

PUBLIC HEARINGS OF PRACTICABILITY AND ASSESSMENT

Gun Lake Improvement Board | Allegan and Barry Counties, Michigan

TAKE NOTICE that the Gun Lake Improvement Board (“Board”) will hold a public meeting with a public hearing on the practicability on continuing an improvement project for Gun Lake for three additional years consisting of nuisance aquatic plant control, inspection and oversight, water quality monitoring, watershed management, administration, contingencies, and associated activities (“Project”). The Board will hold the meeting at 9:30 AM on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024 at the Gun Lake Chapel, 2616 Patterson Road, Wayland, MI 49348. This Project would begin in 2025 and continue through 2027, with an annual budget of \$273,000 in 2025 – 2027. Proposed assessment amounts and the Project budget are attached to property owner mailing notices.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a proposed special assessment roll for continuing the Project and for the referenced assessment public hearing has been prepared and is filed at the office of the Barry County Drain Commissioner located at 220 W. State Street, Hastings, MI 49058. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the Project to benefiting properties and is available for public examination during ordinary business hours, at the meeting, or upon reasonable request to the Office of the Barry County Drain Commissioner utilizing the telephone number below.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, if continuing the Project is found practicable, the Gun Lake Improvement Board will hold a hearing of assessment immediately following the aforementioned hearing of practicability at the same meeting for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto. 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 person or entity objecting to the assessment roll may attend the public hearings and/or file his or her objection and protest in writing with the Board by letter addressed to the Gun Lake Improvement Board at 220 W. State Street, Hastings, MI 49058. Protest letters received by the Board by no later than the assessment hearing shall be given the same effect as attendance and protest at the assessment hearing. The 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. Both hearings may be adjourned from time-to-time without further notice.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the owner of or any party with interest in real property within the Gun Lake Special Assessment District who, having protested said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction. Please review MCL 211.746 and MCL 324.30913 regarding assessment appeals. Persons with disabilities or otherwise needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner’s Office at (269) 945-1385 or through the Michigan Relay Service 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 Barry County Drain Commissioner’s Office and the meeting will follow the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

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