

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
September 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

Rebecca Heatwole
Guests: Jason Silvers
Whitney Yadrich
Jeff Weisbender

A motion was made to approve the board meeting and budget hearing minutes of the August 1, 2022, after updating name Dan Leap's name by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth informed that he had a conversation with Max Reike last week regarding planting switchgrass, cleaning the ditch, and tree clearing North of the Farmer's Market. Ditch cleaning and planting is scheduled to take place September 19th, but Max Reike would like to wait until later in the year for the tree clearing. Mr. Roth contacted City of Merriam and gave them contact information for Max Reike to schedule the work to be done with them.
- Mr. Roth attended 2 Corps of Engineers meetings regarding the Turkey Creek Project. Their design team is just beginning to enact the plan by getting easements from utilities as well as boring samples and surveys of the area. Mr. Roth expects they will be asking Merriam Drainage District for a temporary easement for Right of Way entry for the project. MDD will be able to put a timeframe on the Right of Way and he expects we will have this by next meeting. There were two concepts proposed at the second meeting:
 - Concept 1 – The scope of the work is redoing downtown, updating parking lots etc.
 - Concept 2 – The scope of the work includes more offline storage for the creek which allows more water to be stored.

Mr. Roth informed that most desired plan is Concept 2. He will defer to Mr. Bryan Dyer for more details to address MDD board concerns.

2) Attorney Report:

- Nothing to report

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin was unable to make the meeting due to the date change; however, Mr. Jackson spoke with Mr. Martin before the meeting and was informed that Johnson County decided to show a zero for the proposed budget on county property tax notices when a district does not exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR). Mr. Jackson also informed that MDD is one of 17 taxing authorities that did not exceed the RNR.

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

- 5) Mr. Leap made a motion to appoint Jeff Weisbender as Treasurer of the board; seconded by Mr. Jackson; unanimously approved. After motion, Mr. Jackson swore Mr. Weisbender into office and he joined the meeting as a sitting member of the board.
- 6) Mr. Jackson asked Miss Heatwole to make sure that both Mr. Leap and Mr. Weisbender have access to Citizens bank and the Dropbox.

There being no new business, a motion to adjourn at 7:19 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary