

*board of county commissioners of Ramsey county, and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.*

Approved May 17, 1967.

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CHAPTER 538—H. F. No. 1956

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*An act relating to the city of Mankato, authorizing it to contract with the United States for the control of floods, to acquire property for such purpose, and to issue bonds to pay the city's share of the cost.*

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

**Section 1. Mankato, city of; flood control.** The city of Mankato in Blue Earth county may enter into an agreement with the United States, through its secretary of the army, or other authorized officer, for the improvement of the Minnesota and Blue Earth rivers at and in the vicinity of said city for flood control, by the construction of dikes and appurtenant works. Said city is authorized to:

(a) Provide without cost to the United States all land, easements, and rights-of-way necessary for the construction of the project;

(b) hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction works;

(c) maintain and operate all the works after completion in accordance with regulations prescribed by the secretary of the army;

(d) make at the city's own expense all necessary changes to utilities, highways, and highway bridges including approaches;

(e) prescribe and enforce regulations for prevention of encroachment on ponding areas and on the improved river channel;

(f) make available for use in the federal project, without cost to the United States, the three 8,000 gallon per minute pumps in the existing Indian Creed pumping station;

(g) remove at the city's own expense the remaining portion of the concrete dam near the mouth of Blue Earth river; and

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(h) contribute in cash or equivalent construction work 1.9 percent of the gross federal first cost.

Sec. 2. Said city may acquire by purchase, gift, devise or condemnation all lands, easements and rights of way, either within or without its corporate limits, deemed necessary by the common council of said city for such improvement for flood control. In acquiring property for such purpose by exercising the power of eminent domain, the city may proceed under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 117, and at any time after the bonds provided for in section 3 have been authorized in accordance with that section shall have all rights of possession and entry conferred in other cases of condemnation by Minnesota Statutes, Section 117.20, Subdivision 7.

Sec. 3. Said city may issue its general obligation bonds, payable from general ad valorem taxes levied on all taxable property in the city, for the purpose of financing its share of the cost of such flood control improvement under such agreement, and may also expend any moneys of the city for such purpose. The issuance of such bonds shall be subject to approval by the voters of the city, but the council may proceed to issue such bonds without approval by the voters if the initial resolution for their issuance is adopted by a favorable vote of not less than five sixths of its members. Such bonds shall not be included in the "net debt" of the city for the purpose of any limitations thereon set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475. Except as herein provided, the issuance of such bonds shall be governed by said chapter 475.

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective only after it has been approved by a resolution adopted by the favorable vote of a majority of the members of the common council of said city and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

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CHAPTER 539—H. F. No. 1965

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*An act authorizing the governor to convey a perpetual easement to the city of Anoka for certain purposes in certain lands in Anoka county.*

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

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