**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

***Before the*  
<DRAINAGE AUTHORITY NAME>  
SITTING AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR   
<NAME OF DRAINAGE SYSTEM>**

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| **In the Matter of:**  **the Petition for Improvement to <Name of Drainage System>** | **PETITION FOR IMPROVEMENT TO <NAME OF DRAINAGE SYSTEM>** |

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.215, Petitioners seek an improvement of <Name of Drainage System>. For their Petition, the undersigned Petitioners state and allege the following:

1. Petitioners seek the improvement of <Name of Drainage System> located in <Township(s)/County(ies)>.
2. <Name of drainage system> provides beneficial drainage to <agricultural properties, public roadways, and other lands> located in Section(s) <#>, Township <#>, Range <#>, <County(ies)>, <State>.
3. [Note: If Petitioners are seeking separable maintenance, include a statement in the petition about the condition of the existing drainage system.]

<Name of drainage system> is in need of repair. <Name of drainage system> has remained in service since its original construction. <Other than minor repairs, no major repairs have been made to <name of drainage system> since it was constructed.>

1. Even in a repaired state, <name of drainage system> is inadequate to support beneficial drainage for current farming and drainage practices. <Name of drainage system> has insufficient capacity and needs <enlarging/extending> to furnish <sufficient capacity/ a better outlet>.
2. The proposed improvements include: <description of the proposed improvement>.
3. The following is a description of a starting point, general course, and terminus of the proposed improvement:

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Commencing at a point in the <Quarter Quarter>, Section <#>, Township <#>, Range <#>, <Township Name>, <County>, <State>; thence <general description of the course of the proposed drainage system>; terminating at a point located in the <Quarter Quarter>, Section <#>, Township <#>, Range <#>, <Township Name>, <County>, <State>.

<Laterals>

Commencing at a point in the <Quarter Quarter>, Section <#>, Township <#>, Range <#>, <Township Name>, <County>, <State>; thence <general description of the course of the proposed drainage system>; terminating at a point located in the <Quarter Quarter>, Section <#>, Township <#>, Range <#>, <Township Name>, <County>, <State>.

1. The 40-acre tracts or government lots and property where the proposed improvement passes over, including the names and addresses of the property owners from the records in the county assessor’s office, is as follows:

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| **Property Description** | **Property Owners** | **Address** |
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1. The proposed improvement will be of public utility and promote the public health.
2. Petitioners will pay all costs of the proceedings if the proceedings are dismissed or the contract for construction of the proposed drainage system is not awarded.
3. A bond in the amount of <at least $10,000> is attached hereto, payable to <county(ies) or watershed district> conditioned to pay the costs incurred if these proceedings are dismissed or a contact is not awarded to construct the improvement proposed in the petition. Petitioners acknowledge and agree that additional bonds may be required as additional costs are incurred in the proceedings.
4. Petitioners are the owners of \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ 40-acre tracts or government lots and property, <(1) at least twenty-six percent of the owners of the property affected by the proposed improvement; (2) at least twenty-six percent of the owners of property that the proposed improvement passes over; (3) the owners of at least twenty-six percent of the property area affected by the proposed improvement; or (4) the owners of at least twenty-six percent of the property area that the proposed improvement passes over>.
5. Because <name of the drainage system> is in need of repair, Petitioners request, to the extent practicable, that the drainage authority consider, under Minn. Stat. § 103E.215, subd. 6, the separable maintenance portion of the work when determining benefits and assessing costs of the improvement.
6. This Petition may be signed in counterparts.

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by:

[Note: All signatories to the Petition must indicate the capacity in which they sign, i.e. owner, co-owner, corporate official, or government lot. In the case of a partnership, only one general partner needs sign. In the case of a corporation, only one corporate official need sign. In the case of co-ownership, all co-owners must sign. In the case of a trust, all trustees must sign. Be sure all signature blocks are fully completed. If you are unsure of whom must sign please contact the petitioner’s attorney.]

| **Owner Signature** | **Property Owned** | **Mailing Address** | **Dated** |
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| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  <Owner Name> | <Property Descriptions> | <Street Address>  <City>, <State>, <Zip> | \_\_\_\_\_\_ |