

August 25, 2021

The Board of County Road Commissioners met for a special meeting at held at its office 1250 S M-33 West Branch, Michigan.

Members Present: Chairman Dan Winter, Commissioner Van Sheltroun, Commissioner Klint Marshall

Staff Present: Board Clerk Brandy Curtis

Absent: Managing Director Pat Reinke

In Attendance: Mike DeMatio, Ogemaw County Drain Commissioner; Danielle Beeler, Ogemaw County Herald Reporter; Christy Blackford, West Branch Twp Resident

Chairman Winter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. to discuss Rifle River Outlet Drain Drainage District.

A discussion was held on Rifle River Drain Drainage District located solely in Arenac County, notice of Drainage Board meeting on August 30, 2021, regarding adding Ogemaw County to the Rifle River Outlet Drainage District.

Mr. DeMatio answered questions of the Board.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-03
RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE ADDITION OF OGEMAW COUNTY
TO THE RIFLE RIVER OUTLET DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Commissioner Sheltroun offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, supported by Commissioner Marshall.

WHEREAS, the Rifle River Outlet Drain Drainage District, established in 1917, currently consists of lands located solely within Arenac County; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Section 102 of the Drain Code of 1956, being MCL 128.102, the Rifle River Outlet Drain Drainage Board will meet on August 30, 2021, to consider a proposal that would extend the Drainage District into Ogemaw County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed extension of the Drainage District would substantially increase the physical size of the current Drainage District, with Ogemaw County properties comprising roughly two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the new Drainage District area; and

WHEREAS, the Rifle River Watershed is a natural watershed and the residents of Ogemaw County have not altered the course of the waterway; and

WHEREAS, the elected Ogemaw County Drain Commissioner was disqualified from participation in the determination of practicability of an extension to the Drainage District (MCL 280.103(2)); and

WHEREAS, a special commissioner was appointed to serve as a member of the Drainage Board in place of the elected Ogemaw County Drain Commissioner to determine practicability of an extension to the Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, any municipality affected by the proposed extension of the Drainage District may appear at the Drainage Board meeting to speak for or against the proposal.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ogemaw County Board of Road Commissioners hereby records its official opposition to the proposed expansion of the Rifle River Outlet Drain Drainage District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ogemaw County Board of Road Commissioners respectfully requests that this resolution be included in the official Drainage Board meeting record for August 30, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Ogemaw County Board of Road Commissioners urges the Rifle River Outlet Drain Drainage Board determine that the drainage of the proposed drain area is not practicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be shared with all Ogemaw County municipalities and any other public agencies associated with the requested expansion of the Rifle River Outlet Drain Drainage District.

Motion carried by the following roll call votes: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall
Nays: None

This Resolution has been adopted by majority vote of the Board of Road Commissioners of Ogemaw County.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Road Commissioners, Ogemaw County, Chairman Winter adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Signed: _____
Dan Winter, Chairman

Countersigned: _____
Brandy Curtis, Board Clerk