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NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 24th day of July 2020, a public hearing will be held by the Board of Managers of the Red Lake Watershed District concerning the petition filed requesting the Improvement of Polk County Ditch 39, a legal drainage ditch, if the project proceeds, designated as Red Lake Watershed District Ditch 17. The hearing will be held at the Red Lake Watershed District Office, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701 at 9:00 a.m.

Due to COVID 19 Pandemic, the Red Lake Watershed District will be taking measures to ensure public safety. Masks will be required to attend the hearing, with 6 feet of social distancing required. Crowd size will be in conformance with executive orders existing at the time of the hearing date.

Written comment may be submitted to the Red Lake Watershed District and will be publicly read at the hearing. If you wish to participate via conference call, please contact the Red Lake Watershed District at 218-681-5800, prior to July 24, 2020, to receive call-in information.

That said petition is now pending and requests the improvement of a legal drainage ditch known as Polk County Ditch 39. The petition requests the improvement and establishment of Red Lake Watershed District Ditch 17, Red Lake Watershed District Project No. 179, which is approximately 10.3 miles of open channel. The ditch is located in Keystone and Sullivan Townships, in Polk County, Minnesota.

That the engineer appointed by the Board of Managers in the above entitled proceedings was ordered to conduct the necessary surveys and prepare the Final Engineer's Report for the construction of said project. The engineer has completed and filed said report. The Viewers appointed by the Board of Managers have also filed their Viewers' Report with the Board of Managers.

That said Final Engineer's Report and Viewers' Report are available for inspection at the office of the Red Lake Watershed District at 1000 Pennington Avenue South in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

The following is a listing of the 40-acre tracts or Government Lots over which the proposed improvement, Red Lake Watershed District Ditch 16 would pass:

In Sullivan Township (T152N, R49W): NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 18; NW1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 17;

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NW1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 16;
NW1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 15;
NW1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 14;
NW1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 13;

In Keystone Township (T152N, R48W): NW1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4,
NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 18; NW1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4,
NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 17; NW1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4,
NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 16; NW1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4,
NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 15; NW1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4,
NW1/4 NE1/4, NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 14.

All parties interested in the proposed project are hereby invited to appear before the Board of Managers at said time and place and present any testimony or comment they may have either in support of or in opposition to the Board of Managers consideration for establishment of said project or, as stated earlier, and due to COVID 19 concerns, written comments or participation by conference call is also available.


The following is a listing of lands which appear to be affected by these projects in Polk County:

In Sullivan Township (T152N, R49W); all or parts of Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18; and

In Keystone Township (T152N, R48W); all or parts of Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

The following is a listing of public corporations which may be affected by these projects: Minnesota Department of Transportation, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, Polk County, Polk County Highway Department, Sullivan Township, Keystone Township, PKM Electric Power Company, Wikstrom Telephone Company, Century Link Telephone Company, and Marshall and Polk Rural Water System.

Dated this 10th day of July 2020.



Myron Jesme, Administrator

