

**Howe Intercounty Drain**  
**Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 29, 2021**

The Drainage Board for the Howe Intercounty Drain met virtually, per the appropriate current rules under PA 254 of 2020 Monday, March 29, 2021.

**Present:** Brady Harrington, MDARD, Chairman  
Joe Sova, Midland County Drain Commissioner  
Robert Willoughby, Isabella County Drain Commissioner  
Carl Parks, Clare 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

Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Each participant announced their name and location.

Brady Harrington – Eaton County, MI  
Joe Sova – Midland County Drain Office  
Robert Willoughby - Isabella County Drain Office  
Carl Parks – Harrison, MI  
Terry Walters – Gladwin County Drain Office

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

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

Joe Sova moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 3, 2002, as presented. Robert Willoughby seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Chairman Harrington then turned the meeting over to Joe Sova to explain the issue on the Badgero Branch of the Drain. He reported that a sink hole has formed in the tile portion of the Drain that is big enough for a small riding lawnmower to get stuck in. He is concerned about soil filling the tile portion and ending up in the open channel of the drain. He would like to have it repaired and thinks it shouldn't cost more than \$2,000.00.

Clare County moved to approve the repair, but not to exceed \$6,000.00 in costs for the repair. Robert Willoughby seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Joe Sova made a motion to use a pre-qualified contractor instead of sending out for bids, seconded by Robert Willoughby. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Brady Harrington then gave an overview of the Governance Agreement. The percentages would stay the same as they are now. Midland – 67%, Gladwin – 8.5%, Isabella – 17%, and Clare – 7.5%. Midland would serve as Treasurer for the Drain. Inspection costs are not to exceed \$1,000.00 and maintenance not to exceed \$5,000.00. It was also decided that Midland County act as FOIA coordinator. Robert Willoughby made a motion to approve the Governance Agreement, seconded by Carl Parks. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Brady then presented a financial report from Midland County. The other counties financial reports were not available. Joe Sova moved to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Robert Willoughby seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

Terry Walters moved to have Midland County inspect, repair and pay for the sink hole on Badgero Branch. Joe Sova supported the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It was discussed and decided that a 197 would not be performed this year.

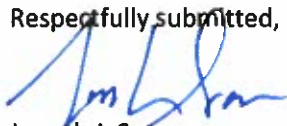
Robert Willoughby moved to have the Treasurer do a Computation of Costs for assessment in 2021 after the repair is done. Joe Sova seconded the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Robert Willoughby to adjourn, seconded by Carl Parks. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph J. Sova  
Midland County Drain Commissioner