

**State of Minnesota  
County of Redwood  
In the matter of the Proposed Improvement  
of Redwood County CD-20  
Redwood County, Minnesota  
March 8, 2026 (Draft)**

**Property Owners Report**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 103E.323, the following is the Property Owners Report from information in the Redwood County CD-20 Proposed Improvement Excel spreadsheet and Redwood County CD-20 Proposed Improvement Viewers Report, in the matter of the Proposed Improvement of Redwood County CD-20, Redwood County, Minnesota.

1. The Improvement spreadsheet lists the percentage that you will be required to pay for repair and improvement on Redwood County CD-20
2. The name and address of the property owner is shown on the Improvement Excel spreadsheet for Redwood County CD-20
3. The description of each lot or tract and its area that is benefitted or damaged is shown on the Improvement Excel spreadsheet for Redwood County CD-20
4. There are no acres added to any tract or lot and there are no public waters, wetlands, and other areas not currently being cultivated that are proposed to be drained in this proceeding.
5. There are no acres which before the drainage benefits could be realized would require a public waters work permit to work in public waters under 103G.245 to excavate or fill a navigable water body under United States Code, Title 33, Section 403, or a permit to discharge into waters of United States under United States Code, Title 33, Section 1344.
6. There are no acres being assessed for drainage of areas that would be considered conversion of a wetland under United States Code, Title 16, Section 3821, if the area were placed in agricultural production.
7. There is no damage to riparian rights.
8. The amount of Right of Way acreage is shown on the Improvement Excel spreadsheet for Redwood County CD-20
9. The amount that each tract or lot will be benefitted or damaged is shown on the Improvement Excel spreadsheet for Redwood County CD-20
10. The damages or benefits to the property are shown on the Improvement Excel spreadsheet for Redwood County CD-20
11. Construction is planned as part of the proposed improvement.
12. A copy of the benefits and damages statement under 103E.321, Subdivision 2, relating to the property owner is on the Improvement Excel spreadsheet for Redwood County CD-20
13. The percentage of the cost to be assessed to the property owner in repair and improvement is shown on the Excel spreadsheet for Redwood County CD-20

14. The “after improvement” benefits shall be used in place of the original benefits and damages and benefitted and damaged areas in all subsequent proceedings relating to the Redwood County CD-20 drainage system.
15. The full Viewer’s Report is available for public inspection at the Redwood County Environmental Office, 403 South Mill Street, Redwood Falls, Minnesota (507-637-4023).
16. The Viewers will be available to answer questions from interested parties on March 26, 2026, from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM at the MN West Room (South entrance) 403 South Mill Street, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

### **Benefits and damages statement**

This report covers the proposed improvement for a previously constructed drainage system. The basis for determining benefits and damages is therefore based upon a comparison of the conditions that would have existed prior to the County tile systems construction, with those that do exist with the drainage system in a reasonable state of repair. Supporting documentation for the analysis and conclusions of the report are contained in our files and are available for inspection. The figures stated herein are based on a full and fair comparison of all pertinent facts and information that we were aware of at the time of this determination process. The following aids were used in this viewing process.

- Redwood County online GIS parcel information site
- USDA Web Soil Survey
- Google Earth aerial satellite photos
- Yield averages taken from USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service.
- Production costs taken from University of Minnesota FinBin
- Average commodity sale prices taken from University of Minnesota FinBin
- Sales data from the Redwood County Assessor office and website
- Visual inspection of each 40-acre parcel or less
- Consultation with Project Engineer and Redwood County Environmental Staff

The Viewers determined that the lands affected by the drainage system are similar and that the following comments refer to all such tracts.

1. **Existing land use, property value, and economic productivity:**

Land is used for building sites, roads, railroad and for agricultural purposes. The property value is consistent with most agricultural land sales within Redwood County. Agricultural lands are primarily used to produce corn and soybeans. The land has good economic productivity when properly drained.

2. **Potential land use, property value, and economic productivity from the drainage system:**

The drainage system has been in existence for many years and provides drainage for agricultural purposes. The property value is consistent with most agricultural land sales within Redwood County. Land affected by the drainage system has the potential to produce above average yields.

3. **The benefits or damages from the drainage system:**

Benefits derived by lands affected by the drainage system are due to (A) Improved capacity to remove surface waters due to construction and maintenance of the County open ditch and County tile system, which results in an increase in the current market value of property; or (B) an increase in the potential for agricultural production as a result of the previous construction and continued maintenance of the drainage system; or (C) increased value of the property as a result of potential different land use.

4. There is no damage to any riparian rights.
  
5. There are no acres added to any tract or lot and there are no public waters, wetlands, and other areas not currently being cultivated, that are proposed to be drained in this proceeding.
  
6. There are no acres which before the drainage benefits could be realized would require a public waters work permit to work in public waters under 103G.245 to excavate or fill a navigable water body under United States Code, Title 33, Section 403, or a permit to discharge into waters of United States under United States Code, Title 33, Section 1344.
  
7. There are no acres being assessed for drainage of areas that would be considered conversion of a wetland under United States Code, Title 16, Section 3821, if the area were placed in agricultural production.

This report is respectfully submitted to the Drainage Authority of Redwood County CD-20 by:

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Submitted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026