- The following details were gathered from conversations with the Allegan County Drain Commissioner's office
- They are informational only as the MLOPA does not have authority over this project
- We were told that because this is a repair/replacement of the existing structure there were not designated public hearings

- The existing dam was built around 1965 and has had some repairs since then
- The dam is a mix of earth and steel sheets that act as a spillway leading to a series of tubes and then to Miner Creek
- Recent inspections revealed that the tubes have significant decay and are close to collapse
- Heavy rain events result in water flowing over the earth portion of the dam and not just the steel sheets

- As far back as 2012, the Drain Commissioner sought permission to begin replacement of the dam
- Evaluations of the existing structure as well as soil samples were obtained
- Preliminary designs made in early 2013
- MDEQ permit received in July 2013
- Final designs and estimates received March 2014
- Drain Commissioner office in process of obtaining easements
- Drain Commissioner office in process of bid letting

- Expect contract to be awarded by mid-July 2014
- Work could begin immediately (contractor discretion), but expected to be completed by end of 2014
- There will be stipulation that contractor must do all possible to maintain the court ordered lake level at all times.

- Estimated project cost is \$312,000 (includes 15% contingency)
- Drain Commissioner indicates there are 269 parcels that will receive an assessment for this project
- Approximately \$1,160 per parcel
- Likely assessed over 5 years
- There will be a published letter to all property owners indicating the assessment and providing a Day of Review date for individual reviews.

• If you have questions, please contact the Allegan County Drain Commissioner:

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