

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
May 1, 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
Guest: Jason Silvers
Ben McCarthy, Shawnee Mission Post

A motion was made to approve the board meeting minutes of April 3, 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 has not begun filling the holes and tree removal due the rainy weather conditions.
- Mr. Roth informed the board that of the holes identified all but one were caused by animals. He presented the board with a quote from Catch It Wildlife and Pest Control; \$500 to inspect and set traps and \$150 for each muskrat removed. Mr. Roth has made phone calls to other companies but has not received any responses. He informed the board that Max Reike quoted the hole repairs at \$25,000. The repair requires them to remove courses of rock until they get to the hole, backfill the hole, and repair courses of rock removed. After a general discussion, the Board tabled until its next meeting in hopes the other companies will return Mr. Roth's call.
- Mr. Roth informed the board Corps of Engineers are continuing to work on their preliminary report and will begin building a 2-dimensional model. At this time, no decision has been made as to which model will be chosen. Mr. Roth believes MDD should not look into channel updates until the COE has produced their final report.

2) Attorney Report:

- Nothing to report.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed the board that financials through the end of April look good. MDD hasn't had any large expenditures.
- Mr. Martin reminded the board at the June meeting MDD should begin looking at any major projects for 2024 Budget. In the middle of June MDD should receive the revenue rate. In July the board will discuss the preliminary budget and present budget with updated 2024 valuations. At the August meeting the budget will be ratified.

4) Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the bills as presented for payment; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:18 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Weisbender; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Heatwole
Recording Secretary