

# Farmers & Merchants Bank



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To The Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Anoka Co.

Gentlemen:

Through a notice sent me by your county auditor, I learned of a proposed ditch to be constructed, by your body, through the north half of the north east quarter of section #7 township #31 range #22 owned by me. Said ditch to be constructed for the purpose of draining lands lying upon the North of the above described piece, and for which taxes are to be charged up against my property.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that at present there are two ditches passing through my land, for which I am at present paying taxes, and which afford ample drainage to carry off all water flowing upon the land, viz: #22 and #10. That I not only consider it a great damage to my land to be cut up by additional water ways being led through it, but from the ditches that already pass through my place I sustain a considerable damage by over flows, caused both by the incapacity of the ditches and the frequent clogging of them.

Where the ditch is led under the Carl ton, <sup>road</sup> lying on the north of my place, the water is stopped by foul matter collecting in the aqueduct, causing the water to back up, and when this matter gives away it causes an inundation of my place. Especially was this so during the last season, and to that extent that I received no profit whatever from the land and it was rendered unsalable.

I enter a vigorous protest against having my land further cut up unless I am amply compensated for the damage done to my property and an exemption from taxes from all expenses incurred in the construction of the proposed ditch.

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I further reserve the right to an action in damages against your body for all future damages to my land ,accruing either through default of keeping present ditches cleaned, or through any over flows either from the old ditches or the new one,if your body thinks it wisdom to proceed with its construction.

Kindly take this matter under your consideration and advise me of your decision.

With respect,

S. J. Lombard.