

Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

Present: Mike Gregg, MDARD, Chairman
Joe Sova, Midland County Drain Commissioner
Lucy Zeestraten, Gladwin County Deputy Drain Commissioner

Also Present: Norma Stuart, Midland County Deputy Drain Commissioner
Christian Valesano – Spicer Group
Nick Czerwinski – Spicer Group
Joe Brezvai – MDARD (via Teams)
Robert Bendzinski – Bendzinski & Co. (via Teams)
Roger Swets – Dickinson Wright PLLC (via Teams)
Jeff & Linda Lovejoy (via Teams)
Jerry Donley (via Teams)
Stacy Hissong – FSBR (via Teams)

Chairman Gregg called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and introductions were made.

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

Chairman Gregg stated that changes to the agenda should be made to move 5b: Legal counsel regarding appeals to 5a. Sova made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. Zeestraten seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Zeestraten made a motion to accept and file the minutes from November 21, 2023 with corrections.
Sova seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg then asked legal counsel to give a status on the appeals that were filed. Stacy Hissong gave an overview of the appeals process.

Chairman Gregg explained the schedule of construction. He explained that the factors and timing have been included in the cost of the project.

Czerwinski shared the original computation of costs, which was at \$4.1 million without the grant. However, using the grant it has brought down the cost to the landowners at \$2,642,305.75. The proposed computation of costs totaled \$3.8 million with the cost to the landowners at \$2,398,805.75.

Chairman Gregg presented the financial report. Current balance is (\$284,575.26). Norma Stuart stated that a reimbursement check from the grant was received in December in the amount of

\$121,021.30. Gladwin County has a total of \$33.11 in their drain fund. Sova made a motion to accept and file the Treasurers report, seconded by Zeestraten.

Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg presented the following drain orders for approval and signatures.

Spicer	#225319	\$ 6,290.00
FSBR	#16128	\$ 2,041.00
ECT	#234506	\$ 5,165.00
ECT	#236075	\$ 380.00
ECT	#236072	\$ 3,420.00

Sova made a motion to pay the invoices when funds become available, seconded by Zeestraten.

Motion carried.

Drain Orders were circulated for signatures.

An invoice from Record & Clarion was presented in the amount of \$300.20. Sova made a motion to approve payment of the invoice, seconded by Zeestraten. A Drain Order will be issued and circulated for signatures.

Czerwinski stated that two culverts were installed on the drain with a permit from MDOT, but not from the Drain Commission. Nick will be checking them after financing and do a change order as needed to bring it into compliance(correct size and grade).

Zeestraten stated that the full faith and credit resolution by Gladwin County has been signed by the Board of Commissioners.

There was no public comment

Date of next meeting is set for January 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Midland County.

Zeestraten made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sova. Meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Sova
Midland County Drain Commissioner