

MERRIAM DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
August 5, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Merriam Drainage District of Johnson County, Kansas, was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Mr. Jackson at Higdon & Hale 6310 Lamar Ave #110, Overland Park, KS.

Eric Jackson, Chairman  
Dan Leap, Secretary

James Orr, Attorney  
John Martin, CPA  
Steve Roth, Engineer

Guests: Jason Silvers

During a brief discussion of the July 1, 2024 minutes, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Orr requested section 2 Attorney Report be amended to state, "Mr. Orr informed the Board that he sent MDD Foundational documents to Ryan Denk, Legal Counsel for City of Merriam. Mr. Orr suggested the City of Merriam might want to go get the actual documents from Johnson County".

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson to approve the minutes of July 1, 2024, as amended; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

1) Engineering Report:

- On July 23<sup>rd</sup> a business owner made a complaint to MDD about city workers cutting brush nearby Turkey Creek and discarding the brush into the creek. Mr. Roth contacted Public Works, and the city removed the brush from the creek.
- There were no Corps of Engineer Meetings in July, the next meeting is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- There are no contracted bids for the wall repair North of Farmers Market on the west side of the bank yet.

2) Attorney Report:

- After a general discussion, there was a motion made by Mr. Jackson to ratify June mowing invoice in the amount of \$2850.00; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.
- Mr. Orr informed that Mr. Roth shared MOU from Kaw Valley Drainage District and Fairfax Drainage District. They reflected that drainage districts have authority over flood control.
- Mr. Orr asked the board to approve the USLI Invoice for Public Officials Liability Insurance. Mr. Jackson made the motion to approve the coverage; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

3) Accountant Report:

- Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the 2025 budget at a mil levee of 1.355; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

4) Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the bills as presented; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved. There was a general discussion regarding mowing. The board will provide Mr. Maldonado of EZ Lawn a map which shows his mowing responsibility. EZ Lawn will be asked to provide photos of completed work as a part of their invoice packet and have their invoice use location identifiers that mirror the language on the mowing map. (Map areas will be renamed with letters.)

5) Mr. Leap informed the Board that he may not be in attendance at the September board meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:48 P.M. was made by Mr. Jackson; seconded by Mr. Leap; unanimously approved.

cc: Board and staff

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Heatwole  
Recording Secretary