

STATE OF MINNESOTA,)
County of Anoka.) ss

Before the Board of County
Commissioners.

In the matter of the Petition of D. E. Shannon et als for
the construction of a public ditch in Sections 15 and
14, in Township 33 of Range 25, in the Town of Burns,
Anoka County, Minnesota.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners,-

The undersigned freeholders and residents of the
County of Anoka and State of Minnesota and owners of land
liable to be affected by the construction of the public
ditch prayed for in the above named petition, which peti-
tion was filed in the office of the County Auditor of said
Anoka County on the 26th day of January, 1898, would respect-
fully remonstrate against the granting of the prayer of said
petition by your Honorable Body, and for the following
reasons, to-wit,-

That by said proposed ditch the water of Grass
Lake, so called, covering more than one hundred acres of
land, would be drained into Ford Brook, so called; that
said Ford Brook is a very slow running stream the banks of
which are very low, and that the ordinary stage of the
water in said brook is nearly on a level with the top of
said banks; that said Ford Brook below the point of termina-
tion of said proposed ditch and for some distance above
said point runs through valuable meadow lands which meadow
lands in ordinary seasons cut at least 1000 of first class
hay; that the turning of the water of said Grass Lake into
said Brook through said proposed ditch would cause the
overflow of said meadow lands, and thereby seriously damage
said hay crop, and would in some seasons almost entirely
destroy such crop; that said proposed ditch is not a pub-
lic necessity, and would not be conducive to public health
convenience or welfare, or of public benefit or utility,
but on the contrary thereof said ditch would cause serious
damage to a large number of land owners, including all the
undersigned, by reason of the overflow of their meadow
lands as aforesaid.

Wherefore, your petitioners would earnestly pray your
Honorable Body to deny the prayer of the said petition for
the construction of the ditch aforesaid.

Dated - March 8th 1898.

Mrs John Chator

Fritz Thompson

Charles ^{Wing} Atkinson

Frank ^{mark} Day

John Atcham

E. M. Small

John Springer

M. J. Sinden

James W. Gillespie

Frederick Schrock

George C. Gillespie

J. Whitney

Mrs Georgia Norris

J. L. Gaslin

George Gaslin

J. Hawey

John Hunter

D. E. Hamon