

# FAQs

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about a Drainage Board Meeting to Add or Remove a County from a Drainage District

### ***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 maintenance and improvement of the drain.

### ***What does it mean to add or remove a county from a Drainage District?***

The Michigan Legislature passed a law in 2017 to allow lands to be added or removed from a drainage district that would result in the addition or removal of an entire county to or from a Drainage District.

This means that it has been determined that lands from a county that is not currently included in the Drainage District contribute water to the Drain or lands in a county that is currently included in the Drainage District does not contribute water to the Drain.

The purpose of the Drainage Board Meeting to Add or Remove a County from a Drainage District is to add or remove a county from the Drainage District to ensure the Drainage District boundaries accurately reflect the current watershed of the drain.

### ***What happens after a county is added or removed?***

After the Drainage Board meeting is held and a decision has been made to add or remove a county from the Drainage District, each Drain Commissioner must then hold a Day of Review of

Drainage District Boundaries in their respective counties where the specific revisions to the Drainage District boundaries in each county can be reviewed with Drain Office staff. You will receive a separate notice for the Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries. A map depicting the proposed boundary revisions will be sent along with the notice.

### ***Why did I receive a notice?***

Notices went out to all property owners within the current or proposed revised Drainage District. All property owners that may be subject to an assessment were sent a copy of the notice.

### ***Do I have to attend the Drainage Board Meeting?***

You are not required to attend the Drainage Board Meeting; however, it is your right to do so. All property owners and municipalities in the current or proposed revised Drainage District can appear for or against the addition or removal.

### ***When do I receive my drain assessment?***

Drain assessments are included on your Winter Tax bill and are only levied when costs are incurred for the drain. Assessment amounts vary from year to year.

### ***What is my assessment amount?***

Estimated assessment amounts are available at the Day of Review of Apportionments. You will receive a separate notice for the Day of Review of Apportionments at a later date. ***How can I get more information?*** Visit our website at <http://www.mecostacounty.org/drain.html> or call (231) 592-0103.

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