

CHAPTER CXCV.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNS OF HENNEPIN COUNTY TO AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRANCH RAILROAD AUTHORIZED TO BE BUILT BY THE MINNEAPOLIS AND SAINT LOUIS RAILWAY COMPANY FROM A JUNCTION WITH THE LINE OF SAID COMPANY IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS TO THE SOUTHERN SHORE OF LAKE MINNETONKA.

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

SECTION 1. That each of the towns in Hennepin county in the state of Minnesota are hereby authorized to issue bonds as hereinafter provided to aid in the construction of a branch railroad authorized to be constructed by the Minneapolis and Saint Louis railway company from a junction with the present line of said railway company within the city of Minneapolis to some point on the southern shore of lake Minnetonka in said Hennepin county.

SEC. 2. Said bonds shall be issued in sums of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars each, and may bear interest not to exceed six per cent. per annum payable annually and shall be payable in not less than ten nor more than twenty years from their respective dates, and shall be signed by the chairman of the board of supervisors and countersigned by the clerks of said towns respectively.

SEC. 3. No bonds shall be issued under this act until a majority of the legal voters residing in said towns, respectively present and voting, shall have voted in favor of issuing the same, and may be in each case equal to but not exceeding ten per cent. upon the assessed valuation of said towns respectively as the same shall appear by the assessment made last before such vote shall be taken.

SEC. 4. Whenever ten freeholders, residing in any one of said towns, shall petition the board of supervisors thereof for a special meeting of the legal voters of said town, stating the sum in bonds desired to be furnished, and the railroad proposed to be aided, it shall be the duty of said supervisors to immediately call such meeting stating in the notice thereof the time, place and object of the meeting which notice shall be posted in three public places in said town at least ten days prior to such meeting. The voters at such meeting shall vote upon the question by ballot. Those voting in favor of issuing bonds shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words, "Railroad Aid, Yes," and those voting against issuing bonds shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words, "Railroad Aid, No," and the said votes shall be counted, returned and canvassed in the same manner as provided by law for counting, returning and canvassing votes for town officers.

SEC. 5. If a majority of the votes cast at any such special meeting be in favor of granting aid; the town supervisors of such town shall proceed to cause such amount of said bonds so voted to be issued and delivered to said railway company, and to make all needful rules and regulations concerning the same and the payment thereof, and the tax for the payment of the principal and interest thereof shall be levied and collected in accordance with the act of the legislature entitled "an act to provide for the levy and collection of taxes in certain cases," approved March sixth, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

Provided, that in any case of voting aid under this act, it may be provided in the call and notice for the special meeting to vote upon the question, that the bonds to be issued may be delivered in escrow to such person or persons as shall be designated, and that they shall not be delivered to the officers of said railway company until a part or the whole of said branch railroad shall be completed and ready for the running of cars thereon.

SEC. 6. In case the town of Excelsior in said Hennepin county shall vote aid under this act, said town shall not be required to issue or deliver any bonds under or pursuant to a vote of the voters of said town of Excelsior had on the fifteenth day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, voting aid to the Minneapolis and Northwestern railroad company.

SEC. 7. The public use of the said branch railroad is hereby declared.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 8, 1879.

CHAPTER CXCIV.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENNEPIN COUNTY TO PAY FOR A BRIDGE CONSTRUCTED ACROSS THE CROW RIVER, BETWEEN THE COUNTIES OF HENNEPIN AND WRIGHT.

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

SECTION 1. That the county commissioners of Hennepin county are hereby authorized to pay out of the funds of said county, such amount as may seem to them just and proper, not exceeding seven hundred dollars, to Frank Weizel and T. W. Hurlbut, partners as Weizel & Hurlbut, in full payment and satisfaction of any and all claims of said Weizel & Hurlbut against said county of Hennepin, for expenditures made by them in construction of a bridge across the Crow river at the village of Dayton in said county, and between said county and the county of Wright, in said state.

SEC. 2. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1879.