

Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 30, 2021

The Drainage Board for the Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain met virtually, per the appropriate current rules under PA 254 of 2020 Tuesday, March 30, 2021.

Present: Mike Gregg, MDARD, Chairman
Joe Sova, Midland County Drain Commissioner
Terry Walters, Gladwin County Drain Commissioner

Also Present: Lucy Zeestraten, Gladwin County Deputy Drain Commissioner
Norma Stuart, Midland County Deputy Drain Commissioner
Stacy Hissong – Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes
Ron Hansen – Spicer Group

Chairman Gregg called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Each Board member announced their name and location.

Mike Gregg – Mason, MI
Joe Sova – Midland County Drain Office
Terry Walters – Gladwin County Drain Office

Joe Sova made a motion to elect Midland County to serve as secretary, seconded by Terry Walters. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Terry Walters moved to approve the agenda. Joe Sova seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There were no minutes to approve.

Chairman Harrington then turned the meeting over to Stacy Hissong to go over the Legal Opinion that was recently done on the Curtis & Branches Intercounty Drain. All files are in order and it is a legally established Drain under the jurisdiction of the Gladwin and Midland County Drain Commissions.

Chairman Gregg gave an overview of the drain process. Intercounty vs Intracounty.

Joe Sova asked why not specify in the petition what you would like done to a drain. Stay explained that it could limit the scope of a project on a drain.

Chairman Gregg called on Ron Hansen to comment on what the Board will need to correct drainage boundaries to be sure to notify all property owners of the upcoming Hearing of Practicability. He will also do a visual observation of a drain.

Stacy Hissong recommends doing a power point presentation and a quick overview of the district boundary at the Hearing of Practicability.

It was discussed about possible locations for the Hearing of Practicability that will accommodate a large group and still give room for social distancing. Midland County will review locations inside/outside to hold the Hearing of Practicability in June.

Terry Walters made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign an agreement for legal services with Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes. Joe Sova seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Joe Sova made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign an agreement for engineering services with Spicer Group. Terry Walters seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Stacy Hissong will look into the UTRWRCP and the eligibility of things that are covered under the grant and the match issue.

Chairman Gregg presented the Drainage Board with the Electronic Meeting Procedures. Joe Sova made a motion to accept the procedures, seconded by Terry Walters.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Financial reports were presented. Gladwin County has \$1,147.87 and Midland has \$126.69. Terry Walters made a motion to receive and file the financial reports, seconded by Joe Sova.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Midland County presented an invoice for beaver trap & dam removal in the amount of \$600.00. Joe Sova made a motion to pay the invoice from Gladwin County funds, seconded by Terry Walters.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There was not public comment.

It was agreed upon to meet again on May 12, 2021, for an update on the possible locations for the Hearing of Practicability. Location and time of meeting to be determined.

Joe Sova made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Terry Walters. Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Sova

Midland County Drain Commissioner