

PETITION FOR PUBLIC DITCH.

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To the County Board 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, respectfully represent that the public health, convenience, and welfare require the construction and establishment of a public ditch and branches along the following described route in the Town of Bethel in said County of Anoka, and that the establishment and construction of the same will be of public benefit and utility and will promote the public health, and is necessary for the following reasons, among others, to-wit:-

The territory to be drained by the proposed public ditch and branches consists of a large basin or area of low meadow, marsh, and bog land, having but limited outlets for surface waters and which is overflowed and covered with stagnant waters to a considerable extent during a large portion of the time, and is too wet, soft, and cold to be of use during other times, rendering it to a large extent valueless for any purpose in its present condition; the soil thereof is of great fertility, and when drained will be of great value for agricultural purposes; the stagnant waters which from time to time accumulate and stand 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 inhabitants of the vicinity and to the public generally, which menace will be removed by the drainage to be obtained through the establishment of the proposed public ditch and branches.

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

Commencing at the point where the public highway now crosses the North line of the South half of the South East quarter (N line of S $\frac{1}{2}$  of S E  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Fifteen, Township Thirty-three, Range

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Twenty-three, County of Anoka, running thence in a southeasterly direction through Sections Fifteen, Fourteen, Twenty-three and Twenty-six, all in Township Thirty-three, Range Twenty-three of said County, to a point where the east line of Section Twenty-six meets the shore of Coon Lake, and there terminating and having as its outlet said Coon Lake, together with such branches, extensions, and laterals as may be necessary properly to drain said lands.

And your petitioners pray that you will proceed to establish such ditch and cause the same to be constructed as provided by Chapter Forty-four, General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1915, together with all acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

Dated this 19th day of July, 1915.

Ernst Lundholm  
Charles Anderson

Ed Morgan

Charles Lind

Edwin Johnson

Ernst Lind

John Lundquist

John A. Johnson

Anderson Swanson

Henry Falk

J. P. Anderson

August Swanson

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Filed this 31<sup>st</sup> day  
of August 1915  
Wm. H. [Signature]  
County Auditor.