

Minutes
Orient/Fork Intercounty Drain Board Meeting
December 8, 2016

The Drainage Board for the Orient/Fork Intercounty Drain conducted a meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the Orient Township Hall at 2972 30th Avenue, Sears, MI, Osceola County. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the construction project, review and authorize the payment of any properly presented invoices, drain orders and/or vouchers, and any other business that may come before the Board.

Board Present: Brady Harrington, Chairman, MDARD
Jerry Powell, Osceola County Drain Commissioner
Jackie Fitzgerald, Mecosta County Drain Commissioner

Others Present: Larry Protasiewicz, Spicer Group
Brian Sutton, Barryton Excavating
Karla Miller, Deputy Drain Commissioner Mecosta County
Roberta Hazen, Fork Township Clerk, Mecosta County
Wade Caryl, Fork Township Supervisor, Mecosta County
Pam Gilbert, Fork Township Trustee, Mecosta County
Brian Youngs, Orient Township Supervisor, Osceola County
Jason Sherman, Property Owner, Fork Township
Christina Sherman, Property Owner, Fork Township

1. **The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:00 a.m.** Board Members were introduced.
2. **Motion to elect a secretary. It was moved by Osceola to have Mecosta serve as Secretary. Support by Mecosta. Motion carried.**
3. **Review and approve the agenda. It was moved by Mecosta with support from Osceola to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**
4. **Review and approve the August 5, 2016 meeting minutes. It was moved by Osceola with support from Mecosta to approve the minutes from August 5, 2016. Motion carried.**
5. **Discuss the construction process.** The project to date and how to proceed with the remaining maintenance of the drain was discussed at length. It was decided to *not* clean out the road ditch along Meceola Road at this time and to continue the clearing and dipping out of the drain south of Meceola Road.

Work done to date by Barryton Excavating: They have brushed about 400 ft. of drainage ditch along the north side of Meceola Road and cleared and dipped out about 375 feet of drainage ditch south of Meceola.

We would need to go at least that far still, south of Meceola Road, to get through the thick brush and trees growing in the drain to hopefully get the water flowing through this area. Another 500 ft. should do it. After much discussion and impute from township officials and the property owner present it was decided to proceed with the project south of Meceola Road.

It was moved by Osceola with support from Mecosta to authorize a change order for the existing contract balance to be transferred from the roadside portion of draw to downstream clearing and dipping out of the drainage ditch where necessary. Also authorized an additional \$5,000 for 2017 maintenance to excavate downstream if necessary. Motion carried.

Moved by Osceola with support from Mecosta to continue to use the existing contractor: Barryton Excavating, Brian Sutton, for the remainder of the maintenance project. Motion carried

6. **Authorize progress payments. *It was moved by Osceola and supported by Mecosta to allow Spicer Group Engineer to direct Treasurer (Mecosta) to pay bills and authorize change orders at the recommendation of the engineer without a board meeting. Motion carried.*** At this point we owe Barryton Excavating about \$4,262.50. This amount includes the brushing of the drain along the north side of Meceola Road about 400 ft. and the brushing and dipping out of the drainage ditch south of Meceola Road for about 375 ft.
7. **Authorize the payment of all properly presented invoices, drain orders, and vouchers.**
None
8. **Discuss old/new business.** None
9. **Receive public comment.** Mecosta recognized contractor for the good job done thus far.
10. **Set the date, time and location of the next meeting.** At the request of any board member.
11. **Adjourn.** Moved by Osceola with support from Mecosta to adjourn the Board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Jackie Fitzgerald, Mecosta County Drain Commissioner