Herner Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 11, 2025

The Drainage Board for the Herner Intercounty Drain met at the office of the Midland County Drain Commissioner, 220 W. Ellsworth St., Midland, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September, 11, 2025.

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

Also Present: Norma Stuart, Midland County Deputy Drain Commissioner
Tara Kutchey - Landowner
Ron Kutchey - Landowner

Chairman Brezvai called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. and introductions were made.

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

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

Sova made a motion to accept and file the minutes from August 19, 2024. Walters seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai then asked about the Saiko Road project. Sova then stated that the culvert was replaced under the road by the Road Commission through a 425 Agreement. It was installed before the ICD drainage board could meet. Sova asked Ron Kutchey about the crossing. Kutchey stated that he wished they would of turned it perpendicular to the road, instead of parallel to the drain. Sova stated that he will go out and inspect it. Erosion is happening on the downstream side of the culvert. Chairman Brezvai asked if any other issues with the road culvert. Sova stated no. Sova then made a motion of receive and file the status as presented. Walters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai asked about the proposed maintenance request. Sova stated that the Kutcheys live on the south side of the drain. Property is along the west side of the drain. It follows the contours of their property. Sova inspected the area last year and erosion was occurring, and the property is landscaped along the drain. Kutcheys are asking for the drainage board to fix the erosion issue and reinforce the drain bank so he will not lose any more trees, he submitted a proposal from Pats to fix the issue. Sova will do another inspection, he asked if the proposal that he obtained from Pats includes all the rip rap. Kutcheys asked for the tree stumps to be removed, the bank level is lower on the east side then the west side. It is getting close to his driveway in a certain area. The guardrails have not been installed yet, so he is hoping that this issue can be taken care of before then. Pats Gradall is on the pre-approved contractors list. Kutchey had a slide show that showed how the trees are getting undercut.

Chairman Brezvai asked Mr. Kutchey who he was looking at to do and pay for the work. Mr. Kutchey stated anyone but him since he did not cause the issue. Sova asked Kutchey to go over how he came to get a proposal from Pats. Kutchey stated that he had talked to Andy from Pats, and Andy came up with the 120' of armoring of the bank. Walters asked when was the proposal obtained from Pats. Ron Kutchey stated it was obtained last September. Sova stated that with Spicer looking at the plan, the plan or price may change. Kutchey said that Jacks Tree Service had to remove trees when the Road Commission was replacing the culvert. Kutchey asked how long it would take. Sova stated he would contact Spicer today and it usually takes maybe 2 weeks to get it looked at and their response. Sova made a motion to have Spicer look at the plan from Pats Gradall and the work that the Road Commission had done. Walters seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 2-yea, 0-nay
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai asked about the SESC Resolution template. Sova made a motion to adopt the SESC template, seconded by Walters.
Roll call vote: 2-yea, 0-nay

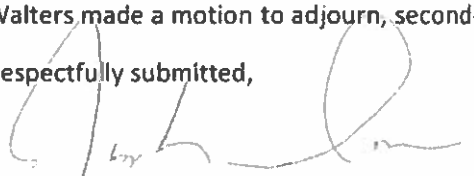
Chairman Brezvai presented the Treasurers report. Gladwin is the Treasurer for the drain and the balance at this time is (4,502.36). Walters made a motion to receive and file the report, Sova seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

No invoices at this time for payment.

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chairman.

Walters made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sova. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 am

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph J. Sova

Midland County Drain Commissioner