

State of Minnesota
County of Anoka

In re order #
43. of Anoka Co.,
Minnesota

Objections of certain
landowners to creation
of drain

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Co. Auditor

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners, Anoka County, Minn.
As Attorney for and at the request of a number of the land owners who have been assessed for benefits to accrue to their lands by reason of the construction of ditch # 45, of Anoka County, Minnesota, I desire to state the objections of such land owners to the further expenditure of money on such work and their reasons therefor.

The drain, as designed by the engineer is impracticable and will never give any effective benefit to the lands adjacent thereto for the reason that the tiling selected and approved by the engineer and used as far as the ditch has been constructed, permits the sand and other debris to escape into the tiling, filling the same and thereby checking and impeding the flow of water, that said tiling does not and will not remain at the level at which it is laid but being loose jointed will break at the joints and at certain places will be raised and at others lowered thereby stopping the flow of water and making the drain practically useless for any benefits.

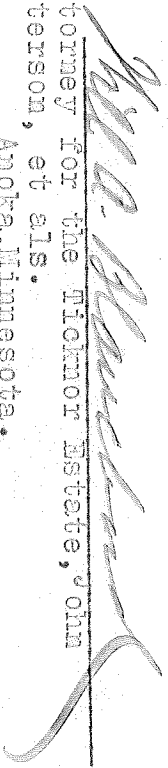
The drain so far as it is now built was laid under the direct supervision of the engineer in charge and was in the manner indicated and approved by him and all of the work done has been accepted and approved and has been built according to the plans and specifications yet the conditions as above indicated exist. No volume of water is passing through said drain and none of any amount has passed through this season although a large volume has covered the intake at the head of the ditch.

Expert Engineers have informed the complaining landowners that the tiling being used in the construction of this drain will never give satisfactory results and that they will never afford any material ^{benefits} ~~results~~ to their lands; that the lands of the character of their lands cannot be drained with tile draining effectively so as to give any benefit unless the joints are cemented and provision made at certain intervals in the ditch to ~~not~~ allow the sand and other debris naturally coming into the drain to be taken care of; and even in this event

It is very doubtful whether an effective drain could be established. The landowners I represent desire to present these objections at this time, having gained this information but recently, and earnestly request that your honorable body take such action as may be necessary for a full investigation of said matter to the end that justice and right may be done to all persons interested.

I regret that I cannot personally present these matters to your Board but I have to be absent from the City at the time of your meetings.

Very Truly Yours,



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