

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
June 6, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Merriam Drainage District of Johnson County, Kansas, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mr. Jackson at GuitarLamp 5848 Merriam Drive Merriam, KS 66203.

Eric Jackson, Chairman
Dan Leap, Secretary

James Orr, Attorney
Steve Roth, Engineer (Virtual)
John Martin, Accountant
Rebecca Heatwole
Guests: Jason Silvers and Whitney Yadrich

The request was made to make the following change to the minutes:

1. Mr. Roth was not in attendance at the May meeting, his name should be struck from attendees.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022, as amended, by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth informed the board that he spoke with Katrina Marx, COE Project Manager for Turkey Creek project, she said that since the plan was completed 5 years ago and the design was a couple years before that it should be considered more of a framework to reduce flooding it shouldn't be looked at as the final plan for the work they will do. Mr. Roth recommends that MDD hold off on Project I and the other two wall repairs on the CIP 2020 at least two years until the final plan for the COE Turkey Creek project is known. After a general discussion, Mr. Jackson made a motion based on the recent infrastructure bill being signed & uncertainty of the COE project I should not be pursued until more information is received; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.
- Mr. Roth informed that the next priorities should be clearing brush, tree removal, and filling holes along the channel. CIP 2022 Mr. Roth informed filling holes would cost \$16,614 and clearing brush/trees, spraying and maintenance will be another \$25,000. After a general discussion it was noted that the amount of work in CIP 2022 does not warrant putting it out for bid. Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve remaining CIP 2022 repairs excluding wall repairs; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.
- Mr. Roth will provide pictures of the recent wall repair on the southside to Rebecca for the website to be updated.
- Mr. Jackson request CIP 2023 be provided at July meeting.

2) Attorney Report:

- Nothing to report.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed the board that MDD received \$119K of our 2022 budget through the end of May and should receive another large distribution in June.
- Mr. Martin discussed 1st Qtr Financials expenses were \$41K and payroll was \$4,100.00 total \$45,800. Based on expenses he believes there will be \$73,600 remaining for 2023 Budget.
- Mr. Martin informed MDD should begin working on 2023 Budget. He informed that keeping the mill levee the tax dollars will be the same. The remaining balance can be used to provide reserve funds for future projects. Funds could be carried over as long as

there are planned projects. It will be a good idea to have some potential uses for the funding.

- 4) A motion was made to approve the bills as presented by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.
- 5) There was a discussion regarding filling the Treasurer position, Mr. Jackson has not spoken to any other interested parties. Mr. Leap has spoken to one person, and he asked them to contact Mr. Jackson. There was a general discussion regarding requirements for eligibility to serve on the board: Must own property in Merriam and live within Johnson County.
- 6) Miss Heatwole informed the board that an email was received requesting that we record board meetings and make them available for the public on our website. There was a general discussion after which it was decided not to record meetings as board minutes would be made available to those unable to attend.

There being no new business, a motion to adjourn at 7:27 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary