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## Memorandum

**To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners**

**From: Mitch Dempsey, Environmental Projects Manager**  
**Ken Recker, Chief Deputy Drain Commissioner**

**Date: 02/20/2025**

**Re: Resolution Approving the Special Assessment Roll and Project Costs for Repairs to the Thompson Lake Dam**

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Honorable Commissioners:

The attached resolution is requesting approval of the special assessment roll and project costs for repairs to the Thompson Lake Dam. Since 2023, our office has been tasked with completing required repairs of the Thompson Lake Dam and downstream spillway located within the City of Howell in Livingston County. The proposed repairs involve rehabilitation to the existing Thompson Lake Dam structure, downstream culvert, and improvements to the log gate control mechanism. While several statutory requirements for the repair have already been completed, approval of the special assessment roll and computation of costs by the Livingston County Board of Commissioners is needed pursuant to Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.

On February 10, 2025, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner's Office held a public hearing at Oceola Township Hall to review the Thompson Lake Level special assessment roll and project costs. The hearing was held to provide property owners in the Thompson Lake Level Special Assessment District an opportunity to comment or protest their proposed assessment and the cost of the repair project. Following public comment during the hearing, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner has tentatively approved the special assessment roll and computation of costs presented for the Thompson Lake Level District.

Approval of the attached resolution by the Livingston County Board of Commissioners would authorize the Livingston County Drain Commissioner's Office as the delegated authority to secure financing and proceed with required repairs to the dam. It also finalizes the special assessment roll, and the assessments listed unless appealed in a court within 15 days of the

resolution adoption. Please note that assessments shown are principal only totals and are proposed to be spread over 4 years.

We respectfully request passage of the attached resolution.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact us.

Enclosures:

Thompson Lake Level Special Assessment District Map

Computation of Costs

Minutes of February 10, 2025, Public Hearing

Thompson Lake Level Special Assessment Roll for Repair Project

2024 Engineering Plans