Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 18, 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, July 18, 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
Troy Williamson – Bilacic Trucking
Brian Williamson – Bilacic Trucking
Heather Throne - MDARD
Tonya Lewandowski – ECT (virtual)

Chairman Gregg called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

Terry Walters made a motion to elect Midland County to serve as secretary, seconded by Joe Sova 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 June 13, 2024.
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 and excavated to date. (Map attached) Spoil leveling along Branch No. 1 along with the channel excavation to north of Shearer Road, and spoil leveling along Bergman Road has been done. Spoils on the Lovejoy property still have to be taken care of(They do not want them spread in the field, so they will be hauled). Main Branch north of Coolidge Road to POE has been cleared. Maintenance culvert along Shearer Road has been installed. Crossing cleanouts along Branch No. 1 have been done along with the clearing. Troy Williamson stated that the weather has been an issue, its wet. Christian presented and reviewed Progress Payment No. 4 in the amount of $80,237.70, which includes the clearing north of Coolidge Road, cleaning of cross culverts, Branch No. 1 open drain restoration(sloping), Channel excavation from end of drain restoration to Shearer Road, spoil leveling and additional site clearing. Change Order No. 2, is for the spoils to be hauled instead of spread on the Lovejoy property. There is no change in the unit price.

Walters made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2, and authorize the Chairman to sign the order, seconded by Sova.
Motion carried.

Sova made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign Progress Payment No. 4 for payment. Walters seconded the motion.
Motion carried.
A Drain Order was circulated for signatures.

Valesano presented the reimbursement submission No. 2. We are still waiting on reimbursement that Midland submitted back in May 2024. Tonya Lewandowski stated that the submission made by Midland in May 2024 is in the portal and should receive the check in Gladwin in about a week. Walters made a motion to approve submission No. 2 by Spicer, seconded by Sova.

Chairman Gregg asked Valesano about SESC issues. Valesano stated that there are no issues and all inspection reports have been uploaded to the cloud.

Chairman Gregg asked if EGLE has reached out to anyone in regards to the project. Walters said there has been no word from them.

Chairman Gregg presented the Treasurers report. Current balances are Construction Fund $1,319,787.61, Debt Retirement $146,745.50 and Note/Grant Fund $50,104.15. Sova made a motion to accept and file the Treasurers report, seconded by Walters.
Motion carried.

Norma Stuart asked about repaying the $50,000 interim note, now that the funds for reimbursements are starting to come in from the RCPP grant. Sova made a motion to repay the interim note, seconded by Walters.
Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg presented the following invoices for approval and payment.

Spicer	#230221	$ 9.54
Spicer	#230370	$ 13,649.00
ECT	#242904	$ 3,833.70
FSBR	#19914	$ 173.00
ECT	#242493	$ 31,703.55
ECT	#242494	$ 285.00
UMB	#972520	$ 450.00

Walters made a motion to pay the invoices, seconded by Sova.
Motion carried.
Drain Orders were circulated for signatures.

A site tour will be done after the meeting. The group will meet on the main branch of the drain located at Baker Road & M18.

There was no public comment

Date of next meeting is set for August 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Midland County.

Sova made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Walters. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Sova
Midland County Drain Commissioner