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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

DR. TIM BORING  
DIRECTOR

**Notice of Drainage Board Meeting**

**LITTLE SALT INTERCOUNTY DRAIN**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Drainage Board for the said drain will be held at:

**10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 25, 2026**  
**Gratiot County Drain Office**  
**904 East Center Street**  
**Ithaca, Michigan**

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct necessary and appropriate business of the drainage board (see attached agenda) and any other business that may come before the Board.

Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Bernard Barnes  
Gratiot County  
Drain Commissioner  
904 East Center Street  
Ithaca, MI 48847  
989-875-5207

Robert Willoughby  
Isabella County  
Drain Commissioner  
200 North Main Street  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
989-772-0911, ext. 247

Joseph Sova  
Midland County  
Drain Commissioner  
220 West Ellsworth Street  
Rm 229-30  
Midland, MI 48640  
989-832-6772

Those needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the drain commissioner of their county at the number listed above or may use the Michigan Relay Center by calling 711 for deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired persons.

Dated in Lansing, Michigan on March 18, 2026.

Dr. Tim Boring, Director  
Michigan Department of  
Agriculture and Rural Development

Brandon Williams  
Deputy for the Director  
517-331-3661



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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

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RE: Little Salt Intercounty Drain

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed is a Notice of Meeting. If accessible, please post it in your office or in your building where other such notices are posted. Also, in accordance with P.A. 528 of the Public Acts of 2012, if your county maintains a website that is accessible to the public, **this notice and agenda** shall be posted on the homepage or on a separate webpage dedicated to public notices.

Also, please prepare an Affidavit of Posting and forward one copy to this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brandon Williams'.

Brandon Williams  
Agriculture Development Bureau

BW:jm  
Enclosure

# Agenda

## Little Salt Intercounty Drain Drainage Board (Gratiot, Isabella, & Midland Counties)

**10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 25, 2026**  
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1. Call to order and Introductions  
Board Members  
Brandon Williams, Chair, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development  
Bernard Barnes, Gratiot County Drain Commissioner  
Robert Willoughby, Isabella County Drain Commissioner  
Joe Sova, Midland County Drain Commissioner
2. Motion to elect a Secretary
3. Review and set the agenda
4. Approve minutes of July 24, 2024
5. Communications and reports of board members, committees, and consultants
  - a. Coordinate upcoming LEO BEAD drain crossing permits
  - b. Discuss Governance, FOIA, and SESC resolutions
  - c. Receive the Treasurer's Report
6. Approval of invoices
7. Other business
8. Public comment
9. Set the date, time, and location of the next meeting
10. Adjourn