

**Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain**  
**Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 17, 2022**

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 17, 2022.

**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

Chairman Gregg called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

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

Terry Walters made a motion to accept and file the minutes from November 23, 2021. Joe Sova seconded the motion.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg then turned the meeting over to Nick Czerwinski to go over the plans for improvements on the Drain. Nick stated that the plans are 70% complete, and he feels good to go for the Hearing of Practicability as long as the Drain Commissioners and the Road Commissions are okay with the plans.

Joe Sova asked how many acres were in the district. Christian Valesano stated there are 6,032 acres in the district.

Nick and Christian then explained that the plan is to work from the west side to perform restoration, spot grading, and SESC measures from the POB to ½ mile north of Shaffer Rd (Sta. 99+04). Channel cleanout from Sta 99+04 to Baker Rd. From Baker Rd. to ½ mile north of Shearer Rd they will do bottom excavation and slope if needed away from the road. From Sta 202+96 north 300' excavation will be from the east side, then back to the west side. Excavation along M18 will be from the East side, when into the woods excavation and sloping will be from the west side. Will work from the road at crossing on Coolidge Road then back to the west side until Sta 364+34.

Branch #1 working from the west side, channel dip out to Baker Road. From Baker Road to upper end of Branch will be working from both sides, removing approx. 2 – 2 ½ feet sediment.

Branch #2 work from west side, sloping field side bank. No sloping on road side.

Branch #3 tile to be replaced.

Branch #4 is M18, MDOT. Grade is bad. Plan is to clean out to 4' bottom width and replace all culverts.

Planning on Hearing of Necessity in June and Bid project in December 2022. Preliminary cost is \$3,275,000.00.

Nick will reach out to NCRS, MDOT and ECT and send a doodle poll to set a meeting prior to Hearing of Necessity.

Chairman Gregg presented the financial report. Current balance is (\$108,116.00). Joe Sova made a motion to accept and file the Treasurers report, seconded by Terry Walters.

Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg presented Spicer invoices #212482 and 212827 in the amounts of \$21,951.25 and \$20,446.50 along with an invoice from Fahey Schultz #1932 in the amount of \$38.00. Terry Walters made a motion to pay the invoices, seconded by Joe Sova.

Motion carried.

Drain Orders were circulated for signatures.

Joe Sova made a motion to receive and file the documents provided by Spicer for today's meeting. Terry Walters seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

There was no public comment

Date of next meeting will be decided after Nick receives replies from the doodle poll he will be sending out.

Terry Walters made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Sova. Meeting adjourned at 12:39pm

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph J. Sova  
Midland County Drain Commissioner