Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 10, 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 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 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
Christian Valesano – Spicer Group
Nick Czerwinski – Spicer Group (via Teams)
Troy Williamson – Bilacic Trucking
Tonya Lewandowski – ECT (via Teams)

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

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 March 13, 2025 with correction of names. Walters 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. Br. # 1 south of Baker rd. clearing completed. Clearing on Br. #1 north N of Curtis Rd. has been completed. A crew is clearing Branch #4 along M18, starting south of Coolidge Rd. and almost to where the main & Br. #4 come together. Troy stated they are past the area of where Br. #4 & the main branch meet. They expect to finish the clearing along M18 (Coolidge to Curtis Rds.) in the next few days. The cattle crossing on Br. #1 downstream of Shearer Rd. at the Altman property is done. Drain restoration on Br. #1 is complete but still have some spoil spreading to do. Spillway repair on the Staley's property has been completed.

Valesano presented Progress Payment No. 13 in the amount of $39,466.80. It includes the obstruciton/log jam removal on the lower end. Clearing along main branch. There is still some sandbars to remove and cleanup. Cattle crossing also spillway installed included in this payment. Walters made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Sova.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai asked about the SESC permit. Velsano stated that there are no issuew with the SESC permit.

Jim Bade had trapped beavers and tore apart a section of the dam to get water flowing. Beavers have returned and are rebuilding the dams. Bade was sent out again to continue trapping, and he thinks had has all of them trapped.

Lewandowski stated that the current reimbursement was sent in the amount of $23,100.00. Lucy was not at the meeting and Terry was not sure if it had come in yet.

Sova mentioned possibly assessing DNR land and doing reapportionment. He would like to talk with FSBR about possible assessing DNR. He stated that another Drain Commissioner has assessed the DNR, but has not received payment as of yet.

Walters made a motion to have Midland County and Spicer to research the DNR properties and consult with FSBR. Sova seconded the motion.
Motion carried.Chairman Brezvai presented the financial report. Current balances are Construction Fund $1,440,114.87, Debt Retirement $87,997.91. Gladwin has started to receive 2024 assessments and submitted a finical report with a balance of $103,267.59. Sova made a motion to to accept and file the Treasurers reports, seconded by Walters.
Motion carried.

Chairman Gregg presented the following invoices for approval and payment.

Bilacic Trucking	PP#13	$ 39,466.80
Spicer	#236665	15,758.75
FSBR	#27992	59.00
ECT	#251767	1,505.00
ECT	#251769	95.00
		$ 56,884.55

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

Valesano stated that two driveways were installed without the Drain Commissions knowledge. MDOT gave permits to install the culverts. Jim Davis(MDOT) agreed to pay ½ the cost of the two culvert replacements. Tonya Lewandowski will check with NRCS to see if it is still eligible for grant reimbursement. We will bill MDOT for their share of the replacement of those culverts. Valesano will prepare a Change Order for next month to reflect the cost to replace the two culverts. There will be more on-site inspection costs for the installation of the culverts along M18.

There was no public comment

Next meeting was set for May 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Midland County.

Walters made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sova. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 am

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Sova

Midland County Drain Commissioner