Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 18, 2025

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 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

Present: Joe Brezvai, MDARD Chairman
Norma Stuart, Midland County Deputy Drain Commissioner (for Joe Sova)
Lucy Zeestraten, Gladwin County Deputy Drain Commissioner (for Terry Walters)

Also Present: Christian Valesano – Spicer Group
Nick Czerwinski – Spicer Group
Brian Williamson – Bilacic Trucking
Troy Williamson – Bilacic Trucking
Tonya Lewandowski – ECT (via Teams)

Chairman Brezvai called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Norma Stuart made a motion to elect Midland County to serve as secretary, seconded by Lucy Zeestraten.
Motion carried.

Zeestraten moved to approve the agenda. Stuart seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Zeestraten made a motion to accept and file the minutes from January 15, 2024. Stuart 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. Clearing south of Baker Rd on the Main branch is complete. Stump spraying and debris cleanup still need to be done. SESC measures installed along Eleven Mile to County Line Rd., tile outlets have been repaired, and spillways still need to be installed. Branch No. 1 clearing is in progress. There is a new beaver dam on the lower end in addition to the couple that were already there and beaver activity was found. Midland will contact the beaver trapper and have him set traps before the dams can be removed. There are still bat roosting trees on Branch No. 1. Bilacic hopes to start clearing Branch No. 4 on M18 in March, weather permitting.

Nick Czerwinski asked Tonya Lewandowski about bat tree clearing window. Lewandowski stated that there is still no change at this point and time. Chairman Brezvai asked how we would be notified of any change in the bat tree clearing window. Lewandowski stated that if the clearing dates are changed it would be put in writing and brought to the Board.

Valesano presented Progress Payment No. 11 in the amount of $41,412.60. The payment includes portion of drain excavation on Main Branch. Site clearing is about 80% done. Stuart made a motion to

approve payment, seconded by Zeestraten.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai asked about the SESC & NOC permits. Valesano stated that payment for the SESC permit for Gladwin has been paid. Zeestraten will forward the renewed permit to Spicer when received.

Lewandowski stated that the current reimbursement request has been issued in the amount of $42,016.25. Total to date reimbursed is $121,000.00 for Engineering and $134,706.00 for Installations. Valesano will submit another reimbursement request by the end of this week.

Chairman Brezvai presented the financial report. Current balances: Construction Fund $1,335,340.98, Debt Retirement $149,325.74. Gladwin has started to receive 2024 assessments and submitted a financial report with a balance of $89,298.34. Zeestraten made a motion to accept and file the Treasurers reports, seconded by Stuart.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai presented the following invoices for approval and payment.

Bilacic Trucking	PP#11	$ 41,412.60
Spicer	#235509	10,013.50
ECT	#250854	537.50
		$ 51,963.60

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

There was no public comment

Next meeting is set for March 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Zeestraten made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stuart. Meeting adjourned at 1:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Norma J. Stuart

Midland County Deputy Drain Commissioner