Herner Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 22, 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 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 22, 2025.

Present: Joe Brezvai, MDARD Chairman
Joe Sova, Midland County Drain Commissioner
Lucy Zeestrate, Gladwin County Deputy Drain Commissioner (For Terry Walters)

Also Present: Norma Stuart, Midland County Deputy Drain Commissioner
Christian Valesano – Spicer Group
Nick Czerwinski – Spicer Group
Ron Kutchey – Landowner (Mills Township Supervisor)

Chairman Brezvai called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. and made introductions.

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

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

Sova made a motion to accept and file the minutes from September 11, 2025. Zeestraten seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Sova gave an overview of what brought us to this point. Christian Valesano gave a powerpoint presentation concerning a culvert, and the issue is that the grading is to steep and needs to be fixed. Flow is directed to one side of the chanel. Valesano not think placement of the culvert has caused the erosion issues. The culvert was reviewed and installed as proposed. The maintenance request is for the erosion issues from Saiko Road downstream are worse. Large sediment bars at Swede Road where there is a double barrel culvert. There are also log jams downstream of Saiko Road. To clear from Saiko Road to POB will be $80,000. To do sediment removal and rip rap it will exceed the maintenance limit for the year. Will need a resolution of do the work over multiple years. Maintenance plan and bid or go to Pats Gradall and get updated cost to do the additional work. Sova says he would like to inspect the drain upstream into Gladwin County.

Sova made a motion to inspect remainder of the drain into Gladwin County and then break up maintenance plans into phases as a possibility. Zeestraten seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Nick Czerwinski recommends bidding the project out.

Sova made a motion to authorize Phase 1 at Saiko Road, to have Pats do the work, Phase 2 later after hunting season (debris removal, sediment bar). Zeestraten seconded the motion.
Motion carried.
Roll call vote: Sova, Zeestraten – Yea 0 – Nay

Chairman Brezvai presented the financial report. Current balances are Gladwin ($4,502.36). Gladwin will be assessing over a two year spread. Sova made a motion to accept and file the Treasurers report, seconded by Zeestraten.
Motion carried.

There was no public comment

Next meeting will be at the call of the Chairman after Phase 1 maintenance and inspection is completed.

Sova made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Zeestraten. Meeting adjourned at 11:37 am

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Sova

Midland County Drain Commissioner