

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

James Orr, Attorney  
Steve Roth, Engineer  
John Martin, CPA  
Rebecca Heatwole  
Guest: Jason Silvers

A motion was made to approve the board meeting minutes of the November 7, 2022, as amended with the removal of the duplicate words “in sections” by Mr. Leap; seconded by Mr. Jackson; approved, Mr. Weisbender abstained from vote as he was not in attendance at the November meeting.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth informed the board that Max Rieke would begin the work of clearing trees on East and West banks North of the Farmer’s Market this week. He also contacted Merriam Public Works Director but was notified that position is currently open and they are looking at promoting someone.
- Mr. Roth will attend the COE Turkey Creek progress meeting virtually tomorrow. Johnson County Wastewater will begin planning with COE to relocate manholes for the project soon. MDD Board would like to attend one of these planning meetings with COE, Mr. Roth will inform them when they should attend the meeting.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr received the COE Right-of-Entry which gives them right to come on MDD property for drilling and sampling. After a general discussion, Mr. Leap made a motion to approve the right-of-entry; seconded by Mr. Jackson; unanimously approved. Mr. Leap made another motion for Mr. Jackson to sign the authorization; seconded by Mr. Weisbender; unanimously approved.
- Liability Insurance should be renewed in January, Mr. Orr suggested that the board go ahead and authorize Mr. Jackson to bind coverage with our current insurance company. Mr. Leap made a motion to allow Mr. Jackson to bind coverage with our current insurance company; Mr. Weisbender seconded; unanimously approved.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed that he had looked at the books through November, everything looks fine. He suggests waiting to see where the books are in January possibly February before encumbering 2022 budget funds.

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

5) At the last meeting Mr. Orr mentioned that MDD consider talking with Citizens Bank and Trust regarding our interest rates, Mr. Jackson requested that Mr. Orr speak with Citizens Bank before the next meeting.

There being no new business, a motion to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Heatwole

