

Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain
Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 15, 2021

The Drainage Board for the Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain met virtually, per the appropriate current rules under PA 254 of 2020 Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

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
Ross Bower – Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes
Stacy Hissong, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes
Christian Valesano – Spicer Group
Nick Czerwinski – Spicer Group
Tonya Lewandowski - Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.

Chairman Gregg called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

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

The approval of minutes of May 12, 2021, was delayed until June 24, 2021, because of uncertainty as to whether Gladwin was still under a State of Emergency Order, which would have allowed for the June 15 to be held virtually.

Chairman Gregg then turned the meeting over to Nick Czerwinski to go over the Draft Power Point presentation for the benefit of Tonya Lewandowski.

Tonya Lewandowski presented a power point presentation of the grant process and explained the actions/eligible activities that would be covered under the grant. That the grant hones in on agricultural, reducing nutrients, sediment, stabilization, habitat and monitoring analysis. The grant has a 5-year funding source for the projects, and requires a match of funds.

Nick mentioned that a large amount of vegetation removal would be included in the project, culvert replacement, and rip-rap. Tonya responded that stabilization is included in the grant, so culverts and rip-rap should be included.

Mike Gregg mentioned that Interagency agreements with the MCRC to replace the road culverts.

Stacy Hissong said that the assessments would be considered towards the match.

Joe Sova would like assurances that the grant funds would be applied to the project for the purpose of setting the scope of the project. Stacy replied that it is too early in the process to discuss project scope, and if it moves forward, the scope wouldn't be known for many months.

Chairman Gregg went over the agenda for the Hearing of Practicability.

Stacy Hisson explained that if the project does not move forward, that a 197 still needed to be done to assess for the costs.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m. The next meeting will be the Hearing of Practicability on June 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Sova
Midland County Drain Commissioner