

**Howe IC Drain  
Meeting Minutes  
Midland County Drain Office  
September 12, 2022**

Meeting called to order by Brady Harrington at 1:24pm

Present: Brady Harrington Chair MDAR, Terry Walters Gladwin County Drain Commissioner, Joe Sova Midland County Drain Commissioner, Bob Willoughby Isabella County Drain Commissioner, Carl Parks Clare County Drain Commissioner,

Also Present: Lucy Zeestraten, Gladwin County Deputy Drain Commissioner, County Deputy Drain Commissioner, Ross Bower form Fahey Schultz, Luke O'Brien Spice Group, Christian Valesano

Motion by Carl Parks to elect Gladwin County as Secretary, Second by Terry L. Walters. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Willoughby to accept the agenda, Seconded by Carl Parks. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve May 11, 2022, minutes by Carl Parks. Seconded by Bob Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Brady asked Luke if he had adjustments, he was planning to make in Clare County. He adjusted the line prior to Day of Review for the Howe IC Drain. The boundary will match up to the Lyle.

Brady opened the floor up to public comment prior to signing order to be revising the drainage districts. There are property owners at the meeting. Luke stated they are there for a culvert issue and not a district issue. Motion for signature of the order revising the drainage district boundary by Joe Sova, Seconded by Bob Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report received and filed.

Motion to pay invoices from Fahey Schultz for the amounts of \$371.83 and \$461.84 for the 197 by Joe Sova, Seconded Bob Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public comments: Luke explain a little bit about what is going on in the property owner that attended the meeting. They live on county line between Clare County and Isabella County. At the Day of Review, they came in because there are 6 driveway culverts that are in the county drain. They are too small and when they get a heavy of rain they back up and floods the road and then ends up in their yard. The property owner explained that he used to live across the road on 6 acres. Those 6 six driveways weren't there. In the spring the water would get high but never got to the road. Then the property behind him section off the property to 10-acre parcels. The people that bought those parcels came in and put in driveways in with 18" culverts. The ditch is 8' wide by 4' deep. Isabella said they were put in without permits. Once the driveways were put in then he started having problems flooding. Brady states there needs to be a notice of obstruction and to work with the homeowners to get the appropriate size culverts put in. Motion to retain Spicer Group to put together a maintenance plan for the upper end and proper culvert sizing and authorize Bob Willoughby to work with landowners on getting those crossings up sized by Bob Willoughby. Second by Carl Parks. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize Bob Willoughby to issue 6 obstruction notices if needed by Joe Sove. Seconded by Carl Parks. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public commented that they were added to the Lyle IC Drain drainage district 32 acres so to the Lyle IC Drain and 8 acres goes to the Howe IC Drain. The Howe IC drain gives the most problem. Spoke to someone and they said he benefited from the Lyle IC Drain. He said he live 1 mile away from it and doesn't see it. Brady stated that at the being of the meeting, Luke did make some adjustments to that line.

Next meeting date will be set when Spicer Group has an inspection report for the board review

Motion to adjourned by Joe Sova. Seconded by Carl Parks. All in favor. M/C

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Lucy Zeestraten, Secretary