

ditches, at some convenient place near the swamp or low land to be drained, for the purpose of choosing two managers and one treasurer of the ditch, for the term of one year, and until their successors shall be chosen.

75. They shall give notice of the meeting by advertisement posted in four of the most public places of the neighborhood in which the swamp or low land lies, stating the time, place, and object of the meeting.

76. At such meeting, or any other meeting, each of the taxables shall be entitled to the following grades of votes in proportion to their respective taxes, to wit: for any tax to the amount of five dollars and under, one vote; for any tax not less than fifteen dollars, two votes; for any tax not less than thirty-five dollars, three votes; for any tax not less than sixty dollars, four votes; for any tax not less than one hundred dollars, five votes; for any tax to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars and upwards, six votes; and any person so entitled may vote by proxy, authorized by writing, under his hand.

77. The managers, for the time being, shall annually thereafter in the same manner, call a meeting for the same purpose on the first Saturday in March.

78. The said commissioners shall deliver to the treasurer, a statement of the taxes levied for making said ditches, with the sums which each person is bound to pay; and such tax or assessment, made and returned to and confirmed by the county commissioners, shall remain in full force for the term of five years from such confirmation, and shall be the proportion or basis upon which other and further taxes may be levied by the managers for all necessary purposes, for cutting and making, or for cleansing and repairing such ditches.

79. After a lapse of five years, a new assessment may be had by application of a majority of the taxables, to the county commissioners—who shall thereupon appoint three judicious and impartial freeholders of the neighborhood for that purpose, who shall make such assessment and return in the manner hereinbefore provided, which shall be subject to an order of review as aforesaid.