

Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 12, 2021

The Drainage Board for the Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain met virtually on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, per the appropriate current rules under PA 254 of 2020.

Present: Mike Gregg, MDARD, Chairman
Brady Harrington, MDARD, Co-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
Ross Bower – Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes
Ron Hansen – Spicer Group
Nick Czerwinski – Spicer Group

Chairman Gregg called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Each Board member announced their name and location.

Mike Gregg – Mason, MI
Joe Sova – Midland County Drain Office
Terry Walters – Gladwin County Drain Office
Brady Harrington – Home office, Eaton County, MI

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

Joe Sova moved to approve the agenda. Terry Walters seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There were no minutes to approve.

Chairman Gregg then turned the meeting over to Nick Czerwinski to go over the Agreement for Engineering services and a power point presentation for the Hearing of Practicability.

Nick Czerwinski explained that Branch #1 was not inspected due to the swampy area and that Branch #3 had no road access so it was not inspected either. The power point presentation showed:

- Main Branch – Heavy brush a mile downstream from Baker Rd.
- Main Branch – Downstream of Baker Road crossing – Heavy brush in channel and ROW. Old spoil piles, water flowing well.
- ½ mile upstream of Baker Road – Bank erosion, large sediment bar.
- Downstream of Shearer Road – Heavy brush and trees in drain bottom.
- Shearer Road crossing – water flow slowed, 1' standing water, steep banks.
- Upstream of Bergman Road very heavy brush.
- Along M18 – Heavy brush, water standing

- Robinson Industries culvert at M18 & Curtis Road is too small and creating a scour hole
- Upstream of Curtis Road – Brush on banks, sediment bars
- M18 – Very heavy brush and hard to see the drain
- Coolidge Road Crossing – Standing water, culvert is corroding and gravel is falling into the drain.
- Branch #2 – Standing water, heavy brush, sediment downstream to Coolidge Road, upstream heavy brush.
- Branch #4 – Heavy brush, Boiler tube in drain near Lyle Road.
- Downstream of Dana Drive, stagnant water, upstream heavy brush and cattails.

Brady Harrington spoke of possibly just doing a project on Branch #4 as a sub-district to minimize costs and assessments because a large amount of State/DNR land is in the district.

Locations for the Hearing of Practicability were discussed. With the COVID pandemic it has been hard finding a location for 75 – 100 people. Lucy from Gladwin County will check with Beaverton and Gladwin High Schools.

Mike Gregg spoke of dates for the Hearing of Practicability, a date of June 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. was decided upon, as long as a location could be secured in time for publication and notification.

Ross Bower will generate the Hearing of Practicability notice for publication/mailing and forward to each County when the location is confirmed.

Treasurers reports were as follows: Midland County has a balance of \$.02 in cash, and owes \$1,441.19 to revolving. Gladwin County has a cash balance of \$547.87. Joe Sova moved to accept and file the Treasurers Reports. Seconded by Terry Walters.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There were no invoices to be approved.

Terry Walters said he is waiting for a call from Tonya Lewandowski (grant writer with ECT, Inc.) in regards to stipulations on the recently awarded NRCS RCPP Upper Tittabawassee River Regional Conservation Project grant that could encompass work on the Curtice Intercounty Drain. Joe Sova was scheduled to speaking with Tonya later in the day to get up to speed on the grant, and suggested we meet again prior to the Hearing of Practicability.

No Public Comment

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., location to be determined.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Sova, seconded by Terry Walters. Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph J. Sova

Midland County Drain Commissioner