

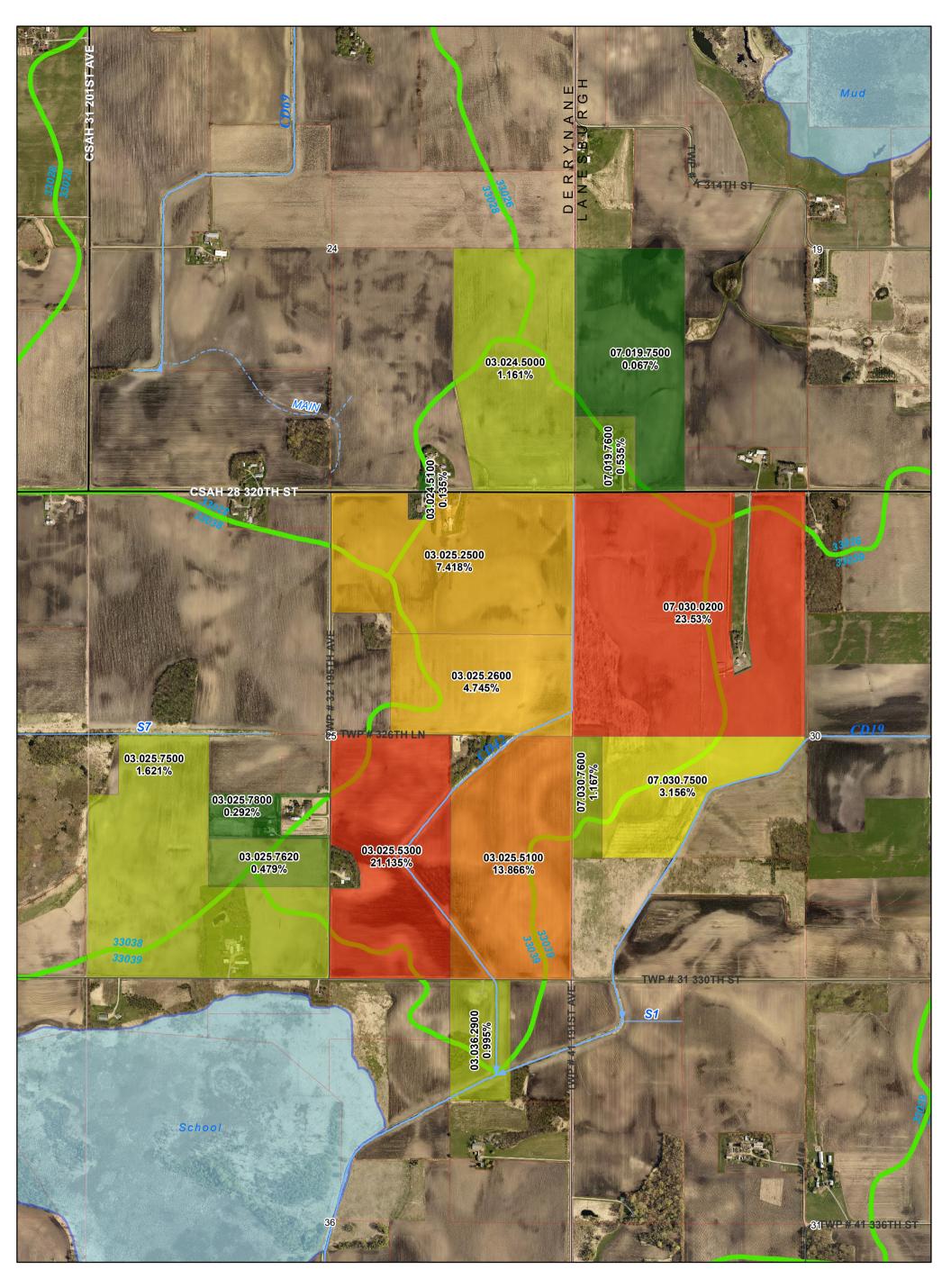
## Le Sueur County, MN

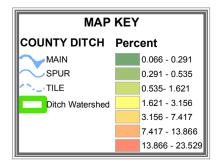
Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Board Meeting

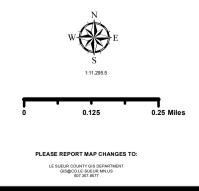
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10:00 a.m. CD #42 Public Hearing

**Staff Contact:** 







## County Ditch 42





## STATE OF MINNESOTA LE SUEUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEATED AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY UNDER STATUTES CHAPTER 103E FOR LE SUEUR COUNTY DITCH 42

The matter of the Redetermination of Benefits for Le Sueur County Ditch 42	Order initiating Redetermination of Benefits and Appointing Viewers
Commissioner made a motion to adopt the following Findings and Order:	
WHEREAS, the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners, Drainage Authority for Le Sueur	
County Ditch (LCD) 42, investigated whether conditions exist to warrant the redetermination of	
benefits of LCD 42; and	
WHEREAS, upon investigation, the Board has determined the following:	
1 LCD 42 was astablished in 1014 and subsequently improved in 1040. Benefits for LCD 42	

- LCD 42 was established in 1914 and subsequently improved in 1949. Benefits for LCD 42
  were determined concurrent with establishment in 1914 and improvement benefits were
  determined in 1949, prior to the initiation of modern, intensive farming and drainage
  practices within the County.
- The current benefits roll reflects the benefitted properties, benefitted areas, and benefit
  values as determined by viewers based on assumptions regarding the future use and
  drainage of said properties.
- 3. LCD 19 serves as the outlet for LCD 42, LCD 42 pays an outlet benefit to LCD 19 and a redetermination of benefits has been initiated for LCD 19. The resulting redetermination of benefits on LCD 19 will result in disjointed benefits rolls between LCD 19 and 42 and an inequitable distribution of outlet benefit to LCD 42 because of the disparity of time between with current benefits determination on LDC 42 and the current redetermination on LCD 19.

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- 4. Since original establishment of LCD 42 and the most current determination of benefits and damages, land uses and drainage practices have changed to accelerate and increase the flow of water to the drainage system changing the nature and value of benefits accruing to lands from construction of LCD 42. The impacts of these changes have affected LCD 19 as the outlet and a new outlet benefit determination is necessary to reflect these changes.
- Since the most current determination of benefits and damages, additional lands not previously determined to be benefitted have improved drainage to take advantage of LCD 42 as an outlet for drainage.
- 6. Since the most recent determination of benefits and damages, land values have changed within the benefitted area of LCD 42.
- 7. The Drainage Authority noticed and held an informational hearing on the proposed redetermination of benefits for LCD 42 on October 3, 2017. The informational hearing was attended by landowners who confirmed the determinations of the Drainage Authority.

**THEREFORE,** the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners, Drainage Authority for LCD 42, finds that the conditions required for the initiation of a redetermination of benefits exist, that the original benefits and damages do not reflect reasonable present day land values, and the benefitted areas have changed.

## **ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that a Redetermination of Benefits, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103E.351 is ordered to be completed.

**FURTHER,** that Bill Anderson, Allen Kerber and Ron Ringquist are appointed as viewers to redetermine and report the benefits and damages for LCD 42; and

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FURTHER, that the Auditor-Treasurer is directed to call a meeting of the viewers at which the	
viewers shall execute their oaths.	
The motion was seconded by Commissione	r, and after discussion, the
motion and the Findings ar	nd Order were by a vote of yes and
no.	
Dated this 3rd day of October 2017.	
	LE SUEUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEATED AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY UNDER STATUTES CHAPTER 103E FOR LE SUEUR COUNTY DITCH 42
	ByChairperson

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