

**Minutes
Orient/Fork Intercounty Drain Board Meeting
August 24, 2018**

The Drainage Board for the Orient/Fork Intercounty Drain conducted a meeting on Friday, August 24, 2018, at the Fork Township Hall at 147 Northern Avenue, Barryton, Michigan, Mecosta County. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the drainage district and take appropriate action; authorize the payment of all properly presented invoices, vouchers and drain orders; and any other business that may come before the Board

Board Present: Brady Harrington, Chairman, MDARD
David Belden, Osceola County Drain Commissioner (New Drain Commissioner for Osceola County)
Jackie Fitzgerald, Mecosta County Drain Commissioner

Others Present: Carl Parks, Clare County Drain Commissioner
Robert Willoughby, Isabella County Drain Commissioner
Tim Warner, Isabella Engineer Technician
Larry Protasiewicz, Spicer Group
Roberta Hazen, Fork Township Clerk, Mecosta County
Pam Gilbert, Fork Township Trustee, Mecosta County

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. Voted on, motion carried.**
3. Review and approve the agenda. **It was moved by Mecosta with support from Osceola to approve the agenda. Voted on, motion carried.**
4. Review and approve the December 8, 2016 meeting minutes. **It was moved by Osceola with support from Mecosta to approve the minutes from December 8, 2016. Voted on, motion carried.**
5. Communications and reports of board members, committees, and consultants.
 - a. Discuss the process of adding other counties to the Orient-Fork Intercounty Drain Drainage District. Per Section 197(3) of the Michigan Drain Code PA 40, 1956, as amended, you can now add counties to a drainage district without a petition. Mecosta County Drain Commissioner – Jackie Fitzgerald has made a request to the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD), that we pursue this option.

After much discussion, the following motion was made: **Moved by Mecosta County with support from Osceola County to proceed with the option of adding Clare & Isabella Counties to the established Orient-Fork Intercounty Drain Drainage District. Voted on, motion carried.**

The following notice was signed by Mecosta, Osceola & MDARD.

**NOTICE TO DRAINAGE BOARD OF THE PROPOSED ADDITION OF A COUNTY TO
A DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

Orient-Fork Intercounty Drain

Please take notice that, we, Brady Harrington, Jackie Fitzgerald, and David Belden- the members of the Orient-Fork Intercounty Drain Drainage Board – have determined that the boundaries of the Orient-Fork Intercounty Drain Drainage District should be revised, which would result in the addition of lands in Clare County and in Isabella County to the Drainage District.

We request that the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development call a meeting of the proposed revised Drainage Board, which shall include the Mecosta County Drain Commissioner, Osceola County Drain Commissioner, Clare County Drain Commissioner and Isabella County Drain Commissioner, to consider any evidence offered and determined whether the addition of Clare County and Isabella County is just and equitable. Each commissioner shall provide notice of the meeting pursuant to Section 197(3) of the Michigan Drain Code, Public Act 40 of 1956 as amended. Dated: August 24, 2018 Signed by: Mecosta, Osceola & MDARD

- b. Discuss and designate a FOIA Coordinator. It was moved by Mecosta County with support from Osceola County to adopt the FOIA policy used by Mecosta County. This was voted on, motion carried.***
- c. Treasurers Report. No Treasurers report for this meeting.
6. Approval of invoices. None
7. Other Business. None
8. Public Comment. We discussed the use of the Fork Township Hall for the Public Meeting. It was confirmed available.
9. Set the date, time and location of the next meeting. The next meeting will be a Public Hearing to be held at the Fork Township Hall, 147 Northern Avenue, Barryton, Michigan on October 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. MDARD will prepare the Public Notices for this meeting.
10. Adjourn. With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Jackie Fitzgerald, Mecosta County Drain Commissioner