

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
October 3, 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
Jeff Weisbender, Treasurer

James Orr, Attorney
Steve Roth, Engineer
John Martin, CPA
Rebecca Heatwole
Guests: Jason Silvers
Billy Croan

Mr. Jackson requested “show a zero for the mil levee rate” under the Accountant Report to be changed to “show a zero for the proposed budget”. A motion was made to approve the board meeting minutes of the September 6, 2022, as amended by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth informed that the planting on the westside of the Turkey Creek will be moved to March 2023 to avoid the plant dying due to the dry weather we have been having. The ditch clearing and grubbing will still take place later this year.
- Mr. Roth explained the COE Upper Turkey Creek to catch Mr. Weisbender up on the project. He also informed the board COE did not hold meetings this month. The drilling/surveying is set to take place in January 2023, Mr. Roth anticipates receiving the right-of-way from the COE in November. There is still not confirmation that the COE will take care of all budgeted wall repairs with their project. Mr. Martin informed MDD could continue to encumber funds for the project over multiple years.
- Mr. Martin suggested that any work that can be done under the current budget, should be included under 2022 budget authority. As such, Mr. Roth informed the area South of the Farmer’s Market will require additional grubbing and clearing. Mr. Roth will follow up with Reike to get an estimate to include the additional section.

2) Attorney Report:

- Nothing to report awaiting right-of-way for review.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed the 2023 budget was submitted to the county. The first nine months are on track budgetarily.
- Mr. Martin suggested looking at the CIP to encumber 2022 funds for 2023 budget. Mr. Roth will walk the creek to look for areas requiring work.

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

5) Miss Heatwole provided signature cards for both Citizens Bank Accounts for board signatures.

There being no new business, a motion to adjourn at 7:21 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary