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P E T I T I O N .

To the County Board of the County of Anoka, Minnesota:

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent and state:

That they are the owners of lands that have been heretofore assessed for the construction of County Ditch No. 49 of Anoka County.

That said ditch is in need of repairs and that its usefulness for the purpose for which it was constructed has become greatly impaired by reason of the following facts:

FIRST- That said ditch has become obstructed by the deposit of sediment therein and by the growth of weeds and grasses upon and along the bottom, sides, banks and right of way thereof.

SECOND- That by the original plan of the main ditch, under which it was constructed, the fall of the upper portion of the ditch for a mile or more was all made in the bottom, the lay of the land being opposite to the run of the water in the ditch: by reason thereof the obstructions in the ditch below such upper portion render the upper portion almost useless, and the expense of removing such obstructions and deepening the ditch to carry the water from the upper portion of the ditch will be very large; that a short extension of the upper end of the ditch, with some deepening of the portion of the ditch adjacent thereto, will turn the water to the south and furnish much better drainage than at present at a comparatively small expense.

THIRD- That repairs of the kind above indicated are absolutely necessary to open the ditch, remove the waters from the adjacent lands, and furnish the service originally intended.

WHEREFORE, Your petitioners pray that you will appoint a civil engineer to ascertain and report to you the necessity therefor and the cost of making such repairs, and when such report is filed such other and further proceedings may be had as may be necessary for the repair of such ditch.

Dated at Anoka, Minnesota, this 20th day of April, 1912.

Blanchett Investment Co.

By M. C. Blanchett, Pres't.

Fred Kluge

Henry Hidde,

Petitioners.

In the matter of repairing Ditch Number 49 in the County of Anoka,
and State of Minnesota.

To the Board of County Commissioners of Anoka County, State
of Minnesota,

I, the undersigned, appointed by your order to survey and report upon the cost of repairing Ditch No. 49, Anoka County in accordance with the petition of the Blanchett Investment Company and others would respectfully report that after a careful survey I have found there is not sufficient fall to warrant an outlet of the upper end of the Main Ditch into Twin Lakes. There is 3.8 feet fall from near station 2 of the Main Ditch, the lowest part of the meadow, to the present water level in Twin Lakes, a distance of about 1900 feet. A ditch at station 2 should be 3 feet deep to draw water from the North and that would leave only 0.8 feet fall to the water level in the lake which is at a very low stage.

I have however prepared an estimate for cleaning out the Main ditch from station 0 to 80 and giving it one foot more fall in that distance. This will let the water out of the upper part of the ditch where it now stands 2 to 3 feet deep and drain the land as originally intended by the laying out of the ditch.

I also found Branch number 7 in need of repairs. The fall was all made in the bottom of the ditch and having filled in the water runs only when at high stage. By changing its course a more natural waterway can be followed. I have prepared two estimates for Branch number 7, one to clean out the old ditch, the other for a new ditch

JULY 22, 1912.

Wm. M. Reddy

List of expenses for the survey and report

Repairing Ditch No. 49

Anoka County Minn.

Name	Amount.
Wayne Ridger, Engr. 12 days @ \$ 5.00	\$ 60.00
Boss Cutter rodman 5 " @ 2.00	10.00
C. Johnson chainman 1 day @ 1.75	1.75
Board	5.75
Geo. Merrill livery	10.00
Total cost of survey& report \$87.50	

ESTIMATE OF COST.

Cost of survey	\$ 87.50	
Auditors fees	75.00	
Commissioners per diem etc.	45.00	
Engineer at sale and acceptance of work	40.00	
Publishing	10.00	
Sheriff's fees	8.00	
Excavation as per engineer's report	<u>284.70</u>	\$ 387.10
Credit by balance Ditch 49 fund	550.20	<u>652.60</u>