

## CHAPTER 316—H. F. No. 552.

*An act authorizing the state agricultural society to purchase certain lands for terminal purposes, and ratifying a contract therefor heretofore entered into by said society.*

Whereas, heretofore, to-wit, on or about the 16th day of December, 1915, the state agricultural society, in the mistaken belief that it was authorized by law so to do, entered into an agreement in writing for the purchase from Irma Codden of lots one to twenty-eight, both inclusive in block four, St. Anthony Park, Ramsey county, Minnesota, which contract in writing was thereafter filed for record in the office of the register of deeds of Ramsey county, Minnesota, and recorded in book 72 of miscellaneous records on page 87 thereof, and

Whereas, in and by said agreement the said agricultural society, acting for the state of Minnesota, agreed to pay the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars therefor, and

Whereas, under the terms of said agreement two installments of the purchase price, aggregating the sum of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars, have already become payable and whereas because of want of precedent legislative authority, the said payments could not be made by the state or by said agricultural society and in order to retain for the state and said agricultural society the advantages of said contract, Messrs. Charles P. Craig, Charles Patterson, E. J. Stilwell, W. W. Sivright, Thomas H. Canfield, George Atchison, Robert Crickmore, Frank B. Logan and F. W. Murphy, members of the governing board of said society, have borrowed on their personal note money sufficient to pay said first installments aggregating two thousand (\$2,000) dollars and have already paid as accrued interest on said purchase price, the sum of one hundred (\$100) dollars and have paid to said Irma Codden the sum of two thousand dollars on account of the purchase price of said land; and whereas, said lands are needed for additional railway terminal facilities at the state fair grounds; now therefore,

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

**Section 1. State agricultural society authorized to purchase certain lands in Ramsey county.**—That the said agreement so entered into by said society be and it is hereby ratified and the said state agricultural society is hereby authorized to carry out said contract according to the terms and provisions thereof and to pay to the said Irma Codden the balance of the purchase price due to her and to reimburse the persons hereinbefore named for the money heretofore paid by them on account of said purchase price, together with interest paid by them on the loan hereinbefore made by them for the purpose of securing money with which to make such payments and to make such payments from

the funds of said state agricultural society. They are further directed to take the conveyance thereof in the name of the state of Minnesota as provided in said contract in case the said Irma Codden consents thereto and in case she will not consent so to do, the said state agricultural society is directed to convey said lands to the state of Minnesota so soon as title thereto shall vest in said society and for that purpose the president and secretary of said society are hereby authorized to execute a proper conveyance thereof to the State of Minnesota.

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

Approved April 17, 1917.

#### CHAPTER 317—H. F. No. 553.

*An act authorizing the state agricultural society to acquire by purchase or condemnation certain lands for terminal facilities at the state fair grounds.*

Whereas, the lands hereinafter described are needed by the state agricultural society for the purpose of enlarging the terminal facilities at the state fair grounds, therefore

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

Section 1. **State agricultural society authorized to purchase certain lands for terminal facilities at state fair grounds.**—That the state agricultural society is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase or condemnation proceedings the lands hereinafter described, to-wit:

Lots sixteen (16), seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) in block three (3), St. Anthony Park, Ramsey county, Minnesota; lots one (1) to eleven (11), both inclusive, being all of Mitchell's Addition, St. Paul, Minnesota; (formerly lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, block 3, St. Anthony Park, Ramsey county, Minnesota), all according to the plats thereof on file and of record in the office of the register of deeds of Ramsey county, Minnesota, and to pay therefor from the funds of said state agricultural society such sum as shall be approved by the governing board of said society and the state auditor.

Sec. 2. **Right of condemnation given.**—In case the said society cannot, by negotiation with the owners of said lands, acquire the same for a price deemed reasonable, the attorney general, on request, by resolution of said governing board, shall institute and carry on the necessary proceedings for the acquisition of said lands or any designated part thereof by condemnation. The title to any lands so acquired shall be taken in the name of the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1917.