

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
August 1, 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

John Martin, Accountant

Rebecca Heatwole

Guests: Jason Silvers

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2022, as written by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth met with Max Rieke to review the 3 additional maintenance items brush clearing, ditch clearing, maintenance and planting. Mr. Roth provided the budget for these items, and they will do what they can. The work on both sides of the channel N of Farmer's Market will begin in September and the ditch clearing will begin soon. Plantings at 9400 Johnson Drive, Mr. Roth is going to send plant specifics to Max Rieke so planting will begin in the Fall.
- Mr. Roth informed ditch clearing will require the trail be closed for about 4 hours. He will reach out to City of Merriam to plan the work.
- There have been no updates from the Corps of Engineers they are still working on agreement with City of Merriam. They are about 1.5 years away from needing to sit down w/ project managers.

2) Attorney Report:

- Nothing to report

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed that through July there are no budget issues. We will be earmarking funds projections will be given at the next meeting.

4) A motion was made to approve the bills as presented by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved. In addition, a motion was made for Miss Heatwole to electronically pay the PO Box renewal by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

5) Mr. Jackson has contacted another man, and he declined the interest in the position. Mr. Leap did speak with someone but didn't get back with him. There was a general discussion regarding having one of the previous candidates take the position. This was tabled until September meeting.

6) On 62<sup>nd</sup> terrace on the south side of the collision center there are 7 trees and 6 are growing into the power lines. The trees were planted 2009 – 2011 and were planted to close to the street and powerlines. Merriam Public Works suggested having the power company come out to trim the trees back and then going ahead and removing the trees. There is enough in the budget to remove trees.

There being no new business, a motion to adjourn at 7:28 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Heatwole  
Recording Secretary