- . (d) To lease or sell land and to lease or sell air rights over structures constructed under the authority of this act;
- (e) To enter into contracts for construction of the several facilities or portion thereof authorized under this act;
- (f) Contract with the housing and redevelopment authority in and for the city of Red Wing for relocation services;
- (g) Certify to the city council for acquisition through eminent domain property that cannot be acquired by negotiation, but is required for implementation of the development program;
- (h) Certify to the city council the amount of funds, if any, which must be raised through sale of bonds to finance the program for development districts;
 - (i) Apply for grants from the United States of America;
 - (j) Apply for grants from other sources.
- Sec. 10. ADVISORY BOARD. In its discretion, the city council may create and appoint an advisory board consisting of seven persons. At least a majority of the members shall be owners or occupants of property located in the development district which they serve. Such an advisory board would advise the city council and the administrator on the construction and implementation of the development program and maintenance and operation of the district after the development program has been completed.
- Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective upon approval of the governing body of the city of Red Wing and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.
- Sec. 12. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision, clause, or phrase of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be separable.

Approved May 7, 1973.

CHAPTER 197—S.F.No.790

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to redevelopment; including rural areas in redevelopment programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sec-

tions 472.02; 472.03, by adding a subdivision; and 472.04, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 472.02 is amended to read:

472.02 AREA REDEVELOPMENT: INCLUSION OF RURAL AREAS; FINDINGS; DECLARATION OF POLICY; PUBLIC PURPOSE. Subdivision 1. It is hereby declared that there exists in the state certain areas of substantial and persistent unemployment causing hardship to many individuals and their families and that there also exist certain rural areas where development and redevelopment should be encouraged; that such unemployment and rural underdevelopment detracts from the state and national welfare by wasting vital human resources; that to overcome this problem the powers and facilities of the state government and local communities, in cooperation with the federal government, should assist rural areas and areas of substantial and chronic unemployment in planning and financing economic redevelopment by private enterprise; that governmental assistance to communities, industries, enterprises, and individuals in rural areas and areas needing economic redevelopment will enable such areas to enhance their prosperity by the establishment of stable and diversified local economies; and that under the provisions of sections 472.01 to 472.16 new employment opportunities will be created through the development and expansion of new or existing facilities and resources.

Subd. 2. It is found that economic insecurity due to underdevelopment and unemployment or underemployment in certain regional or local areas of this state threatens the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the people of the entire state; that involuntary unemployment and its resulting burden of indigence falls not only upon the unemployed worker and his family but also upon the entire state in various forms of public assistance; that the continued absence of employment and industrial opportunities in such rural areas and areas of substantial and persistent unemployment areas causes the migration of persons from the state, and that this movement of persons reduces the tax base of counties, cities, villages, and other local political subdivisions, impairing their financial ability to support education and other local governmental services.

Subd. 3. The legislature hereby finds, declares, and determines that security against underdevelopment in rural areas and unemployment in certain depressed areas of the state can best be provided eliminated by the promotion, attraction, encouragement, and assistance of commerce, industry, and manufacturing in such

areas; that the establishment of local or regional area redevelopment agencies in Minnesota having the power to acquire, build, lease, sell, or otherwise provide plants and facilities for industrial, recreational, or commercial development will create new employment and promote economic redevelopment of rural areas and of depressed or underdeveloped areas in the state; that such area redevelopment agencies, aided by funds obtained from the state and federal governments, will stimulate present investment in such areas by making available to qualified enterprises financial and planning aid where such aid is or may be unavailable from private sources; that the present and prospective health, safety, morals, and right to gainful employment requires the assistance and development within rural areas and the depressed areas of this state of new and expanded industrial, recreational, commercial, and manufacturing enterprises, and that the accomplishment of these objectives is a public purpose for which public money may be spent.

- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 472.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
- Subd. 11. "Rural area" means any area so defined in section 109 of the rural development act of 1972, Public Law 92-419, and unless in conflict with that act, shall include all areas not within the outer boundary of any city having a population of 50,000 or more and its immediately adjacent urbanized and urbanizing areas with a population density of more than 100 persons per square mile.
- Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 472.04, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 472.04 LOCAL OR AREA AGENCIES; ESTABLISHMENT. Subdivision 1. In order to carry out the purposes of sections 472.01 to 472.16, any municipality or group of municipalities may establish in the manner hereinafter provided, a public body, corporate and politic, to be known as the local or area redevelopment agency in and for that municipality or group of municipalities; provided, however, that no such agency shall be established until the governing body of the municipality shall by resolution find that the area is a rural area as defined herein, or:
- (1) That there has existed in the area substantial and persistent unemployment for an extended period of time;
- (2) That the rate of unemployment, excluding unemployment due primarily to temporary or seasonal factors, is currently six percent or more as determined by available state or federal statistics;

(3) That conditions of chronic unemployment, underdevelopment of natural resources and economic depression are not likely to be alleviated without public financial or planning assistance to provide the economic opportunity for private, industrial, recreational, commercial, or manufacturing enterprises.

In making the determinations under this subdivision the governing body shall consider among other relevant factors the number of low income farm families in the surrounding rural farm areas, the proportion that such low income families are to the total farm families in such areas, the relationship of the income levels of the families in each such area to the general levels of income in the United States, the current and prospective employment opportunities in each such area, the extent of migration out of the area, and the proportion of the population of each such area which has been receiving public assistance from the federal government or from the state.

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CHAPTER 198—S.F.No.1249

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the village of Rushford to establish cartways in the manner prescribed for establishing town roads.

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

- Section 1. RUSHFORD, VILLAGE OF; CARTWAYS. Upon petition presented to the village council of Rushford by the owner of a tract of land containing at least five acres who has no public access thereto, the village council by resolution shall establish a cartway at least two rods wide connecting the petitioner's land with an existing public road. The proceedings of the village council shall be in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 164.07.
- Sec. 2. This act takes effect when approved by the village council of the village of Rushford and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 7, 1973.