

Minutes – Cuddy Inter-County Drain Board Meeting
March 19, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m.
Yankee Springs Township Hall, 284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, MI

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Members present: Brady Harrington, MI Dept. of Ag. & Rural Dev.; Russ Yarger, Barry Co Commissioner, and Denise Medemar, Allegan County Drain Commissioner.

Others Present: Tammy Berdecia, Barry County Deputy Drain Commissioner; Glenn Pomp, Allegan Co. Drain Commission Deputy Drain Commissioner/Staff Engineer; and Dan Fredricks, P.E., Land and Resource Engineering, Inc.; and approximately 11 public.

Harrington called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

- Motion by Medemar, seconded by Yarger, to appoint Barry County to serve as Secretary for the March 19, 2014 meeting; all ayes, motion carried.

Review of the presented agenda.

- Motion by Yarger, seconded by Medemar, to approve the agenda as presented; all ayes, motion carried.

Minutes

- Motion by Medemar, seconded by Yarger, to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2014 meeting minutes; all ayes, motion carried.

Develop the scope and work for the drain

Fredricks reviewed the previous goals and presented his agenda for the meeting. Discussion about the Allegan County portion scope – it was the consensus to proceed. Discussion about the Barry County portion scope – it was the consensus to proceed. The First Street project will be handled by the Allegan County Road Commission – it was suggested that the board review the project/plans before implementing. Sediment testing was not decided on previously – Fredricks will get quotes from SME. Also, there will need to be a DEQ permit if spoils are moved from the site. Discussion regarding the sand mining operation and whether it contributes to the sediment, Fredricks offered to look at this at no charge – the Allegan County Sanitarian felt that there was no sediment leaving the property. Discussion regarding the adding of lands to the Barry County portion of the district – a Day of Review will have to be held in Barry County – Fredricks will prepare the exhibits and documents. Discussion regarding e-coli studies - LRE will get the location of the observed suspicious outfalls to Allegan County so they can have their Health Department do a follow up investigation. Discussion regarding a request from Steve Oetman to dredge the drain behind his property – Fredricks would like to survey this and then will provide grades. Discussion regarding dredging the Island Drive channel – it was the consensus to proceed and the township will look into. Discussion regarding dredging Patterson Road channel within 400 ft. of the culvert – it was the consensus to proceed and add this to the project. Discussion regarding e-coli and what can be done with partnerships, working with Aaron Snell, getting grants – it was the consensus to have Aaron develop a protocol. Discussion regarding a timeline; this will be driven by land acquisition. It was the consensus to have LRE proceed with this. LRE will send out a letter to Barry County property owners about the surveying to be done and also a project update. Englerth asked about abandoning a portion of the drain easement by Valley Park Shores.

- Motion by Medemar, seconded by Yarger, to authorize the Chair to sign the proposal from Land & Resource Engineering, Inc., for the additional work to be done; all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion regarding costs – Fredricks will speak with VanVolkinburg of Wayland Township and Larry from the Allegan County Road Commission to check on the money that was discussed previously as a potential contribution from the Gun Lake Tribe. At the next meeting, Harrington stated that each board member will come with their recommendation; percentages will be provided by Fredricks.

Authorize the payment of all properly presented invoices, drain orders and/or vouchers

The Financial report was provided and reviewed.

New/old business

None.

Public Comment

Jan Lippert asked about the dredging of Island Drive – it was not decided as of yet.

Scott Havens inquired about the culvert on Island Drive – the BCRC will do this.

Richard Buekema and Mark Englerth thanked the board for their work.

Mark Englerth inquired about the county drain along First St.

Set the date, time, and location of next meeting

The next meeting will be in May and Fredricks will let the board know of dates available.

Adjourn

- Motion by Yarger, seconded by Medemar, to adjourn at 12:05 p.m.

Tammy Berdecia, Acting Secretary
Barry County Deputy Drain Commissioner