

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

January 3, 2023

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 December 5, 2022, as written by Mr. Leap; seconded by Mr. Weisbender; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth informed the board that Max Rieke completed the work of clearing trees on East and West banks North of the Farmer's Market and did more work that was anticipated. The invoice for this work in the amount of \$18K was received and schedule to pay at this meeting. Mr. Roth informed that Max Rieke should begin the other clearing project along the trail this week.
- Mr. Roth informed the COE is working on getting right-of-ways, soil borings, etc. Nothing new to report.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr spoke with Ann Mauzy, Citizens Bank, regarding MDD interest rates. She informed that MDD's interest rates float based on Federal T Bill rates and is the best deal we are going to get during this time. She informed that CD rates are considerably lower than what we are receiving. She also informed that Citizens Bank is in the process of being purchased by another bank.
- Inline Marine Policy – Mr. Roth informed the board that he didn't think this was necessary since MDD does not have any tangible real property.

3) Accountant Report:

- There was a general discussion regarding the encumbrance of 2022 budget funds. During the conversation, Mr. Martin informed that 2023 Budget can be amended if necessary at the same time of the 2024 budget if MDD needs more budget (spending) authority. It was decided encumbrance discussion would be tabled until the February meeting.

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

5) Mr. Jackson informed there seems to be dumping near or on MDD property on the East side of Campbell Park near MDD's rock storage area. Mr. Roth informed that the dumping is not on MDD property, it is on Mr. Bell's property. Max Rieke was supposed to have placed a "no dumping sign" a while ago and Mr. Roth will follow up with them on when this will be placed.

6) Miss Heatwole will be unable to attend the February meeting in person, she will join over the phone.

There being no new business, a motion to adjourn at 7:25 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary