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BUFFALO CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS: DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR THE PETITIONED IMPROVEMENT OF RENVILLE/SIBLEY/McLEOD JUDICIAL DITCH 15, BRANCH Q

Please Take Notice: The Buffalo Creek Watershed District Board of Managers, Drainage Authority for the petitioned improvement of Judicial Ditch (JD) 15, Branch Q will hold a final hearing on the petitioned improvement at 3:00 p.m. on February 1, 2023, in meeting rooms 115/116 at the Renville County Government Services Center, 105 South 5th Street, Olivia, Minnesota. The detailed survey report for the petitioned improvement, as amended, was filed with the Board on November 22, 2022. The viewers' report for the improvement benefits and damages was filed with the Board on December 27, 2022. The DNR Final Advisory report was filed with the Board on December 27, 2022. All reports are available for inspection at the Renville County Auditor's office in the Renville County Courthouse, 500 East DePue Avenue, Olivia, Minnesota, or by contacting the Board's technical consultant, Larry Phillips, at (320) 864-4142 or larryp@bcwatershed.org. The reports may also be viewed or downloaded at the Watershed District's website at (<https://bcwatershed.org/ditch-improvements/>). The Board will accept public comment regarding the proposed improvement and the viewers' report. Any party having an interest in the proceedings may appear and provide comment. Written comments will be accepted at the hearing and by mail, through the date of the hearing, directed to the Board's technical consultant, Larry Phillips, P.O. Box 55, Glencoe, MN 55336 or larryp@bcwatershed.org. Please reference Judicial Ditch 15, Branch Q in your comments.

Renville County Judicial Ditch 15, Branch Q provides drainage to portions of Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of Preston Lake Township in Renville County. The system consists of a Main tile (Branch Q1) and a secondary outlet (Branch Q25) about 6.7 miles in length and several branches of varying length. The outlet for Branch Q1 and Branch Q25 is the open ditch of JD 15 in Section 21 of the Preston Lake Township. The improvement proposes to replace all of Branch Q4 through Q19 (except Q15 and Q17) and Q25 through Q28 with larger and deeper-installed tile; strip and replace the topsoil on the trench area; provide riprap as erosion protection at the outlet; construct several intakes on the system; and construct four water and sediment control basins (WASCOB).

Additionally, the engineer appointed to examine the drainage system improvements has determined the portion of the drainage system proposed to be improved is in need of repair. The engineer has included in the detailed survey report a statement showing the proportionate estimated cost of the proposed improvement required to repair the separable part of the existing system and the estimated proportionate cost of the added work required for the improvement. At this hearing, the drainage authority will consider the application of separable maintenance. The cost of the portion of drainage system requiring maintenance will be assessed to all properties benefitting from the entire JD 15 drainage system.

The following properties are affected by the proposed drainage system improvement:

Preston Lake Township, T115N-R31W, Sections: 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21, Renville County

The following owners of property are affected by the drainage system improvement:

SCHMALZ/LARRY & ROXANNE; SCHMALZ/JOSHUA M; DETTMAN/KEVIN; SCHMALZ/DALE & CHERYL;
SCHMALZ/WAYNE; SCHMALZ/BRENT M; KRUMREY/PATRICK N; FISCHER/RAY; MATZDORF/EARL &
JANET/TRUSTEES, EARL & JANET MATZDORF TRUSTS; ROIGER/DANA M.; MELBERG/MATTHEW & SHYLAH;
SWANSON/DAWN L.; WIGGERT/DEAN

The following governmental entities are affected by the drainage system improvement:

RENVILLE COUNTY; SIBLEY COUNTY; AND MCLEOD COUNTY