STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Environmental Stewardship Division

Notice of Drainage Board Meeting To Determine the Necessity of Maintenance and Improvement, Extension, and Adding Lands to the Drainage District

(In accordance with P.A. 40, of 1956, as amended)

BIG MARSH INTERCOUNTY DRAIN

Notice is hereby given, that on September 22, 2009, a petition was filed with Larry Cortright, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner, praying for the cleaning out, relocating, widening, deepening, straightening, tiling, extending or relocating along a highway, adding structures or mechanical devices that will properly purify or improve the flow of the drain or pumping equipment necessary to assist or relieve the flow of the drain, or needs supplementing by the construction of 1 or more relief drains which may consist of new drains or extensions, enlargements or connections to existing drains, or needs 1 or more branches added thereto and consolidating with other drains as necessary, of a drain known and designated as the Big Marsh Intercounty Drain, and further, to determine whether it is necessary to add lands to the Drainage District pursuant to Section 197 of Act No. 40. P.A. 1956, as amended; and

Whereas, the Drainage District for the proposed Big Marsh Intercounty Drain may include lands within the following counties and their respective municipalities: Calhoun County: Emmett Township, Leroy Township and the City of Battle Creek; Kalamazoo County: Charleston Township and Climax Township; and

Whereas, due notice of the filing of said petition and a copy thereof was served upon Patricia Crowley, Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner; and Don Koivisto, then Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture; by Larry Cortright, Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioner.

Now therefore, in accordance with P.A. 40, of 1956, as amended, a Drainage Board meeting of the Big Marsh Intercounty Drain will be held on **December 10, 2014** at **10:00 AM**, at the **Holiday Inn Express Harvest Ballroom, 12812 Harper Village Drive,** in the City of Battle Creek, Calhoun County, State of Michigan, to determine if the drain is necessary for the good of the public health, convenience, or welfare and to determine the necessity of adding lands to the Big Marsh Intercounty Drainage District.

Now therefore, all persons owning lands liable to an assessment for benefits, or whose lands will be crossed by said drain, or any public corporation affected, are requested to be present at said meeting, if they so desire.

The Drain Code (P.A. 40, of 1956, as amended) provides that any person feeling aggrieved by the determination of the Intercounty Drainage Board may institute an action in the Circuit Court in the county in which they reside for a determination of necessity. This action must be filed within 10 days after the determination of necessity or no necessity by the Intercounty Drainage Board.

Public comment will be received at the meeting. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Water Resources/Drain Commissioner in the county which they reside at the numbers noted below (voice) at least one week in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance. If anyone wishes to submit written comments prior to the date of the meeting, or has any questions regarding this notice, they may contact the following County Water Resources/Drain Commissioners' offices:

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Dated at Lansing, Michigan, November 13, 2014.

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