

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
April 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 Higdon & Hale 6310 Lamar Ave #110, Overland Park, KS.

Eric Jackson, Chairman
Dan Leap, Secretary
Jeff Weisbender, Treasurer

James Orr, Attorney
Steve Roth, Engineer
John Martin, CPA
Rebecca Heatwole (phone)
Guest: Jason Silvers
Billy Croan

A motion was made to approve the board meeting minutes of March 6, 2023 as written by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Weisbender; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth informed the board after the last meeting he informed Max Rieke of the approval to move forward with filling the holes and tree removal. They have not yet begun the work.
- Mr. Roth walked the creek and was able to determine there were several holes that were caused by animals: West of 57th Street & Merriam Drive, Another section just South on the same side, South of Johnson Drive, and South of the storage yard. There were holes noted on the other side of the creek that were caused by erosion.
- Mr. Roth informed the board that he saw the animals while walking and believes them to be muskrats. Mr. Roth made several phone calls to exterminators and either has received a return call or was told they were not able to help. He did speak with Catch It and was told the set up would be \$500 and \$150/muskrat removed. Mr. Roth informed MDD has spent \$25,292 on hole repairs and the majority of damage was caused by nuisance animals. Mr. Jackson would like to see a quote in writing from Catch It and Mr. Leap would like to pursue obtaining quotes from other companies to be discussed at the next meeting.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr requested the board ratify resolution 2023-01 to change the meeting location. Mr. Leap made the motion to ratify resolution 2023-01; seconded by Mr. Weisbender; unanimously approved.
- Mr. Billy Croan suggested the use of City Hall for MDD board meetings as well as the library or community center. The board took this under advisement but decided to keep the meeting at Higdon & Hale.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed the board that MDD received a large tax distribution in January and another disbursement in March. He will have 1st Qtr revenue/expense reports finished as soon as possible.
- Mr. Martin informed the budget process will begin in mid-June when MDD will receive information from the county. Approvals will be obtained in July and the budget will be submitted in August.

4) Mr. Jackson informed the board that he spoke with Mr. Esau Maldonado, EZ Lawn Service, about mowing for MDD again this season. Mr. Maldonado has increased his rate from \$40/hour to \$50/hour. Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve continuing with EZ Lawn Service; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

- 5) Mr. Weisbender informed the board that he would not be able to attend the May 1, 2023 meeting in person, but might be able to call in to the meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:24 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary