

Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain
Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 11, 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 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, 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
Nick Czerwinski – Spicer Group
Joe Brezvai – MDARD
Troy Williamson – Bilacic Trucking
Brian Williamson – Bilacic Trucking
Tonya Lewandowski – ECT (via Teams)

Chairman Gregg called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

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 February 22, 2024. Sova seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg then asked Spicer Group to give an update on the progress of the project. Christian Valesano presented a map that showed the areas cleared to date Baker Rd. to Bergman on the main branch to M18, it has also been excavated. Clearing on Branch No. 1 started at Baker Rd. to a little past Shearer Rd. Valesano has met with Dan from NCIS to go over the clearing that has been done. NCIS is happy with the progress so far. NCIS does not consider the excavated portion of the drain as complete without seeding being done (which means that reimbursement can not be done yet). One situation along the main branch from Bergman to M18 Bilacic worked from the north side (Robinson Trust) of the drain to clear the maintenance lane. Landowner on south side (Lovejoy) wants to know when it would be cleared on his side. It was explained that there was no plan to clear the south side. Valesano explained the landowner on the south side would like it cleared. The Board decided to wait to see where contingencies sit when the project is about 75% complete to see if it is feasible to clear the south side. We will revisit the issue in the Fall of 2024. Bilacic expects to be excavating the drain through the summer.

Chairman Gregg asked Tonya Lewandowski about the submitting of invoices for reimbursement. Lewandowski stated that retainage will need to be held for the project. Lewandowski asked about holding retainage on the project. It was explained to the Board that retainage is automatically held on the projects that Midland County is Treasurer for. It has always been done in the past and continue to do so. Chairman Gregg asked about submitting for reimbursement and how often it should be done. Lewandowski stated that reimbursement can be done as often as wanted. It was discussed and decided that a monthly submission would be done.

Nick Czerwinski stated that the access culverts may need to be upsized to be eligible for grant reimbursement. Walters made a motion for Spicer to use field discretion on field stream/access culverts being upsized to meet reimbursement from the grant. Sova seconded the motion.
 Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg presented Progress Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$109,305.00. Walters made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Sova.
 Motion carried.

Valesano stated that he has been onsite doing inspections weekly. He has started a logbook to show the results of the inspections.

Chairman Gregg presented the financial report. Current balances are Construction Fund \$1,573,741.74, Debt Retirement \$146,745.50 and Note/Grant Fund \$50,000.00. Walters made a motion to accept and file the Treasurers report, seconded by Sova.
 Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg presented the following invoices for approval and payment.

Bilacic Trucking	PP#1	\$109,305.00
Spicer	#228218	8,619.00
Spicer	#228036	9,310.00
ECT	#234508	380.00
ECT	#241422	1,505.00
FSBR	#18363	97.50
L. Zeestraten	Postage	30.45
Arizent	#ADV11179	1,535.00
Gladwin Cons. Dist.	PermitSESC	382.00
Dickenson Wright	102876-1DB	31,350.00
Dickenson Wright	102876-1DN	10,000.00
Bendzinski	4851	<u>40,750.00</u>
		\$ 213,263.95

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

Drain Orders were circulated for signatures.

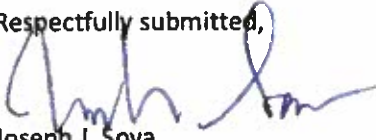
Czerwinski stated that the bat tree clearing window is almost at an end (Oct – Apr). Lewandowski stated that a team will be mobilized to the site on April 18, and will stay until trees are marked and removed.

There was no public comment

Date of next meeting is set for May 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Midland County. Joe Brezvai will Chair the that meeting.

Walters made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sova. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 am

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph J. Sova". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "S".

Joseph J. Sova

Midland County Drain Commissioner