

187. *It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners upon receipt of the watershed plan submitted pursuant to Section 186 to appoint a Board of Watershed Viewers to be composed of three or more judicious and impartial citizens, no one of which shall be the owner of any land within the Watershed Association. Where the lands described in the petition are located in two or more counties, there shall be at least one member of the Watershed Viewers from each county in which such lands are located. No person appointed as a member of the Board of Watershed Viewers shall act in that capacity until he has given the Board of County Commissioners written notice of his acceptance of his appointment. The rate of compensation of the Watershed Viewers shall be fixed by the Board of County Commissioners.*

188. (a) *The Board of Watershed Viewers upon receipt of a copy of the plan from the County Commissioners shall engage the services of competent and experienced private engineers or may use the services of planners and engineers of local, State and Federal agencies and with them shall go upon and view the lands described in the watershed plan and works of improvement as laid out on the ground. They shall make careful and thorough examination of the area to determine the benefits to the lands within the Watershed Association resulting from the proposed works of improvement and the damages to lands resulting from the proposed project.*

(b) *The Board of Watershed Viewers shall consider any damages arising from land taken or for inconvenience imposed by reason of the construction of the proposed improvements, or by any other legal damage sustained. Such damages shall be considered separate and apart from any benefits that would result from the proposed improvements.*

189. (a) *All lands within the Watershed Association shall be assessed for the cost and expense of carrying out the proposed works of improvement; and the said Board of Watershed Viewers shall adjudge thereof, and shall assess against such lands respectively a sum proportional to the benefits accruing thereto. In no case shall the assessment against any tract of land exceed the benefits that will accrue to such tract from the proposed improvement. The sums so assessed shall be sufficient, less such amounts in funds or services as may be received from the County Commissioners or from any other source, to cover the costs of such works of improvement, the payment of damages awarded (if any), the payment of compensations for adopted improvements previously constructed (if any), the expenses of the Board of Watershed Viewers, and the costs of establishing the Watershed Association.*

(b) *Notwithstanding any other laws to the contrary, the County Commissioners are authorized to contribute in funds, services, equipment, or materials all or any part of the cost of any improvements authorized under this sub-title from general funds of the county, or to allocate for use for paying all or any part of the costs of any such improvement or other funds which may become available for such improvements.*

190. *The Board of Watershed Viewers may adopt as the whole or as a part of the watershed improvements to be provided under this sub-title, any works of improvement already constructed. They shall*