

SEC. 22. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

J. McM. SHAFTER,  
*Speaker of the Assembly.*

E. B. DEAN, JR.,  
*President pro tem. of the Senate.*

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An Act to incorporate the Dodge County Mutual Insurance Company.

Chap 416

*The people of the State of Wisconsin represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Edwin Hilger, L. B. Hills, G. W. Bly, J. Drummond, J. W. Brown, J. Look, N. J. Newton, J. G. Hilger, B. Hinkley, L. P. Preston, J. D. Tanner, J. N. Ackerman, Logan Graves, and their associates, and such persons as shall hereafter have property insured by the said company, shall be and hereby are ordained, constituted, and declared to be a body corporate and politic in fact and in name, by the name of "The Dodge County Mutual Insurance Company." Created a body corporate.

SEC. 2. The said corporation hereby created, shall have power and authority to make contracts of insurance with any person or persons or any body corporate or politic, against loss by fire of any houses, stores, or other buildings whatsoever, or of any goods, chattels, or personal estate whatsoever, for such term or terms of time and for such premium or consideration, and under such modifications and restrictions, as may be agreed upon between the said corporation and the person or persons agreeing with them for insurance. May make contracts of insurance.

SEC. 3. Every person who shall at any time become interested in said company by insuring therein, and also his heirs, administrators, and assigns continuing to be insured therein as hereinafter mentioned, shall be deemed and taken to be members thereof for and during the terms specified in their respective policies and no longer, and shall at all times be concluded and bound by the provisions of this act; and the property and concerns of said corporation shall be managed and conducted by a board of thirteen directors, and that Edwin Hilger, L. B. Hills, Josiah Drummond, B. Hinkley, J. N. Ackerman, George W. Bly, L. P. Preston, N. J. Newton, J. D. Tanner, Jos. T. Hilger, J. W. Brown, J. Look, and Logan Graves, shall Who to be members, Directors.

be the first directors of said corporation, and shall continue in office for the period of one year, and until others shall be chosen and no longer. The directors shall be elected on the first Monday of May in each year, at such hour of the day at the village of Waupun in the county of Fond du Lac, and state of Wisconsin, as the board of directors for the time being shall appoint, of which election public notice shall be given, at least thirty days preceding such election, and such election shall be holden under the inspection of three members not being directors, to be appointed previous to every election by the board of directors; and such election shall be made by ballot and by a plurality of votes of the members then present or their proxies, allowing one vote for every hundred dollars each member shall have insured in said company, and every member may vote in person or by proxy at his pleasure at any election of directors of said company, and his membership shall be ascertained by the records and entries in the office of the secretary of said company, and no oath shall be administered to any member offering to vote in person, or required to be attached to his appointment when offering to vote by proxy.

To choose president.

SEC. 4. The directors hereinafter named shall, as soon as may be after the passing of this act, and the directors to be chosen at such annual elections shall, as soon as may be thereafter, proceed to choose out of their body one person to be president; and in case of the death, resignation, or inability to serve of the president or any director of said corporation, such vacancy may be filled for the remainder of the year, by the board of directors, and in case of the absence of the president, the board of directors shall have power to appoint a president, *pro tem.*, who shall have and exercise such powers and functions as the by-laws of the said corporation may provide.

Contracts binding.

SEC. 5. The policies of insurance and other contracts founded thereon, hereafter to be made or entered into by said corporation, though not under seal, if subscribed by the president, or in case of his absence, resignation, or inability to act, by such officer or officers, or person or persons, as may be for that purpose authorized by the act of incorporation or by-laws of said corporation, and countersigned by the secretary, shall be binding and obligatory upon the said corporation, and shall have the like force and effect, to all intents and purposes, as if the seal of said corporation had been or was affixed thereto. And further all such policies or contracts may be so signed and attested, and all other business of said corporation may be conduct-

ed and carried on by committees or otherwise, without the presence of a board of directors, and shall be binding and obligatory on the said corporation if the same be done under or in conformity to the by-laws and ordinances of said corporation.

SEC. 6. In case any person or persons insured, named in any policy or contract of insurance made by said corporation hereby created, shall sell, convey, or assign the property insured, during the time for which it is insured, it shall be lawful for such insured to assign and deliver to the purchaser or purchasers, such policy or contract of insurance, and such assignee or assignees shall have all the benefit of such policy or contract of insurance, and may bring and maintain a suit thereon in his, her, or their own names: *Provided*, That before any loss happens, he, she, or they shall obtain the consent in writing of said corporation to such assignment, and have the same endorsed or annexed to said policy of insurance. May assign policy.

SEC. 7. It shall and may be lawful for said corporation to take and hold any real estate *bona fide* mortgaged to the said corporation by way of security for the payment of any debts which may be contracted with the said corporation, and to proceed on the said mortgaged securities for the recovery of the moneys thereby secured either in law or equity, in the same manner as any other mortgagee is or shall be authorized to do, and also to purchase on sales made by virtue of any proceeding at law or any order or decree of any court of equity, or any other legal proceedings, or otherwise receive and take any real estate in payment of or towards the satisfaction of any debt previously contracted and due to the said corporation, and to hold the same until they can conveniently and advantageously sell and convert the same into money or other personal property. May hold real estate.

SEC. 8. The said directors and such others as may be chosen by the said corporation, shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the members of said corporation, in proportion to the amounts of property that each and every member may have insured, at and after the rates of insurance of such property by the said corporation in and for their giving out and signing policies of insurance, and other lawful acts, deeds, and transactions done and performed in pursuance of this act, and neither of the said directors shall be answerable for or chargeable with the faults, neglects, or misdeeds of others of them. Directors to be indemnified.

SEC. 9. Every member of said company shall be and is hereby bound to pay his proportion of the losses and ex-

Property pledged penses accruing in and to said company, and all buildings insured by said company, together with the right, title, and interest of the insured to the lands on which they stand shall be and hereby are pledged to said company, and said company shall have a lien thereon against the insured during the continuance of his, her, or their policy, to the amount of the premium note deposited with the said company and no more, the lien to take effect whenever the said company shall cause to be filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county where the property is insured, a memorandum of the name of the individual insured, and a description of the property; the lien in no case to exceed one hundred dollars.

Evidence of assessment. SEC. 10. Whenever any assessment is made on any premium note given to said company for any hazard taken by said company or as consideration for any insurance issued or to be issued by said company, and an action is brought for the recovery of such assessment, the certificate of the secretary of said company, specifying such assessment, and the amount due to said company on such note by means thereof, shall be taken and received as *prima facie* evidence thereof in all courts and places whatsoever.

Misdemeanors. SEC. 11. Any person who as secretary, deputy secretary, or clerk of said company shall be guilty of any designed falsehood or fraud in the certificate authorized by the eleventh section of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; any person who shall personate or falsely affix the name of said secretary, deputy, or clerk, to any such certificate, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; any person to vote in person at an election of directors of said company, who shall falsely personate another, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and any person who shall falsely sign or affix the name of any person or member of this company to an appointment of a proxy, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Punishment. SEC. 12. Any person convicted of a misdemeanor for any offence under this act, shall be sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding six months, or to pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or to both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court before whom he or she may be convicted.

Powers of directors. SEC. 13. The president and directors of said corporation shall have power to appoint such officers and agents as they may find necessary, prescribe their duties and require bonds for the faithful performance thereof, and may from time to time adopt such by-laws and regulations for the business of said company, as they may deem expedi-

ent; such by-laws and regulations not to be inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States or of this state, and such by-laws shall determine as near as practicable, the rates of insurance on the different classes of property, and the sums to be deposited for any insurance.

SEC. 14. The directors, before they execute any of the duties of their office except choosing president, shall severally take an oath or affirmation that they will faithfully, diligently, honestly, and impartially perform the duties of their respective offices, according to the best of their abilities. Oath of office.

SEC. 15. The operations and business of the Dodge County Mutual Insurance Company shall be carried on in the village of Waupun, state of Wisconsin, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage. Location.

J. McM. SHAFTER,

*Speaker of the Assembly.*

E. B. DEAN, JR.

*President pro tem. of the Senate.*

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An Act to incorporate the Waupun, Fond du Lac, and Forest Plank Road Company.

Chap 417

*The people of the State of Wisconsin represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. That Mason C. Darling, J. C. Truesdell, N. P. Tallmadge, Benjamin F. Moore, John B. Macey, A. B. Bowen, John W. Whinfield, T. J. Hall, T. L. Gillett, Wm. H. Walker, Thomas Wright, James Micklejohn, K. A. Darling, Isaac S. Tallmadge, Seymour Wilcox, and J. W. Brown, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, under the direction of a majority of whom, subscriptions may be received to the capital stock of the Waupun, Fond du Lac, and Forest Plank Road Company, hereby incorporated; and they may cause books to be opened at such times and places as they shall direct for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of said company, first giving fourteen days' notice of the times and places of receiving such subscriptions, by publishing the same in one or more newspapers printed in Fond du Lac county. Commissioners.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said company shall be fifty thousand dollars, in shares of twenty-five dollars each, and as soon as two hundred shares of the capital stock shall be