

Ditch No.

DRAINAGE BLANK.

PETITION OF

C. A. Cooper
AND OTHERS.

For a Public Ditch

In the County of *Stearns*

MINNESOTA.

Filed this *27* day of

October A. D. *1903*

J. C. Cooper
Auditor *Stearns* County.

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD

DEC 18 1903

accepted by *A. E. Morley*

J. C. Cooper
County Auditor

To the Honorable, the Board of County Commissioners
of STEARNS County, Minnesota.

The Petition of the undersigned respectfully shows: That your petitioners are the owners of certain lands in said Stearns County, over and through which the hereinafter described ditch, drain or water course, as well as the hereinafter described side, lateral, spur or branch ditch or ditches, will pass, and which lands will be liable to be affected by, or assessed for the expense of the construction of the same; and that the construction of said hereinafter described side, lateral, spur or branch ditch or ditches is necessary to secure the object of the improvement contemplated by the construction of said main or principal ditch. That the following is a general description of the proposed starting point, route and terminus of said proposed main or principal ditch, viz: Commencing at or near a point 15 rods westerly and 20 rods northerly from the Southeast corner of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section numbered 20, Township numbered 122, Range 27 and extending in a northeasterly direction to a point at or about the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 20;-thence in a generally northern direction to a point at or near the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 122, Range 27;-thence in a generally northeastern direction across the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section numbered 8, Township 122, Range 27 to a point about 15 rods south of the center of the south line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 122, Range 27;-thence northerly about 40 rods;-thence northwesterly about 120 rods;-thence westerly about 80 rods to the easterly shore of Long Lake and about 20 rods northerly from the south line of Lot numbered 8, in Section numbered 8, Township 122, Range 27.

.....; said last named point
being the terminus of said proposed main or principal ditch.

That the following is a general description of the proposed starting point, route, and terminus of the several aforesaid proposed side, lateral, spur or branch ditch or ditches, viz:

The *First* of said proposed side ditches commencing at or near the center of the
Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 122, Range 27 and ex-
tending in an easterly or northeasterly direction and intersect-
ing the main ditch at or near the Southeast corner of the North-
west Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Township
122, Range 27.

to its terminus at a point on said main or principal ditch at or near the Southeast corner of the
Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Township
122, Range 27.

The second of said proposed side ditches commencing at or near the center of the
Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township
122, Range 27 and extending in a southeasterly direction to its
terminus at a point on said main or principal ditch at or near
the Southeast corner of said described forty.

The third of said proposed side ditches commencing at or
near a point 20 rods southeasterly from the Northwest corner
of Section 16, Township 122, Range 27 to its terminus at a point
on said main or principal ditch at or near a point 80 rods
northerly from the starting point of said third side ditch.

The fourth of said proposed side ditches commencing at or near a point 20 rods northeasterly from the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section numbered 9, Township 122, Range 27 and extending in a southerly direction to its terminus at a point on said main or principal ditch at or near a point 80 rods southerly from the starting point of said fourth proposed side ditches.

Your petitioners further state, that there are large tracts of lands lying adjacent to and in the vicinity of the line of said proposed main or principal ditch and said proposed side ditch or ditches, which will be directly and greatly benefited by the construction thereof, said lands being low and wet, and at certain seasons of every year..... **are** covered with water, thereby rendering said lands..... **valueless** unproductive and useless. That said water, during portions of every year, becomes stagnant and foul, rendering the atmosphere in the vicinity thereof impure and unwholesome, thereby endangering, imperiling and affecting the health of the occupants of said lands and of the public. That for the reasons aforesaid the construction of such ditch, or ditches, is necessary, and also for the reason that by the construction thereof, there will thereby

be removed from off said lands, said waters, thereby promoting the health of the public at large; that the same will be of great benefit to the public highways in the vicinity thereof, by preventing in many places the overflowing of such highways.

That large tracts of said lands that are unproductive and useless will thereby be reclaimed and very greatly increased in value, all to the great benefit, utility, convenience and welfare of the public as well as to your petitioners.

Therefore your petitioners respectfully ask that such proposed ditch or ditches be constructed as provided by Chapter 258, General Laws of Minnesota, ^{1901 & amendments thereto} ~~1887~~, and that the same may be of such width and depth as to ensure the effectual and permanent drainage of said lands.

Dated this nineteenth day of August A. D. ~~18~~ 1903.

NAMES OF PETITIONERS.

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Chas. A. Cooper
 A. L. Diebold by C. A. Cooper
 J. W. Stokes
 E. C. Miller
 C. A. Miller
 D. J. Miller
 M. C. Larkin

Miller
 C. A. Miller
 D. J. Miller
 Burgan
 Larkins

Description of land owned and
 protected by main or side ditches
 S² of NE⁴ and N² of SE⁴ Sec. 17.
 lot 8th of SE⁴ of NE⁴ and NE⁴ of SE⁴ Sec. 8.
 SW⁴ of SW⁴ Sec. 9. and S² SE of Sec. 17.
 NW⁴ of NW⁴ Sec. 16 and NE⁴ of NE⁴ Sec. 17.
 E² NE of Sec. 20.
 W² NE⁴ of Sec. 20.
 NW⁴ of SW⁴ Sec. 9.
 SE⁴ of SE⁴ Sec. 8.

unknown

North East 1/4 of the North West
 1/4 Section 2017 Town 122
 Range 27 Stearns County

unknown

South West 1/4 of the South
 East 1/4 Section 408
 Township 122 Range 27
 Stearns County