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PETITION FOR PUBLIC DITCH.

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 establishment and construction of a public ditch and branches along the following described route in the towns of Ham Lake and Crow 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 water 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 in the vicinity and of the public generally, which menace will be removed by the drainage to be obtained through the establishment of the proposed public ditch and branches.

The main ditch and branches proposed to be so laid out and constructed will follow generally the course of the main ditch and branches of the public ditches known as County Ditch Number Two (2) and County Ditch Number Four (4) with the branches thereto and the establishment and construction of additional branches, extensions and laterals should the same become necessary to properly drain the territory proposed to be drained by the proposed ditch system.

Said County Ditch Number Two (2) and County Ditch Number Four (4), together with their branches, are inadequate in size, too shallow and of too little fall to properly drain the territory tributary thereto and proposed to be drained by the public ditch system hereby petitioned for, and are also to a large extent obstructed and filled in so as to be of little utility in the drainage of the lands intended to be drained thereby; and by reason of such condition said lands are flooded, as hereinbefore described, and the public highways crossing the same are seriously obstructed and damaged.

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

Commencing at a point near the center of the west line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Four (4), Township Thirty-Two (32), Range Twenty-Three (23), being the starting point of said County Ditch Number Four (4), thence southerly and westerly along the course of said County Ditch Number Four (4) through the East One-Half of the Southeast One-Quarter of said Section Four and the East One-Half of the Northeast One-Quarter, the Southwest One-Quarter of the Northwest One-Quarter, the Northwest One-Quarter of the Southwest One-Quarter, all in Section Nine, and the Southwest One-Quarter of Section Eight, to the point where said County Ditch Number Four joins said County Ditch Number Two, and thence generally along the course of said County Ditch Number Two through Sections Eight, Seven, Seventeen, Eighteen, Nineteen and Thirty, all in Township Thirty-Two, Range Twenty-Three, to Coon Creek, and ~~there~~ terminating at the point where County Ditch Number Two now empties into said Coon Creek, and having said Coon Creek as its outlet.

Branch Number One; Commencing near the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast One-Quarter of Section Thirteen, Township Thirty-Two, Range Twenty-Four, and thence southeasterly following the course of the branch now established as a part of County Ditch Number Two through Section Thirteen in said town and range, and Section Eighteen in Township Thirty-Two, Range Twenty-Three, and terminating at the point where said branch now joins said County Ditch Number Two in said Section Eighteen, together with such other branches,

extensions and laterals as may be necessary to properly 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 acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

Dated this 30th day of June, 1915.

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