

MIDLAND COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO TERMINATE FUTURE WEED MANAGEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND DISCUSS USING EXISTING FUNDS FOR DISASTER RELIEF
SANFORD LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing of the Sanford Lake Improvement Board is scheduled on **Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**, on the video conferencing platform Zoom. The Zoom information to join the hearing is: **Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89382715032>; **Meeting ID:** 893 8271 5032; and **US Toll-Free Call-in Number:** 877-853-5257. The purpose of this public hearing is to: (1) terminate future special assessments that were approved to, in-part, implement a five-year 2018 weed management project on Sanford Lake; and (2) to discuss using existing funds collected by the Sanford Lake Improvement Board toward streambank stabilization, erosion control, and other disaster relief activities given the recent tragic dam failures impacting the lake. A modified special assessment roll showing the terminated assessments will be prepared and available for the inspection by those at the public hearing or upon request.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Part 309 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, the Sanford Lake Improvement Board will determine the practicability of expending existing funds on potential disaster relief activities, review a modified special assessment roll that terminates future assessments remaining on the 5-year lake improvement project approved on August 23, 2018, hear any property owner objections to the proposed use of the existing funds from special assessments and to the modified assessment roll, and make a determination of whether or not to confirm said assessment roll. The hearing may be adjourned from time-to-time without further notice.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the proposed modified assessment roll. Property owners and those concerned may join and offer public comment related to the discussion of the use of existing funds from previously collected assessments. Any person or entity objecting to the assessment roll shall join at the above stated time **and/or** file his or her objection in writing with the Midland County Drain Commissioner. Any such person or entity can file an appearance and protest by letter addressed to the Midland County Drain Commissioner, on behalf of the Sanford Lake Improvement Board, **220 W Ellsworth Street, Midland, MI 48640**. Protest letters received by the Drain Commissioner by no later than the hearing shall be given the same effect as attendance and protest at the hearing. The Sanford Lake Improvement Board shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

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 Midland County Drain Commissioner's Office at **(989) 832-6770**. Persons with disabilities or otherwise needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at **(989) 832-6770** 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 Midland County Drain Commissioner's Office.

Any modified special assessment roll shall be considered final and conclusive unless appealed within thirty (30) days after the Sanford Improvement Board publishes a notice of confirmation. MCL 324.30913.

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on behalf of the Sanford Lake Improvement Board