

Petition

of

M.C. Blanchette

and others

for

REPAIR OF DITCH 49.

Filed this 9th day
of January 1915
Arthur D. France
County Auditor

PETITION FOR REPAIR OF DITCH NUMBER FORTY-NINE.

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 Ditch Number Forty-nine of Anoka County.

That the said ditch, and particularly the main ditch, is in need of repairs, and that its usefulness for the purposes for which it was constructed has become greatly impaired by reason of the following facts.

First- That said ditch, particularly the upper portion of the main 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 reason of the settlement of the marshes along the upper portion of the main ditch, or because the same was not originally dug to grade, the lands adjacent to the upper portion of the main ditch are but little higher than the bottom of the main ditch, and the fall is very slight. As a result of the present condition, the surface waters are only partially removed, and the sub-surface waters are so close to the surface as to prevent the proper use of the adjacent lands which are intended to be drained by said ditch. The low lands along said ditch are susceptible of being tile drained, if the ditch is made of sufficient depth and fall, and would thereby become of great use and value in comparison with their present use and value. To properly tile such lands will require a depth of the ditch at all points of at least four feet, with sufficient fall to keep the water to the four foot level. This can be obtained in the main ditch by opening, widening and deepening the same from its source to a point from which such fall may be carried back, and the branches of the ditch will thereby also be furnished with a fall and out-let permitting of the tile or under drainage of the lands along the branches.

Third- That to secure full benefits from the ditch, and to obtain full results from the monies already expended, the main ditch requires opening, widening and deepening to the depth and fall above indicated, and certain of the branches in places may require opening and cleaning.

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 that such other and further proceedings may be had as may be necessary for the repair of such ditch and branches, and the opening, widening and deepening of the same, as may appear necessary.

Dated at Burns, Minnesota, this 17th day of **December**, A.D. 1914.

Blawiehoff Investment Co.

By M. E. Blawiehoff, President

J. A. Johnson
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Petitioners.