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COUNTY AT LARGE

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION
DRAIN #120**

DATE: October 20, 2026
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Fulton Township Hall, 3425 W Cleveland Rd, Perrinton, MI
QUESTIONS: (989) 875-5207

A Board of Determination 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 May 7, 2026, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare, pursuant to Chapter 8 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.

A presentation will be made to the Board of Determination outlining a brief history of the Drainage District, and describing 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 its decision at the end of the meeting.

Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner's Office located at 904 E Center St, Ithaca, MI 48847.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Gratiot County Drain Office 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.

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

This notice applies to the following parcel(s):

Drain Number	Parcel Number	Property Address
120-2026	29	

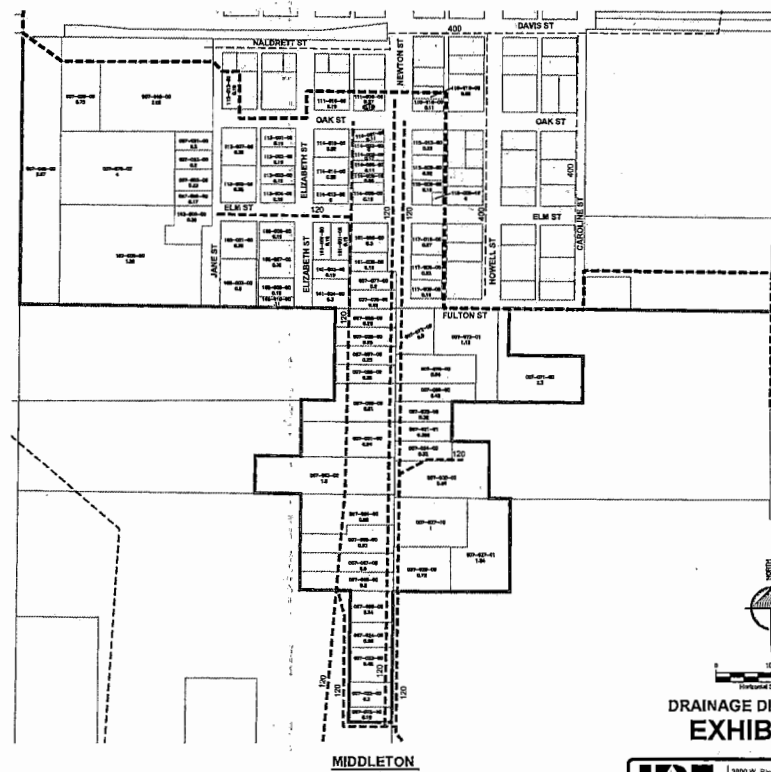
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DRAIN TOTALS:

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- The map shows the state of Wisconsin divided into counties. A shaded area in the central-eastern part of the state indicates the location of District 11. A line connects this area to a larger, more detailed map of the district's location. This detailed map shows a grid of counties with the following labels:
- Top row: Grant, Shawano, Waubesa, Waushara, Adams, Crawford, Dodge
 - Second row: Grant, Shawano, Waubesa, Waushara, Adams, Crawford, Dodge
 - Third row: Grant, Shawano, Waubesa, Waushara, Adams, Crawford, Dodge
 - Bottom row: Grant, Shawano, Waubesa, Waushara, Adams, Crawford, Dodge
- The district is located in the center of the grid, covering Grant, Waubesa, and Waushara counties. A line connects the district to a small map of the United States, indicating its location within the country.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Board of Determination

What is a Board of Determination?

A Board of Determination is a 3-member panel of disinterested property owners. The role of the Board of Determination is to receive evidence and hear testimony of interested persons and determine whether the petitioned maintenance and improvement is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare.

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 all costs incurred relating to the drain.

Why did I receive a notice?

A petition was filed with the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner requesting maintenance and improvement of the Drain. All property owners owning lands within the drainage districts were sent a copy of the notice.

Does the Board of Determination decide what work gets done?

No, the Board of Determination decides necessity, but does not determine the scope or cost of the project. Further, the Board of Determination does not determine how much property owners and municipalities will be assessed.

Do the decisions of the Board of Determination have to be unanimous?

No, only a majority vote of the Board of Determination is required. Only the members of the Board of Determination vote. The attendees at the meeting do not vote, but instead provide testimony to the Board members to assist in their determination.

What is my assessment amount?

Estimated assessment amounts are not yet determined. If the Board of Determination finds the project necessary, the Drain Commissioner will hold a public meeting to review apportionments after a project scope has been determined. Notices for the public hearing on assessments will be sent out at a later date.

Do I have to attend the Board of Determination?

No, you are not required to attend the Board of Determination; however, it is your right to do so.

Can the decision of the Board of Determination be appealed?

Yes. If a person feels aggrieved by the board's determination of necessity, he/she may institute an action in circuit court within 10 days under MCL 280.72a.

How can I get more information?

Visit the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner's website at <https://www.gratiotmi.com/201/Drain-Commissioner> or call the Drain Office at (989) 875-5207.

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