

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
November 7, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Merriam Drainage District of Johnson County, Kansas, was called to order at 7:03 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, CPA
Rebecca Heatwole

A motion was made to approve the board meeting minutes of the October 3, 2022, as presented by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth informed the board that he walked the park/creek to identify improvements but didn't find anything that wasn't already in the scope of work for the COE Turkey Creek Project.
- Mr. Roth provided the board a map of the proposed COE Turkey Creek Project showing the use of floodwall and earthen levee. Mr. Roth explained that the floodwalls were being used in sections where there are space constraints with the abutting property. COE is facing the challenge of the Turkey Creek Project being budgeted 7 – 8 years ago the cost has significantly increased over the years. They will still have to follow the plan as it was scoped previously, but the money to do the work might not be there. Mr. Roth informed that the COE has not sent over the right-of-way easement; he hopes to have it by the December meeting. Survey is still set to begin in January or February 2023.
- Mr. Roth informed that MDD's contribution will be the easements and to accept the maintenance of the project which will definitely be more than what MDD is paying now. At the next design meeting with the COE, Mr. Roth will bring up that MDD will need access points to the channel.
- Mr. Roth informed the board that the tree clearing South of the Farmer's Market project that is on 2023 CIP could be moved up to use 2022 funds for the project. Mr. Roth proposed adding a yearly project running from Shawnee Mission Parkway to Merriam Drive clearing out any shrub/tree less than 3" diameter. He will be asking Max Reike for a quote for this project.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr mentioned that the interest rates increasing MDD should consider speaking with the bank to negotiate a better interest rate on the accounts.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin mentioned that we should begin identifying projects to be completed so that 2022 funds can be encumbered to keep our current budget authority. Once the December numbers come in he will know better the amount available to encumber.

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

There being no new business, a motion to adjourn at 7:32 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary