Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 14, 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, August 14, 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
Lucy Zeestraten, Gladwin County Deputy Drain Commissioner
Christian Valesano – Spicer Group
Nick Czerwinski – Spicer Group (via Teams)
Troy Williamson – Bilacic Trucking

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 July 10, 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. Good progress on M18. They have installed 3-4 culverts per week. Culvert with the T is being installed today. They expect all the remaining culverts on M18 to being installed and then they can move off M18. They expect this to happen in the next week. Patches are yet to be done. Main branch Coolidge Rd heading downstream channel work and spoils to be leveled, SESC measures have been marked. The culvert under Coolidge Rd. still need to be installed. Two culverts on upper end of main branch being installed today. Working at lower end, staking is done. Branch #3 tile has not been done yet. Spoil piles between Dana Dr. and County Line Rd. need to be spread or hauled yet.

Chairman Brezvai presented Change Order #5, which covers the difference in cost from hauling to spreading of spoils. Br. #3 tile size, added culvert on Branch #4, Supplemental benefit to MDOT. Valesano will work on getting the change of cost to Midland County, so that MDOT can be billed at the end of the project. Total of $34,650.00 at this time. Sova made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign Change Order #5 on behalf of the board, Walters seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Nick Czerwinski stated that a change order will be needed for the extension for substantial completion date be changed to September 30, 2025. Completion date is still set for October 30, 2025. Sova made a motion for to pre-authorize the Chairman to sign Change Order #6 on behalf of the board. Walters seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Troy Williamson stated that the Coolidge Road culvert will be installed next week. Manholes to go in. He will reach out to Robin Deman at Northern Concrete.

Chairman Brezvai then presented Progress Payment #17 in the amount of $291,783.50. It included payment for the channel work done on the main branch except the M18 gas main. Spoil leveling, Br. #3, stored materials, Br. #4 channel cleanout, spoil hauling, crossings, SESC, rip rap spillways on Branch #1 & #4. Walters made a motion to approve payment of progress payment, seconded by Sova.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai asked about the SESC & NOC permits. Valesano stated that there are no issues/updates with the permits.

An email was received by Tonya Lewandowski from ECT, she stated that payment #8 &9 have been paid, and #10 has been uploaded into the portal. (Email attached)

Valesano stated that the MDOT M18 project has had no work in the past month. MDOT will grade the drain as needed where their 3 cross culverts are too high.

Chairman Brezvai presented the financial report. Current balances are Construction Fund $1,040,660.83, Debt Retirement $74,950.17. Gladwin $56,422.54. 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#17	$ 291,783.50
Spicer	#239550	21,638.63
ECT	#253393	752.50
		$ 314,174.63

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

Valesano gave an update of the Tsylicki property. The landowner does not want a Rockford, he will do the repairs on his footbridge. An agreement should be drawn up that if the bring is issues in the future, he will have to take care of it. No timeline from the landowner when the repairs will take place.

The property dispute has been put on hold. Mt. Helieg agreed to spread the spoils then they will have a survey done after. The Eastling bridge is too low. It will interfere with the flow of the drain. Valesano is working with Mr. Eastling to come up with a solution.

There was no public comment

Next meeting was set for September 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Midland County.

Walters made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sova. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Sova

Midland County Drain Commissioner