

TO: Interested Parties

RE: Improvement to Polk County Ditch No. 80

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING ON PETITION FOR DITCH IMPROVEMENT

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Annotated (M.S.A.) 103E.212, and other applicable statutes, a petition was filed with the Board of Managers, Sand Hill River Watershed District to improve the Polk County Ditch No. 80 drainage system. The project involves the construction of an improvement to Polk County Ditch No. 80 and establishment of Laterals 1 and 2. A benefitted area for the proposed drainage project will also be established. The total length of the proposed drainage project is approximately 5.5 miles. The drainage area of proposed drainage system consists of approximately 4.3 square miles.

The following is a list of lands which may be affected by these proceedings:

Russia Township (T148N, R46W): All or parts of sections 25, 26, 27, 35, and 36.

Onstad Township (T148N, R45W): All or parts of sections 30 and 31.

The estimated project costs are \$1,199,400, which includes construction (excavation/culverts), right-of-way acquisition, utility relocations, engineering, legal expenses, contingencies, and other miscellaneous and administrative costs. The project would be financed through local assessments to benefitted properties as determined by Viewers. Benefitted property will be determined following the preliminary hearing, if the Board of Managers, Sand Hill River Watershed District, orders the project development to continue.

The Sand Hill River Watershed District has scheduled the preliminary hearing on the Petition, in accordance with M.S.A.103E.261, for the **23rd day of April, 2018, at 8:00 a.m.** at the **Sand Hill River Watershed District, 219 N Mill Street, Fertile, MN 56540.**

The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the petition is sufficient, to review the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources advisory reports, and to review the preliminary survey report as prepared by Houston Engineering, Inc. Following the hearing, the Board of Managers, Sand Hill River Watershed District, can either dismiss the petition, or make an order to continue the proceedings, including directing the engineer to prepare the Detailed Survey Report, appointment of Viewers, and scheduling of the final hearing. A copy of the Engineer's Preliminary Survey Report is on file in the office of the Sand Hill River Watershed District at 219 North Mill Street, Fertile, Minnesota, and is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

All persons interested in this matter are required to appear before the Board of Managers, Sand Hill River Watershed District, at this hearing to show cause, if any you may have, why said Petition for a drainage system improvement should not be continued and such other and further proceedings held in accordance with the law provided.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2018

Daniel Wilkens, SHRWD Administrator