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CHAPTER 182.

AN ACT to authorize the La Crosse and Black River Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, to build and maintain a dam across Black river in Jackson county, Wisconsin, for the purpose of improving the navigation of said river, and the creating of hydraulic power and the transmission of light and heat with which to operate this railroad, and for other lawful public purposes.

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

Location of dam. SECTION 1. The La Crosse and Black River Railroad Company, a corporation duly organized under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Wisconsin, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to build and maintain a dam across Black river, the southerly end thereof, to abut on lot two (2), and the northerly end thereof to abut on lot eight (8), all in section one (1), township twenty-one (21) north, of range four (4) west, in Jackson county, Wisconsin, of the height of thirty (30) feet above low water mark, for the purpose of improving the navigation of said river and the creating of hydraulic power and the transmission of light and heat with which to operate its railroad and for any other lawful public purpose.

Slide or chute. SECTION 2. Said La Crosse and Black River Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, shall provide and furnish said dam with a sufficient slide, or chute, for the safe passage of logs, which shall be twenty-four (24) feet in width, substantially constructed, and of sufficient length to graduate the descent from within two feet from its top to the mean level of the water below; provided, that the provisions of section 1601 of the statutes of 1898 shall not apply to the dam erected under this act.

May acquire lands. SECTION 3. Said La Crosse and Black River Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, may acquire title to, or the right to use, any and all lands and property necessary or beneficial for flowage and may obtain the same by purchase, lease, license or any usual method or means of acquisition of title by act of parties.

Powers conferred. SECTION 4. Also for the purpose of acquiring the necessary lands or rights, easements, or privileges in lands necessary for flowage, so that the complete construction of said dam and improvements under this act, or any law heretofore passed, may be successfully carried out; said La Crosse and Black River Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, have and may enjoy the rights granted to, and conferred upon other corporations by sections 1777a to 1777d, both inclusive of the statutes of 1898, and such amendments thereto as may have been or may be, made.

Fishway. SECTION 5. The dam so erected shall be provided with a good and sufficient fishway to be approved by the state board of commissioners of fisheries, and said fishway shall, at all times, be kept in good repair and open for the free and easy passage of fish up and down said dam. In case the owner of owners of said dam shall neglect or refuse to construct or keep in repair, or keep open such fishway, as required by the provisions of this act, they shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

Passageway for logs. SECTION 6. The dam so erected shall be provided with such piers and guide booms, as may be necessary for the free and safe passage of logs, at the expense of the owner of such dam.

Time limit. SECTION 7. The rights and privileges granted by this act are upon the express conditions that substantial work upon such dam shall commence within four years from the date of the passage hereof.

No corporate powers. SECTION 8. No corporate powers or privileges are granted or intended to be granted by this act, and same shall not be construed or deemed to grant such power or privileges.

Rights reserved. SECTION 9. Nothing in this bill shall be construed as granting the right to obstruct the flow of water to the detriment, or abridge the rights and privileges granted to Jacob Spalding, his associates, heirs, successors or assigns, by Chapter 208 of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1853, nor to interfere with the dam at Black River Falls, now owned by John S. Owen & Company and J. J. McGillivray, as now maintained or authorized to be maintained, enlarged or raised

in height pursuant to authority heretofore granted to any person or persons by act of legislature.

Legislative power reserved. SECTION 10. The power to alter, amend or repeal this act is hereby reserved.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 183.

AN ACT to legalize conveyances of real property made by husband directly to wife, and the records of such conveyances.

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

Conveyances by husbands to wives legalized. SECTION 1. All conveyances of real property within this state made prior to March 23, 1895, in which a married man has conveyed real property directly to his wife, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be legal and valid, and the records of all such conveyances heretofore actually recorded in the office of the proper county, shall be in all respects valid and legal, and such conveyances and the records thereof shall have the same force and effect in all respects for the purpose of notice, evidence or otherwise as is or may be provided by law in regard to conveyances in other cases. Provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any of the courts of this state; provided, further, that this act shall not be construed to extend to any case where vested rights in any such property have been acquired by third parties.

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

Approved May 7, 1903.