

Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 2, 2023

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 at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2023.

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
Christian Valesano – Spicer Group
Joe Brezvai – MDARD
Jim Davis – MDOT
Brittany Nichol – FSB (via Teams)
Tonya Lewandowski – ECT (via Teams)

Chairman Gregg called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Joe Sova made a motion to elect Midland County to serve as secretary, seconded by Terry Walters.

Motion carried.

Sova moved to approve the agenda. Walters seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Walters made a motion to accept and file the minutes from January 17, 2023. Sova seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg then turned the meeting over to Nick Czerwinski to go over results of the culverts being upsized to meet the NRCS standards so they would be reimbursable through the grant. A spreadsheet was presented by Christian Valesano that listed the crossings and the change in cost to upsize the culverts.

Czerwinski recommends going with the upsized culverts. Walters made a motion to accept the changes proposed by Spicer to upsize the culverts, Sova seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Walters stated that he has not had a chance to talk to the landowners about securing a ROW on the upper end of the drain in Gladwin County.

Brittany Nichol gave an update on the ROWs. She stated that the ROWs for Midland County are ready to go and they are still working on getting all the ROWs for Gladwin County. A tracking sheet will be set up for Gladwin County ROWs. They expect it will be a month or so before the affidavits are ready and sent to the Drain Commissions to have them recorded at the Register of Deeds. Walters made a motion to receive and file the update from FSB, Sova seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg asked Tonya Lewandowski to give an overview of all the activities that have been done to date and the statuses. Lewandowski and Czerwinski met on February 21 with NRCS, Threatened and Endangered (T&E), Cultural and Wetland staff. Archeological that was done in November and December. NRCS reviewed the work and considers it complete. Cultural review team will create a memo summarizing the findings to send to SHPO. SHPO has 30 days to review. We are waiting for Dwayne from NRCS for the date that the memo will be sent to SHPO so that we can start the 30 day countdown. T&E and Wetland reviews were completed in November. Lewandowski and Barb have reviewed the data, from a wetland standpoint areas that may have an adverse effect will be identified. T&E, US Fish & Wildlife service said the guidance for the long eared bat is coming out in March, so we are in a holding pattern until then.

Chairman Gregg presented the financial report. Current balance in Midland County is \$222,086.74 due to the Revolving Fund. Gladwin County shows a cash balance to be #33.11. Sova made a motion to accept and file the Treasurers report, seconded by Walters.

Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg presented the following invoices:

Spicer	#219829	\$9,012.25	Walters made a motion to approve, Sova seconded. Motion carried
FSBR	#9273	\$ 913.97	Sova made a motion to approve, Walters seconded. Motion carried
Raushi	#2/23/23	\$ 350.00	Walters made a motion to approve, Sova seconded. Motion carried
ECT	#230495, 230963, 230964	\$11,016.25	Sova made a motion to approve, Walters seconded. Motion carried.

Drain Orders were circulated for signatures.

An ECT invoice #230498 was received in the amount of \$53,630.64 which included cultural work listed under T&E work. Lewandowski will be correcting the invoice to reflect the correct amount for the individual services. We are still waiting on NRCS to decide if they will cover the additional costs for the Cultural review. Lewandowski suggests that we pay the invoices for the Cultural Services and if NRCS approves reimbursement it will be at 100% of what was paid for those services. Tim Ritter from NRCS is working on this.

With Midland being the Treasurer, billing will come from Midland, but reimbursement will go to Gladwin since they are the fiduciary. Gladwin will deposit the funds from the RCPP as they come in and then send the funds on to Midland.

No other business

There was no public comment

Date of next meeting will be April 13, 2023, in Midland County at 10:00a.m.

Sova made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Walters. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Sova
Midland County Drain Commissioner