

**NORTH BRANCH OF THE FLINT RIVER INTERCOUNTY DRAIN**  
**Minutes of Meeting of Drain Board**  
**(Lapeer, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties)**

**December 6, 2022**

Members Present: Brady Harrington, Chairman, MDARD  
Joseph Suma, Lapeer County Drain Commissioner  
Doug Sweet, Sanilac County Drain Commissioner  
Dara Hood, Tuscola County Deputy Drain Commissioner

Others Present: Joseph Brezvai, MDARD  
Erik Schwanz, BMJ Engineering  
Cole Hedrick, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes  
Dan Fredricks, LRE Engineering, via Team Meets  
Tanya Suter, Lapeer County Drain Office  
Chris Butterfield, CRB Excavating  
Patrick Poelma, Dutch Excavating  
Chris Tomac, Wombat Services

Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order and closed acceptance of bids at 10:00 am at the Lapeer County Complex, 255 Clay St., Room 85, Lapeer, MI, 48446.

*Motion by Suma, supported by Sweet for Lapeer County to be secretary. All aye. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Sweet, supported by Hood to approve the agenda as presented. All aye. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Sweet, supported by Hood to approve the October 17, 2022 minutes as presented. All aye. Motion carried.*

Erik Schwanz from BMJ stated there was an addendum to the bid correcting the dates for pre-bid meeting, bid letting, and completion.

Brady Harrington, MDARD opened bids and reviewed contents.

GEI                                   \$ 281,302.26  
All bid documents were present and received.

Dutch Excavating   \$ 269,500.00  
All bid documents were present and received.

CRB Excavating \$1,610,000.00

The addendum was not included. *Motion by Sweet, supported by Hood to review bid without Acknowledgement of Addendum. All aye. Motion carried.*

Wombat Services \$ 239,465.00

The addendum was not included. *Motion by Sweet, supported by Hood to review bid without Acknowledgement of Addendum. All aye. Motion carried.*

It was determined that Wombat Services has the lowest bid.

*Move by Suma, supported by Sweet to allow the engineers to review bid tabs and make a recommendation to award the bid. All aye. Motion carried.*

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Suma. Once assessments are received, the current net worth is \$19,631.20. Suma also noted that the Village of North Branch did not assess in 2020, but will be assessing this year to recoup the overdue assessment amount of \$2,958.09. *Motion by Hood, supported by Sweet to accept the treasurer's report as presented. All aye. Motion carried.*

No invoices were presented for approval.

Other Business:

Cole Hedrick, FSBR, presented a recommendation from Stacy Hissong, attorney on record, regarding the EGLE permit. Her recommendation is to send an email to EGLE that we are proceeding with the project.

Chris Tomac, Wombat Services, explained that he was having issues with a bonding company approving the full two-year time limit. The companies he spoke with were open to a one-year bond with a renewal for the second year. The Board and Tomac discussed possible implications of not having that two-year bond and decided for the engineers to include that information in their review for their recommendation.

Suma and Harrington stressed the that this is an environmental and community-sensitive project. Even though there is no EGLE permit, all eyes will be watching to ensure contractors do only what they are contracted to do.

The treasurer will need to do a computation of cost based on the bid for a 2-year assessment. *Motion by Suma, supported by Sweet for the treasurer to prepare a 2-year computation of cost for assessment in 2023-2024 with assistance from the chair. All aye. Motion carried.*

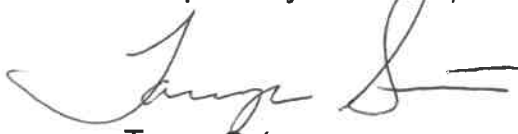
*Motion by Sweet, supported by Hood to authorize Lapeer County to borrow, as necessary, based on the computation of cost for the 2023-2024 maintenance project. All aye. Motion carried.*

There was no public comment.

The next board meeting will be the pre-construction meeting.

*Moved be Sweet, supported by Hood to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 am. All aye. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Tanya Suter', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Tanya Suter  
Lapeer County Drain Office