

MEETING MINUTES
Meeting to Determine Necessity of Petition for Proposing Maintenance and Improvements

Rexford Lake Intercounty Drain
(Muskegon, Kent and Ottawa Counties)

Tyrone Township Offices, 28 E. Muskegon St., Kent City, Michigan
February 29, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Brady Harrington, Chair, MDARD
Brenda Moore, Muskegon County Drain Commissioner
Ken Yonker, Kent County Drain Commissioner
Joe Bush, Ottawa County Water Resource Commissioner

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Noah Szott, Spicer Group
Paul Forton, Spicer Group
Joel Morgan, Kent County Drain Commission Senior Engineer
Angie Latvaitis, Kent County Deputy Drain Commissioner
Stacy Hissong, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes
Tia Lesinski, Ottawa County Water Resource Commission Senior Secretary
Bonnie Rozema, Court Recorder
Residents

Meeting was called to order by chairman, Brady Harrington at 1:09 pm.

Motion by Moore, supported by Bush, that **Kent** County Serve as Secretary. Roll Call: Muskegon County, yes; Kent County, yes; Ottawa County, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Yonker, supported by Moore, to accept the agenda as presented. Roll Call: Muskegon County, yes; Kent County, yes; Ottawa County, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Yonker, supported by Moore, to approve the January 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call: Muskegon County, yes; Kent County, yes; Ottawa County, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Chair Harrington read petition dated August 27, 2023 from residents within the Rexford Lake Drainage District requesting the drainage board for improvements. Chair Harrington also explained procedures and voting rules.

Noah Szott from Spicer Group presented on the preliminary engineering. The Rexford Lake ICD is 5.1 miles. Please see the attached Power Point presentation. The Drain overall is in fair condition. The Engineer

recommendation is to extend the drain to 15-mile Rd, establish an agreement on the NRCS structure, remove debris, fix erosion, and restore the channel. Proposed cost estimate is \$375,000.

Public comment was received by the Board. Several property owners presented questions to the Board and others present. Submitted photos are attached. No written comments were received by Kent, Ottawa, or Muskegon. Public comment closed at 1:50 pm. Transcript of the meeting was taken by Bonnie Rozema and will provide for official record later.

Motion by Moore, supported by Yonker, that the proposed maintenance and improvement IS necessary for the public health, convenience, or welfare. Roll Call: Muskegon County, yes; Kent County, yes; Ottawa County, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Moore, supported by Yonker, that the municipalities (Cities, Villages and Townships) within the proposed district boundary in Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon County will receive an at large assessment for benefit to public health. Roll Call: Muskegon County, yes; Kent County, yes; Ottawa County, yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting: At the call of the Chair

Motion by Yonker, supported by Moore, to adjourn. Roll Call: Muskegon County, yes; Kent County, yes; Ottawa County, yes. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm.