

Section 1. Conveyance of state land; Mankato. The governor and the state auditor of the State of Minnesota are hereby authorized and directed to convey, by proper instrument, in a form approved by the attorney general a perpetual easement, including the right of access, to the city of Mankato in certain real estate situated in Blue Earth County, Minnesota, described as follows:

A parcel of land in the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ and in the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 108 north, range 26 of the 5th Principal Meridian being more fully described as follows:

From the point of intersection (cased stone monument) of the center lines of Warren Street and Fifth Street a distance of 33 feet southwesterly on the extended center line of Fifth Street and thence 40 feet southeasterly on the southerly right of way line of Warren Street to the point of beginning.

Thence south 48 degrees east a distance of 137 feet, thence south 8 degrees east a distance of 211 feet, thence south 26 degrees west a distance of 83 feet to a point intersecting the northerly right of way line of Ramsey Street, thence westerly a distance of 10 feet along said right of way line, thence north northeasterly on a 12 degrees-14' degree curve a distance of 130.8 feet (1-16 degrees, R-468.40 feet, T-65-81 feet) to a point of tangency of compound curve, thence north northwesterly on a 19 degree-27' degree curve a distance of 221.11 feet (1-15 degree-30', R-460.24 feet, T-62.64 feet), to the point where it intersects the southerly right of way line of Warren Street, thence in a southeasterly direction to the point of beginning.

Sec. 2. The conveyance of said easement shall be made to the said city of Mankato without any consideration whatever, for the purpose of right of way for a public highway upon, over, and across said property above described, together with any other incidental or necessary use connected with the purpose aforesaid.

Approved May 13, 1965.

CHAPTER 425—H. F. No. 1788

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to soil conservation; amending Minnesota Stat-

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utes 1961, Section 40.01, by adding two new subdivisions thereto; and Section 40.02.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 40.01, is amended by adding two new subdivisions to read:

Subd. 13. Soil conservation; flood prevention. Watershed Work Plan. A "watershed work plan" means a plan for the installation in a watershed area of works of improvement, including structural and land treatment measures, for flood prevention or the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water developed by the district with or without federal assistance under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 566 as amended, or any act of Congress.

Subd. 14. Watershed Project. A "watershed project" means a project which is approved and authorized to be carried out by the district in a watershed area in accordance with a watershed work plan.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 40.02, is amended to read:

40.02 Public policy; purpose. As a guide to the interpretation and application of this chapter, the public policy of the state is declared to be as follows. Improper land-use practices have caused and contributed to serious erosion of farm and grazing lands of this state by wind and water and that thereby top soil is being washed out of fields and pastures and has speeded up the removal of the absorptive top soil causing exposure of less absorptive and less protective, but more erosive, subsoil; and that land occupiers have failed to cause the discontinuance of such practice as creates this condition, and the consequences thereof have caused the deterioration of soil and its fertility and the deterioration of crops grown thereon, and declining yields therefrom, and diminishing of the underground water reserve, all of which have caused water shortages, intensified periods of drought, and crop failure, and thus brought about suffering, disease, and impoverishment of families and the damage of property from floods and dust storms; and that all of these effects may be prevented by land-use practices contributing to the conservation of top soil by carrying on of engineering operations such as the construction of terraces, check dams, dikes, ponds, ditches, and the utilization of strip cropping, lister furrowing, contour cultivating, land irrigation, seeding and planting of waste, sloping, abandoned, or eroded lands to water-conserving and erosion-preventing plants, trees, and grasses.

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It is hereby declared that it is for the public welfare, health, and safety of the people of Minnesota to provide for the conservation of the soil and soil resources of this state, and for the control and prevention of soil erosion, *for land resource planning and development, and for flood prevention or the conservation development, utilization, and disposal of water, including but not limited to, measures for fish and wildlife and recreational development,* and thereby preserve natural resources, control floods, prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs, assist in maintaining the navigability of rivers and harbors, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base, and protect public lands by land-use practices, as herein provided for.

Approved May 13, 1965.

CHAPTER 426—H. F. No. 1958

[Not Coded]

An act relating to Independent School District No. 533 of Eyota, validating a certain plat and a certain easement, and certain acts relating to platting of certain property and to granting a certain easement for highway purposes.

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

Section 1. **Independent School District No. 533; plat; validation.** Subdivision 1. The plat filed in the office of the register of deeds of Olmsted county on December 21, 1960, by the school board of Independent School District No. 533 of Eyota and all acts of said school board relating thereto are hereby validated.

Subd. 2. The easement for highway purposes granted to the county of Olmsted by the school board of Independent School District No. 533 of Eyota dated April 8, 1959, and recorded on December 30, 1960, in Book Y-2 on page 455 in the office of the register of deeds of Olmsted county and all acts of said school board relating thereto are hereby validated.

Sec. 2. This act takes effect when approved by the governing body of Independent School District No. 533 of Eyota, and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

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