

Williams Drain

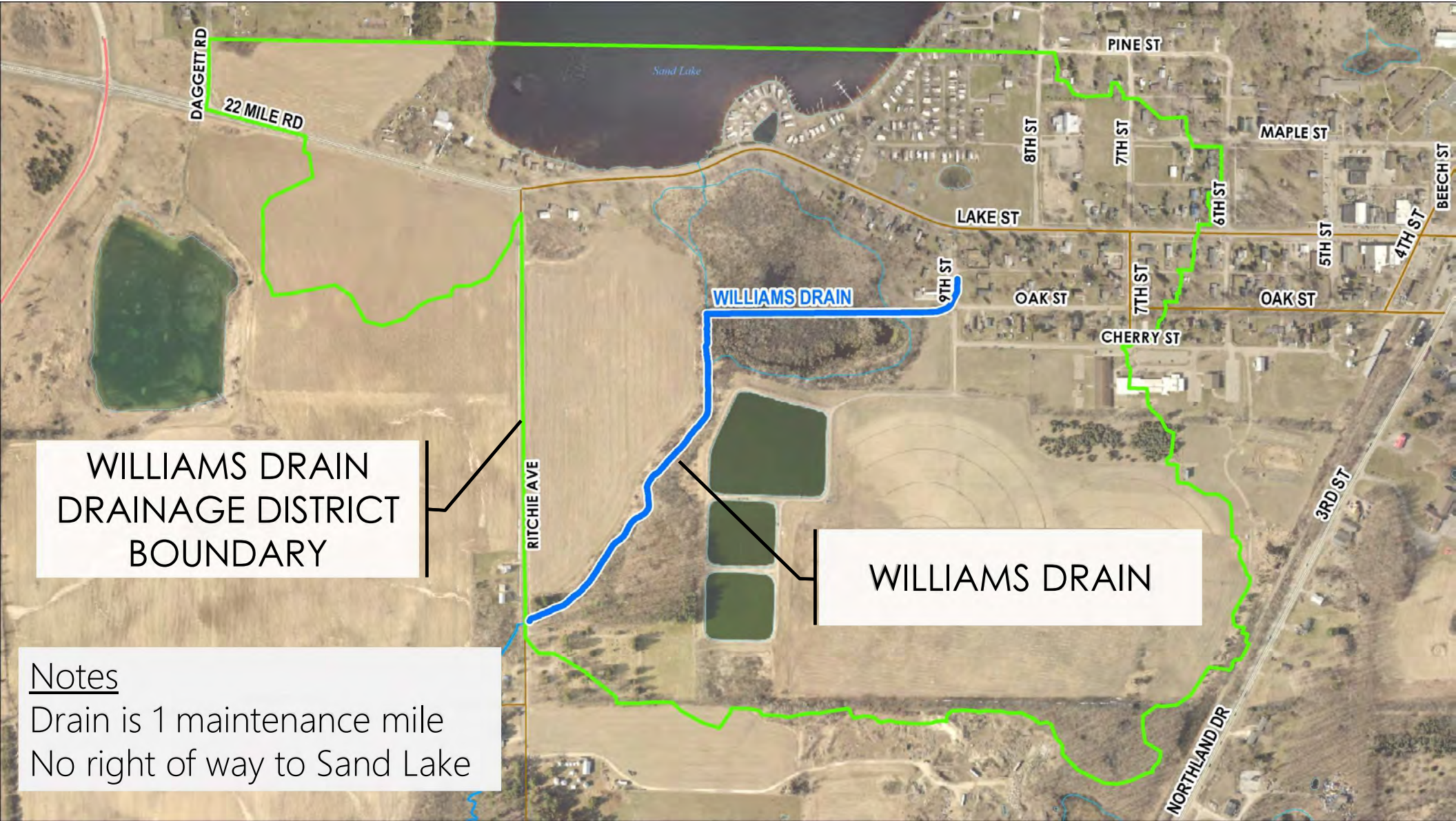
Drainage Board Meeting Determination of Practicability



January 10, 2024



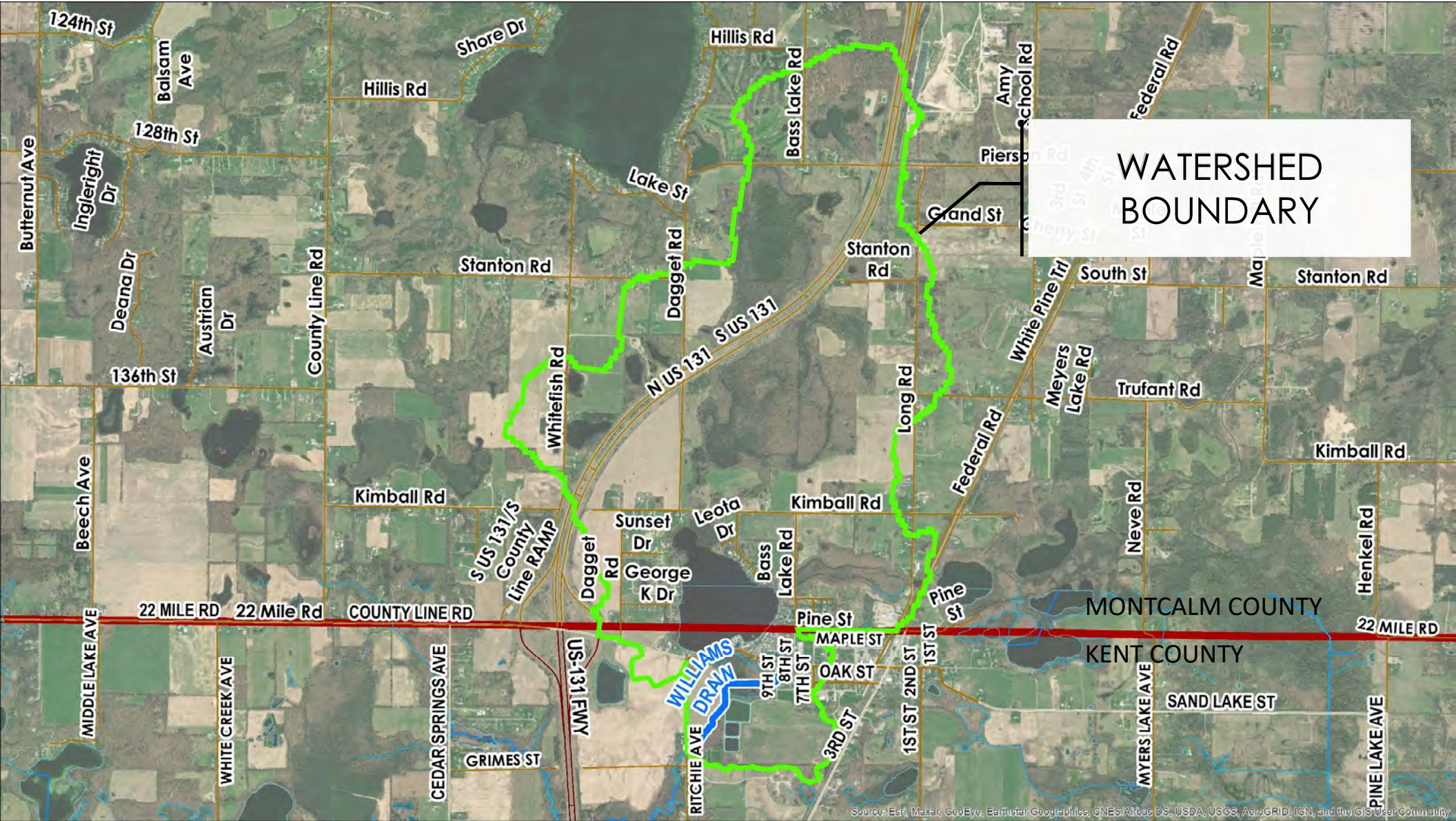
Ken Yonker - Kent County Drain Commissioner
Todd Sattler – Montcalm County Drain Commissioner
Brady Harrington – Michigan Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development



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Notes
Drain is 1 maintenance mile
No right of way to Sand Lake



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Source: Esri, Maxar, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Inspection of the Drain

- Prompted by complaint of prolonged high water on Sand Lake



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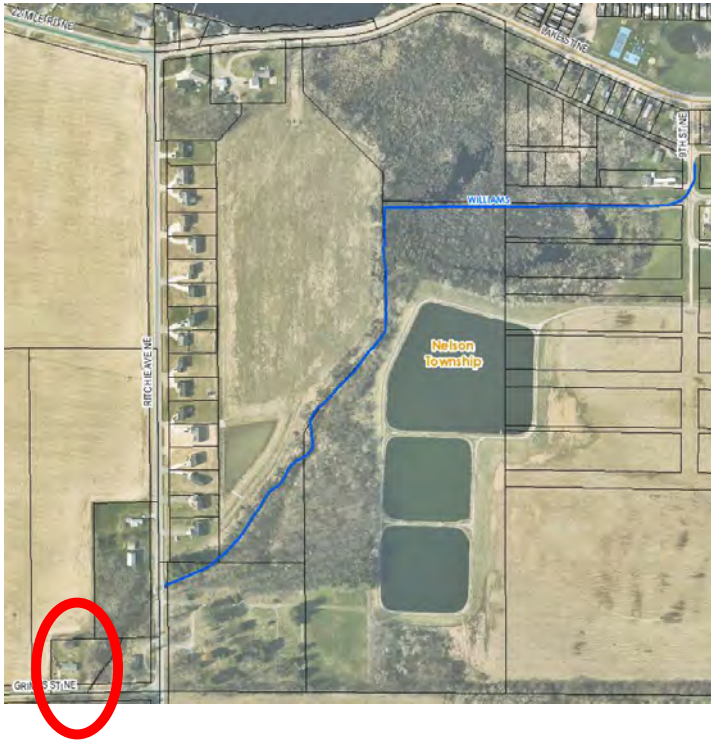
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Inspection Conclusions

- Drain upstream Ritchie Ave obstructed with vegetation, wood, and beaver dams
 - Maintenance in 2020, 2022
- Maintenance on drain limited in impact due to “No Man’s Land” between Drain and Sand Lake.
- Maintenance necessary on natural watercourse downstream of Ritchie Avenue but it isn’t a County Drain.



Petition

- Received October 2023 requesting maintenance and extension of the drain.
- Function of the meeting is ***to determine whether a problem exists and whether it is practical to move to next steps.***
- ***No survey work engineering work has been completed.*** In the interest of efficiency and economy, the Drain Code requires a finding of ***Practicability*** before expending funds on engineering.
- This hearing ***does not*** address scope or corresponding costs of any potential project.
- No project has been decided; ***no assessments known.***

Petition for Maintenance and Improvement of an Intercounty Drain

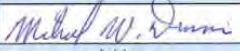

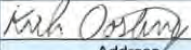
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To the Kent County Drain Commissioner:

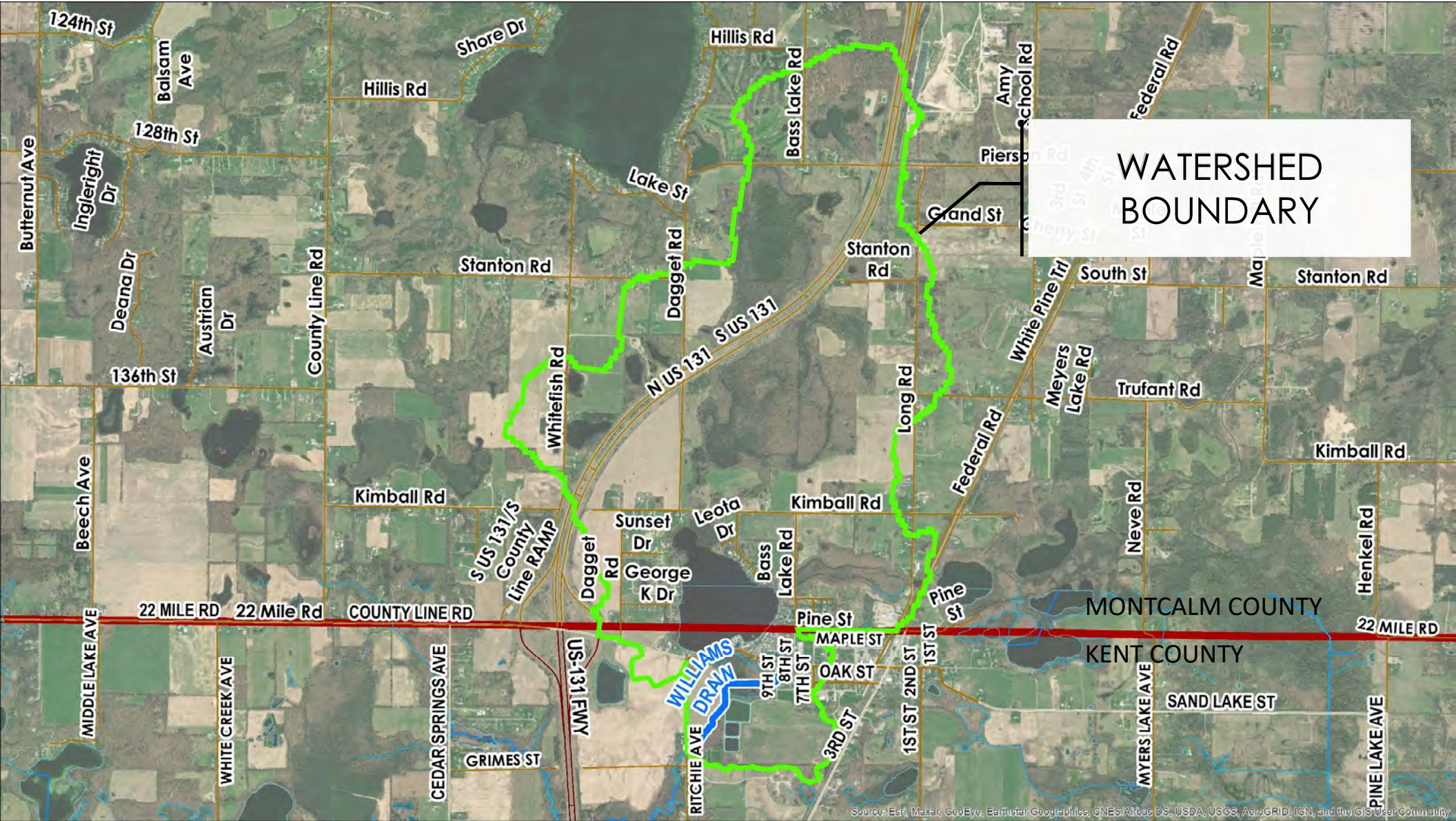
The undersigned are freeholders from within the Williams Drain Drainage District, located in Nelson Township in Kent County, Michigan. The signers of this petition request the maintaining and improving of the Williams Drain as provided in Chapter 8, Act No. 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended. The signers of this petition further request that the drainage district be extended into Montcalm County to include lands lying within Sections 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Pierson Township, pursuant to Section 135. The maintenance and improvement is necessary to alleviate flooding in the vicinity of Sand Lake.

This petition is signed by at least five (5) freeholders whose lands shall be liable for assessment for benefits of the work requested.

Signers acknowledge and understand that this Petition may be circulated and signed in counterparts, and that all such counterparts together constitute a single Petition.

	Signature	Printed Name	Tax Code (for office use)
1		MICHAEL W. DENNIS	
	Address 201 BASS LAKE RD <small>SAND LAKE 49743</small>	Date 9-21-23	
2		JAMES ATKINSON	
	Address 197 BASS LAKE RD <small>SAND LAKE 49743</small>	Date 9-23-2023	
3		Kirk Osting	
	Address 187 BASS LAKE ROAD <small>SAND LAKE 49743</small>	Date 9-29-23	





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- Please state your name and address clearly
- Address comments to the Board
- Limit comments to 3 minutes



Public Comment

Ken Yonker
Kent County Drain Commissioner
616-632-7910



Thank You