

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDLAND

IN THE MATTER OF:
WIXOM LAKE, SANFORD LAKE,
SMALLWOOD LAKE and SECORD
LAKE,

Case No. 19-5980 –PZ¹
Hon. Stephen P. Carras

MIDLAND COUNTY and
GLADWIN COUNTY,
Petitioners.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – FOUR LAKES PROJECT

COUNTIES OF MIDLAND AND GLADWIN, STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Matter of: Wixom Lake, Sanford Lake, Smallwood Lake and Secord Lake
Midland County Circuit Court, Case No. 19-5980-PZ

NOTICE is hereby given to that a public court hearing will be held on **Friday, May 3, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Daylights Savings' Time, at the Courthouse for the County of Midland**, regarding Petitions filed jointly by Midland and Gladwin Counties, Case No. 19-5980-PZ. The Petitions request that the Court (1) establish and approve the boundaries of a special assessment district of property owners affected by the repair, replacement, operation, and maintenance project for Sanford Lake dam, Wixom Lake (Edenville) dam, Smallwood Lake dam and Secord Lake dam (the "Four Lakes Project"), and (2) formalize the normal summer and winter lake levels for all four lakes in accordance with Part 307 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Michigan Compiled Laws §§324.30701 et seq..

In October, 2018, Midland County and Gladwin County adopted Resolutions finding that in order to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare, to best preserve the natural resources of the state, and to best preserve and protect the value of property around all four lakes, that it is necessary to acquire, repair, replace, improve, operate and maintain the Sanford Lake dam, Wixom Lake (Edenville) dam, Smallwood Lake dam and Secord Lake dam in order to maintain the normal lake levels as previously established by the Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission. The Resolutions adopted by the Counties provide that the cost of the Four Lakes Project shall be defrayed by special assessments for the benefits derived against privately owned parcels of land, political subdivisions of the state, and state owned lands.

The Midland County Courthouse is located at 301 W. Main St, Midland, MI 48640. All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing.

For more information please visit the Four Lakes Task Force website at www.four-lakes-taskforce-mi.com, send us an email through the website, or call (989) 315-8366 and leave a detailed message.

¹ Pursuant to State Court Administrator's Order dated March 12, 2019, Judge Carras was also assigned to: *In the Matter of: Wixom Lake, Sanford Lake, Smallwood Lake and Secord Lake*, Case No. 19-009892-PZ, pending in the Gladwin County Circuit Court.