Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

Present: Joe Brezvai, MDARD, Chairman (filling in for Mike Gregg)
Joe Sova, Midland County Drain Commissioner
Terry Walters, Gladwin County Drain Commissioner

Also Present: Norma Stuart, Midland County Deputy Drain Commissioner
Christian Valesano – Spicer Group
Troy Williamson – Bilacic Trucking
Brian Williamson – Bilacic Trucking
Tonya Lewandowski – ECT (via Teams)

Chairman Brezvai called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Walters made a motion to accept and file the minutes from October 15, 2024 with corrections. Sova seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai then asked Spicer Group to give an update on the progress of the project. Christian Valesano presented a map (attached) that showed progress to date. Updated SESC measures on main branch - Baker road to M18. Branch #1 from Baker Rd. to the north to Coolidge Rd. on Branch #2, and clearing west bank on main branch south of Baker Rd. Curtis and Eleven Mile Rd crossing installed. Touch up at the intersection needs to be done. Progress Payment #8 was submitted. Chairman Brezvai asked if there have been any issues with the road commission. Valensano stated there have been no problems with the road comiission. Sova made a motion to approve payment of the progress payment. Walters seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai asked Valesano if there have been any issues with the permits or inspecitons. Valesano stated he has had no problems with either one.

Tonya Lewandowski stated that all construction reimbursments have been done up through today. There are a couple of questions regarding engineering reimbursement that should be taken care of by end of the week. Chairman Brezvai asked about any end of year reports. Lewandowski stated that is something that is done in the background but will send a copy of the yearly report after it is completed.

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

Chairman Brezvai presented the financial report. Current balances are Construction Fund $1,019,576.14, Debt Retirement $148,113.54 and Note/Grant Fund $288,979.92. Sova made a motion to accept and file the Treasurers report, seconded by Walters.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai presented the following invoices for approval and payment.

Bilacic Trucking	PP#8	$ 55,120.55
Spicer	#228218	21,499.88
ECT	#234508	645.00
ECT	#241422	1,805.00
FSBR	#18363	57.00
		$ 59,777.43

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

Crossing changes from original plan for Mr. Aultman. He would like an animal crossing replaced with a culvert. Valesano stated that a general permit would be needed for the change and the culvert needed to be larger than what Jensen Bridge produces. He will meet with Mr. Aultman regarding the culvert. There is a footbridge north of Cutrice Rd. Bilacic is working on a price for Ted Eastling.

There was no public comment

Date of next meeting is set for December 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Midland County. The meeting will take place in the 3rd floor conference room.

January and February meetings are an issue. The Drain Commissioners school is in January and the Winter MACDC conference is in February. Dates for those meetings wil be set at the December meeting.

Walters made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sova. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Sova
Midland County Drain Commissioner