

## **DAVIDSON CREEK DRAIN DRAINAGE BOARD**

### **NOTICE OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING TO ADD COUNTY TO A DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021

**TIME:** 4:00 P.M.

**LOCATION:** Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Post 5738  
145 Wilcox Parkway  
Clare, Michigan 48617

**QUESTIONS:** (989) 533-3056

This meeting is an opportunity to review the addition of Clare County to the existing Davidson Creek Drain Drainage District. The Drainage District currently consists of lands located solely in Gladwin County.

At the meeting, the Drainage Board, which for purposes of this meeting shall include the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner, the Clare County Drain Commissioner, and a deputy for the Director of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, shall consider any evidence offered and determine whether the addition of Clare County to the Davidson Creek Drain Drainage District is just and equitable.

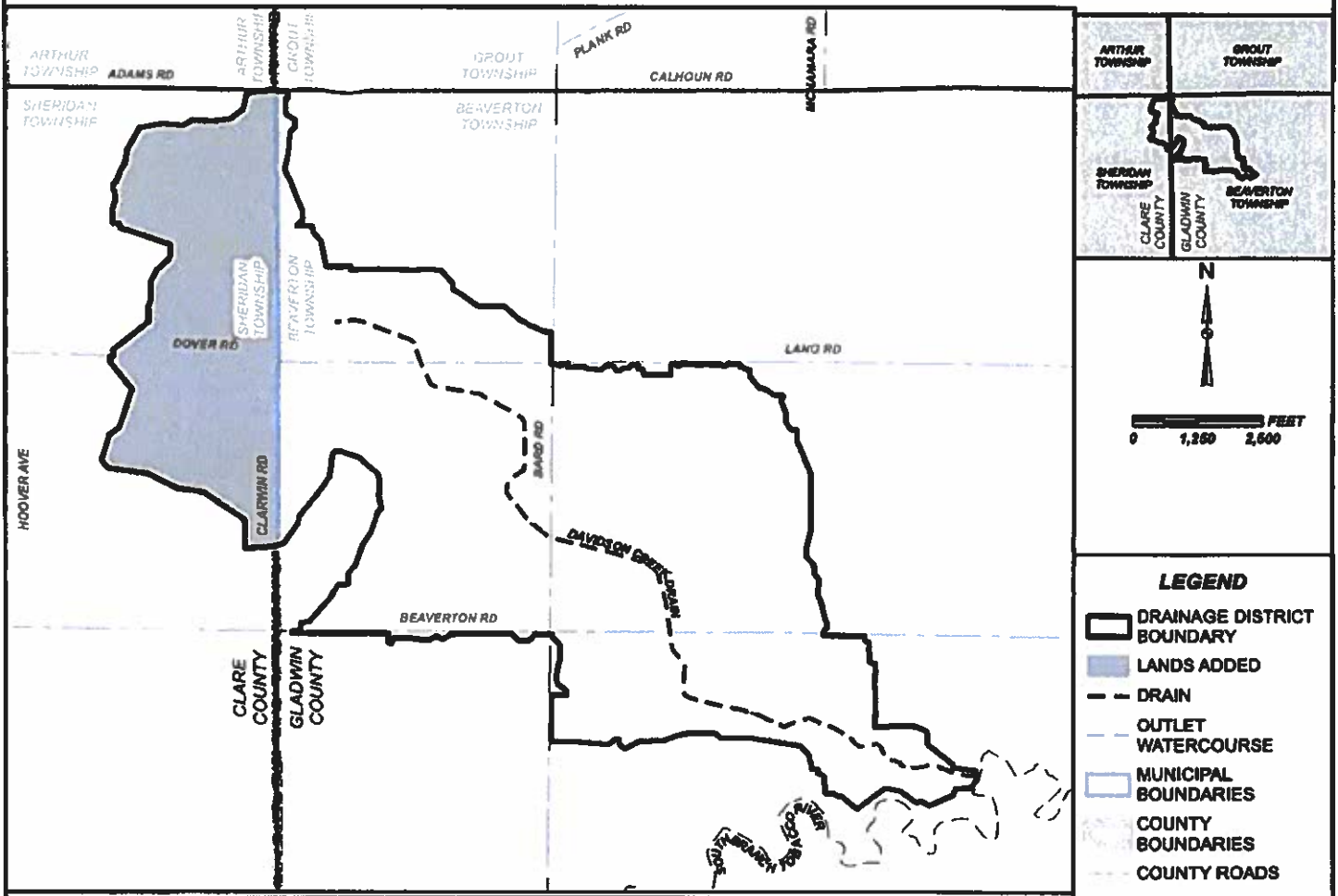
Proceedings conducted at this meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. All persons owning lands in the Drainage District or proposed revised Drainage District liable to assessment for benefits and any municipality affected may appear for or against the addition of the County.

A map depicting the proposed addition of Clare County to the Drainage District can be found enclosed with this notice, as well as on the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner's website at: <https://gladwincounty-mi.gov/departments/drain-commission/> and Clare County's website at: <http://www.clareco.net/>.

If you have questions prior to the meeting, you may call: (989) 533-3056. Written public comments may also be submitted prior to the meeting to the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner's office at 555 West Cedar Avenue, Gladwin, Michigan 48624 or to the Clare County Drain Commissioner's office at P.O. Box 564, Harrison, Michigan 48625.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drainage Board 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.

# DAVIDSON CREEK DRAIN TENTATIVE DRAINAGE DISTRICT



# FAQs

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about a Drainage Board Meeting to Add a County to a Drainage District

### ***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 does it mean to add a county to a Drainage District?***

The Michigan Legislature passed a law in 2017 to allow lands to be added to a drainage district that would result in the addition of an entire county to a drainage district. This means that it has been determined that lands from a county that is not currently included in the Drainage District contributes water to the Drain.

The purpose of the Drainage Board Meeting to Add a County to a Drainage District is to add a county to the Drainage District to ensure the Drainage District boundaries accurately reflect the current watershed of the Drain.

### ***What happens after a county is added?***

After the Drainage Board meeting is held and a decision has been made to add a county to the Drainage District, each Drain Commissioner must then hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries in their respective counties where the specific revisions to the Drainage District boundaries in each county can be reviewed with Drain Office staff.

You will receive a separate notice for the Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries. A map depicting the proposed boundary revisions will be sent along with the notice.

### ***Why did I receive a notice?***

Notices went out to all property owners within the current or proposed revised Drainage District. All property owners that may be subject to an assessment were sent a copy of the notice.

### ***Do I have to attend the Drainage Board Meeting?***

You are not required to attend the Drainage Board Meeting; however, it is your right to do so.

### ***Will I be receiving a drain assessment?***

Generally, drain assessments are included on your winter tax bill, and are only levied when costs are incurred for the Drain. Assessment amounts vary from year to year.

The Gladwin County Drain Commissioner received a grant from the State of Michigan to address damages caused on two county drains, including the Davidson Creek Drain. ***This allowed the Drain Commissioner to suspend assessments on the Drain at this time.***

### ***How can I get more information?***

Visit the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner's website at: <https://gladwincounty-mi.gov/departments/drain-commission/>, Clare County's website at: <http://www.clareco.net/>, or call (989) 533-3056.