**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:**  **Recording <Name of Drainage System>** | **AFFIDAVIT OF AUDITOR** |

STATE OF MINNESOTA )

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COUNTY OF <County> )

<Name of Auditor>, being duly sworn, states the following:

1. I am an elected official of <Name of County> holding the office of County Auditor.
2. I have held the office of County Auditor since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. One of my duties as County Auditor is to coordinate the management of public drainage systems on behalf of the County Board, in its capacity as drainage authority for public drainage systems within <Name of County>.
4. Part of my responsibilities regarding public drainage systems within <Name of County> is to serve as the custodian of drainage system records.
5. I am also responsible for supervising and coordinating drainage system inspection and maintenance throughout the County.
6. <Name of County> is the drainage authority for numerous public drainage systems including <name of drainage system>.
7. <Name of drainage system> was originally established in <year>, according to the laws in effect at the time of establishment of said system. <Name of drainage system> was subsequently repaired and a redetermination of benefits and damages was ordered on <date>.
8. I have reviewed the drainage system records of <name of drainage system> as maintained in my office. I have used the drainage system records and my own personal knowledge in preparing this Affidavit.
9. Since its establishment, <name of drainage authority> has regularly inspected and maintained <name of drainage system> in a manner consistent with Minn. Stat. ch. 103E.
10. <Name of county> has placed assessments upon the properties benefited by the construction, maintenance and improvement of <name of drainage system>.
11. As the drainage authority, <name of drainage authority> has, at all times, exercised jurisdiction over <name of drainage system> in the manner provided for Minn. Stat. ch. 103E.
12. The drainage authority has regularly accessed <name of drainage system> for inspection, maintenance and improvement by entering and crossing properties within which the drainage systems are located. In entering and crossing such properties, the drainage authority has taken care to minimize damage to property and disruption of farm operations. The drainage authority has paid reasonable compensation for unavoidable damages occurring outside of the drainage system right-of-way.
13. The drainage authority has performed physical inspection, maintenance, and improvement within the right of way of the drainage systems established and acquired in the proceedings which established the systems.
14. Since its establishment, <name of drainage system>has continued to provide beneficial drainage to properties assessed for benefits for establishment, inspection, maintenance and improvement of the drainage systems.
15. On <date>, the drainage authority redetermined benefits for <name of drainage system> and acquired one-rod grass buffer strips adjacent to all open ditch portions of the system as provided for in Minn. Stat. ch. 103E.
16. To the best of my knowledge and belief, <name of drainage authority>, as drainage authority, has maintained continuous possession of <name of drainage system> by regularly exercising its statutory obligations over the drainage systems.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, <year> \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

<Name of Auditor>

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, <year>.

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Notary Public