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PETITION

of

H.W. Douglas,

and others

For a Public Ditch

and branches

in the Town of Anoka,

in the County of Anoka,

Filed in the office of the
County Auditor of Anoka County,
Minnesota, this 12th day
of May, A.D. 1914.

Richard A. Oswell

County Auditor.

WALTER
L. HEDGECOCK
COUNTY CLERK
ANOKA, MINN.

PETITION FOR PUBLIC DITCH.

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

The undersigned land owners, whose lands will be liable to be affected by, or assessed for the expense of, the construction of the public ditch and branches hereinafter described, would respectfully represent that the public health, convenience and welfare require the establishment and construction of a public ditch and branches along the following described route in the Town of Anoka in said County of Anoka, and that the establishment and construction of the same would be of public benefit and utility and will promote the public health, and is necessary for the following reasons, to-wit:-

The territory to be drained by the proposed public ditch and branches consists of a large area of very low marsh and bog land, which is overflowed and covered with stagnant water during a large portion of the time, and is too wet and soft to be of use during other times, rendering it valueless for any purpose, in its present condition; the soil thereof is of a high quality and very fertile, and when drained, will be of great value for agricultural purposes of various kinds; the stagnant waters upon said lands emit noisome odors and exhalations, and furnish a breeding place for great numbers of mosquitoes and other pests, and constitute a menace to the health of the public, which menace will be removed by the drainage to be obtained through the establishment and construction of the proposed public ditch and branches.

A general description of the proposed starting point, route and terminus of said public ditch and branches is as follows:

Commencing at the point where Coon Creek crosses the north line of Section Nine (9), in Township Thirty-one (31) and Range Twenty-four (24), thence following generally the course of Coon Creek, widening, deepening and cutting the bends of the same, southerly through said Section Nine (9), and Easterly through Section Ten (10), said Township and Range, and Southeasterly through the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Eleven (11), said Township and Range, and Southerly through the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Fourteen (14), said Township and Range, and terminating

at the point where said Coon Creek crosses the East and West Quarter Section line of said Section Fourteen (14), in said Coon Creek as its out-let;

Together with such branch or branches as may be necessary to drain the territory tributary to said main ditch and render it of the most utility and benefit.

And your petitioners pray that you will proceed to establish such public ditch and branches and cause the same to be constructed as provided by Chapter Two Hundred and Thirty (230) of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1905, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

Dated October 12th, A.D. 1912.

L. C. Casey

M. W. Rockwell

H. W. Douglass

J. F. W. Subcamp

J. H. Anderson

Margaret Douglass

L. C. Casey

Petitioners.

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