

four hundred thirteen dollars and twenty-one cents, collected by him for fishing and hunting license fees and deposited in a bank that failed. Elmer W. Hill, county clerk of Rusk county, is relieved of the obligation to account for the sum of four hundred seventy-five dollars and thirty-eight cents, collected by him for fishing and hunting license fees and deposited in a bank that failed.

(2) Any dividends paid by these banks on the respective claims shall be paid into the conservation fund by the county clerks within five days of their receipt.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 359.

AN ACT to amend subsections (1) and (2) of section 137.01 of the statutes, relating to appointment of notaries public.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 137.01 of the statutes are amended to read: (137.01) (1) The governor shall appoint, in each organized county of the state, one or more notaries public, who shall be residents and qualified electors, of the county for which they are appointed. *Every person desiring appointment as notary public shall file an application therefor with the secretary of state on a form to be prepared by the latter, accompanied by a fee of two dollars. Before issuing to any applicant a commission under subsection (2) the secretary of state shall satisfy himself that the applicant is of good moral character, has the equivalent of a common school education and is familiar with the duties and responsibilities of a notary public. When so satisfied, he shall notify the applicant who shall then comply with the provisions of subsection (2). If the application is rejected the fee shall be returned. Any person who now holds a commission as notary public shall be entitled to be reappointed as notary public if of good moral character. They shall be considered state officers, and shall hold their offices for the term of*

four years from the date of their appointment, and have power to act by virtue of their office throughout the state.

(2) Every notary public shall take and file the official oath and execute and file an official bond in the sum of five hundred dollars, with surety to be approved by the county judge or clerk of the circuit court of his county, or, when executed by a surety company, approved by the secretary of state. He shall also provide an engraved official seal, which shall make a distinct and legible impression on paper, giving his name, office and county, and shall deposit an impression of the same, together with his said oath and bond and a statement of his post-office address, in the office of the secretary of state \* \* \* ; and thereupon his commission shall issue, and the secretary of state shall deliver to such notary a certificate of his appointment, stating the date when his commission will expire, which together with his autograph and an impression of his official seal, shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the county where he resides. Not less than thirty nor more than sixty days before the expiration of his commission the secretary of state shall notify by mail every notary public of the time when his commission will expire.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 360.

AN ACT to appropriate a sum of money herein named to the town of Oakland, Douglas county, for expenses incurred by said town in fighting a forest fire.

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

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the conservation fund to the town of Oakland, Douglas county, the sum of five hundred seventeen dollars and fifty cents for expenses incurred by said town in fighting a forest fire. Acceptance of this appropriation shall operate as a full and complete discharge of said claim.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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