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**Notice of Drainage Board Meeting  
To Add County to a Drainage District  
LAMKA DRAIN  
SOUTH FORK OF NORTH BRANCH CASS RIVER DRAIN**

**DATE:** February 25, 2020

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Village of Minden City Hall  
1590 Main Street, Minden City, Michigan

This meeting is an opportunity to review the addition of Huron County to the Lamka Drain Drainage District and to the South Fork of North Branch Cass River Drain Drainage District. The Drainage Districts currently consist of lands located solely in Sanilac County.

At the meeting, the Drainage Board, which for purposes of this meeting shall include the Sanilac County Drain Commissioner, the Huron County Deputy Drain Commissioner, and a deputy for the Director of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, shall consider any evidence offered and determine whether the addition of Huron County to the Lamka Drain Drainage District is just and equitable.

All persons owning lands in the Drainage Districts or proposed revised Drainage Districts liable to assessment for benefits and any municipality affected may appear for or against the addition of the County. Additional information may be obtained from the following offices:

**Gregory Alexander**  
Sanilac County Drain Commissioner  
60 W. Sanilac Ave.  
Sandusky, Michigan 48471  
810-648-4900

**Gary M. Osminski**  
Huron County Deputy Drain Commissioner  
417 S. Hanselman St.  
Bad Axe, Michigan 48413  
989-269-9320

Maps depicting the proposed addition of Huron County to the Drainage Districts can be found enclosed and on the Sanilac County Drain Commissioner's website at:

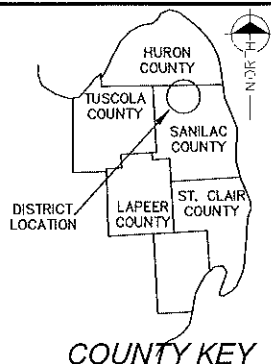
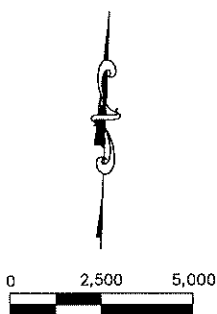
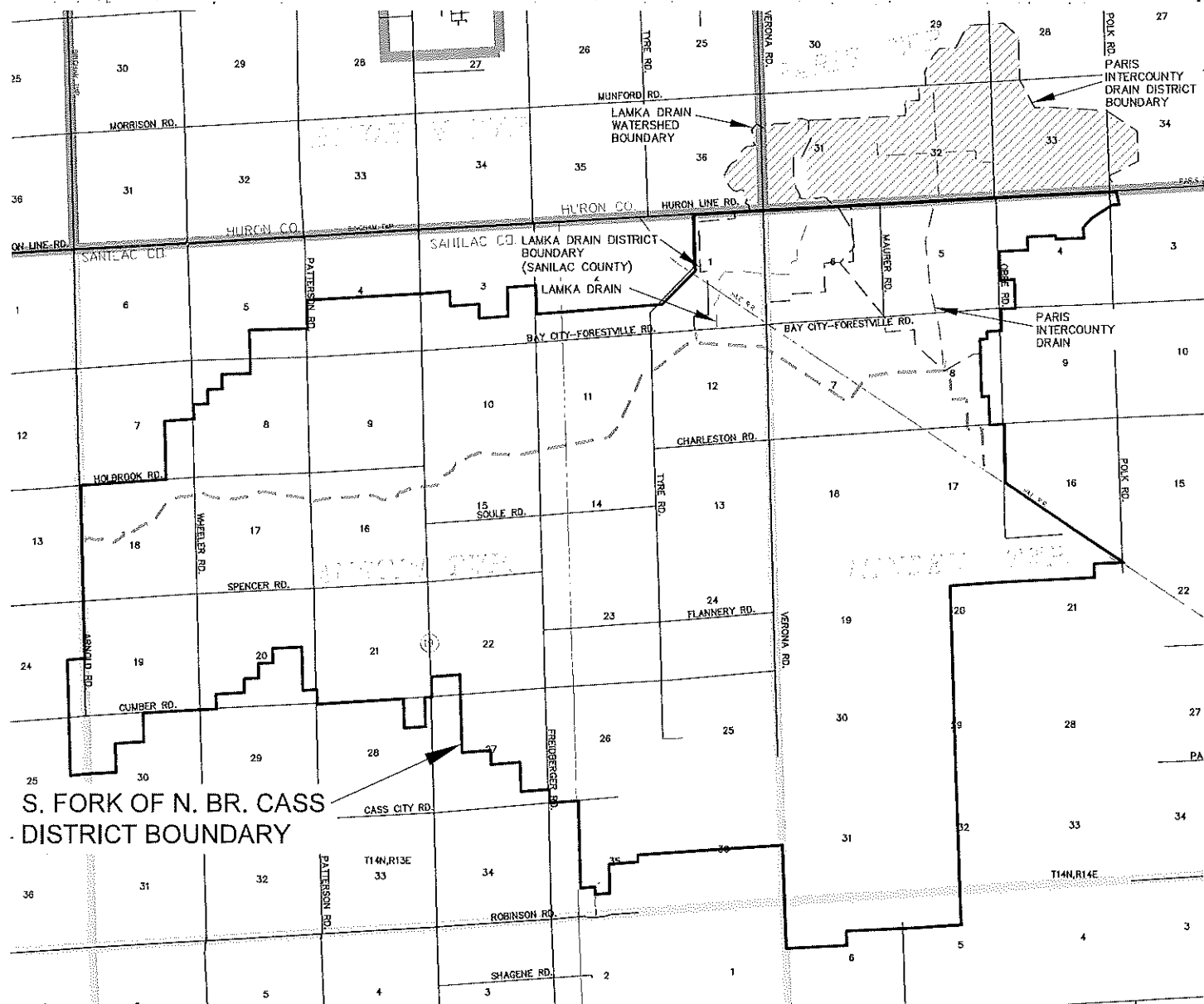
<https://www.sanilacounty.net/PublicPages/Entity.aspx?ID=198>.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Dated: January 16, 2020

Brady Harrington, Deputy  
For Gary McDowell, Director  
Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural  
Development

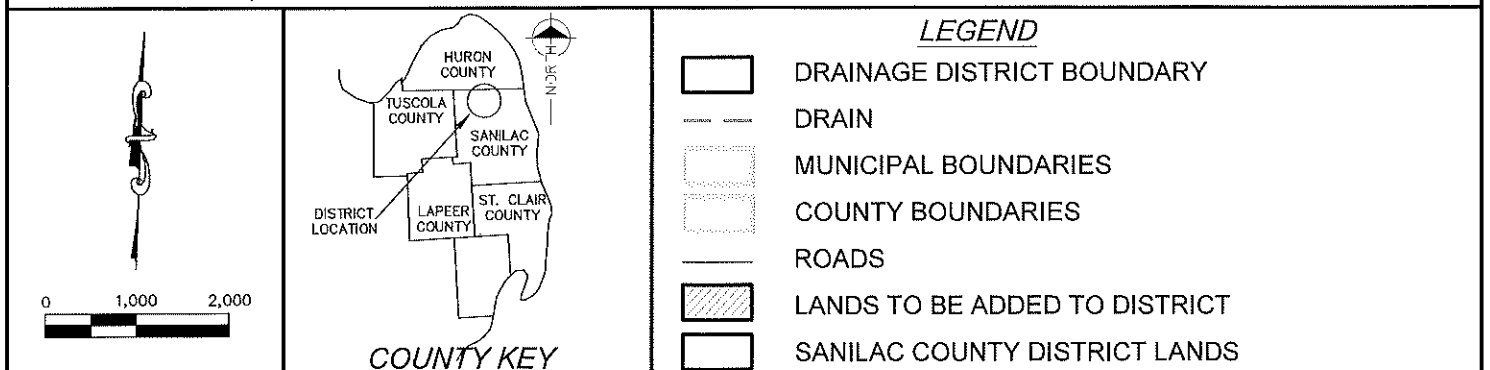
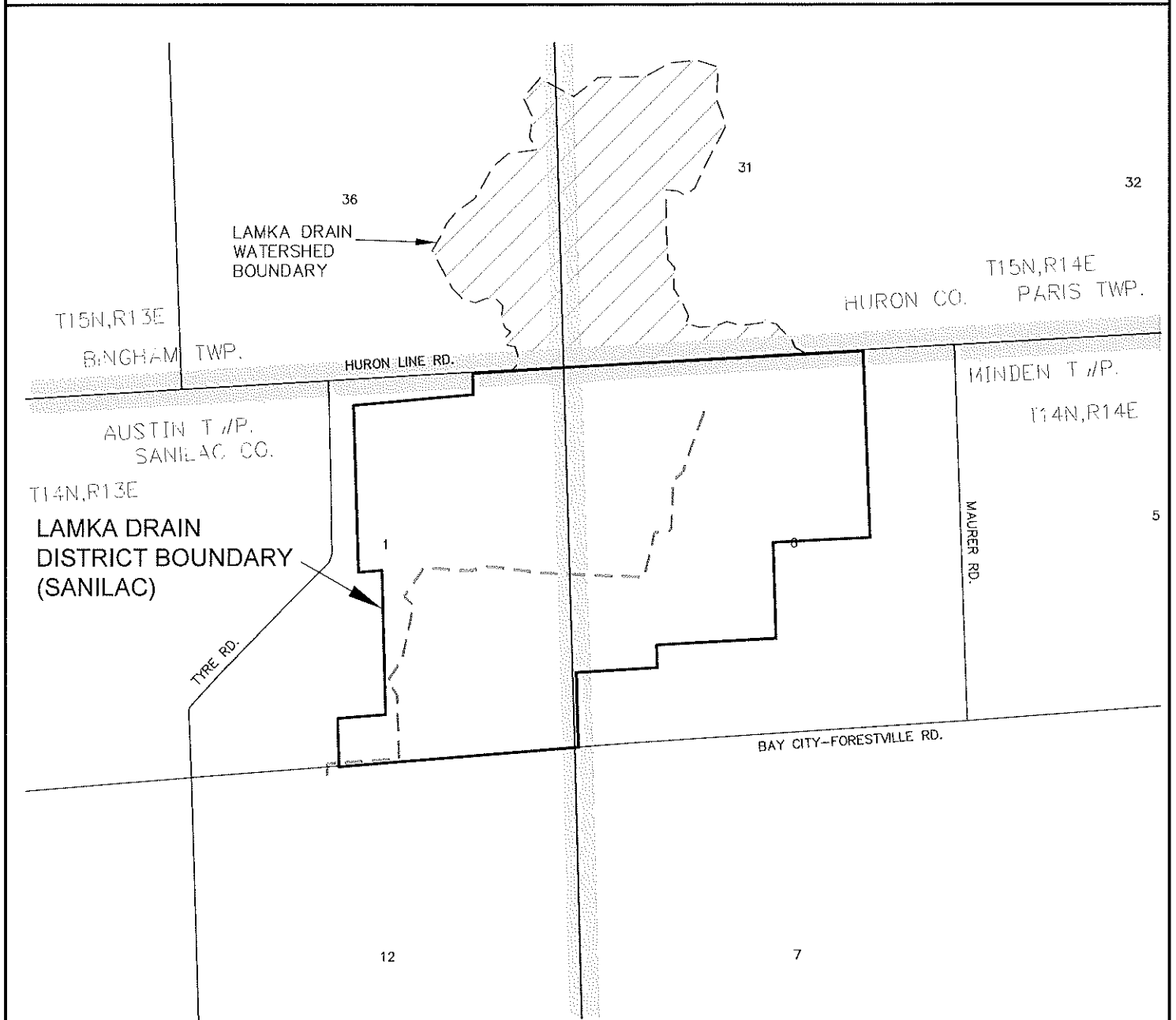
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# LAMKA INTERCOUNTY DRAIN AND WATERSHED DISTRICT LANDS FOUND IN HURON COUNTY





**SANILAC COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER**  
Greg Alexander  
60 W. Sanilac Avenue, Room 201  
Sandusky, MI 48471  
(810) 648-4900

# FAQs

## Drainage Board Meeting to Add County to Drainage District

### ***Why am I receiving this notice?***

You are receiving this notice because you may own lands within the boundaries of the current or proposed Drainage District. All property owners within these boundaries are receiving this notice.

### ***What is a Drainage District?***

A drainage district is the land area, or watershed, that contributes water to a drain. The drainage district also outlines which properties and municipalities are responsible for paying special assessments for the maintenance and improvement of a drain.

### ***What happens at the Drainage Board meeting?***

The sole purpose of the meeting is to determine whether Huron County should be added to the Drainage District. The addition of Huron County will not increase the amount of water that currently flows to the Drain.

### ***Why would Huron County be added to the Drainage District?***

As shown on the map on the reverse side of the notice, the Drain is located in Sanilac County, however tributary drains located in Huron County flow into the Drain, meaning stormwater from Huron County already contributes to the Drain.

### ***Why isn't Huron County a part of the Drainage District already?***

Drainage districts are established based on the technology available at the time. Many were established as early as the late 1800s. Historically, there was no process to

allow the boundaries of a drainage district to be updated to add or remove a county. The Michigan Legislature recently amended the Drain Code to allow a public hearing to take place to add or remove a county from a drainage district.

### ***What happens if Huron County is added to the Drainage District?***

If Huron County is added to the Drainage District, the affected property owners and municipalities in Huron County would be responsible for future special assessments for the maintenance and improvement of the Drain.

### ***Will there be a drain improvement project?***

No. The addition of Huron County to the Drainage District is administrative in nature only. Except for routine maintenance, there is no drain improvement project proposed at this time.

### ***When will the boundaries of the Drainage District be revised?***

A public hearing to review the actual revisions to the Drainage District boundaries based on the most up-to-date elevation data will be held at a later date.

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

No. You are not required to attend the Drainage Board meeting, but it is your right to do so.

### ***How can I get more information?***

Please call the Sanilac County Drain Office at (810) 648-4900.