



**ANNUAL REPORT
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**Michigan Drain Code of 1956
Act 40 of 1956**

An act to codify the laws relating to the laying out of drainage districts, the consolidation of drainage districts, the construction and maintenance of drains, sewers, pumping equipment, bridges, culverts, fords, and the structures and mechanical devices to properly purify the flow of drains; to provide for flood control projects; to provide for water management, water management districts, and subdistricts, and for flood control and drainage projects within drainage districts; to provide for the deposit of funds for future maintenance of drains; to authorize public corporations to impose taxes for the payment of assessments in anticipation of which bonds are issued; to provide for the issuance of bonds by drainage districts and for the pledge of the full faith and credit of counties for payment of the bonds; to authorize counties to impose taxes when necessary to pay principal and interest on bonds for which full faith and credit is pledged; to validate certain acts and bonds; and to prescribe penalties. History: 1956, Act 40, Imd. Eff. Mar. 28, 1956; Am. 1970, Act 144, Imd. Eff. Aug. 1, 1970; Am. 1973, Act 208, Imd. Eff. Jan. 11, 1974; Am. 1982, Act 449, Eff. Mar. 30, 1983.

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SUMMARY

Many inches of snow fell in mid-February and a week later the area received several inches of rain (4-5") which created a lot of flooding within the county with snow melting, the ground being slightly frozen, and the consistent rainfall. Rainfall started the week of February 19th, 2018. The Drain Commissioner's office received many phone calls and met with many constituents throughout the county concerned about flooding and drainage. In April, May, and June more rainfall occurred which was creating issues for the landowners on lakes and rivers. Many of the lakes in the area did not get much relief all year and most lake residents were unable to use their lakes to their full potential because of no wake zones being issued a couple of times during the year.

During the year, 182 SESC permits were issued which includes waivers and extensions. As the County Enforcing Agent, either Traci or I review the plans, visit the site, and issue the permit with specific recommendations if needed. We then re-visit the site periodically and after significant rain events for program compliance along with a final inspection once the project is complete. My deputy and I are both state certified for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control and Stormwater Construction Management which allows us both to be able to issue SESC permits and do inspections. With 2018 being an extremely wet year, Soil Erosion inspections occurred more frequently.

The Drain Commissioner performed several drain maintenance projects on different county drains throughout the year meaning less cost for constituents in the drainage districts, the county, and the townships. There were fifteen drain maintenance permits given to local farmers and constituents for them to do maintenance at their own expense. Since this is a cost savings for all of those in a drainage district (landowners, townships, state, county, and local municipalities) it is greatly appreciated by the drain office.

The Drain Commissioner's office received one petition from Sturgis Township for maintenance and improvement of the Nye Drain which is in the City of Sturgis and Sturgis Township to elevate flooding and drainage issues for some property owners in the drainage district. A Board of Determination took place at the Sturgis Township Hall in December and the board determined that a project was necessary.

Assessments remain for the Grover-Cohon Drain from the previous Drain Commissioner and 2018 was year 14 of 15 of the petitioned project.

The Drain Commissioner is also responsible for maintaining legal lake levels throughout the county and we received several phone calls regarding lake levels throughout the year. I tried to maintain the court ordered legal lake levels as best as possible with the amount of precipitation we received during the year.

Lake Templene Improvement Board is now a Part 309 and the funds have been processed at the county level. This has been a much more efficient process.

The Michigan Drain Code (Act 40 of Public Acts of 1956, as amended) is the law that governs the responsibilities of the Drain Commissioner.

GENERAL DRAIN COMMISSIONER DUTIES

- Provide for the operation and maintenance of more than 187 county and inter-county drains, platted basins, and numerous other stormwater collection systems necessary for storm water management, drainage, flood prevention and stream protection to agricultural and developed lands
- Recover the costs of operation by levying special assessments on local governments, private property owners, Michigan Department of Transportation, and others who benefit from drainage and storm water management
- Finance drain projects through the sale of bonds and notes
- Maintain records of the establishment and operation of each drain district
- Oversee the management of all drainage district financial accounts
- Review and issue approval to plans for private storm water systems in new developments and redevelopments
- The St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners has delegated the administrative duties to the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner to oversee lake level projects. The Drain Commissioner must determine the apportionment of costs incurred and assess for maintenance of the lake level. St. Joseph County is responsible for twelve lake level control structures: Fish Lake, Lake Templene and Sand Lake, Corey Lake, Beaver Lake, Palmer and Long Lake in Colon Township, Klinger Lake, Long Lake in Fabius Township, Kaiser Lake, Pleasant Lake, Omena Lake, Clear Lake, and Eberhard Lake. The Inland Lake Level Act (**Act 146, P.A. of 1961**) requires inspection of all lake level control structures on all inland lakes that have normal levels established under this Act to be completed once every three years by a licensed professional engineer.
- On May 15, 2012 the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners delegated the Drain Office to be the County Enforcement Agent (CEA) for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control serving all of St. Joseph County under Part 91, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 452, as Amended. The primary objective is to protect the watercourses within the county from sediment loads caused by unchecked soil erosion. The Soil Erosion County Enforcement Agent (CEA) is responsible for the administration, management and enforcement of the provisions of the Act. The CEA has the responsibility of overseeing all non-agricultural earth change activities within St. Joseph County, that are one or more acres in area and/or within 500 feet of a watercourse or lake.

- Serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Board of Public Works, Colon Lake Board, and Lake Templene Lake Board.
- Work with local property owners, county municipalities, The St. Joseph County Conservation District, The St. Joseph County Road Commission, The Michigan Department of Transportation, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Department of Environmental Quality, and the Michigan Department of Agriculture

SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL (SESC)

For the calendar year 2018 the drain office permitted 182 SESC permits including waivers and extensions. \$20,122.50 was deposited for the year for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control. Below is the number of permits issued per township from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 (**not** including waivers):

Burr Oak Township	3
Colon Township	10
Constantine Township	8
Fabius Township	28
Fawn River Township	3
Florence Township	0
Flowerfield Township	1
Leonidas Township	2
Lockport Township	9
Mendon Township	2
Mottville Township	6
Nottawa Township	22
Park Township	7
Sherman Township	19
Sturgis Township	2
White Pigeon Township	17
City of Sturgis	6
City of Three Rivers	17
TOTAL	<u>161</u>

PETITIONED DRAIN PROJECTS

On August 6, 2018 the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner's office received a petition for maintenance and improvement of the Nye Drain from Sturgis Township.

DRAIN ACTIVITY

Benedict Lake Drain, Colon Township

Several beavers were trapped from the drain which is at the outlet of Leidy Lake by a licensed trapper to keep the drain unplugged.

Bennett and Birch Drain, Leonidas Township

A drain permit was issued to a local farmer to remove deadfall and vegetation from the drain at his own expense when it was necessary.

Black Run Drain, Constantine Township

Beavers and beaver dams were removed from the drain from Detweiler Excavating.

Corey Lake Drain, Fabius Township

The Corey Lake Drain is an intercounty drain with Cass County. Several meetings were held at the Fabius Township Hall regarding the Corey Lake Drain and what constituents wanted to see happen with the drain. It was established in 1883. It was discussed that the Peterson Drain which is the enclosed portion of the drain has no governmental jurisdiction, it was a private project paid for by private owners on Corey Lake. It was agreed that the Drain Commissioners need to be in control of the enclosed portion of the drain (Peterson Drain). The residents in the Corey Lake Intercounty drainage district will need to turn in a petition to the drain office for a project to move forward. The Intercounty Drain Board did approve of moving forward with a Section 197 review to change the district boundaries to broaden the Corey Lake Intercounty Drainage District to benefit more residents. We have been working closely with an engineer, legal counsel, and MDARD to get this process going.

Fawn River Drain, Fawn River Township

A drain permit was issued to a local resident to remove dead fall and cut vegetation and remove debris from the drain.

Felker Drain, Park Township

The drain was plugged due to beavers and they were removed from a constituent who receives our beaver permit yearly.

Garman and Foster Drain, Mendon and Park Townships

Permission was granted to a local farmer to remove deadfall and cut vegetation out of the drain at their expense and were issued a drain permit.

Gill and Try Drain, Fabius and Flowerfield Townships

The Road Commission received a drain permit to replace culverts in road right-of-ways.

Grover and Coohon Drain, Colon Township

The Grover and Coohon drain is an ongoing drain assessment from a petitioned project and 2018 was year 14 of 15. A couple of drain permits were also issued to constituents on the drain to remove deadfall and cut vegetation from the drain at their expense on their property.

Leonidas, Mendon, Little Portage Drain, Mendon and Leonidas Townships

A maintenance permit was given to a local farmer to remove deadfall, sedimentation and debris, and remove vegetation in the drain.

Moe Drain, Fawn River Township

Beavers and dams were removed from the Moe Drain.

Nottawa #1 Drain, Nottawa Township

Culverts were replaced in the drain to keep a consistent flow and clean out was performed. A one-year assessment was issued to the district for this work.

Nye Drain, Sturgis Township and City of Sturgis

The Drain Commissioner's office received a petition for maintenance and improvement of the Nye Drain from the Sturgis Township. Because of receiving a petition, a Board of Determination was held at the Sturgis Township in December. A Board of Determination is three disinterested people who reside within St. Joseph County but are not in the district who I select. The board determined that a project was necessary to elevate flooding problems for some constituents in the drainage district. We are working closely with Jeff Wingard, engineer with Fleis & Vandenbrink, Stacy Hissong, legal counsel with Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, and Rhodes, and working with the City of Sturgis. We received a few FOIA requests leading up to the Board of Determination meeting as well as afterwards.

Park Drain, Lockport and Park Township

Permission to trap beavers was given to several beaver trappers that live in the Park Drain drainage district. This aid is greatly appreciated by the drain office. I also checked the Park Drain very frequently and pull the dams out myself when I could. Letters were sent out to residents in the Park drainage district that abuts the drain to notify them that maintenance work was going to be taking place by Detweiler Excavating to clean the drain from Moorepark Road to the north to Michigan Av.

Plug Drain, Leonidas Township

The Road Commission requested a drain permit to replace a culvert in the road right-of-way on Shannon Road.

Portage Lake Drain, Mendon Township

A local farmer was granted a permit to clean out a portion of the drain on his property.

Profile Lake Drain, Fabius Township

Several beavers were trapped throughout the year to keep the drain open.

Reed Drain, Sherman and Burr Oak Townships

An assessment was issued to the district for the work that was done to clean the ditch by Fisher Excavating.

Sadawasser Drain, Sherman and Burr Oak Townships

Several beavers were trapped out of the Sadawasser Drain as it was plugged and not flowing which was causing a loss in trees. A one-year assessment was issued to the district for this maintenance.

Section Twenty-Eight Drain, Mendon Township

A local farmer was granted a permit to clean a portion of the drain on his property.

Skirvin Drain, Burr Oak Township

The County Parks and Recreation Department received a drain permit to place a culvert in the drain.

Smith and Tyler Drain, Mendon Township

A drain permit was issued to a local farmer to clean out the Smith and Tyler drain.

Stewart Lake Drain, Burr Oak Township

Maintenance work was performed on the drain as well as beavers being removed throughout the year. A one-year assessment was issued to the drainage district for this work to help keep the drain flowing.

Thornton and Beaver Marsh Drain, Colon Township

The County Road Commission was granted a drain permit to replace a culvert in the road right-of-way on Marsh Road.

Tutewiler Drain, Leonidas Township

Permission was granted to property owners along the drain to remove deadfall and cut vegetation out of the drain at their own expense to help the flow of the drain.

Wilcox Drain, Nottawa Township

A culvert was replaced by the Road Commission in the road right-of-way on Schweitzer Road so they received a drain permit from my office for this work.

Wildcat Drain, City of Three Rivers, Lockport and Fabius Townships

We are working with MDOT and waiting for MDOT to get a resolution to the drain office to get the project going. MDOT has already sent the monies to the county to fully fund the project but a project cannot move forward until the Drain Commissioner has a resolution from MDOT.

LAKE ACTIVITY

Clear Lake, Fabius Township

The drain office received several calls from constituents on the string of lakes that include Long, Clear, Mud, Kaiser, and Corey. When Long Lake pumps water to lower their lake level it affects all the other lakes previously listed. If Long Lake is pumping water because their lake level is high, the other lakes are also high at that time especially Clear Lake. Many constituents become concerned about the excess water they will be receiving. As drain commissioner, I do the best I can to control the legal lake levels without flooding everyone else out on the other lakes. The City of Three Rivers also helped with cleaning the Clear Lake drain out to be able to take on the water coming from Long Lake.

Corey Lake, Fabius Township

The lake was above normal level with the constant rains received throughout the year. Corey Lake receives water from Clear Lake, Long Lake, Harwood Lake in Cass County, and Mud and Kaiser Lakes as well. Therefore, the meetings for the Corey Lake Intercounty Drain were scheduled to be able to relieve water. The Corey Lake outlet is closely watched and maintained. With the assistance of the City of Three Rivers, maintenance work was performed to create flow and control the lake level due to blockage on the Corey Lake outlet.

Fish Lake, Sherman Township

The Fish Lake control structure must be cleaned out multiple times per year due to blockage. A screen cover was installed at the drain outlet to keep debris from blocking the drain.

Grey Lake, Sherman Township

Several beavers were removed from the area.

Klinger Lake, White Pigeon Township

The Klinger Lake Dam is maintained on a regular basis. The drain office continues to work closely with the Klinger Lake Association. There were also several beavers trapped at the Klinger Lake dam area.

Lake Templene/Sand Lake, Nottawa & Sherman Townships

The legal lake level for Lake Templene was monitored on a regular basis. A drawdown began in the fall of 2018. Lake Templene Improvement Board is now a Part 309 and the funds have been processed at the county level. This has been a much more efficient process. Weed control and aeration played a big role in improving the quality of the lake, determining the best strategy for lake improvement is very time consuming. Sand Lake residents feel that when the Lake Templene has their drawdown over the winter that this helps improve their lake as well.

Long Lake, Fabius Township

The legal lake level was monitored often using a gauge installed in 2012 by Mostrom Surveying. The new gauge helps us to keep track closer on the lake level. Pumping occurs when necessary by approval from the Drain Commissioner. Turning the pump on and off again is necessary due to the string of lakes (Long, Clear, Mud, Kaiser, and Corey) that are all affected when Long Lake is pumping water to lower its lake level. The pump ran very frequently because of the constant rains. A couple of times over the summer, the Sheriff's department issued a no wake on the lake because the high waters were starting to damage shorelines. Long Lake did not receive much relief and their lake usage was very limited. At the end of the season the pump was winterized and the power was turned off and will be ready for spring. An assessment was issued to the Long Lake district for running the pump. The last assessment for this legal lake level was in 2009.

Palmer and Long Lake, Colon Township

The Lamberson Dam is controlled by the Village of Colon personnel. The Lamberson Dam controls the water levels of Palmer and Long Lake. Repairs and maintenance are also done by the Village. I am a Colon Lake Board member and therefore kept up-to-date on any issues that arise pertaining to these two lakes.

DRAIN PERMITS

Drain permits were issued in 2018 for the following drains:

Bennett & Birch Drain	Portage Lake Drain
Fawn River Drain	Section 28 Drain
Garman Foster Drain	Skirvin Drain
Gill & Try Drain	Smith & Tyler Drain
Grover-Cohon Drain	Thornton & Beaver Marsh Drain
Leonidas, Mendon, Little Portage Drain	Tutewiler Drain
Plug Drain	Wilcox Drain

Drain maintenance permits are necessary when a property owner wishes to work on a county drain at their own expense. Drain permits are granted upon approval by the Drain Commissioner. Those requesting permits are often farmers. Permits are also necessary when someone wants to cross or parallel an established county drain. This often occurs when utility companies or new developments need to work in or around a county drain. Multiple conditions must be met to assure that proper drain maintenance is achieved. As Drain Commissioner, I often go to inspect the drain multiple times for a project that was permitted to assure proper procedures were followed per the permit requirements.

BEAVER PERMITS

Beavers along with the high waters created an issue in county drains over the year. As the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner, I apply for a permit from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources each year to trap beavers in established county drains. Once a permit is received from the MDNR, a permission letter to trap per the drain office permit is granted to multiple local beaver trappers so that beavers can be trapped in established county drains when necessary in the off season. Fourteen permission letters were granted in 2018 and 53 beavers were trapped within our county drains. The St. Joseph County Road Commission works closely with the drain office when they see beaver trapping is necessary in county drains as well. This assistance is greatly appreciated.

FINANCIAL

ASSESSMENTS:

The following assessments were filed with the St. Joseph County Clerk on September 26, 2018:

Grover & Coohon Drain, Colon Township
\$18,386.01 (Petitioned Cleanout) **Year 14 of 15**

Stewart Lake Drain, Burr Oak Township
\$8,000.00 (Maintenance Assessment) **Year 1 of 1**

Long Lake, Fabius Township and Newberg Township of Cass County
\$30,000.00 (Maintenance Assessment) **Year 1 of 1**

Beaver Lake Drain, Colon Township
\$4,000.00 (Maintenance Assessment) **Year 1 of 1**

Eberhard Lake, Burr Oak Township
\$1,000.00 (Maintenance Assessment, Dam Inspections) **Year 1 of 1**

Sadawasser Drain, Burr Oak and Sherman Townships
\$5,000.00 (Maintenance Assessment) **Year 1 of 1**

Reed Drain, Burr Oak and Sherman Townships
\$5,000.00 (Maintenance Assessment) **Year 1 of 1**

Nottawa #1 Drain, Nottawa Township
\$8,000.02 (Maintenance Assessment) **Year 1 of 1**

Total Drain and Lake Assessments 2018 --- \$79,386.03

DRAIN AND LAKE LEVEL FUNDS

Below are the summaries for the drain and lake level accounts:

FUND	Balance 12-31-18
Long Lake Revolving Fund (Fabius)	\$268.84
Drain Assessment Fund (*)	\$388,418.61
Klinger Lake Level Fund	\$20,962.07
Revolving Drain Fund	\$64,299.56
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund	\$9,602.76
Omena Lake	\$16,725.82
Palmer & Long Lake Level Fund (Weed Control)	\$0.00
Fish Lake Drain Fund	\$7,530.52
Eberhard Lake Level	\$91.91
Grey Lake Level Study Fund	\$1,054.37
Corey Lake	\$17,408.48
Pleasant Lake	\$7,450.08
Clear Lake	\$5,321.46
Kaiser Lake	\$5,150.44
Debt Service	\$116,271.05
Beaver Lake	\$4,703.82
Lake Templene	\$15,742.66
Minnewaukan Lake	\$0.00
Lamberson Dam	\$91.02
TOTALS	\$681,093.47
<u>DRAIN</u>	
AINSLEY	\$0.00
AMBS	\$0.01
BARTHOLOMEW/SPRING CREEK	\$2.86
BEAVER LAKE & EXTENSION	\$1,028.47
BENEDICT LAKE	\$2,067.11
BENNETT & BIRCH	\$795.39
BERKLEY & REED	\$451.46
BLACK RUN	\$1,984.56
BRICKER	\$121.62
BRISTOL	\$5.46
BROOKS	\$6.62
BURR OAK VILLAGE	\$1.47
BURR OAK/COUNTYLINE	\$6,096.05
CALVERT & FOUR COUNTY	\$2,340.94
CARL	\$71.84
CARTER-BOWER	\$156.32
CLARKS	\$2.72
CLYDE	\$2,299.35
COLE & DARLING	\$37.91
COLON NO.1	\$50,510.95

COOPER	\$35.70
COPENHAFFER	\$1,460.99
COREY LAKE (DRAIN)	\$66.36
DAVIS TILE	\$27.98
DELONG	\$3.18
DENT EXTENSION	\$3.34
DRY LAKE	\$2.57
FABIUS NEWBERG	\$0.00
EBERHARD LAKE (DRAIN)	\$22.76
EDWARDS-STARKWEATHER	\$1.00
FARNHAM	\$45.31
FAWN RIVER	\$100.00
FELKER	\$2,670.60
FLETCHER	\$44.00
FOUR COUNTY	\$40.20
FOUR COUNTY BRANCH	\$39.26
FOWLER	\$32.32
FREEMAN	\$5,653.01
GARMAN FOSTER BRANCH	\$6,540.26
GEMBERLING	\$230.04
GILL & TRY	\$331.88
GILLET	\$7.06
GOOSE LAKE	\$91.52
GRAVES	\$17.56
GROVER-COOHON	\$32,158.12
HALLWOOD-BRANCH #1	\$262.41
HANDSHAW	\$0.00
HASBROOK & MUMBY	\$0.15
HASSINGER	\$978.30
HAZZARD	\$45.54
HENRY	\$39.45
HEPNER-COOK	\$100.00
HILL	\$159.41
HIMBAUGH & NOBLE	\$21.92
HOG CREEK & BRYANT LAKE	\$606.44
HOOVER-KELLY	\$242.52
JOHNSON & KELLY	\$408.59
KEIGHTLY	\$217.62
KIBBIE & AKEY	\$3.42
KISER & BICKLE	\$0.00
KLADY	\$0.00
LAIRD TOMPKINS & DOANE	\$5.31
LEONIDAS VILLAGE	\$20.59
LEONIDAS/MENDON/LITTLE PORTAGE	\$886.57
LITTLE PORTAGE CREEK EXTENSION	\$0.00
LEVERANCE & REED	\$246.59
LITTLE PORTAGE CREEK	\$200.00
LITTLE SWAN CREEK	\$4,957.43
MARVIN	\$21.33
MCCAULEY	\$100.00
METTY RICE	\$45.01
MOE	\$6,103.87

MOORE & BURGNER	\$19.18
MOOREPARK	\$39.49
NEEDHAM	\$100.00
NOTTAWA LOCKPORT	\$57.68
NOTTAWA NO.1	\$3,036.33
NYE	\$11,060.66
OLDORF	\$19.99
OUTWATER	\$4.65
PARK	\$50.57
PIERCE-SHERMAN	\$10.50
PLUG EXTENSION	\$44.66
PLUM	\$0.01
PORTAGE CREEK INTERCOUNTY	\$140.50
PORTAGE LAKE DRAIN	\$36,390.17
PROFILE LAKE	\$173.86
PROFILE	\$701.79
RAILROAD STREET & TRY	\$55.42
REED	\$4,179.70
REED & HAGER	\$1.44
RUMSEY	\$0.00
SADAWASSER	\$4,109.97
SAMUEL CLYDE	\$16.93
SAM METTA	\$0.00
SANBORN & HOG CREEK	\$172.01
SECTION FIFTEEN	\$100.00
SECTION FOUR	\$1,966.52
SECTION FOUR & FIVE	\$33.47
SECTION LINE	\$491.46
SECTION SEVEN	\$150.50
SECTION SIXTEEN	\$0.91
SECTION THIRTY-ONE	\$23.18
SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT	\$9.20
SHAW & AKEY	\$4.08
SIMPSON	\$6.91
SKIRVIN	\$7.69
SMITH & TYLER	\$150.00
SMITH WOODWORTH	\$37.11
SNAKE	\$614.90
STEPHENSON	\$331.32
STEWART LAKE	\$15,099.29
SWEET LAKE	\$0.00
THORNTON-BEAVER MARSH	\$27.73
TRECKLE	\$2.64
TUTEWILER, TOWN LINE & PLUG	\$2,747.33
WAITS	\$13.38
WANEER	\$87.29
WASEPI	\$10.12
WILCOX	\$2,281.35
WILDCAT	\$166,844.36
WINGER	\$0.00
WOOD & WATSON	\$3,347.23
YAPLE	\$482.15

YEATTER JOINT	\$1.93
YODER	\$82.45
TOTALS*	\$388,418.61

(*) This fund is the total of the individual drain accounts included with this report.

PROFESSIONAL

Besides office hours and field inspections, the Drain Commissioner also attended the following meetings and conferences:

- MACDC – Winter Conference
- MACDC – Spring Southwest District Meeting
- MACDC – Summer Conference
- MACDC – Fall Southwest District Meeting – Hosted at the Covered Bridge Farm in 2017
- Friends of the St. Joe River Association Meetings-Board Member
- Board of Public Works Meetings
- Park and Recreation Board Meetings
- Colon Lake Board Meetings
- Lake Templene Lake Board Meetings-Treasurer
- Lake Association Meetings
- Michigan Lake and Stream Annual Meeting
- Midwest Aquatic Plant Management Society Conferences
- Jones SGA Conservation Member
- Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
- Other various County, Township, Village, and City Meetings

**Thank you for the privilege of
serving as your
County Drain Commissioner**

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