Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 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, July 10, 2025.

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

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 10:00 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 June 12, 2025. 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. On M18 3 culverts were installed. Channel cleared up to Dana Dr. and installed the culvert. They are working on the culvert upstream of Coolidge Rd. Br. #1 cleaned out, spoil leveling is at 80% done, SESC measures have been staked. Br. #2 spoil leveling and channel cleanout complete.

Valesano presented Progress Payment #16, it includes main branch spoil hauling, Br. #1 & Br# 2 cleanout. Br. #4 channel cleanout along M18. SESC spillways along M18 & Br. #1, paying balance on culverts that were installed. Tile repair and splash pads. In the amount of $101,342.00. Walters made a motion to approve the progress payment, seconded by Sova.
motion carried.

Valesano stated that there are no issues with the SESC & NOC. They are good through February 2026.

Tonya Lewandowski stated that reimbursement of 9 & 10(May & June) has been submitted. There have been portal changes, so we should be receiving payments 9 & 10 soon in the amount of $96,877.50. The NRCS & USDA have had issues with the portal.

Valesano stated that MDOT has not done the bump out on the drain yet where the two cross culverts are set ½" to 1" higher than discussed. Bilacic is almost to the point where the culverts are causing the bump out of the drain. This should not affect the work on the drain.

Chairman Brezvai presented the financial report. Current balances are Construction Fund $934,561.64, Debt Retirement $73,834.72. Gladwin has $123,363.89 in collections that they will be sending to Midland. 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#16	$ 101,342.00
Spicer	#2238768	22,242.00
FSBR	#31193	88.50
UMB	#252738	350.00
		$ 124,022.50

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

Valesano spoke about the footbridge on Tyliski property. They offered different solutions for the issue. A)offer new footbridge with cost share, B)remove bridge and not replace, C)landowner takes responsibility for getting bridge fixed. He was more concerned about the Rockford crossing on the upstream side back in working order. Landowner asked about removing the footbridge and add in a Rockford crossing. We would need to talk to Bilacic and get a price. Chairman Brezvai asked if the cost would be grant eligible. We would also need an supplemental agreement signed by the landowner to allow an additional assessment on the winter taxes. Walters made a motion to draw up an agreement for the additional assessment, Sova seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Lewandowski said that they would have to talk to Tim and Dan to get reimbursement.

Valesano said that there is a property dispute on Br. #1. Mike Heilig is in a dispute with Ted Eastling regarding spoil piles on the west side of the drain. Heilig wants piles left because he believes that it is his property. Eastling does not. Both landowners will have to agree to leave the piles and that it can not impede future work on the drain. Sova made a motion to draw up a landowners agreement, seconded by Walters.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai asked about the beavers and the dams. Valesano stated that they have not been down to the location, it needs to dry up more before going out there.

There was no public comment

Next meeting was set for August 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Midland County.

Sova made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Walters. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Sova

Midland County Drain Commissioner