

CHAPTER 309.

AN ACT TO DRAIN TWO (2) SLOUGHS OR MUD LAKES IN THE COUNTY OF MEEKER AND STATE OF MINNESOTA.

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

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of draining two (2) certain sloughs or mud lakes lying and being in sections numbered twenty (20), twenty-one (21) and twenty-eight (28), in township numbered one hundred and nineteen (119), north of range thirty-two (32) west, in the township of Acton, and county of Meeker in the state of Minnesota, and rendering the same productive, P. K. Brown, Paul Nelson, Sivert Bell and Soren Nelson, and such other persons as they may associate with them, are hereby authorized and empowered, after having obtained consent of all the owners of the property contiguous to said sloughs or mud lakes, to drain said sloughs or mud lakes at their own expense. *Provided*, that before said sloughs or mud lakes shall be drained under this act, all persons owning lands adjacent or contiguous thereto, or to be affected by the draining thereof, shall file in the office of the register of deeds of the county of Meeker aforesaid, their consent in writing, or deed of consent, which deed shall be acknowledged as deeds of real estate are by law now required to be acknowledged.

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

Approved February 28, 1883.

CHAPTER 310.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE ABSTRACT CLERK OF RAMSEY COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. The fees for making abstracts in the office of the abstract clerk of Ramsey county, shall be such sum as the board of county commissioners of Ramsey county may, from time to time, fix and establish, but never shall exceed twenty-five (25) cents a transfer.

SEC. 2. The salary of the abstract clerk shall be twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars per annum, and there shall be allowed said abstract office four (4) clerks, until as hereinafter provided. Two (2) of said clerks shall be paid a compensation at the rate of twelve hundred

(1,200) dollars per annum each, and two (2) of said clerks shall be paid a compensation at the rate of nine hundred (900) dollars each. The compensation to be paid said abstract clerk, and clerks in the abstract office, is for their entire services during business hours.

SEC. 3. The abstract clerk of said county shall give a bond to the state of Minnesota in the penal sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars, with two (2) or more sureties to be approved by one (1) of the judges of said district court, by endorsement thereon, conditioned that the said abstract clerk shall well and faithfully in all things perform and execute the duties of abstract clerk according to law, and also shall keep the abstract books of his said office posted and kept up daily, and in such a manner that a full and perfect abstract of the title to any real property in the county of Ramsey, together with all incumbrances, liens, judgments and taxes in said county, as the same appears of record in the office of the register of deeds, clerk of the district court of Ramsey county, the clerk of the circuit court and district court of the United States, county auditors and judge of probate offices, during his continuance in office

He shall also take an oath of office, which oath of office and bond shall be filed with the auditor of the county of Ramsey.

SEC. 4. The board of county commissioners of Ramsey county are hereby authorized, and it is hereby made their duty, either as a board of commissioners, or by some person appointed by them, at least once in each year, and as often as said board may deem advisable, cause an examination to be made of said abstract office as to its condition, the number and kind of books, abstract records and maps belonging to said county, and whether the same are being properly and continuously kept and posted, and as to the amount of fees received and paid over, the amount of fees unpaid and what clerical force would be necessary for the proper working of said abstract office, and the necessary compensation to be paid therefor, and if from said report it shall appear that a less number of clerks would be sufficient in said office, the board of county commissioners shall make an order reducing the number and compensation in accordance with said report; and after the making of said report no greater number of clerks shall be employed in said abstract office, and at no greater compensation than the order of said commissioners shall provide.

SEC. 5. All laws contravening the provisions of so much of this act as relating to the abstract clerk, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 27, 1883.