

RUMPH INTERCOUNTY  
Minutes of Meeting of Drain Board  
March 6, 2023

Members present: Brady Harrington, Chairman, MDARD  
Bob Mantey, Tuscola Co Drain Commissioner  
Joseph Suma, Lapeer Co Drain Commissioner

Others present: Joseph Brezvai, MDARD  
Michael Quaine, BMJ Engineering Inc.  
Amanda Pentico, BMJ Engineering Inc.  
Dara Hood, Tuscola Co Deputy Drain Commissioner  
Tanya Suter, Lapeer Co Drain Office  
Bill Lutz, Tuscola County Commissioner  
Malisa Pyles, Watertown Township Clerk  
Bob Krozek, K & K Contracting  
Patrick Poelma, Dutch Excavating

Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order and closed bids for construction at 10:00 am at the Watertown Township Hall.

Motion by Suma for Lapeer to be Secretary. Supported by Mantey. Motion carried.

Motion by Mantey to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Suma. Motion carried.

Motion by Suma to approve the last minutes from January 18, 2023 as presented. Supported by Mantey. Motion carried.

Chairman Harrington announced that two bids had been received.

K & K Contracting, completed bid was accepted for \$160,000 total.

Dutch Excavating, completed bid was accepted for \$199,514 total (after review, corrected to \$199,834).

BMJ estimated that the project would cost \$202,700 total.

Motion by Suma to allow BMJ Engineering to review the bids and make recommendation to award. Supported by Mantey. Motion carried.

Discussion: Both counties will need Resolutions to Exceed for both Watertown and Rich Townships.

The drain is 4.4 miles long and it is estimated to take three years to complete; therefore, it has been broken into three phases. The whole drain will be redone, so brush spray will need to be added into the computation of cost. This work should last longer than the last maintenance work did – the soil type is prone to sagging with the original 2:1 slope design. This maintenance calls for a 3:1 slope in the areas where there is bad soil.

For assessment, 5-10 years should be considered to minimize impact on township at larges – these townships will also be responsible for Fostoria and North Branch of the Flint River's at larges, as well as other drains.

Amanda Pentico relayed the results of her review, noting that there was an error in calculation for Dutch Excavating that increased his bid to \$199,834.

Motion by Mantey to award the contract to K & K Contracting as a one-year project contingent on receipt of Resolutions to exceed. Supported by Suma. Motion carried.

Motion by Mantey that when all Resolutions to Exceed have been approved, to move forward with the project and for Lapeer County to pay the contractor based on engineer's recommendation. Supported by Suma. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lapeer (\$3,283.76), Tuscola \$-0-. Tanya Suter explained that a bill for BMJ in the amount of \$5,122.37 was paid, placing the drain in a deficit balance. Motion by Mantey, to accept the treasurer's report as presented and place on file. Supported by Suma. Motion carried.

Invoices: None

Other Business: Michael Quaine, BMJ Engineering, noted that the end of the drain had been relocated. Originally it ended into Squaw Creek, but now it ends into the Fostoria Drain. Aerials show that the change took place around 1999 in order to square off a field, but there is no route and course change on file. Water is currently backing up from Squaw Creek into the old drain location. Someone will have to talk to the property owner to determine what can be done. This will affect Phase II of the project.

The board decided to hold off on notice to proceed until all issues have been resolved.

Public Comment: Malisa Pyles, Watertown Township Clerk, verified that there will be a breakdown of costs when Mantey attends the meeting with the Motion of Exceed.

Next meeting – TBD as needed

Motion by Mantey to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Supported by Suma. Motion carried.

FOIA Coordinator – Lapeer  
Tuscola – 27%  
Lapeer – 73%

Respectfully submitted by,  
Tanya Suter  
Lapeer County Drain Office



