

## CHAPTER VII.

March 8, 1888.

*An Act to amend Chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the Compiled Statutes, in regard to the Agricultural College of Minnesota.*

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

**SECTION 1.** That chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the compiled statutes of Minnesota, being an act entitled “An act for the establishment of a State Agricultural College,” passed March ten, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, be amended so as to read as follows :

Location of site for an experimental farm and Agricultural College.

**Section 1.** That so much of section sixteen, in township one hundred and fifteen, range twenty-eight, as may be purchased by the State, or by the Agricultural College board, or as may be donated to the State, and all lands adjacent, that have been or may hereafter be donated, the quantity of said donation to be not less

than four hundred and eighty acres, be and the same is hereby set aside for the purpose of an experimental farm and site for an Agricultural College under the name and style of "the Agricultural College of Minnesota."

SEC. 2. There shall be established on said lands an Agricultural College. The design of the institution established by this act is to fulfill on the part of the State, the conditions named in article third, of section five, of the act of Congress, approved July two, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts," and to afford thorough instruction in agriculture and the sciences connected therewith, and for that purpose the institution shall combine physical with intellectual education, and shall be a high seminary of learning, in which the graduates of the common schools of both sexes, can commence, pursue and finish a course of study terminating in thorough theoretic and practical instruction in those sciences and arts which bear directly upon agriculture and kindred industrial pursuits.

To afford instructions in agriculture and the sciences.

SEC. 3. The course of instruction shall embrace the English language and literature, mathematics, civil engineering, agricultural chemistry, animal and vegetable anatomy, physiology, the veterinary art, entomology, geology, political, rural and household economy, horticulture, moral philosophy, history, book-keeping, and especially the application of science and the mechanic arts to practical agriculture.

Course of instruction.

SEC. 4. A full course of study shall embrace not less than four years. The Agricultural College Board may institute a partial course for students who do not desire to receive the full course. They may also adopt such courses of lectures as they may deem best.

Term of full course of study.

SEC. 5. The board shall determine the time of commencing and the length of the scholastic term or terms for each year, and the number of hours, which shall not be less than two nor more than four daily, and which may be different at different seasons of the year, that shall be devoted by each student to labor; and shall make such rules in regard to the payment of tuition as

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they may deem most conducive to the interests of the institution, until appropriations for its support shall be sufficient without the payment of tuition.

Name of Board—  
of whom to consist—term of office  
—vacancy how filled—to take oath  
—equalization of pupils.

SEC. 6. That a board is hereby constituted and established which shall be known as "The Agricultural College Board." It shall consist of the Governor of the State, the Secretary of the State, and the President of the State Agricultural Society, who shall be, ex-officio members of the board; and four members of said board shall be elected by the Legislature of this State as follows: at the present session of the Legislature, there shall be one member elected for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years, and annually thereafter, there shall be elected one member for the term of four years. Any vacancy in said board may be filled by a majority of the members of the board, and a majority shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. Each member of such board shall before entering upon the duties of his office take and subscribe an oath to support the constitution of the United States and of the State of Minnesota, and to faithfully discharge the duties of his office. When the said board shall decide the number of students that may be accommodated, and receive instruction at such Agricultural College, said students shall be equally apportioned among the various Senatorial Districts, and the Senators and Representatives shall recommend such young men as they in their judgment shall deem to be entitled to the privileges of education at such College.

Board to have management of the farm.

SEC. 7. The Agricultural College board shall have the government, care and management of the farm and college, and direct the disposition and use of any moneys appropriated or donated to the college, or to which the college may at any time be entitled.

Where to hold first meeting—officers of Board—term of office.

SEC. 8. The Agricultural College board shall hold their first meeting at Saint Paul upon call of the Governor, and may adopt rules for their future time and place of meeting, and for their own government, not inconsistent herewith. They shall choose from their own number a president and treasurer. They shall choose a secretary, who may or may not be a member

of the board as they shall determine. Said officers shall hold their offices two years from the last Wednesday of February, or till their successors are chosen.

SEC. 9. The duties of said officers shall be prescribed by the board, and not inconsistent herewith, and they may demand and receive from the treasurer a bond with such sureties as they shall prescribe.

Duties of officers  
to be prescribed by  
the Board.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Agricultural College board, and they are hereby vested with power and authority, *provided always*, That they incur no expenses or debts beyond the moneys that may at the time have been appropriated or donated, and within their immediate control, to erect, provide and keep suitable and proper buildings, and establish and maintain schools therein, improve and furnish the farm, and to adopt and execute such measures as they may deem necessary to secure the successful operation of the college, and promote its designed objects.

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Board.

SEC. 11. The secretary shall record all proceedings of the board and of the faculty; and all regulations and rules for the government of the college. He shall keep a careful account with each field, in connection with a plan of the farming lands in which shall be shown the manner and cost of preparing ground, the kind of crops, time of planting or sowing, condition, time and manner of harvesting, the labor devoted to each process and its cost, with cost of preparing and maturing crops for market, price for which it is sold, and such other matters as the Agricultural College board shall require [of] him. The record shall, at all reasonable hours, be open to the inspection of any citizen of the State, and the secretary shall report to the Governor, on or before the first day of December of each year, which report shall embrace the proceedings of the board, and the faculty and the condition and situation of the college and farm.

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retary.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of the board to choose a president of the college and such professors, teachers, superintendents and employees as the necessities of the institution demand, who shall be paid such compensation as the board shall determine, and whose duties shall be prescribed by the board.

Board to choose  
President of the  
College.

SEC. 13. The president of the college shall be its chief executive officer, and it shall be his duty to see

Duties of President  
of the College.

that the rules and regulations of the Agricultural College board and of the faculty be observed.

What to constitute  
the Faculty.

SEC. 14. The president, professors and superintendents, and the secretary of the Agricultural College board shall constitute the faculty. The faculty shall have the special charge of the college and farm, and shall with the consent of the board make all needful rules and regulations necessary for the government and discipline of the same, regulating the routine of study, labor, meals, and duties and exercises necessary to the preservation of morals, health and decorum.

All lands previously  
donated to be  
set apart for the  
benefit of said  
College.

SEC. 15. That all the swamp lands in McLeod county, donated to the Agricultural College of the State of Minnesota, by act of the Legislature approved March twelve, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, shall be deemed to be inviolably set apart and donated for the use and benefit of the Agricultural College of Minnesota.

Lands may be  
sold when deemed  
necessary—in what  
manner.

SEC. 16. That whenever the Governor shall, upon the recommendation of the Agricultural College board, deem the sale of a part or all of said swamp lands necessary, he shall order the commissioner of the State land office to sell the same, who shall, thereupon, proceed to have the same appraised and sold, same as school lands are now appraised and sold, except that such lands may be sold at or above any appraised value, not less than two and one-half dollars per acre; and all moneys arising from such sales shall be deposited in the office of the State Treasurer, subject to the order of the Agricultural College board, and be drawn and expended in such manner as they may direct. *Provided*, That none of said moneys shall be expended for any other purpose than the erection of Agricultural College buildings upon the farm herein referred to, or the improvement of the farm, or the endowment of the Professorships of the college. And until said lands are sold they shall be under the control of the Agricultural College board, and may be used for the benefit of the college, or may be rented, and the money arising therefrom shall be used for the benefit of the college.

SEC. 17. That the interest of all the moneys and proceeds arising from the sales of all the lands donated to the State of Minnesota by act of Congress, approv-

ed July two, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts," be and the same is hereby applied and appropriated annually to the maintenance and support of the Agricultural College of Minnesota, and the same shall be drawn from the State treasury upon the order of the president of the Agricultural board, countersigned by the secretary of the board.

*Disposition of proceeds.*

SEC. 18. When the necessary buildings shall have been erected and the college provided, it shall be the duty of the Governor of the State to certify the fact to the Secretary of the Interior, and see that the title to the lands donated by Congress to the State, herein referred to, shall be perfected in the State.

*Duty of Governor when buildings completed.*

SEC. 19. That for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, the sum of five thousand dollars for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the same to be paid on warrants drawn by the president, and countersigned by the secretary of the Agricultural College board.

*Amount of appropriation for 1865.*

SEC. 20. That chapter sixty-five of the general laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, entitled an act to donate swamp lands in the county of McLeod to the Agricultural College of the State of Minnesota, be and the same is hereby repealed.

*Repeal of former act.*

SEC. 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 2, 1865.