

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING ON PETITION
FOR IMPROVEMENT OF JUDICIAL DITCH 14, JACKSON COUNTY
BEFORE THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF
THE HERON LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
ACTING AS A DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 103E**

WHEREAS, a petition for the improvement of Jackson County Judicial Ditch 14 has been filed with and is pending before the Board of Managers of the Heron Lake Watershed District acting as the drainage authority under Minnesota law; and,

WHEREAS, the drainage authority, at a preliminary hearing upon said Petition for Improvement pursuant to Minn.Stat. § 103E.261, determined that further proceedings on the Petition for Improvement of Judicial Ditch 14, Jackson County, Minnesota, were necessary and proper, and appointed a project engineer and ordered the preparation of a detailed survey report; and also, appointed viewers and ordered preparation of a viewers' report; and,

WHEREAS, the detailed survey report has been filed with the drainage authority; and,

WHEREAS, the viewers' report has been filed with the drainage authority; and,

WHEREAS, the drainage authority has determined that the petition, the detailed survey report, and the viewers' report shows that Judicial Ditch 14, Jackson County, lies within and serves to drain portions of Sections 15, 16 21, 22, and 23 of Heron Lake Township in Jackson County. The improvement of Judicial Ditch 14, Jackson County, to provide at least a 0.50 inch per day drainage coefficient and add depth to the system, will consist of cleaning the main open ditch, improving the mainline, Branch C, Branch D, Branch D1, Branch E, Branch E1, Branch F, and Branch G tile and filling in open ditch Branch GG. On the downstream end of the system, where the two-stage ditch has formed, a two-stage cross-section shall be adopted as the legal section of the ditch; and,

WHEREAS, the drainage authority has determined that the petition, the detailed survey report and the viewers' report shows that the property benefited and damaged by the proposed drainage project is located within Sections 15, 16 21, 22, and 23 of Heron Lake Township in Jackson County, (the specific properties benefited and damaged are contained in the Viewers' Report); and that the owners of property benefited and damaged by the proposed drainage project are: David and Sandra Svoboda, Kirk Rossow Etal, Douglas Hansen, Cynthia Lemickson Kolander, Michael and Dawn Rossow, Keith and Pauline Buresch, Fredrick Bretzman, Philip Paulson, Angela Rossow, Dianne and William Runck, Barbara Smith, Ronald Kolander, David Palvere, Justin and Tami Farmer, Clyde Burmeister and

Sandra Doman, Dustin Wassenaar, Leon and Violet Voss, Donna Baumann Etal, Timothy Baumann, Larry Miller, Myron Miller Trust Etal; and,

WHEREAS, the drainage authority has determined that neither the detailed survey report nor the viewers' report shows that the proposed drainage project affects any municipalities nor other corporations other than as listed in the Viewers' Report (Jackson Highway Department and Heron Lake Township); and,

WHEREAS, the Final Engineering Report has been submitted to the Commissioner of the Department Natural Resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That a hearing will be held before the drainage authority on the 2nd day of June, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon at the Heron Lake Community Center for the purpose of further considering the petition and bond, examination of the Engineer's Detailed Survey Report, examination of the Viewers' Report, examination of Commissioner's Final Advisory Report. All interested persons may attend and be heard thereon.

The petition and bond, report of the commissioner of natural resources, engineer's detailed survey report and the viewers' report, may be examined prior to the hearing by any interested person on request at the office of the drainage authority located at the Heron Lake Watershed District office, Heron Lake Community Center, Heron Lake, Minnesota, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2020.



President of the Board of Managers

Attest:



District Administrator