Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 13, 2025

The Drainage Board for the Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain met at the office of the Midland County Drain Commissioner, 222 W. Ellsworth St., Midland, Michigan at 10:00a.m. on Thursday March 13, 2025.

Present: Joe Brezvai, MDARD, Chair
Joe Sova, Midland County Drain Commissioner
Terry Walters, Gladwin County Drain Commissioner

Also Present: Christian Valesano – Spicer Group
Nick Czerwinski – Spicer Group
Troy Williamson – Bilacic Trucking
Brian Williamson – Bilacic Trucking
Tonya Lewandowski – ECT (via Teams)
Lucy Zeestraten, Gladwin County Deputy Drain Commissioner

Chairman Joe Brezvai called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Motion to elect Gladwin County as Secretary by Joe Sova, Second by Terry Walters. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the agenda with addition of C-1 ECT Contract discussion by Joe Sova. Seconded by Terry Walters. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes from February 18, 2025, by Joe Sova. Seconded by Terry Walters. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai then asked Spicer Group to give update on the progress of the project. Christian Valesano presented a map that showed the update on the contracting starting the clearing of Branch #1 south of Baker Rd. Green shows areas that are complete, purple are the areas still in progress (map is attached). There is a burn ban right now and no burning allowed. Clearing is under way on the upper end on Branch #1. The focus has been on getting trees cleared last month. After the rain early last week the ground was still frozen so there was a spillway along Barch #2 between Curtice and Coolidge Rd. The culvert was installed last winter and got blown out. Sediment was cleared out of the ditch and the spillway was repaired. They are going to keep an eye on it to see if any touch-ups will need to happen. After all that, the property owner Mike Helig off of Curtice Rd. said that he was having some flooding. They notched some temporary area to help drain his property. They did let him know they were not done in his area, and they will still do some soil erosion prevention. Christian gave an update on the Progress Payment for this month.

Chairman Brezvai presented Progress Payment No.12 in the amount of $16,117.20. Motion to pay progress payment by Joe Sova. Seconded by Terry Walters. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tonya Lewandowski gave an update on the reimbursements $23,100.00 for construction should have been received and the most recent reimbursement request is for $13,173.00. They are getting that request ready for the portal.

Chairman Brezvai presented the ECT Professional Services Contact Extension. Chairman Brezvai asked Tonya to explain the contract extension brought before the board. Tonya explained that it is a continuation for the grant management installation task related to the RCPP funding source to continue work on grant reimbursements, progress meetings, board

meetings, also includes the annual reporting etc. Nick Czerwinski asked if this new contract was included in the comp of cost? Tonya stated she would have to look.
Motion to authorize Chairman Brezvai to sign the ECT Professional Services Contact Extension by Terry Walters. Seconded by Joe Sova. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai presented the Treasurers report. The current balances are Construction Fund $1,361,294.57, and Debt Retirement $149,325.74, and Gladwin County $130,267.59 Motion to receive and file the Treasurer reports by Terry Walters. Seconded by Joe Sova. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai presented the following invoices for approval and payment.

Spicer Group	236053	$7,717.50
J&L Nuisance		$232.94
Bilacic Trucking	PP#12	$16,117.20

Motion to pay both invoices by Terry Walters. Seconded by Joe Sova. All in favor. Motion carried.
Drain orders were circulated for signatures.

Other business: Christian wanted to touch base with Brian and Troy's schedule with getting the bats trees cleared since that window is almost done. Are you comfortable getting your clearing done without bat tree markings. Troy is confident that they can get it done. Mr. Altman still needs his cattle crossing done and Troy stated they will get that done on the week of the 24 weather permitting.

Joe Sova has a question since he heard that the Monarch butterfly may be threatened and was curious how that will affect the SHIPO and NRCS environmental review, would that fall in the same category as the Wood Turtle or Massasauga Rattler? Tonya has not heard conformation on this but if it does happen it would fall under the same type of scope and scale that NRCS NEPA.

Chairman Brezvai asked about the frost laws and if anyone has heard from the Road Commission? No one has heard anything yet.

Public Comment: None

Next meeting is scheduled for April 10 at 10a.m. in Midland 2nd floor.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Sova, seconded by Lucy Zeestraten. All in favor. Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Walters
Gladwin County Drain Commissioner