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Subject: South Bar Lake Water Level Control Structure
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Dear Mr. Drain Commissioner,

My name is Tom Pykosz and I own property at 7670 and 7684 W. Empire HWY (M72) approximately two miles east of the village of Empire. The property is about fifty five acres in total. My property is included in the east area of your proposed drainage district according to the map most recently published at your scope meeting on April 14th.

The following are the reasons I believe my property and many other properties in the far eastern portion should not be included in the proposed watershed.

* As stated in the meeting, there should be some benefit to those being assessed. There is no benefit for the property owners in the drainage district other than those who own property on South Bar Lake and maybe the immediate surrounding area.
*According to various definitions of a watershed (including Webster's dictionary) creeks, streams and rivers flowing into a central collection area (lake) dictates a watershed. There are no such natural features of this nature in the east area of the proposed watershed. In fact the topography rises near McClary Street so water cannot pass to the west.

*In the past several decades I have never witnessed standing water in the east end of the drainage area, including my property. Topsoil is sandy loam and down about 1.5 feet, below that is pure sand down to the water table at 120 to 140 ft. This fact can be verified by B and Z Well drilling. Rainwater is absorbed almost instantly.

* As verified at the meeting, Lake Michigan fluctuating water level is what causes this flowage out of South Bar Lake to clog up and raise the South Bar Lake level, not the water from the proposed drainage district. When Lake Michigan Water levels cause problems like severe erosion and structures falling into the water it is the property owners responsibility not a watershed area.

Please consider these points when making your decision concerning this matter and the size of the drainage district.

Since I don't live in the village of Empire my opinion on the proposed flowage structure is less important, but if my opinion would be considered I would leave the drain the way it is and monitor as the Lake Michigan Level continues to fall. If the problem lessens as the Lake Michigan level goes down then there would be sufficient time to have more and better options than were presented. Leelanau County already has the highest property tax in the State of Michigan according to the Leelanau Enterprise. Please don't add to it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tom Pykosz

Please respond that you have received and read this email. Thank you!