN AID OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LITTLE FALLS, MILLE LACS & LAKE SUPERIOR RAILWAY.

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

SECTION 1. The town of Belle Prairie, Morrison county, is hereby authorized by vote of a majority of the members of its own town board, subject to approval and ratification by the legal voters, as hereinafter provided, to issue within three (3) years from the passage of this act, its bonds, in an amount not exceeding in the aggregate twenty thousand (20,000) dollars, for the use and benefit of any person or corporation in building a steam railway running from said Little Falls in an easterly direction to some point on Lake Superior in the state of Minnesota, or the state of Wisconsin, known as and called, "The Little Falls, Mille Lacs & Lake Superior Railway."

SEC. 2. Said bonds shall be for the principal sum of not less than five hundred (500) dollars, nor more than one thousand (1,000) dollars each, made payable at such times within thirty (30) years from the date of their issue, as the town board may designate. Said bonds shall be drawn payable to the bearer or order of the person or company to whom they may be delivered, as the town board may deem best, and shall draw interest payable semi-annually at the rate of not to exceed five (5) per cent. per annum, to be represented by coupons to said bonds attached. Said bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the town board and attested by the clerk of said town of Belle Prairie.

Both the principal and interest on said bonds shall be made payable at some bank in the city of New York or to some bank in the city of St. Paul, as said town board may prescribe.

SEC. 3. Before any bonds shall be issued under the authority hereby granted, the question whether they shall or shall not be issued shall be submitted at a regular general election or at a special election to be called for that purpose, upon a petition to be signed by twenty-five (25) resident freeholders of said town, asking that the question of aiding in the construction of said railway as above provided and stating the amount desired to be furnished as such aid, be submitted to the legal voters of said town of Belle Prairie, it shall be the duty of said town board as hereby provided, to immediately give notice of such election, by posting copies thereof in five (5) public places in said town at least fifteen (15) days before such election, which notice shall specify the time and place of holding such election, the amount of bonds proposed to be issued by the town of Belle Prairie, the time of payment and rate of interest to be paid on such bonds, the terms of issue and delivery of the same; and the vote of such election shall be by ballot, those voting in favor of issuing said bonds, having written or printed, or partly written and partly printed

on their ballots, the words, "For issuing railway bonds," and those against the issue of said bonds having written or printed or partly written and partly printed on their ballots, the words, "Against issuing railway bonds." If the majority of the ballots cast at such election shall have been for the issue of the bonds, said bonds may be issued and delivered, upon compliance with the conditions in the annexed section expressed. Otherwise, said bonds shall not be issued.

SEC. 4. Although the proposed issue of said bonds shall have been approved by said town in the manner above prescribed, the same shall not be issued under this act unless and until such person or company shall have graded, constructed, ironed and built and made ready for use ten (10) miles of said railway in the aid of the construction of which said bonds are authorized, said ten (10) miles beginning at the same point in the city of Little Falls, selected by said person or corporation as a permanent station.

SEC. 5. The town board of said town of Belle Prairie, shall annually levy a tax in an amount sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds, and also, at the proper time, to pay the principal on said bonds, when due. Said tax shall be levied and collected as other taxes are levied and collected.

SEC. 6. In case of the submission of the question of issuing bonds as aforesaid, and the same having been voted down in said town, the same question, upon a new petition, may be again submitted in the same manner and have the same effect as it would at the previous special election. *Provided*, that no more than one (1) special election under this act shall be held in said town of Belle Prairie, in any one (1) year, unless upon the day of a general election in said town.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 22, 1889.

CHAPTER 218.

[H. P. No. 1235.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF PIERZ, MORRISON COUNTY, TO ISSUE BONDS IN AID OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LITTLE FALLS, MILLE LACS AND LAKE SUPERIOR RAILWAY.

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

SECTION 1. The town of Pierz, Morrison county, is hereby authorized by a vote of a majority of the members of its town board, subject to approval and ratification of the legal voters, as hereinafter provided, to issue within three (3) years from the passage of this act, its bonds in an amount not exceeding in the aggregate, fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the use and benefit of any person or corporation in building a steam railway running from said Little Falls,