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Subject: South Bar Lake Drainage District- Empire Twsp Land Owner Response 4-14-22 Meeting
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Dear Commissioner / Board Members,

I am completely and unequivocally opposed to the potential “assessment” per acre to cover the cost to remedy South Bar Lake drainage issues as outlined in the proposed four plans. Our family properties consist of 4 separate tax id’s and approximately 300 acres located furthest east and on the edge of the mapped drainage district. This is 3.5 miles from the affected South Bar Lake drain to Lake Michigan. First of all I question the district map. Why does it include our parcels and why should it end there? I do not wish to include others but elevation further increases east of CO Rd. 677 which for some reason is the district boundary. I would need to see engineered studies regarding why the district includes our properties and why it ends there.

Our family has owned these parcels since the mid-60’s and during this time only one new home site has been developed. The property consists of mature hardwoods and dense underbrush. No above ground drainage ditches exist and no surface water leaves our property boundaries. The majority of any rainfall or drainage from snow cover is primarily consumed / utilized by the forest and underbrush.

Our main objection is the proposed means of covering the cost divided by acre. We own larger parcels within this district which shifts the majority of cost coverage upon us to which we receive no benefit.

We have not developed our properties, we entered into a conservancy easement which restricts development and promotes forestry preservation, therefore it will always remain as is. On the other hand The Village of Empire has changed quite a bit over the years and will continue to do so. Additional square acres of rooftop and paved sub-division roads divert rain and snow melt. How has that changed water flow?

Please confirm the receipt of this email to be included in tonight’s meeting.

Best regards,

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