

Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain
Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 13, 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, April 13, 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
Christian Valesano – Spicer Group
Joe Brezvai – MDARD
Ross Bower – FSB (via Teams)
Tonya Lewandowski – ECT

Chairman Gregg called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Walters made a motion to accept and file the minutes from March 2, 2023. Sova seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg then turned the meeting over to Christian Valesano to give an update to the progress of the project. Valesano said he had met with NRCS on April 11, 2023, and that NRCS has not reviewed plans of calculations. So no feedback has been received. NRCS has had the information since March 10, 2023, to review. There is a meeting scheduled in May for Tonya Lewandowski to meet with NRCS. Valesano also stated that the Midland County Road Commission (MCRC) has no problems with the plans as they are today.

Valesano stated that they met with the Gladwin County Road Commission (GCRC) and that they had a question regarding the bridge on Coolidge Road being replaced. The GCRC is concerned with the width of the bridge is wide enough. The plan is to use a 73"X 55" pipe arch that will be placed at a skew to maximize the length.

Valesano talked with the MCRC about the detour that will be in place during the drain construction. MCRC said that the Meridian Road bridge is slated to be replaced in summer 2024, so the detour will be Curtis Rd. to M18. Coordination scheduling will be needed with contractor so that work is not done on M18 while the MCRC detour is in place for the Meridian Road bridge replacement. Another plan could be to work simultaneously with only closing the shoulder of M18 for drain work if MCRC is not too

concerned about sending the detour down M18 with shoulder closure. Valesano will talk to Jim Davis from MDOT.

The process of moving power poles has started. The majority of them are on Eleven Mile Road. There are also AT&T pedestals that need to be moved and that all utilities have been identified.

In regards to the ECT invoice #230498 that was received last month, it will be reissued when reclassified into wetland and T&E work. Sova made a motion to pay the invoice after it is reconciled to the PSAs we have on file. Walters seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg called on Tonya Lewandowski to give an update to where we are at with the grant process. Lewandowski shared a powerpoint presentation. Lewandowski had sent a packet out the previous night, but has not been received by any of the board members. Lewandowski resent the packet for the board members to go through. The species of concern on the project is the Northern Long Eared bat, the status has changed, but no change in a plan of action has been spelled out. NRCS recommends BMPs to be put on plans. NRCS submitted a schedule for activities. The timeline NRCS sets to do as much as you can do in the winter, and dredging in the summer that way the Wood Turtle will have minimal disruption. But that NRCS will work with us on the dredging as the time goes on and in what sections dredging can be done outside the schedule they have set. Downstream area is where we are finding the most hits (T&E) and that is the area of concern to the NRCS. Lewandowski said that as soon as we get a final approval of plans, that a meeting should be set up to talk about the scheduling/phasing of the project.

Walters asked about the timeline on the grant. Lewandowski said we have five years.

Lewandowski said that we need to set up a system to get engineering invoices together to submit to the NRCS for reimbursement. We can start sending invoices dated from April 22, 2021 and forward for reimbursement. The funds will be received by Gladwin County (as fiduciary) and will then be transferred to Midland (as treasurer). Sova made a motion to preapprove RCPP funds received by Gladwin County for the Curtice ICD to be forwarded to Midland County. Seconded by Walters.

Motion Carried.

Lewandowski also reported on the Cultural Resources Review. The NRCS agreed with ECT recommendations. A memo was sent to SHPO and we are still waiting on SHPO to respond. They have 30 days to respond.

Lewandowski presented a PSA in the amount of \$20,000.00 for support services to NRCS for Board acceptance. Time & Material not to exceed \$20,000.00. If she feels that more is needed, she will reach out to us. This will be a 50/50 reimbursable item. Walters made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the PSA. Seconded by Sova.

Motion carried.

Ross Bower explained the paperwork needed for Walters to present to the landowner in Gladwin County to get a ROW. Valesano will get the Exhibit for the ROW to present to the landowner. Bower stated that all affidavits have been done and sent to the individual counties for recording.

Chairman Gregg presented the financial report. Current balance is (\$246,028.24). Sova made a motion to accept and file the Treasurers report, seconded by Walters.

Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg presented Spicer invoices #220262 and #220498 in the amounts of \$12,193.00 and \$11,582.50 respectively, along with an invoice from Fahey Schultz #9903 in the amount of \$166.00.

Walters made a motion to pay the invoices, seconded by Sova.

Motion carried.

Drain Orders were circulated for signatures.

Walters made a motion to preapprove payment for the recording of the ROWs for both counties. Sova seconded the motion.

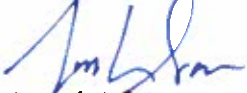
Motion carried.

There was no public comment

Date of next meeting is set for May 24 at 10:00 a.m. at Midland County.

Sova made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Walters. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joseph J. Sova', is written over the printed name.

Joseph J. Sova

Midland County Drain Commissioner