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To the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Anoka

in the State of Minnesota:-

Gentlemen:-

As the owner of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Nine (9), in Township Thirty-one (31) and Range Twenty-three (23), Anoka County, which tract has been assessed some \$200.00 benefits for repairs of Ditch Number 41, permit me to respectfully protest against the acceptance of said repair job until it is properly completed, with especial reference to this land and other lands similarly situated lying east of the Bethel and Rice Creek Road.

It is hardly possible to see that any work has been done on this job on that part of the area supposed to be drained by the ditch, and which has been assessed therefor.

What water now runs off of the land above described, runs under the Main Street Road, and drains off to the North, while the branch of 41 which runs through this forty to the Main Street Road, from the South, is supposed to furnish the out-let to the South, in Ditch 41.

So far as the work on the branch through this forty is concerned, it is worthless, and from the fact that the water stands on the meadow and runs north instead of south, it is apparent that the sand cuts in the branch to the south of this land are left as high as ever.

Several land owners who are assessed for these repairs have stated to me that the same general condition exists as to many hundreds of acres east of the Bethel and Rice Creek Road. West of that road the dredge work seems to be furnishing a fine drainage for the lands there.

If the work mentioned above has been done according to the engineer's plans, I would greatly appreciate being so informed, that the blame may be shifted where it belongs, if shifting is necessary.

This being the third assessment on that forty for drainage purposes, without any beneficial results whatever, it is thought time to find out whether it is the fault of the engineering, the fault of the contractor, or the fault of the authorities accepting the work, and I take this method of respectfully bringing the matter to your attention before the work has been finally accepted, as I am advised.

Yours very respectfully,

Albert H. Pratt