

legal and valid against said corporation as if the interest thereon, was to be paid annually.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED February 19th, 1845.

AN ACT to incorporate the Wisconsin River Navigation Company.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin.

Who incorpo-
rators.

SECTION 1. That John B. Du Bay, Abraham Brawley and Enoch G. Bean, and such other persons as may hereafter subscribe stock in said company, for the purpose authorized in this act, shall be known in law and equity by the name of the Wisconsin River Navigation Company, any [and] by said name shall have perpetual succession, may enter into contracts and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of law and equity in this territory, and may have a common seal and may alter it at pleasure.

Powers of the
company.

SEC. 2. That said company shall have power and right to erect a dam across the Wisconsin river, below the Little Bull Falls, the same being on the southeast quarter of section twenty-nine, in town twenty-seven north, and range seven east of the fourth principal meridian; from the main east shore to an island known by the name of John L. More's Island, and of such height as will raise the water on said falls as high as the present surface of the water above said falls at an ordinary stage of water, and in some suitable place in said dam there shall be a slide not less than sixty feet wide, and not less than sixty feet long, or eight feet long for every one foot the dam is high.

Business how
conducted.

SEC. 3. The business of said company shall be conducted under a board of three directors, who shall appoint one of their number as chairman of the board, who shall preside at all meetings of the board, and shall be styled the first director, but in his absence another director may preside who shall be chosen by

the stockholders present, and said board shall have power to appoint and remove at pleasure subordinate officers, necessary to conduct and prosecute the duties of such offices.

SEC. 4. The directors of said corporation shall be elected by the stockholders at such times and in such manner as a majority of the stockholders may determine, and they shall hold their office until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified in such manner as may be determined by a majority of stockholders.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the first director, under the regulations of the corporation, or under the direction of a majority of directors, to sign all contracts or other instruments of writing between said corporation and other contracting parties, and such signature shall be evidence in all cases that all such contracts or instruments of writing were duly executed by and (for) in behalf of said corporation.

SEC. 6. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to ask and receive, demand, sue for, and recover of all persons navigating said river with rafts of any kind, or flat boats or scows, in case they shall pass over said dam or slide, the sum of twenty cents for each and every thousand feet for all sawed lumber, and two and a half cents for each and every thousand shingles that may be carried over on any rafts or boats, and all rafts of logs or square timber to be computed as board measure the sum of twelve and a half cents for each and every thousand feet, and any person intrusted with the property of such raft as owner, consignee or navigator and the raft itself shall be liable for the payment of the toll hereby prescribed: *Provided* however, No toll shall be charged on any saw logs that may be floated singly over such dam or slide.

SEC. 7. In case of refusal of the persons navigating such rafts to pay the toll, said corporation may sue for and collect the same either by attachment of the raft, or by action of debt against any person intrusted with the property of said raft either as owner or assignee or navigator, and in any suit brought to recover any such toll, the process may be by warrant against either of the parties hereinbefore mentioned.

SEC. 8. Said corporation shall keep the said dam and slide in good repair at all times after its completion, and shall be liable

Direct
elected.

Their duties.

Amount of
tolls to be paid

Proviso.

Tolls may be
sued for.

To keep dam
and slide in
good repair.

for all damages growing out of any unreasonable neglect in repairing the same.

Dam when to be commenced and completed.

SEC. 9. Said dam shall be commenced within one year, and be completed within two years from the date of the passage of this act, and if not so begun and completed, all rights hereby vested in said corporation shall cease and determine.

SEC. 10. The stockholders of the said company shall be individually liable in their private property for all debts against the company.

To construct a lock.

SEC. 11. Whenever the navigation of the said river shall render it necessary, the said corporation shall construct a lock of sufficient dimensions to permit all boats and vessels navigating the said river, to pass without obstruction or delay, by paying the lawful tolls therefor.

SEC. 12. The Legislature may at any time alter, amend or repeal this act.

APPROVED, February 22, 1845.

AN ACT to authorize school district No. four, in Sheboygan county, to lay an additional tax for building a school house.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin.

Trustees to levy a tax.

SECTION 1. That it shall, and may be lawful for the trustees of school district No. four, in the county of Sheboygan, to levy a tax on the taxable property of said district, in addition of the present tax now allowed by law, not to exceed one per cent on the last assessment roll, for the purpose of erecting or finishing a school house in said district.

How collected

SEC. 2. The said tax shall be collected and returned in the same manner that is now provided by law for the collection of the tax for building school houses: *Provided*, that two thirds of the legal voters in said school district, who may be present at a school meeting duly called by the trustees of the same for that purpose, shall vote in favor of the tax authorized by this act.

Duty of trustees.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the trustees of said school dis-