

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
STEVENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SITTING AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR  
STEVENS COUNTY DITCH 5**

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In the Matter of the Petition for Improvement of  
Stevens County Ditch 5

**FINAL HEARING NOTICE**

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Board of Commissioners of Stevens County (“Drainage Authority”), sitting as the drainage authority for Stevens County Ditch 5 (“CD 5”), will hold a final hearing on the pending Petition for Improvement of Stevens County Ditch 5, the engineer’s detailed survey report, and the viewers’ report of benefits and damages for the improvement of CD 5. The engineer’s and viewers’ reports have been filed with the Drainage Authority and are available for inspection at the office of the Stevens County Auditor/Treasurer, 400 Colorado Avenue, Suite 303, Morris, Minnesota, 56267. The hearing shall be held at 5:30 p.m. on February 16, 2021 at the Old No. 1 Southside, 412 Atlantic Ave, Morris, Minnesota 56267. The Drainage Authority has determined, based on the State Emergency Declaration related to the COVID-19 pandemic, that in addition to the in-person meeting, the hearing shall also be conducted by alternative means (teleconference or video conference) from remote locations. Instructions to join the hearing remotely are as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

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At the final hearing, the Drainage Authority will accept public comment regarding the engineer's and viewers' report. Any party having an interest in the proceedings may appear and provide comment in person or remotely during the public hearing. Written comments will be accepted by mail or email received by the Stevens County Auditor/Treasurer, Stephanie Buss, up to 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2021. Written comments may be mailed to the Stevens County Auditor/Treasurer, Stephanie Buss, 400 Colorado Avenue, Suite 303, Morris, Minnesota, 56267 or via email at [stephanie@co.stevens.mn.us](mailto:stephanie@co.stevens.mn.us). Any comments received by mail or email prior to the final hearing will be submitted into the public record at the February 16, 2021 hearing. In addition, written comments will be accepted in person at the public hearing.

The proposed drainage project involves improving CD 5, including deepening the majority of Branch 1 and Main open ditches, and extending the downstream end of the Main. Two options are proposed in the engineer's report. Option 1 is to deepen the open ditch by 2 feet below the legal grade of the ditch. Option 3 proposes to fill a portion of the existing open ditch along Township 41 and add a supplemental 48-inch tile alongside the existing ditch to accommodate the deepened open ditch up and downstream. Option 2 was determined that the preliminary hearing to not be feasible. CD 5 is located in Sections 27-29 and 32-34 of Morris Township, Stevens County, Minnesota. The mainline ditch generally runs southwest from its end in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 33, Morris Township, to the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 32, Morris Township, to its outlet, an unnamed, altered natural watercourse that becomes a natural watercourse approximately 0.5 miles downstream.

The following properties are affected by the work identified in the engineer's report and the viewers' report of benefits and damages:

Morris Township, Township 125 North-Range 42 West, Sections: 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, and 34, all in Stevens County, Minnesota.

The following owners of property are affected by the proposed improvement of CD 5:

SCHAEFER/DANIEL; WHITE/MICHAEL & KAREN/TRUST; HAYER FARMS; LAMPERT/TODD/ETAL/%GARY & DIANNE LAMPERT; SAYLES/KIRBY & ALISSA MELBEG SAYLES; LIBBON/C ROBERT & BEATRICE; MILLER/FRANKLIN; LAMPERT/JOHN/TRUST; BUSCH/RICHARD M & SHIRLEY A; LAMPERT/ARLYN/TRUST; JOST/GERALD & JANE; LIBBON/C ROBERT & BEATRICE; BLAIR/STEVEN & KAYLA; BLOMGREN/LYNN J/ETAL/% LYNN BLOMGREN; ROHLOFF/LU ALAN & SHAWN/TRUST; WHITE/MICHAEL & KARON; LAMPERT/JOHN/TRUST; SCHULTZ/JEAN M; MATHISON/DALE M/TRUST; WULF/DOUGLAS & JOYCE/LIVING TRUST; GIESELMAN/DON; MORRIS CITY; BRANDT/JARED & AMY; WOETZEL/JEROME D; and BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY: PROP TAX DEPT- AOB 2.

The following governmental entities are affected by the proposed improvement of CD 5:

MORRIS TOWNSHIP.

A copy of the engineer's report, the viewers' report, the benefits & damages statement, and all property owners' reports is available for inspection at the office of the Stevens County Auditor/Treasurer, 400 Colorado Avenue, Suite 303, Morris, Minnesota, 56267.

/s/Stephanie Buss,  
Stevens County Auditor/Treasurer

Dated: January 20, 2021