

PETITION FOR PUBLIC DITCH.

To the County Board of Anoka County, 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 Towns of Ham Lake, Grow, and Anoka, all 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 consists of the basin of Coon Creek, so-called, and the low meadow, marsh and bog lands contiguous and adjacent thereto, that the said Coon Creek is a natural non navigable water course, and is not of sufficient capacity to properly drain the meadow lands adjacent and contiguous thereto; that it is very crooked, filled up in places, and <sup>r</sup>grown up to weeds and other natural grasses, by reason of all of which the natural flow of said creek is impeded and said basin and the meadow lands contiguous and adjacent thereto become overflowed, and covered with stagnant waters to a considerable extent for a large portion of each year, and are too wet, soft, and cold to be of use during other times, making said lands valueless to a large extent for any purpose in its present condition; the soil of said basin and the lands contiguous and adjacent thereto is of great fertility and when drained will be of great value for farming purposes and uses; the stagnant waters which from time to time accumulate and stand upon said lands emit unhealthy and noisome odors 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.

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

Commencing at the point where Public Ditch Number Two joins the said Coon Creek so called in the North one half of the Southeast quarter of Section Thirty, Township Thirty-two, Range Twenty-three, in said Anoka County, then proceeding in a westerly and ~~southerly~~ direction through the aforesaid Section Thirty, following generally the course of Coon Creek: thence continuing in a westerly direction along the general course of said Coon Creek through Sections Twenty-five, Twenty-six, Twenty-seven, Twenty-eight, Twenty-nine, and Thirty-three of Township Thirty-two, Range Twenty-four, of said Anoka County, thence southerly, and along the general course of Coon Creek as aforesaid until the point is reached where Coon Creek meets the so-called ~~Main~~ Main Street Road, and there terminating, said point being in Section Four, Township Thirty-one, Range Twenty-four of said Anoka County, and having as its outlet said Coon Creek; together with such branches, extensions, and laterals as may be necessary 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 1913, together with all the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1915.

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Ditch 57

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County Auditor.