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BATES DRAIN

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION

DATE: Wednesday, October 29, 2025
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Dorr Township Hall
4196 18th Street
Dorr, MI 48323
QUESTIONS: (269) 673-0440

A petition, dated June 1, 2020, was previously filed with the Allegan County Drain Commissioner for the maintenance and improvement of the Bates Drain. As a result, a Board of Determination was held for the Bates Drain and determined the petitioned maintenance and improvement was necessary and conducive to public health, convenience, or welfare. Following the finding of necessity, the Drain Commissioner has worked with its engineers and began designing the Bates Drain project. Part of that design process has included coordination with Dorr Township. On May 22, 2025, the Township filed an additional petition requesting: (1) the consolidation of the Sink Drain with the Bates Drain, to be known as the Bates Drain; and (2) maintenance and improvement of the Bates Drain as consolidated.

As a result of the May 22, 2025, petition, a Board of Determination is required to meet, hear all interested persons, receive evidence, and determine whether the proposed consolidation of the drains known and designated as the Sink Drain and the Bates Drain, to be known as the Bates Drain, and the consolidation of the Sink Drain Drainage District and the Bates Drain Drainage District, to be known as the Bates Drain Drainage District, is conducive to public health convenience, or welfare. The Board will also determine whether the maintenance and improvement of the Bates Drain as consolidated is necessary and conducive to public health, convenience or welfare. This hearing is taking place pursuant to Chapters 8 and 19 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended. A map of the Bates Drain and Sink Drain drainage district boundaries can be found enclosed with this notice and on the Drain Commissioner's website at: <https://www.allegancounty.org/departments/drain-office/public-notice-events>.

A presentation will be made to the Board of Determination outlining a brief history of the drainage districts and describing the roles, responsibilities, and decisions to be made by the Board of Determination. The presentation is to provide background for landowners and municipalities in the drainage districts and facilitate the dissemination of information and the receipt of testimony of landowners in the drainage districts. The Board of Determination will make its decisions at the end of the meeting.

Following the decision of the Board of Determination, the Drain Commissioner and the project engineer will hold a separate informational meeting to provide an update regarding the current status of the Bates Drain petition project.

Proceedings conducted at the Board of Determination will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Allegan County Drain Commissioner's Office located at 3283 122nd Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010. Minutes of the meeting will be on file in the Allegan County Drain Commissioner's Office.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner at the number listed above or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Anyone aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review pursuant to MCL 280.72a.

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