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GRAND MERE DRAIN #185

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION

DATE: Wednesday, July 8, 2020

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: REMOTE ELECTRONIC ACCESS

QUESTIONS: (269) 932-0569

A Board of Determination will be convened through remote electronic access as provided in this Notice. The subject matter of this proceeding is of urgent concern for the public health, convenience or welfare of Berrien County and is therefore deemed as a necessary proceeding to be held electronically by the Berrien County Drain Commissioner.

A Board of Determination is meeting electronically to hear all interested persons, receive evidence and determine whether proposed consolidation of the Thornton Valley Drain, Mast & Janca Drain, Morris Drain, Decker Drain, Lemon Creek Road Drain, Westphal and Domrose Drain, Westphal & Huston Drain, Stahelin Drain, Stahelin Gast Road Branch Drain, Stama Industrial Park Drain, and Hollis Drain to be known as the Grand Mere Drain #185, and the consolidation of the Thornton Valley Drain Drainage District, Mast & Janca Drain Drainage District, Morris Drain Drainage District, Decker Drain Drainage District, Lemon Creek Road Drain Drainage District, Westphal and Domrose Drain Drainage District, Westphal & Huston Drain Drainage District, Stahelin Drain Drainage District, Stahelin Gast Road Branch Drain Drainage District, Stama Industrial Park Drain Drainage District, and Hollis Drain Drainage District, to be known as the Grand Mere Drain #185 Drainage District, is conducive to public health, convenience or welfare; and whether the maintenance and improvement of the Grand Mere Drain #185, as consolidated, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare, as set forth in the petition dated November 12, 2019, pursuant to Chapters 8 and 19 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 NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS.**

Electronic participation will be conducted through Zoom. The Board of Determination may be accessed through any device supporting the Zoom app, which includes many computers, laptops, smartphones. Users on a computer or laptop will be given the option to join the meeting through a web browser without downloading the Zoom app. Additionally, individuals may call into the Board of Determination by telephone.

The Board of Determination is being convened electronically to comply with the Governor of Michigan's Executive Orders and federal and state agency recommendations to cease from any public assemblies, self-quarantine, and help prohibit the spread of COVID-19. The Berrien County Drain Commissioner's Office nonetheless recognizes its continued responsibility to facilitate responsible decision-making of the Board of Determination and has established procedures to conduct this meeting in a manner that effectuates as fully as possible the purposes of the Open Meetings Act. Minutes of the meeting will be on file in the Berrien County Drain Commissioner's office.

Prior to the Board of Determination:

- **Website.** Please visit the Drain Commissioner's website at <https://www.berriencounty.org/269/Drain-Commissioner> for more information.
- **Telephone.** Questions and comments may be submitted prior to the meeting by calling (269) 932-0569. All public comment received prior to the day of the Board of Determination will be read by the Chairperson during the public comment portion of the proceedings.
- **Zoom.** Download the Zoom app to your device to ensure there is time to obtain technical advice prior to the Board of Determination.
- **Special Access.** Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Board of Determination should contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at (269) 932-0569 (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Board of Determination to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

On the Day of the Board of Determination:

- **Meeting Link.** To participate electronically through Zoom, you can access the Board of Determination through the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87606326858>.
- **Telephone Participation.** For participation on Zoom via telephone, please call: (312) 626-6799.
- **Meeting ID/Password.** If prompted, the Zoom Meeting ID or password is: 876 0632 6858.
- **Participation.** Once individuals have joined the Board of Determination meeting area, the Drain Commissioner will provide further information about procedures for participation.

After the Board of Determination:

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

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