

STATE OF MINNESOTA
STEARNS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ACTING AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES CHAPTER 103E
FOR STEARNS COUNTY DITCH 35

In the Matter of the Petition for the Abandonment of Stearns County Ditch 35	PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Commissioners of Stearns County, acting as the public drainage authority under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E (“Drainage Authority”) for Stearns County Ditch 35 (“CD 35”), pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 103E.811, shall hold a public hearing on the petition of Melvin R. Walter Revocable Trust, David M. & Cathy J. Walter, James H. & Brenda Gamradt, Michael E. & Bonita Gamradt, Mitchell Wolbeck, and Katelyn Ahrens (“Petition”) requesting to abandon CD 35.

The public hearing on the Petition shall be held on July 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., or thereafter as the agenda allows, in the County Board Room of the Stearns County Administration Building, 705 Courthouse Square Street, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

At the hearing, the Drainage Authority shall examine the Petition and determine whether it is sufficient. The Drainage Authority shall also hear all interested parties. If a property owner assessed benefits for CD 35 appears and makes a written objection to the abandonment of the drainage system, the Drainage Authority shall appoint three disinterested persons as viewers to examine the property and report to the Drainage Authority with the description and situation of the property and whether the drainage system drains or otherwise affects the property. If the Drainage Authority then determines that CD 35 serves any useful purpose to any property or the general public, the Petition will be denied. If, however, the Drainage Authority determines that CD 35 does not serve any useful purpose to any affected property and is not of public benefit and utility, the Drainage Authority shall make findings and shall, by order, abandon the drainage system. After abandonment of a drainage system, a repair petition for the drainage system may not be accepted and the responsibility of the Drainage Authority for maintenance of the drainage system ends.

Any person interested may appear at the hearing and state their support or objections, if any, why said Petition should be granted or should not be granted. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the Petition, please contact Chad Martini (Chad.Martini@stearnscountymn.gov or Stearns County Property Services, Attn: Chad Martini, 3301 County Road 138, Room 2310, Waite Park, MN 56387).

/s/ Randy R. Schreifels
Randy R. Schreifels, Auditor/Treasurer
Stearns County, Minnesota

Dated: June 3, 2025