

in such distribution. The state auditor shall certify to the secretary of the state agricultural society, on or before January 5 of each year, a list of all county or district agricultural societies that have complied with this chapter, and which are entitled to share in such appropriation. All payments hereunder shall be made on or before December 20 of the year in which the fair is held.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 38.03, is amended to read:

38.03. Lease, county lands. The county board of any county may lease to agricultural societies established and existing in its county, for such period and on such terms as it shall deem expedient, any lands of the county, including any portion of lands of the county used as a poor farm, to be used by the society for fair purposes. The society may construct on the leased land, suitable buildings, race tracks, and other improvements; provided, that in case of the leasing by the county board of any county of lands previously set aside as a poor farm, such improvements shall be constructed according to a plan previously submitted to the county board and approved by it.

Sec. 6. **Repealer.** Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 38.011, 38.012, and 38.06 to 38.11, are hereby repealed.

Approved April 20, 1955.

CHAPTER 619—S. F. No. 1156

An act relating to tax forfeited lands and the granting of easements, licenses and leases in aid of the mining and beneficiating of taconite and the transportation of taconite or the concentrates produced therefrom over such land, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 117.47.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 117.47, is amended to read as follows:

117.47. Permits, licenses. The commissioner of conservation is authorized to grant permits and licenses or leases on and across lands owned by the state for any of the purposes set forth in section 117.46, and to lease state owned lands for the depositing of stripping, lean ores, tailings, or waste products of such business. He is also authorized to license the flooding of state lands in connection with any permit or authoriza-

tion for the use of public waters issued by the Legislature or issued by the commissioner pursuant to law. Such permits, licenses, and leases shall be upon such conditions and for such consideration and for such period of time as the commissioner may determine. *The county auditor, with the approval of the county board, is authorized to grant permits, licenses and leases for all such purposes across tax forfeited lands not held by the state free from any trust in favor of any and all taxing districts, upon such conditions and for such consideration and for such period of time as the county board may determine. Any proceeds from the granting of such permits, licenses or leases shall be apportioned and distributed as other proceeds from the sale or rental of tax forfeited lands.*

Approved April 20, 1955.

CHAPTER 620—S. F. No. 1314

An act relating to the authority of the county board of any county to order the repair of a drainage system; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 106.471, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 106.471, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Authority of board.** (a) After the construction of a state, county or judicial drainage system has been completed, the county board is empowered to maintain the same or such part thereof as lies within the county and provide the repairs required to render it efficient to answer its purpose. The board shall cause such drainage system to be annually inspected, either by a committee thereof, or a ditch inspector appointed by the board, and, if the committee or inspector shall report to the board that repairs are necessary on any ditch system and such report is approved by the board, it shall cause such repairs to be made within the limits hereinafter set forth. The ditch inspector may be the county highway engineer.

(b) If the board finds that the estimated cost of such repairs will be less than \$1,000, it may have such work done by day labor without advertising for bids or entering into a contract therefor. The county board is limited in the expenditure of money therefor as herein provided. In one calendar year the board shall not spend or contract to be spent for repairs or maintenance on one ditch system a sum greater than ten per-