

24-426. Manner of letting contracts; bond of contractor; tools and machinery. That the board of directors shall not make any contract for any work to be done under the provisions of this act, the payment for which is to be made by the issuing of bonds or the levying of special assessments, except as herein otherwise provided, without first having publicly advertised for bids, and all such contracts shall be let only to the lowest and best bidder; but the board shall have the right to reject all bids if the same shall be deemed too high. Every contractor shall be required to give a bond to the board of directors in a sum sufficient to secure the proper execution of his contract and conditioned to pay all damages which shall result to the landholders of the district from failure to perform their contracts or by reason of negligence in the performance of the same. All work by contractors shall be under supervision of the board of directors or an engineer appointed by it.

All bids shall be submitted and opened at one public meeting of the directory: Provided, however, That in the removal of solid obstructions or otherwise clearing the channel of any navigable stream, if the board of directors and its engineer shall deem it impracticable to let contracts therefor, or any part thereof, such work may be done in such manner as the board may deem for the best interests of the district, and may, when necessary, purchase or rent tools and machinery for such purpose.

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