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NOTICE OF LETTING OF CONTRACT AND DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

BLANCHARD INTERCOUNTY DRAIN
Isabella and Mecosta Counties

DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Attention property owners within the Blanchard Intercounty Drain Drainage District, the supervisors of Rolland and Millbrook Townships, the clerks of Isabella and Mecosta counties and the members of the Isabella and Mecosta County Road Commissions.

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that on **Thursday, April 19, 2018**, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the **Isabella County Drain Commissioner's Office, 200 North Main Street, Room 140, Mount Pleasant, Michigan**, for the property owners and public corporations in Isabella County and at the **Mecosta County Drain Commissioner's Office, County Services Building, 14485 Northland Drive, Room 105, Big Rapids, Michigan** for the property owners and public corporations in Mecosta County or at any adjourned time and place, a Day of Review of Apportionments will be held to review the apportionment of benefits for the lands within the **Blanchard Intercounty Drain Drainage District**. At said Day of Review, the tentative apportionments against parcels and public corporations within the drainage district for the maintenance and improvement of the drain will be open for inspection by any parties interested. Any property owner within the drainage district, county clerk, road commission representative, or township supervisor, wishing to be heard or to inspect the tentative apportionments against parcels and public corporations within the drainage district may appear during the day and time above specified.

The following is a condensed description of the land constituting the Blanchard Intercounty Drain Special Assessment District and municipalities involved.

Millbrook Township, Mecosta County – T.13N.-R.07W.

In Section 24 – The Southeast ¼, and the East ½ of the Southwest ¼, and the North ½ of the Section.
In Section 25 – The Northeast ¼, and the East ½ of the Northwest ¼ of the Section.

Rolland Township, Isabella County – T.13N.-R.06W.

In Section 17 – The West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of the Section.
In Section 18 – The South ½ of the Section.
In Section 19 – The West ½, and the Northeast ¼, and the North ½ of the Southeast ¼ of the Section.
In Section 20 – The West ½, and the West ½ of the Southeast ¼, and the South ¼ of the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of the Section.
In Section 30 – The Northwest ¼ of the Section.

At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, the drain commissioner will be available to review the tentative apportionments against parcels and public corporations within the drainage district. The computation of cost of construction of the drain will also be open for public inspection by any parties interested.

The drain assessments against land in the drainage district will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the landowner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges. Dependent on location of the property or public corporation, questions about payments of drain assessments should be directed to the Isabella County Drain Commissioner's Office at 989-772-0911, ext. 247 or the Mecosta County Drain Commissioner's Office at 231-592-0103

You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code, any owner of land within the drainage district or any township or county, feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the drain commissioners, may appeal the apportionment within 10 days after the Day of Review of Apportionments. The appeal should be filed at the Probate Court in the county where the property or public corporation is located for the appointment of a Board of Review.

BID LETTING INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTORS

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that on **Friday, March 23, 2018**, at the **Isabella County Drain Commissioner's Office, 200 North Main Street, Mount Pleasant, Michigan**, the drainage board will receive sealed bids **prior to 10:00 a.m.** At that time bids will be opened and publicly announced for the construction or maintenance of a certain drain known and designated as the **Blanchard Intercounty Drain**, located and established in Rolland Township, County of Isabella, and Millbrook Township County of Mecosta.

In the construction of the Drain, the following quantities for tile or pipe will be necessary and the performance of work will be required and contracts let for same:

Estimated Quantity	Units	Description
CROSSINGS		
No. 1 - Station 6+52 - Footbridge, T.M. & G.A. Smith		
1	Lump Sum	Foot Bridge Removal
No. 2 - Station 7+04 - Sherman Road, Isabella County Road Commission		
55	Lin. Ft.	66" C.M.P., 3" x 1" Corr., 12 Ga., Bevel Ends 1.5:1
OPEN CHANNEL CONSTRUCTION		
4316	Lin. Ft.	Swale and Roadside Ditch Excavation
2	Lump Sum	Rock Chute
996	Lin. Ft.	Selective Clearing
STORM SEWER CONSTRUCTION		
3217	Lin. Ft.	12" - 36" R.C.P. Storm Sewer
12928	Lin. Ft.	12" - 36" H.D.P.E. Perforated Dual-Wall Storm Sewer
6	Each	30" - 60" Water Level Control Structures
17	Each	48" - 60" Dia. Manhole / Catch Basins
16	Each	12" - 30" Standpipes
1000	Cu. Yd.	Subgrade Undercutting and Backfilling
MISCELLANEOUS		
1	Each	Sedimentation Basin

Multiple	Various	Site Clearing, Traffic Control, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Measures, Seeding, Cleanup and Restoration, Mulch Blanket
190	Sq. Yd.	Gravel Drive Reconstruction

Bidding documents and plans may be viewed beginning **Wednesday, March 7, 2018**, at the Isabella County Drain Commissioner's Office, 200 North Main Street, Room 140, Mount Pleasant, Michigan, or the Mecosta County Drain Commissioner's Office, County Services Building, Room 105, 14485 Northland Drive, Big Rapids, Michigan. Paper copies of plans will be available for **pick-up only,** for a $100 non-refundable fee, with **checks made payable** to the **Blanchard Intercounty Drain Drainage District**. Bidders wishing to download plans and specifications at NO COST may do so by registering at the Spicer Group website at http://bidding.spicergroup.com/. **Bidding documents and plans must be obtained prior to the mandatory pre-bid meeting for bidders interested in bidding the project**.

Any person(s) desiring to bid on the above mentioned work will be required to deposit with the drainage board a bid bond, certified check or money order (no cash) in the amount of 5% (five percent) of the bid as a guarantee that he will enter into the contract and furnish the required performance bond and proof of insurance as prescribed by law. The deposit of all unsuccessful bidders will be returned after the contract has been awarded.

A contract will be entered into with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work in the sum as specified in the bidding documents. **The Blanchard Intercounty Drain Drainage Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids deemed not in the best interest of the Blanchard Intercounty Drain Drainage District, the County of Isabella, or the County of Mecosta** and to adjourn such bid letting to such time and place as shall be publicly announce. The date for completion of such contract will be March 31, 2019.

A **mandatory pre-bid meeting and onsite inspection** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2018,** at the **Millbrook Township Hall, 3015 Jackson Road, Blanchard, Michigan**. The engineer will be present to discuss the project. **Bidders are required to attend and participate in the meeting.** The engineer will transmit to all prospective bidders of record such addenda as the engineer considers necessary in response to questions arising at the meeting. Oral statements shall not be relied upon and will not be legally binding. If you have any questions regarding the contract documents, contact: Larry Protasiewicz, P.E., Spicer Group, Inc. 989-928-8013.

Proceedings conducted at the bid opening and day of review are subject to the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact the Blanchard Intercounty Drain Drainage Board at (517) 284-5623 or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least fourteen (14) days before each to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

DATED: March 1, 2018

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