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CHAPTER 13

AN ACT to create 88.115 (5) of the statutes, relating to the authority of the drainage board to enter into contracts with the U. S. government to accept the benefits of any federal law pertaining to flood prevention or the conservation, development, utilization and disposal of water.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

88.115 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

88.115 (5) Subject to the approval of the court the drainage board may enter into contracts with the U. S. government, or an officer or agency thereof, to accept the benefits of any federal law pertaining to flood prevention or the conservation, development, utilization and disposal of water. Without restriction by reason of enumeration, such contracts may provide that the district on whose behalf the contract is negotiated will:

(a) Provide without cost to the United States all lands necessary for the construction of the project and for the subsequent maintenance and operation of the project.

(b) Contribute such part of the first cost of construction of such project as is agreed upon with the United States, either in cash or in credit, for purchase of material or performance of work forming part of the project.

(c) Hold and save the United States harmless from claim for damages to any property resulting from construction of the works of the project.

(d) Maintain and operate all the works after completion of the project in accordance with regulations prescribed by the United States government, or any officer or agency thereof.

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