

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF PRACTICABILITY AND ASSESSMENT

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that public hearings of the Wixom Lake Improvement Board will be held on **Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 10:00 AM** at **Beaverton Highschool (3090 Crockett Road, Beaverton, Michigan 48612)**. The purpose of these public hearings is to: (1) consider the practicability of a continued nuisance vegetation control project on Wixom Lake ("lake improvement project"); and (2) to consider an assessment roll for the proposed lake improvement project. An assessment roll and proposed plan and budget for the lake improvement project will be available at the public hearings or upon request to the Office of the Midland County Drain Commissioner at (989) 832-6770 or the Office of the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner at (989) 426-7561. The proposed lake improvement project proposes annual assessments from 2023 to 2027 in the approximate amounts of \$144 for lakefront parcels and \$72 for backlot parcels.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Part 309 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, the Wixom Lake Improvement Board will determine the practicability of continuing the lake improvement project from 2024 to 2028 (with first assessments levied in winter of 2023) and will review a corresponding special assessment roll for the project, hear any property owner objections to the lake improvement project and the proposed 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 assessment hearing is required to appeal your special assessment. Property owners and those concerned may attend the public hearings and offer comment. Any **Midland County** person or entity objecting to the assessment roll may attend the public hearings **and/or** file his or her objection in writing with the Midland County Drain Commissioner by letter to: Wixom Lake Improvement Board, 220 W Ellsworth Street, Midland, Michigan 48640. Any **Gladwin County** person or entity objecting to the assessment roll may attend the public hearings **and/or** file his or her objection in writing with the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner by letter to: Wixom Lake Improvement Board, 555 West Cedar Avenue, Gladwin, Michigan 48624.

Protest letters received by the Wixom Lake Improvement Board by no later than the beginning of the hearings shall be given the same effect as attendance and protest at the assessment hearing. The Wixom Lake Improvement Board shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearings. If the hearings are 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.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in property within the district and having protested such special assessment may file a written appeal of their special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction within thirty (30) days after published notice of confirmation of the special assessment roll. Please review MCL 211.746 and MCL 324.30913 regarding appeals.

Proceedings conducted at these public hearings 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 or Gladwin County Drain Commissioner's Office at (989) 426-7561. Persons with disabilities or otherwise needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact (989) 832-6770 (**Midland County**) or (989) 426-7561 (**Gladwin County**) or 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 and Gladwin County Drain Commissioners' Offices.

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Joseph Sova, Midland County Drain Commissioner

Terry L. Walters, Gladwin County Drain Commissioner