

# Intercounty Drain Board Meeting Minutes

## South Branch of Cass River Intercounty Drain

Sanilac & Lapeer Counties

**Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

Sanilac County Drain Office, 60 W. Sanilac Ave., Room 201, Sandusky, MI

### Members Present:

Brady Harrington, Michigan Department of Agriculture, Chair  
Joe Suma, Lapeer County Drain Commissioner  
Doug Sweet, Sanilac County Drain Commissioner

### Others Present:

Michael Quaine and Amanda Pentico – BMJ Engineers & Surveyors, Inc. and Angela Kramer – Sanilac County Deputy Drain Commissioner

### **1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Harrington called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at Sanilac County Drain Office, 60 W. Sanilac Ave., Room 201, Sandusky, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting was to set maintenance scope for 2023-25; authorize maintenance borrowing; authorize payment of invoices; and any other business that may come before the Board.

### **2. Motion for Secretary**

Motion by Suma, supported by Sweet that Sanilac County acts as secretary. Yeas: Suma, Sweet. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **3. Agenda**

Motion by Sweet, supported by Suma to approve the agenda as presented. Yeas: Sweet, Suma. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Suma, supported by Sweet to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022 meeting as presented. Yeas: Suma, Sweet. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **5. Communications and reports of Board members, committees and consultants**

#### **(a.) Set maintenance scope for 2023-25**

Michael Quaine of BMJ Engineers & Surveyors, Inc. presented a preliminary cost opinion for future maintenance over the next couple of years. There is roughly 3.5 miles left to finish on the drain. However, there are budget restraints due to the ongoing work currently being done. The Board adjusted the maintenance scope slightly, to go through 2024 instead of 2025. BMJ Engineers & Surveyors, Inc. will reevaluate the project in 2025 for additional work that needs to be done at that time.

Motion by Sweet, supported by Suma to sign a Comp of Cost for \$262,500 to be spread over two years (2023-2024). Yeas: Sweet, Suma. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### **(b.) Authorize maintenance borrowing**

Motion by Suma, supported by Sweet to authorize Sanilac County to borrow \$262,500 from a lender for 2023-2024 assessment. Yeas: Suma, Sweet. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### **(c.) Treasurer's Report**

Sweet reported that Sanilac County's is in the red \$-146,675.57. Suma reported that Lapeer County's current balance is \$1717.04. Motion by Sweet, supported by Suma to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Yeas: Sweet, Suma. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**6. Approval of Invoices**

None

**7. Other Business**

Sweet has been contacted by landowner Cornell Fortuna. Fortuna is wanting to add a driveway on the west side of Cass River, south of Mushroom Rd. and west of Arnold Rd. The spoils are high in that area, and there are safety concerns.

Motion by Sweet, supported by Suma, to deny the landowner permission to build a driveway in the right of way, due to safety concerns. Yeas: Sweet, Suma. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**8. Public Comment**

None.

**9. Set the Date, Time and Location of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in 2024 to look at a maintenance scope for 2025.

**10. Adjourn**

Motion by Sweet, supported by Suma to adjourn at 1:36 p.m. Yeas: Sweet, Suma. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Kramer  
Sanilac County Deputy Drain Commissioner  
Acting Secretary

**S. Br. Cass River Intercounty Drain – Sanilac 82 1/3%, Lapeer 17 2/3%**

**DRAIN NAME** SOUTH BRANCH CASS RIVER INTERCOUNTY DRAIN

**DRAIN NO.** C006

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ELMER, EVERGREEN, FLYNN, LAMOTTE, MARLETTE & MOORE TWP. -- SANILAC & LAPEER CO.

Saniac - 82.333% Lapeer 17.667%

|          |                          | REVOLVING                          |           |           |              | MAIN DRAIN FUND |           |        |           |
|----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Date     | Drain Order and Receipts | EXPLANATION                        | #802      |           | #801         |                 | Debit     | Credit | Bal.      |
|          |                          |                                    | Debit     | Credit    | Debit        | Credit          |           |        |           |
| 1/10/22  | 10758                    | CONSTRUCTION & LAND USE            |           |           | (0.00)       | 150.00          |           |        | 57,625.89 |
| 1/31/22  | JE                       | JANUARY INTEREST                   |           |           | (0.00)       |                 | 4.46      |        | 57,630.35 |
| 2/23/22  | R196921                  | DRAIN CROSSING PERMIT - SEMCO      |           |           | (0.00)       |                 | 250.00    |        | 57,880.35 |
| 3/31/22  | JE                       | TRANSFER TO 804                    |           |           | (0.00)       | 92.73           |           |        | 57,787.62 |
| 3/31/22  | JE                       | REIMBURSE GENERAL FUND             |           |           | (0.00)       |                 |           |        | 57,787.62 |
| 3/31/22  | JE                       | FEBRUARY - MARCH INTEREST          |           |           | (0.00)       |                 | 0.45      |        | 57,788.07 |
| 4/12/22  | 10858                    | CHARLIE'S EXCAVATING               |           |           | (0.00)       | 48,622.99       |           |        | 9,165.08  |
| 5/17/22  | 10899                    | BMJ ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS          |           |           | (0.00)       | 4,789.74        |           |        | 4,375.34  |
| 6/14/22  | 11019                    | CHARLIE'S EXCAVATING               |           |           | (0.00)       | 4,375.34        |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 6/14/22  | 11020                    | CHARLIE'S EXCAVATING               | 40,379.87 |           | (40,379.87)  |                 |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 6/17/22  | 11026                    | JENSEN BRIDGE                      | 8,720.25  |           | (49,100.12)  |                 |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 6/24/22  | JE                       | AEG DRAIN CROSSING PERMIT FEES     |           |           | (49,100.12)  |                 | 250.00    |        | 250.00    |
| 6/30/22  | JE                       | TRANSFER TO #804                   |           |           | (49,100.12)  | 250.00          |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 6/30/22  | JE                       | TRANSFER TO #804                   | 349.50    |           | (49,449.62)  |                 |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 7/12/22  | 11045                    | BMJ ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS          | 1,442.70  |           | (50,892.32)  |                 |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 7/12/22  | 11050                    | MINDEN CITY HERALD                 | 180.00    |           | (51,072.32)  |                 |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 8/16/22  | 11124                    | FSBR PLC                           | 4,173.67  |           | (55,245.99)  |                 |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 8/18/22  | JE                       | TRANSFER IN FROM 851 - CONTINGENCY |           |           | (55,245.99)  |                 | 16,956.75 |        | 16,956.75 |
| 8/18/22  | JE                       | REIMBURSE REVOLVING FROM #801      |           | 16,956.75 | (38,289.24)  | 16,956.75       |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 9/13/22  | 11158                    | SPICER GROUP                       | 2,780.50  |           | (41,069.74)  |                 |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 9/13/22  | 11161                    | BMJ ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS          | 5,833.19  |           | (46,902.93)  |                 |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 9/16/22  | 11175                    | CONSTRUCTION & LAND USE            | 150.00    |           | (47,052.93)  |                 |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 9/30/22  | JE                       | TRANSFER TO 804                    | 91.00     |           | (47,143.93)  |                 |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 10/4/22  | 11194                    | KAPPEN EXCAVATING                  | 29,966.42 |           | (77,110.35)  |                 |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 11/15/22 | 11235                    | BMJ ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS          | 5,331.20  |           | (82,441.55)  |                 |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 12/19/22 | 11293                    | JENSEN BRIDGE                      | 24,344.00 |           | (106,785.55) |                 |           |        | (0.00)    |
| 1/10/23  | 11339                    | CHARLIE'S EXCAVATING               | 39,890.02 |           | (146,675.57) |                 |           |        | (0.00)    |
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