

**Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain**  
**Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Preconstruction Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 22, 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 Thursday, February 22, 2024.

**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  
Nick Czerwinski, Spicer G  
Art Buck, Midland County Road Commission  
Robert Bendzinski – Bendzinski & Bendzinski (via Teams)  
Roger Swets – Dickenson Wright - (via Teams)  
Tonya Lewandowski – ECT  
See attached sign in sheet for attendance

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 Terry Walters.  
Motion carried.

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

Walters made a motion to accept and file the minutes from January 18, 2024. Sova seconded the motion.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg turned the meeting over to Christian Valesano for an overview of the project and construction schedule. All conflicts with utilities have been addressed. The agenda for the Preconstruction meeting is attached

Valesano stated that monthly meetings will be held to go over the progress of the project and to approve any pay requests. Nick Czerwinski stated that we would set the schedule for the monthly meetings before the end of the meeting today.

Troy Williamson from Balicic Trucking stated that they will start clearing at Baker Road and move upstream. They will then back track to install the culverts. When that is completed, they will move to the downstream area.

Roger Swets gave and Bobby Bendzinski gave an overview of the bond and note sale. The bond is at a 3.54% net interest rate and the note is at 4.55%. Fully executed documents will be sent to the drainage board.

A monthly schedule of meetings was set, They will be held the second Thursday at 10:00 a.m. each month at Midland County. The meetings will start in April.

Tonya Lewandowski stated that reimbursements for the RCPP grant should be submitted monthly.

Chairman Gregg presented a Resolution for the FOIA Coordinator. Walters made the motion to have Midland County serve as the FOIA Coordinator, seconded by Sova.

Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg presented the Resolution of Authorized Public Agency. Midland is already an APA, but Gladwin is not. Gladwin will need to secure a SESC for the work being done in Gladwin County. Sova made a motion to accept the resolution. Seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg stated that a Governance Resolution will be determined after the project is complete.

Chairman Gregg presented the financial report. Current balance is \$248,953.45 due to revolving, and a cash balance of \$65,453.03. Sova made a motion to accept and file the Treasurers report, seconded by Walters.

Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg presented the following invoices for payment:

FSBR	#17604	\$ 2,936.00
ECT	#240954	\$ 5,290.00
Spicer	#227198	\$ 8,524.75
S&P Global	#11469294	\$15,000.00
Gladwin Co. Drain Comm.	#110	\$ 12.36

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

Motion carried.

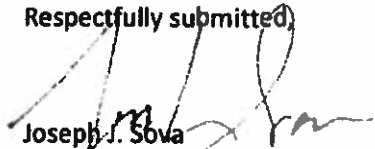
Drain Orders were circulated for signatures.

There was no public comment.

Next meeting was schedules for April 11, 2024, 10:00 at Midland County.

Walters made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sova. Meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joseph J. Sova  
Midland County Drain Commissioner