

**PETITION FOR IMPROVEMENT OF DRAINAGE SYSTEM  
FOR RENVILLE COUNTY DITCH NO. 138**

TO: RENVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS THE DRAINAGE  
AUTHORITY FOR RENVILLE COUNTY DITCH NO. 138

Petitioners respectfully represent, state and request the following:

**1. Jurisdiction.**

The undersigned Petitioners constitute: (1) at least 26% of the owners of the property affected by the proposed improvement; (2) at least 26% of the owners of property that the proposed improvement passes over; (3) the owners of at least 26% of the property area affected by the proposed improvement; or (4) the owners of at least 26% of the property area that the proposed improvement passes over.

**2. Designation of Drainage System.**

This Petition requests the improvement of the drainage system known and designated as County Ditch No. 138 ("CD 138") located in Ericson Township, Renville County, Minnesota.

**3. Need for Improvement.**

The existing drainage system has insufficient capacity or needs enlarging or extending to furnish sufficient capacity or a better outlet. The proposed improvements are necessary because the existing drainage system does not have sufficient capacity to adequately drain agricultural land for modern farming practices. The drainage system is out of repair and the improvement petitioned for herein is for a separable portion of the drainage system. Therefore, a portion of the cost may be assessed as a repair.

**4. Description of Proposed Improvement.**

The proposed improvement would consist of improving and enlarging Branch B of CD 138, together with lateral branches Branch 3B, 6B, and 7B.

Branch B would be improved from its outlet into the open ditch portion of CD 138 in the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 35 of Ericson Township and continue along its length to the southern boundary of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 25.

Branch 3B would be improved from its outlet into Branch B in the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 35 and continue along its length to the southern boundary of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 25.

Branch 6B would be improved from its outlet into Branch B in the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 25 and continue along its length to its terminus in the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 25.

Branch 7B would be improved from its outlet into Branch 6B in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ Section 25 and continue along its length to its terminus in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ Section 25.

The portions of the drainage system subject to this petition consist of buried tile. Branches B, 3B, 6B, and 7B would be enlarged and capacity increased where necessary to meet the NRCS recommended standard ½ inch per day drainage coefficient. The location of the proposed improvements, subject to any alterations deemed prudent or necessary by the project engineer, are depicted on the map attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and is located in Ericson Township in Renville County.

Set forth below is a list of the 40-acre tracts or government lots that the proposed improvement would pass over, together with the names and addresses of the owners of those tracts; to wit:

	Owner	Address	PID	Description	Sec	Twp	Rge	County
1	Robert Swanson and Timothy R. Swanson, Trustees of Family Share Trust	84709 210 <sup>th</sup> St Renville, MN 56284	11-02260-00	NE ¼ NW ¼	35	116N	37W	Renville
2	Robert Swanson and Timothy R. Swanson, Trustees of Family Share Trust	84709 210 <sup>th</sup> St Renville, MN 56284	11-00450-00	NW ¼ NE ¼	35	116N	37W	Renville
3	Robert Swanson and Timothy R. Swanson, Trustees of Family Share Trust	84709 210 <sup>th</sup> St Renville, MN 56284	11-00440-00	NE ¼ NE ¼	35	116N	37W	Renville
4	Timothy R. Swanson	84709 210 <sup>th</sup> St Renville, MN 56284	11-00480-00	NW ¼ NW ¼	36	116N	37W	Renville
5	Jerome H. Freiborg	PO Box 327 Renville, MN 56284	11-00430-00	SE ¼ SE ¼	26	116N	37W	Renville
6	Stephen L. & Carol J. Schneider Living Trust (c/o Hertz Farm Management)	151 St. Andrews Court #1310 Mankato, MN 56001	11-00390-00	SW ¼ SW ¼	25	116N	37W	Renville
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9	Stephen L. & Carol J. Schneider Living Trust (c/o Hertz Farm Management)	151 St. Andrews Court #1310 Mankato, MN 56001	11-00390-00	NE ¼ SW ¼	25	116N	37W	Renville
10	Janel K. Watson Revocable Trust & Curtis J. Watson Revocable Trust	306 Cedar Ave Prinsburg, MN 56281	11-00400-00	NW ¼ SE ¼	25	116N	37W	Renville
11	Janel K. Watson Revocable Trust & Curtis J. Watson Revocable Trust	306 Cedar Ave Prinsburg, MN 56281	11-00400-00	SW ¼ SE ¼	25	116N	37W	Renville
12	Robert Swanson	PO Box 653 Renville, MN 56284	11-00370-00	SW ¼ NW ¼	25	116N	37W	Renville

**5. Public Utility and Health.**

The proposed improvement will be of public utility and will promote the public health.

**6. Agreement by Petitioners.**

The undersigned Petitioners have been informed and understand that they may not withdraw as a petitioner at any time after this Petition is accepted by the drainage authority, except with the written consent of all other Petitioners on the filed Petition. Also, the undersigned Petitioners acknowledge and agree that they will pay all costs and expenses that may be incurred if the improvement proceedings are dismissed.

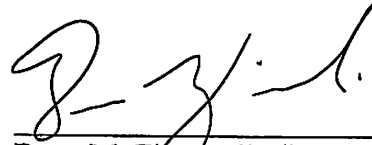
**7. Cost Bond.**

One or more petitioners shall cause a bond to be filed or a check to be delivered in the amount of at least \$10,000.00 payable to the drainage authority. The bond or payment will be conditioned to pay the costs incurred if the proceedings are dismissed or if a contract is not awarded to construct the proposed improvement described in the petition.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioners respectfully request the following:

- a. That the drainage authority accept this Petition, review it and determine that it is legally adequate; and
- b. That the drainage authority appoint an engineer for purposes of the proposed improvement and direct the engineer to prepare an engineer's preliminary report for the proposed improvement, including allowing the engineer to analyze other potential routes for the proposed improvement and whether separable maintenance may be employed. Petitioners request Bill L. Helget, P.E., Bolton & Menk, be appointed as project engineer.

Dated: December 10, 2025.



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*[Signature pages to follow]*

SIGNATURE PAGES FOR  
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Name of Petitioner(s) (please print or type):

Janel K. Watson as Janel Watson Revocable Trust  
 & Curtis J. Watson Revocable Trust,

Ownership (check one):

- Individual
- Co-Owners (# of co-owners: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Partner (name of partnership: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Corporation or limited liability company (name of corporation or LLC: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Trust (complete name of trust: Janel K. Watson Revocable Trust & Curtis J. Watson Revocable Trust)
- Other (explanation: J. Watson Revocable Trust)

Statement of Authority:

The undersigned states and represents that if he or she is executing in a representative capacity, he or she has the authority to execute on behalf of the respective partnership, corporation, limited liability company, trust or other such entity.

The above-named Petitioner(s) owns the following tract(s) which the proposed improvement will pass over or which is affected by the proposed improvement.

<u>Tract Description</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>11-00400-00</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>116N</u>	<u>37W</u>	<u>Renville</u>
<u>11-00400-00</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>116N</u>	<u>37W</u>	<u>Renville</u>
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Dated: 10-23-25

Janel K. Watson for Janel K. Watson  
 (signature) Revocable Trust & Curtis  
J. Watson Revocable Trust

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Name of Petitioner(s) (please print or type):

Stephen L. Schneider, as Trustee of the Stephen L. & Carol J. Schneider Living Trust

Ownership (check one):

- Individual
- Co-Owners (# of co-owners: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Partner (name of partnership: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Corporation or limited liability company (name of corporation or LLC: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Trust (complete name of trust: Stephen L. & Carol J. Schneider Living Trust)
- Other (explanation: \_\_\_\_\_)

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<u>SW 1/4</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>116N</u>	<u>37W</u>	<u>Renville</u>
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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Stephen L. Schneider

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# EXHIBIT A

