

Anoke, Minn. 8/24/05

To the Hon. Board of County Commissioners of the County
of Anoke, Minnesota.

The undersigned, persons interested in the establishment of the ditch to drain Goose Lake, so-called, petitioned for by John Stromberg and others, the petition for which is now pending, do respectfully represent that the proposed ditch will not economically accomplish the purposes of drainage, and will be expensive to lay out, in proportion to the benefits, and that in order to make a proportionately cheaper ditch, and accommodate the whole community, a ditch should be laid out starting some distance west of Gosse Lake, running through Goose Lake, and continuing over the course proposed for the ditch petitioned for; by this ditch a much larger territory would be accommodated, the expense on each land owner would be proportionately less, and the improvement would be of much greater value; this extended ditch will ~~be~~ any event be necessary, and if the proposed ditch is dug separately, when it tries to lay out the extended ditch, the proposed ditch would have to be enlarged, at great expense; this can be largely saved by making the whole improvement at once, as one ditch, instead of two, and laying out a ditch and branches large enough to accommodate the whole community, at once.

We do not object to the proposed ditch as such, but simply on the ground that it should not be laid out as a separate ditch; it is our intention forthwith to petition for a ditch running over the same course, but extending a distance west of Goose Lake, and so make one ditch instead of two; the expense incurred up to date is but small, and can be easily arranged for, and we propose that all interested go in to gether and make one large ditch.

Very respectfully,

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