

Chapter 6156: COUNTY RECLAMATION

6156.01 County board of reclamation created.

The board of county commissioners in each county may create by resolution a board to be known as the county board of reclamation to decide, upon application, which lands, public and private, shall be reclaimed by the use of the county dredging equipment authorized in section [6156.02](#) of the Revised Code. The board shall consist of the board of county commissioners and the county engineer. The chairman of the board of county commissioners shall also be the chairman of the board of reclamation. The members of the board shall serve without compensation except that they shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses.

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6156.02 Purchase, rent, or lease of dredging equipment.

The board of county commissioners of each county of the state may purchase, rent, or lease such dredging equipment as it deems necessary to be used in land reclamation projects as directed by the board of reclamation authorized in section [6156.01](#) of the Revised Code. If the board of county commissioners determines that such equipment is necessary, it shall, in the event of purchase, advertise its needs for at least twenty days and then let the purchase contract to the lowest bidder, provided that the board of county commissioners may reject all bids.

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6156.03 Dredging equipment use.

The dredging equipment purchased under section [6156.02](#) of the Revised Code may be used for any appropriate purpose, including those enumerated in Chapters 6141., 6151., 6153., and 6155. of the Revised Code, notwithstanding any provisions of the Revised Code. Such work shall be done as prescribed by the county board of reclamation.

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6156.04 Application to use dredging equipment.

Any landowner or political subdivision within a county, after the creation of a board of reclamation by the board of county commissioners, may file an application with the county engineer asking that the county dredging equipment be used to reclaim his land. This application shall be submitted to the board of reclamation within twenty days after the date of filing. The board shall conduct an investigation of the applicant's request and if it determines that dredging will assist in reclaiming the land thereby increasing its value for tax purposes and that such reclamation is otherwise desirable, it shall direct the county engineer to permit the dredging equipment, and such personnel required to operate it, to be used to assist in the reclamation of the applicant's land.

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6156.05 Payment for dredging services.

When the use of dredging equipment is authorized under section [6156.04](#) of the Revised Code, the applicant shall be charged with an amount equal to the actual cost of labor, depreciation, and fuel furnished by the county. The county auditor may accept cash payment or may assess such amount on the county tax duplicate to be collected from the applicant as other county taxes are collected. In the event an assessment is made on the county tax duplicate, the amount shall be allocated over a period of ten years, but the applicant may, at his option, pay the balance owing at any time within the ten-year period. Funds collected from an applicant shall be placed in the county general revenue fund. Funds collected for depreciation shall be placed in a special account in the county general revenue fund to be used for the purchase of new or replacement of dredging equipment.

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