Curtice & Branches Intercounty Drain

Intercounty Drain Drainage Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 11, 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, September 11, 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
Troy Williamson – Bilacic Trucking
Lucy Zeestraten, Gladwin County Deputy Drain Commissioner(via Teams)

Chairman Brezvai called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

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

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

Sova made a motion to accept and file the minutes from August 14, 2025. 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. All work on M18 done except for pavement patches and some spoils on lower end to be spread. All SESC measures on Branch No. 1 are done. Culvert under Coolidge Road has been replaced. All culverts have been installed. Working on lower end. Branch No. 3 having problems with getting the manholes. Debris & garbage piles are being cleaned up. MDOT has issues with slowing outside of MDOT ROW.

Valesano then presented Change Order No. 7, which included the addition of 14 of 15" surface outlet tubes, the removal of a 4" toe drain/riprap, removal of three of 18" & one of 24" surface outlet tubes. The net change is a reduction of $15,880.00. Having issues with suppliers of the footbridges, they have not built to specifications, so waiting on calculations from supplier. With the issue of supplies, we will push out substantial completion date to October 30. 2025, but can do partial substantial completion on September 30, 2025, pushing Final Completion date to Spring 2026. Chairman asked about vegetation. Valesano stated that vegetation is 50 -75% complete. Walters made a motion to accept substantial completion to October 30, 2025, and Final Completion to May 31, 2026, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the change order on behalf of the drainage board. Sova seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai then presented Progress Payment No. 18 in the amount of $231,112.00. It covers the Branch No. 4 work. Sova made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the progress payment on behalf of the board. Walters seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai then asked if there were any SESC/NOC issues. Valesano stated that the permits will need to be extended into 2026 because Final Completion has now been changed to May 31, 2026.

Tonya Lewandowski was not present and the meeting so there was no update from ECT.

Sova made a motion to allow MDOT to work in the drain ROW. He will send an email to MDOT. Walters seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai presented the financial report. Current balances are Construction Fund $476,036.82, Debt Retirement $74,950.17. Gladwin presented a financial report stating a balance of $151,089.16. 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#18	$ 231,112.00
Spicer	#240269	20,089.88
Midland County Drain		112,004.02
		$ 363,205.90

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

Valesano commented on the Curtis Road slope stability (Eleven Mile & Curtis Roads) it was dug deeper than on the plans, and the bank sluffed. Bilacic put riprap and it has stayed stable. Road Commission concerned about continued bank sliding. Bilacic will put in riprap in void. It will add about $21,000 cost to the project, but will still come in under amount of SESC costs. Sova made a motion to adjustment to toe of slope, contingent on the eligibility of the NRCS grant. Walters seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Valesano stated that a Rockford Crossing for landowner, Jim Miller, would be responsible for 35% of the cost. The cost is expected to be $10,000. NRCS would cover 50% and landowner to pay 35%, so only approximately $1,500 would come out of contingencies. Sova made a motion to have Valesano to talk to the landowner about signing an agreement to have it done and an additional assessment added to his taxes for the work. Walters seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Chairman Brezvai asked about the Tyslicky property. Valesano stated that there has been no follow up yet.

There was no public comment.

Next meeting is set for October 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Midland County.

Sova made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Walters. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Sova

Midland County Drain Commissioner