Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 12, 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 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 12, 2025.

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

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

Chairman Brezvai called the meeting to order at 9:01 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.

Walters made a motion to accept and file the minutes from November 13, 2025, with correction from Zeestraten to Walters. Sova 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. Not much has changed. Branch #3 cleanup has been done, touched up erosion issues, sediment bars. Bank slope along Curtis Road has been taken care of had to wait until after deer season. Waiting on footbridge on lower end and culvert for Eastling. Working on permit submittal for culvert from EGLE.

Chairman Brezvai presented Progress Payment #21 in the amount of $47,952.00 – it includes payment for pavement patches and Coolidge Road and Robinson Industries. Sediment cleanout. Branch #1 spoil leveling, cleanout of Baker Road crossing. Spillway, toe of sloe riprap and some seeding.

Change Order #10 – SESC measures, toe of slope protection, and riprap. Adds $3,280.00 to project cost.

Nick Czerwinski stated that the Eastling Culvert and footbridge should be here in January according to Troy Williamson.

Sova made a motion to approve Progress Payment #21 and Change Order #10 and for the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board. Walters seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai asked about the SESC & NOC permits. Valesano stated that there are no issues/updates at this time, but the SESC permit will need to be renewed in 2026.

Tonya Lewandowski stated that the NRCS is now processing the October payment, and are working on the November payment.

Christian Valesano stated that MDOT/M18 work is waiting on weather to clear before Bilacic can get out there. Going to try to do bump outs/culvert/bridge at the same time.

Chairman Brezvai presented the financial report. Current balances are Construction Fund $444,311.67, Debt Retirement $77,188.27. Gladwin has a balance of $70,540.25. Walters made a motion to accept and file the Treasurers reports, seconded by Sova.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai presented the following invoices for approval and payment.

Bilacic Trucking	PP#21	$ 47,952.00
Spicer	#242532	4,921.00
ECT	#255861	752.50
		$ 55,625.50

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

A draft letter to EGLE in regards to the Eastling culvert was presented to the board from Valesano. Chairman Brezvai does not think the letter should be put on MDARD letterhead, due to the lengthy process to be approved before being sent to EGLE. The culvert is in Midland County, so the thought is that Sova should put in on Midland County Drain Commission letterhead to be sent to EGLE. Sova made a motion to put letter on Midland County Drain Commission letterhead, seconded by Walters.
Motion carried.

There was no public comment

Next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

Sova made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Walters. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 am

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Sova

Midland County Drain Commissioner