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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

DR. TIM BORING
DIRECTOR

Notice of Drainage Board Meeting For Determination of Necessity

WHITMORE AND SOUTH BRANCH OF SWAN CREEK INTERCOUNTY DRAIN (Saginaw Midland, and Gratiot Counties)

DATE: November 12, 2025
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Swan Valley High School
8400 O'Hern Rd., Saginaw, Michigan

The Whitmore and South Branch of Swan Creek Intercounty Drain Drainage Board will meet at the above date, time and location to hear all interested persons, receive evidence and determine whether the maintenance and improvement, as set forth in the petition dated August 5, 2024, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare.

Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting, or additional information may be obtained from the following offices:

Brian Wendling
Saginaw County
Public Works Commissioner
111 S. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw 48602
989-790-5258

Joseph Sova
Midland County
Drain Commissioner
220 W. Ellsworth St.
Midland 48640
989-832-6770

Bernard J. Barnes
Gratiot County
Drain Commissioner
904 E. Center St.
Ithaca 48847
989-875-5207

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner of their County at the number listed above 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.

Anyone aggrieved by the decision of the Intercounty Drain Drainage Board may seek judicial review pursuant to MCL 280.122a.

Dated: October 21, 2025



Brandon Williams, Deputy
For Dr. Tim Boring, Director

AGENDA

Meeting to Determine Necessity of Petition for Proposed Maintenance and Improvements

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(Saginaw, Midland, and Gratiot)

**8400 O'Hern Rd.
Saginaw, Michigan
6:00 p.m., November 12, 2025**

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of Drainage Board Members and engineer
Brandon Williams, Chairperson, Michigan Department of Agriculture
Brian Wendling, Saginaw County Public Works Commissioner
Joseph Sova, Midland County Drain Commissioner
Bernard J. Barnes, Gratiot County Drain Commissioner
Spicer Group, Inc.
3. Motion to elect Secretary
4. Approval of the agenda and meeting minutes
5. Reading of petition, explanation of procedures and voting rules - Chair
6. Presentation of preliminary engineering – Engineer
7. Public comment and questions (**please acknowledge on attendance sheet**)
 - Please state name and relation to drain
 - Limit comments to 5 minutes until everyone has their first opportunity to speak
 - Be specific/describe problems or desired changes
8. Board member comments
9. Motion regarding necessity of the drain for the good of the public health, convenience, or welfare
10. Motion determining which cities, villages, and townships, if any, should receive an at large assessment for benefit to public health.
11. Motion to retain financial consultant(s) and authorize interim borrowing
12. Closing comments and administrative procedures
13. Adjourn