

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
November 6, 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

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson to approve the minutes of October 2, 2023, as presented: seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- Mr. Roth informed he would be meeting with Catch-It as soon as possible. He has requested their insurance certificate and hopes the traps will be out this month.
- Corps of Engineers meeting has been pushed off until next month as Johnson County is still working on their river flows plan. Once the results from Johnson County's plan have been received, the COE will work through all the proposed plans for the Turkey Creek Project. The meetings are not currently open to the public, but MDD Board could attend; however, Mr. Orr informed they would not be able to speak at the meeting since that would be a violation of the open meetings act. Mr. Roth will let the board know when the meeting is scheduled.
- Mr. Roth was not able to speak with Mr. Brian Dyer, Merriam City Planner, as the COE meeting was canceled. Mr. Roth hopes to speak with him in person regarding the MOU and plans to meet with him next month.

2) Attorney Report:

- Mr. Orr reminded the board that liability insurance expires in January 2024. Mr. Jackson is going to follow up with Jolene at Aspire Insurance Agency to begin the renewal.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Martin informed MDD has received almost all monies from the 2023 budget, there is still \$8629.06 remaining to collect but there are always variances due to delinquent taxes. 2023 the expenditures were \$137,957.00 which leaves \$339,944.02 as projected remaining balance less the November and December checks. MDD will have a surplus if the channel wall repairs are needed once COE project is determined.
- Mr. Martin went through the financials and noted that we have spent more on mowing this year due to the rate increase, this will need to be addressed on the 2025 budget.

4) Miss Heatwole provided the new signature cards for the accounts at First Interstate Bank. After a general discussion, Mr. Leap made a motion to authorize Mr. Jackson to transfer funds from Southern State Bank into First Interstate Bank; seconded by Mr. Weisbender; unanimously approved.

There being no further 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