

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**IN THE 55<sup>th</sup> CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF GLADWIN**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING TO AMEND LAKE LEVEL ORDER**  
**PRATT LAKE**

**DATE:** July 9, 2024  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Gladwin County Courthouse  
401 West Cedar Avenue  
Gladwin, MI 48624  
**QUESTIONS:** (989) 426-7561  
[prattlake@gladwincounty-mi.gov](mailto:prattlake@gladwincounty-mi.gov)

**Hearing to Amend Lake Level Order**

A petition dated March 19, 2024 was filed with the Gladwin County Circuit Court to amend the lake level order for Pratt Lake. The Gladwin County Circuit Court will review the petition on the above date, time and location, to receive evidence to amend the lake level order for Pratt Lake, located in Gladwin County, Michigan, consistent with the provisions of MCL 324.30707.

**Submitting Testimony and Evidence**

The public may submit written testimony and provide evidence regarding the petition and this matter to the Court. The public may also attend the hearing at the above date, time, and location to provide oral testimony and/or evidence. The Court will accept written testimony and evidence addressed to **401 West Cedar Avenue, Gladwin, MI 48624, with the subject-line “Pratt Lake – Lake Level Hearing (Case No. 24-012105-CZ).”** Please call the Court at **(989) 426-7351 (please direct other inquiries to the other phone number on this notice)** with any questions regarding submitting written materials.

**For additional information regarding the hearing, please contact the below:**

**Phone:** (989) 426-7561  
**Email:** [prattlake@gladwincounty-mi.gov](mailto:prattlake@gladwincounty-mi.gov)

**A recorded webinar about the lake level order and the court hearing will be posted at <https://gladwincounty-mi.gov/departments/drain-commission/>.**

**Hearing Accommodations**

Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to attend the hearing should call the Court at **(989) 426-7351 (please direct other inquiries to the other phone number on this notice)** or utilize the Michigan Relay Service at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing to coordinate accommodations. All property owners affected may participate in this hearing by either submitting written testimony and/or evidence for consideration by the Court or by attending the court hearing to present testimony.



# FAQs

## NOTICE OF HEARING TO AMEND LAKE LEVEL ORDER PRATT LAKE

### ***Why am I receiving this notice?***

You are receiving this notice because you may own lands within the lake level special assessment district for Pratt Lake that was previously established by the Gladwin County Circuit Court.

### ***What is a legally established lake level?***

Part 307 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act allows circuit courts to establish lake levels for inland lakes to, among other things, benefit property owners and preserve Michigan's natural resources. Pratt Lake has a court ordered lake level under Part 307.

### ***Why is the lake level order being amended?***

The proposed amendments would clarify that the legally established lake level is subject to temporary variations due to things like weather and natural conditions. The amendments would also update the survey datum in the lake level order to the more recent North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88).

### ***Will this impact the level of Pratt Lake?***

No. The intent of the lake level petition is **not** to impact the physical lake level that property owners are used to seeing on Pratt Lake.

### ***What is my assessment amount?***

As you may be aware, a 10-year assessment for the Pratt Lake—lake level was approved by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners in 2022. The upcoming court hearing to amend the lake level order will **not** consider lake level special assessments, and it is not Gladwin County's intent to levy any additional assessments at this time.

### ***Do I have to attend the Circuit Court hearing?***

You are not required to attend the Circuit Court hearing; however, it is your right to do so. You may also present testimony and evidence to the Court regarding the proposed amendments to the Pratt Lake — Lake Level Order.

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

A recorded webinar about the lake level order and the court hearing will be posted at: <https://gladwincounty-mi.gov/departments/drain-commission/>. You may also contact the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner's Office at (989) 426-7561 or [prattlake@gladwincounty-mi.gov](mailto:prattlake@gladwincounty-mi.gov). When leaving a voicemail or sending an email, please include your name, address, and phone number. We will be glad to answer any questions, and all calls and emails will be returned in the order in which they are received.