



OTTAWA COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER

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DEGROOT DRAIN

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION

DATE: Thursday, June 24, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Tallmadge Charter Township Hall
0-1451 Leonard St NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49534

QUESTIONS: (616) 994-4530

A Board of Determination will meet at the above date, time, and location to hear all interested persons, receive evidence, and determine whether the location, establishment, and construction of a drain, as set forth in the petition, dated April 13, 2021, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare, pursuant to Chapter 4 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.

A presentation will be made to the Board of Determination, which outlines a brief history of the Drainage District, and describes the roles, responsibilities and decisions made by a Board of Determination. The presentation is to provide background for landowners and municipalities in the drainage district and to facilitate the dissemination of information and the receipt of testimony of landowners in the Drainage District. The Board of Determination will make a decision at the end of the meeting. You are welcome and encouraged to participate, but attendance is not mandatory.

Proceedings conducted at this public hearing will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and you are further notified that information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner's Office located at 12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive, MI 49460 or online at <https://www.miottawa.org/Departments/Drain/>. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Water Resources Commissioner at the number noted above (voice) 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. Minutes of the meeting will be on file in the Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner's office.

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

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FAQs

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS DeGroot Drain Board of Determination

What is a Drainage District?

A drainage district is the land area that benefits from the drain. The drainage district makes up the watershed that contributes water to the drain. Each property and municipality within the drainage district pays for maintenance and improvement of the drain.

What is a Board of Determination?

A Board of Determination is a 3-member panel of disinterested property owners. The role of the Board of Determination is to receive evidence and hear testimony of interested persons and determine whether the petitioned activities are necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare.

Why did I receive a notice?

A petition was filed with the Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner requesting the location, establishment, and construction of the proposed drain. All property owners with lands in the drainage district were sent a copy of the notice.

Does the Board of Determination decide what work gets done?

No, the board of determination decides necessity, but does not determine the scope or cost of the project. Further, the board of determination does not determine how much property owners and municipalities will

be assessed.

Does the decision of the Board of Determination have to be unanimous?

No, only a majority vote of the board of determination is required. Only the members of the board of determination vote. The attendees at the meeting do not vote, but instead provide testimony to the board members to assist in their determination.

What is my assessment amount?

Estimated assessment amounts are not yet determined. If the Board of Determination finds the project necessary, the Water Resources Commissioner will hold a public meeting to review apportionments after a project scope has been determined. Notices for the public hearing on assessments will be sent out at a later date.

Do I have to attend the Board of Determination?

No, you are not required to attend the meeting, however, it is your right to do so.

Can the decision of the Board of Determination be appealed?

Yes. If a person feels aggrieved by the board's determination of necessity, he/she may institute an action in circuit court within 10 days. MCL 280.72a.

How can I get more information?

Visit the Commissioner's website at <https://www.miottawa.org/Departments/Drain/> or call (616) 994-4530.

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