

Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain
Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 21, 2021

The Drainage Board for the Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain met at the office of the Midland County Drain Commissioner, 220 W. Ellsworth St., Midland, Michigan on Tuesday, September 21, 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
Nick Czerwinski – Spicer Group

Chairman Gregg called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

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

Joe Sova moved to approve the agenda. Terry Walters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Sova moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 24, 2021, as presented. Terry Walters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg then turned the meeting over to Nick Czerwinski to go over the Engineering Proposal. Nick explained the basic preliminary scope. They have most if not all of the information needed from Midland County, but still need some documents from Gladwin County. Nick explained the 197 process and also the 14a process for MDOT. The proposal also includes a top to bottom survey of the drain, coordination with the Road Commission, MDOT, and businesses to gather utility information. The proposal also includes preliminary drawings, plans for the Hearing of Necessity along with a PowerPoint presentation, estimated cost of project, attending Board meetings and updating plans. Coordination with EGLE would also be handled by Spicer Group.

Mike Gregg wants clarification on the jurisdiction of EGLE, because part of the project is in Midland County. He would like to get Stacy Hissong's opinion. He would also like clarification on the Drain and the branches.

Nick explained that there were no road crossings on the lower end, but did get to look at some spots. There is good grade but steeper than the portion done in 1949. There was no flow of water in the upper reaches. He needs to look at lower end and the possibility of a maintenance lane for the future upkeep of the drain. There would have to be quite a bit of tree removal for the maintenance lane.

Mike Gregg asked Nick about the time needed and when could we possibly be ready to hold the Hearing of Necessity. Nick responded that the survey crew will need at least a month in the field taking shots,

they hope to have that done prior to November 15, 2021, which is hunting season. They expect to have everything ready for a Hearing of Necessity in the spring of 2022.

Mike Gregg also asked about the tile portion of the upper end of the drain. Nick responded that they would have to look at it, by following the R&C, and possible abandonment if it only serves one landowner.

Terry Walters made a motion to authorize agreement and for the Chairman to sign the agreement, seconded by Joe Sova.

Motion carried.

A tentative schedule was discussed. Hearing of Necessity to be held in the spring of 2022. Bid Letting in November 2022, clearing in the winter of 2022 and excavation in spring of 2023.

Mike then presented the financial report. Current balance is (\$6,485.75). Joe Sova made a motion to accept and file the Treasurers report, seconded by Terry Walters.

Motion carried.

Mike then presented Spicer Invoice #20877 in the amount of \$7,497.25. Joe Sova moved to approve payment of the Spicer invoice.

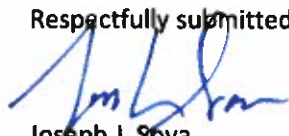
Joe Sova will contact Tonya Lewandowski in regards to the grant money that is available.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2021, at 10 a.m. in the Midland County Drain Commission office.

Terry Walters moved to adjourn, seconded by Joe Sova. Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph J. Sova

Midland County Drain Commissioner