

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
July 5, 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 Billy Croan

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022, as written by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth is working with Rieke to schedule a meeting in the field to review items approved at June meeting. He will be asking for a quote to complete all annual maintenance for CIP 2022.
- Mr. Roth has been working on CIP 2023 he informed that he walked Turkey Creek looking for additional projects needed and did not find anything significant. He informed that the previous wall issues that have been identified seem to be in the same condition as they were previously. He found that nothing needs immediate attention.
- Mr. Roth would like to complete project F from CIP 2021 the amount will need to be increased to account for inflation and price increases. As well as some planting maintenance on the area where switchgrass was planned a few years ago.
- Mr. Roth informed the project behind Merriam Christian Church has been completed. He will update 2022 CIP and will provide it to Miss Heatwole to be added to the website.

2) Attorney Report:

- After a review of the Public Officials Policy premium and determining there was only a \$100 price increase from 2022, Mr. Jackson made a motion to renew the Public Officials Policy through USLI; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin shared a draft of 2023 budget with the board members. He informed that last year's mil levee rate was 1.707; however, 2023 Revenue Neutral Rate is 1.587. He informed if the board would like to keep the same mil levee rate, they will have to hold a hearing to increase from the revenue neutral rate and must schedule the hearing by July 20th.
- Due to increased property values MDD will be able to keep below the revenue neutral rate and receive \$229,500.00 in Ad Valorem Taxes. This will decrease the 2023 budget authority to \$258,650.00.
- After a general discussion, it was decided not to go over the revenue neutral rate so a hearing will not be set.
- Mr. Martin will send the Notice of Budget Hearing to Miss Heatwole to have published in the Legal Record at least 10 days before the August 1st meeting.

4) A motion was made to approve the bills as presented by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

- 5) Mr. Jackson informed that he had not heard from Mr. Leap's potential candidate for the Treasurer position. Mr. Leap informed that the candidate was not eligible. Mr. Leap informed he may have someone that is interested in the position. They will continue to look for a candidate.

There being no new business, a motion to adjourn at 7:25 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary