DESIRABLE AND NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE FARM DRAINAGE LAW.

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Subsection 7 of Section 88.06 statutes of 1923 should be amended by substituting in the last sentence thereof the word "board" for the word "commissioners."

Paragraph(e) of subsection 1 of section 88.08 statutes of 1923 should be amended by striking out the second "of" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "against" so that that paragraph reads: "(e) assess the cost of construction against the benefitted lands and corporations in proportion to the benefits received".

Section 88.12 statutes of 1923 should be amended by adding thereto the following:

Any lawful indebtednesses of a drainage may by order of the court be refunded when due (or before if the owners will surrender them) in which event the refunded obligations shall be taken up (and if a written obligation it shall be marked refunded by No._______) but such refunding obligations shall not exceed the face of the refunded obligations and accrued interest, and shall not bear interest exceeding 6% per annum.

Bonds, note or other obligations of a drainage shall not be sold for less than par, except with the authority of the county court.

The second sentence of section 88.26 should be amended to read as follows:

"It shall have power to construct, protect and maintain all drains under its jurisdiction and do all things necessary thereto, and may report to the court all matters on which it desires advice and when
authorized by the County Judge may institute all necessary actions."

DRAINAGE DISTRICT LAW.

Section 89.25 should be amended by inserting in the last line thereof after the words "district's general fund" and before the words "as justice", the words "or bond and interest fund".

A condition exists in one district of this state where a commissioner has undoubtedly converted to his own use district moneys belonging to the bond and interest fund.

Subsection (2) of section 89.26 should be amended by either striking out the clause "If the recommendations of one or more state departments"...etc to the end of said subsection or a provision put in that remonstrance against the recommendations may be filed and the issue thus made tried by the court.

Subsection 4 of section 89.27 should be so amended that the adverse report of the commissioners can be remonstrated against and an issue thereon tried by the court. The last legislature struck out the words "and no remonstrance against his report is filed". That shall be re-inserted in that action.

Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of Section 89.37 should be amended by striking out the words "when lands shall have been finally sold under order of the court as provided herein, they shall be leased from all lien of assessments levied prior to the time of such sale."

Subsection (6) of Section 89.47 of the statutes of Wisconsin for 1923 should be repealed or so modified as not to apply to refunding bonds. My opinion is that all of the four officers mentioned would prefer its absolute repeal.