West Line Intercounty Drain
Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Friday May 7, 2021

Present: Braden Harrington, MDARD, Chairman
Terry Walters, Gladwin County Drain Commissioner
Mike Rivard Bay County Drain Commissioner

Also Present: Lucy Zeestraten, Gladwin County Deputy Drain Commissioner
Cheryl Acherman, Bay County

Chairman Braden called the meeting to order at 10:005am. Each Board member announced their name and location.
Braden Harrington – Windson Twp, Easton County home office
Terry Walter – Gladwin County Drain Office
Mike Rivard – Bay County Drain Office

Mike Rivard made a motion that Gladwin County serve as secretary, Terry Walters seconded it. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Braden Harrington motions to approve set agenda. Mike Rivard first , Terry Walters seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There were no minutes to approve.

Braden Harrington then turned the meeting over to Mike Rivard to explain how he was made aware of the drain problem.

Mike Rivard received a phone call from Mr. Oswald to have work done on the drain. There are blockages in the drain not allowing the water to drain off his property.

The estimate work cost on the drain is $8,200.00 with the brake down being 70% Bay County and 30% Gladwin County. This was the result of the First Order of Determination from the last time work was done on the drain 30 years ago. Braden Harrington said we should do a 2-year assessment because the drainage district is so small. The drain was bottom dipped a few years ago and Mr. Oswald paid for the full price of the work. Not the whole drain was done.

Braden Harrington said Bay County and Gladwin County will need a resolution.

Terry Walters asked if the Road Commission would do some of the work because Gladwin County Road Commission will help if possible. Mike Rivard said Bay County Road Commission will not do that. Mike Rivard suggest that the Gladwin County Road Commission do the work on Gladwin's side and that would help bring the price down.

Mike Rivard suggest we do Mr. Oswald's property to south side of rd. towards Bay County. Braden Harrington suggest we just do the work on Mr. Oswald's property for now and do the rest of the drain next year. Mike Rivard said they will see what they can do.

Braden Harrington motions to clean the drain on Bay County's side only with costs not exceeding $5,000.00. Terry Walters supports, and Mike Rivard seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Brady Harrington said both countries will have to have a Day of Review if they are not happy with the percent split between the counties.

Mike Rivard said Mark Basket can do the work in house to also help bring the coast down.

Braden Harrington requested that Bay County and Gladwin County send him the drainage district for him to review.

Mike Rivard motion to treasures report. Lucy Zeestraten supported, and Mike Rivard seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Braden Harrington suggest Mike Rivard to inspect the drain after the work is done.

Braden Harrington explained FOIA and that Bay County Comply with FOIA.

Brady Harrington asked Mike Rivard if he wanted to set a expenditure on the drains. It would be $500.00 drain and $1,000.00 for maintenance. You do not have to spend it if you do not need it. Terry Walters motion and Mike Rivard seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Braden Harrington offered to be Bay Counties Treasurer if need.

Mike Rivard motioned to adjourn. Terry Walters seconded the motion. Motion caried by unanimous roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

Respectfully submitted
Lucy Zeestraten, Secretary

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